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'Moon' Weston journeys on
Tremendous void to fill

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PORCUPINE - After a long struggle Marlon "Moon" Weston died in his home in Porcupine in the early morning hours of New Years Day on Monday with his wife, Evelyn and son Marlon Jr. "Chance" in attendance.

In 1984, Weston was a passenger in a vehicle that wrecked due to alcohol abuse and received injuries that paralyzed him and put him in a wheel chair for the rest of his life. At the time of the wreck, Weston had some cows, after reaching a peace with his condition, he started raising horses and in 1994 ran for tribal council from Porcupine District.

"Moon brought a real commitment to deal with health issues that impact the Oglala Sioux Tribe and its members," said past tribal

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Snow people

ROSEBUD - This snow family was created at the Sicangu Oyate Cikala Owanspe Oti Day Center in Rosebud. Pre-school students from Rose Jordan's class built the snow people. Located next to the Rosebud Sioux Tribal social services building, the day care center has a total of 35 children and the director is Gale Spotted Tail. The administrator is Amanda Bordeaux. Photo courtesy of Archie Beauvais.

The Year in Review

MARTIN - 2006 was a year filled with stories as reported by the Lakota Country Times that were sometimes inspirational and other times quite memorable. Some dealt with tribal politics, others with loss, and others with resilience of Lakota people, while others focused and highlighted some of the real achievers in Lakota country.

OST President Cecilia Fire Thunder was reinstated after being suspended for 66 days. The OST council voted 12-5 and with one not voting to dismiss with prejudice all charges. She was reinstated with all of the powers and authority of the president's office. Fire Thunder was originally suspended on Oct. 25 and a couple of hearings were re-scheduled until December 30 due to the death of executive director, Lemoyne Pulliam.

U. S. Marine Lance Corporal Brett Lundstrom was killed while on patrol in Iraq. He served with E Company, 2d Battalion of the 6th Marines. He and two other Marines were on patrol when attacked by small arms attack in Anbar Province near Fallujah, Iraq on Sunday, January 8. A large military funeral was held at the Little Wound School gym. Lundstrom is the son of Doyla (Under Baggage) Lundstrom of Medicine Root District

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The RST council passed a resolution on Jan. 11 asking for the Inspector General to investigate the actions of the previous administration at the Rosebud Comprehensive Care Facility. Shelly Harris the current CEO was working hard to bring patients back to the hospital, increasing third party billing and filling vacancies vital to good service delivery.

Sueann Iron Shell originally from the Rosebud was scheduled for a kidney transplant at the University of Nebreska at Omaha on Feb. 1. Her father, Calvin Iron Shell, Sr. was taking a very proactive role in informing the people of the devastating effects of diabetes. At the time, Calvin, Jr. had matched close enough for the transplant.

In January 2007, Calvin Iron Shell, Sr. died in Sioux City, IA and wake services were scheduled for January 3 at the SGU multipurpose building. He was an accomplished basketball coach at St. Francis Indian School, a holder of a teaching degree at the Bachelor's level and an airborne trooper from 1951-54.

Tribal gaming became an issue on state level. The South Dakota Senate Affairs Committee sponsored SB 147 described as an "Act to revise the conditions under which the state may enter into gaming compacts with Indian tribes. The measure was viewed as controversial to all of the Sioux tribes as it would allow legislative oversight of the process which is reserved for the Governor. The measure made it out of the Senate subcommittee and was scheduled for full Senate debate and then on to the House.

SB 147 was effectively "killed" by the House State Affairs Committee. It was voted against 13-0 and referred to the 36th legislative day. The measure would have effectively taken this function of the Governor and was opposed by Kurt Luger of the SD Great Plains Indian Gaming, Marc Allen, Flandreau Sioux Tribe, Rep. Paul Valandra and Ron His Horse Is Thunder of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

The 33rd annual walk to remember the occupation of Wounded Knee by the American Indian Movement was held on Monday, Feb. 7 as walkers converged from the four directions. Some 100 walkers remembered Dave Clifford, Edgar Bear Runner, Geraldine Janis, Evie Deon, Cedric Young Bear according to Eileen Janis. The site of the 1973 takeover is also the site of the Wounded Knee Massacre.

In a listening session with Senator Tim Johnson held in Rapid City in which the Senator outlined his Hometown Prosperity Plan, tribal leaders who met with him included Rodney Bordeaux, RST, Cecilia Fire Thunder, OST, Michael Jandreau of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Harold Frazier of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and Robert Cournoyer of the Yankton Sioux tribe. Bordeaux noted that $185 million comes

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RST liquor commission revokes license of Prairie Hills Golf Club

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - The RST Liquor Commission met on December 30 in a joint hearing with the RST Tax Commission. The purpose was a hearing on the liquor license for the Prairie Hills Golf Club whose license was set to expire on Dec. 31. Apparently, no representatives appeared at the hearing on behalf of the Prairie Hills Golf Club and as a result the RST Liquor Commission proceeded with the hearing. A vote was taken and the commissioners voted to revoke their license.

The RST Tax Commission did not have a quorum; however, it's likely that it would have acted on the tribal businesses license of the Prairie Hills business.

Commission member, Anthony Bordeaux Jr. said now that the Prairie Hills Golf Club is closed down, they have the right to an appeal of the commission's decision. He added that once a business has its license revoked it cannot apply for a new liquor license for two years.

The Liquor Commission is scheduled to meet later this month to consider the reissuance of the Rosebud Casino's liquor license. Bordeaux noted that the public is encouraged and welcome to come to future liquor license hearings and to voice their opinion. The commission apparently listens closely to the wishes of the people and considers their input in rendering a final decision.

The same day, the notice of revocation was filed with the Rosebud Law Enforcement Services and they delivered the "cease and desist" order to the Prairie Hills Golf Club ordering the business to close immediately.

The RST Liquor Commission does not have an office; however it meets the first Wednesday of each month in the RST council chambers.

The members of the commission are John Charles Arcoren, Chair, Anthony Bordeaux, Jr., Pete Reynolds and Theresa Stead.

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New protein buffalo bar marketed by Native American Natural Foods of Lakota Express

KYLE - Karlene Hunter and Mark Tilsen, of Kyle and Rapid City respectively, along with the Lakota Funds, have launched a business in Kyle called Native American Natural Foods. They are also in the process of marketing a new protein bar that consists of buffalo and cranberry. The new company is expected to begin selling their product during the spring and summer. The product has been named the Tanka Bar and is made from buffalo and cranberries and will be high in protein and low in glucose and 100 percent NATURAL.

Tilsen said, "A lot of entrepreneurs in Indian Country are developing their own buffalo herds and are trying to find markets for their buffalo. We hope to be able to help them by creating an innovative, value added product that tastes good and has the health benefits of traditional Lakota foods."



The Tanka Bar designed by Walt Pourier

Native American Natural Foods also has a commitment to community-based development, according to Tilsen, who also noted that Larry Pourier worked hard on the brand development and collected input into the initial product line from many local people.

He added that his company learned that the manner in which Lakota people prepared "wasna" was by mixing herbs, which resulted in a natural preservative that will be incorporated into producing Tanka Bars. Cranberries, buffalo and other ingredients apparently create natural nitrates. Tanka Bar is an all natural food product and can be marketed as such. "We hope to turn NANF into a national brand. "Tanka Bar is the first product to be taken to market" added Tilsen.

Their company, Native American Natural Foods, is relying on start up funds from the Lakota Funds. They also have a $99,000 grant from the Rural Business Opportunity Grant program. Native American Natural Foods started out as a product of Lakota Express, Inc., a Native American owned direct marketing firm

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into the Rosebud reservation and 80 percent of it leaves. On the Pine Ridge reservation Fire Thunder said that some $200 million comes into the reservation and $180 million leaves almost immediately for Rapid City and surrounding towns. The session coincided with Johnson's hometown economic development plan.

Sicangu elder, Dinah Crow Dog, made her journey to the spirit world on Feb. 27. Wake services were held over the course of four days. She lay in state at the RST council chambers and on the last night, she was taken to her home in Grass Mountain community close to Crow Dog's Paradise where the annual sun dance is held in August. Officiating were Leonard Crow Dog, Kirk Fool Bull and Ben Black Bear, Jr.

The Little Wound School Mustangs participated in the State A basketball tournament and won their third game over Sisseton to capture 7th place by a score of 74-58. Michael Apple led the way in the fourth period with eight points, while Bryce Hornbeck finished the game with 15 points, 7 rebounds, 5 steals and 5 assists.

OST President Cecilia Fire Thunder held a teleconference in which she demonstrated her support for building an abortion clinic on the Pine Ridge reservation. The state of South Dakota passed SB 1215 banning all abortions in the state. Fire Thunder reiterated that she would donate her own personal land to establish an abortion clinic and that it was in the planning process. She said she had support across the reservation.

A "State of Emergency" at the Rosebud I.H.S. Hospital was declared by the RST council with a motion by RST council representative Marion Young-One Star and seconded by Antelope council representative, Robert Moore. The measure passed unanimously by a vote of 16-0. It would signal the need for more funding from the Indian Health Service. CEO Shelly Harris made a scheduled monthly report to the RST council and was making positive steps toward reducing the deficit.

The U. S. Court of Appeals reinstated the case of Cottier and Three Stars v. the City of Martin in which the plaintiffs alleged that the city was drawing voting districts which violated the voting rights of Native Americans living in the city. The case was ruled upon by 2-1 in which the court required Judge Karen Schrier to hold additional hearings to see if city voting districts should be redrawn. Schrier eventually ruled for the city of Martin to redraw voting districts, citing voting rights violations.

KILI Radio was struck by lightning on April 15 and it caused the station to go off the air. The antenna and transmission line were damaged and it was estimated that it would take $210,000 to replace the equipment. Station manager, Melanie Janis, said that they were doing fundraising and that a grant proposal would be submitted to the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program. Funding eventually became available to purchase the much needed equipment and early 2007 has been set to be back on air. The loss of the radio station has been felt throughout the Oglala Sioux Tribal election controversy, sports, and announcements.

The recent suicide deaths of seven young people on the Rosebud reservation prompted RST council representative, Marion Young-One Star, to call a meeting which called for therapists, the youth and concerned tribal members. The meeting was attended by Angel Wilson,

Claude Two Elk, Lloyd "Sonny" One Star, Claudette Sabors and a number of youth. A second day of meetings was to be held with elders from the Sicangu Elderly Concerns.

Mary Bordeaux-Hunger celebrated her 100th birthday at the Winner Health Care facility. The Sicangu elder received congratulations from President George Bush and Governor Mike Rounds. RST President sent an Executive Proclamation as well as a letter which from Bishop Cupich which was read. Hunger lived in Mission since 1940 and was active in the St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Oglala Lakota College celebrates with its 33rd graduation ceremonies on Sunday, June 23. Representative Stephanie Herseth was the keynote speaker while 159 degrees were awarded; eight were at the graduate level. During fall, OLC announced plans to build a large tribal veterans memorial, which will be unveiled during the 2007 graduation.

Alex White Plume assumed the office of OST President after Cecilia Fire Thunder was impeached, ending her term five months early. As the first woman to head the Oglala Sioux tribe, her administration lasted for 19 months and ended on June 19. Her impeachment was due to her support of a proposed abortion clinic on the reservation.

On July 14, Judge Karen Schrier granted a preliminary injunction halting the BIA's planned restructuring of its Office of Indian Education. The injunction halted the closing of education line offices in Mission, Eagle Butte, Lower Brule, Pine Ridge and Ft. Yates and Belcourt in N.D. Attorney Charles Abourezk was the lead attorney for the plaintiffs.

Six former students filed a suit against the St. Francis Mission and the Rapid City Diocese on August 7 in Pennington County. The plaintiffs were represented by attorney Gregory Yates of California and they alleged a pattern of sexual abuse and attempts to destroy native culture. The abuse was alleged to have taken place in the 1950's and 1970's by priests and other church employees.

James and Eleanor Charging Crow have been married for 54 years and were involved with the Pine Ridge Ambulance service for 40 years. Eleanor described a night in 1995 during which her son had chest pains and she had to assist in getting him to the hospital. She helped to give him CPR all the way with another paramedic. Her son did not make it and died in her arms leaving four children behind.

Vietnam Veteran and Lakota language teacher, John Around Him, Sr. journeyed to the spirit world after a brief illness. A sun dance leader and 'eyapaha' in Lakota country, Around Him had been honored earlier at OLC's He Sapa college center with a proclamation from the Office of the Governor. The funeral was huge often pouring out into the parking lot as Lakota people from other bands came to bid goodbye.

A treaty meeting was held at the Rosebud Casino during which the fundraising activities of the Wolakota Foundation of Eagle Butte was questioned. It was a forum for grass roots people. Some 100 people were in attendance at the meeting on Oct. 21. People voiced their concern and alleged the scared bundle was being used to raise money.

St. Francis Mission filed a suit in Rosebud Sioux Tribal court on Nov. 9 against St. Francis Indian School over a $1.5 million gift which it received from the Delores Cerro Trust. The basis for the legal action was an agreement from 25 years previous which was to have governed the receipts of such gifts. SFM contends that the gift should have gone to them.

In November elections, Cheyenne River Sioux tribal president, Harold Frazier, was defeated by Joseph Brings Plenty. In state elections, voters sent Rep. Stephanie Herseth back to Washington, DC, while Mike Rounds defeated Jack Billion for governor. Larry Long defeated Standing Rock Sioux tribal member, Ron Volesky, for the office of Attorney General.

In the state house and senate races, Julie Barling, Larry Lucas, Jim Bradford, Thomas Van Norman, Theresa Two Bulls and Tom Katus were victorious.

Voters in South Dakota turned down Amendment C relating to judicial accountability. Initiated measure 2 which increases the tax on tobacco and cigarettes by $1 was approved. Measure 3 which would have prohibited schools from starting before August 31 was defeated. Initiated measure 4 which would have approved the use of medical marijuana was also defeated, while measure 5 which limits the use of state aircraft was approved.

The video lottery measure which would have repealed it was turned down by voters. Initiated Measure 8 would have repealed the gross receipt tax on wireless communication, while Referred Law 6 which would have placed a ban on all abortions was defeated.

Collin White Bird of Pierre was wounded in Iraq on August 31 in Baghdad and was expected to make a full recovery. White Bird's father Francis is a Vietnam Veteran from St. Francis. Meanwhile, Nathan Goodiron of Mandaree, ND was killed in Afghanistan on Thanksgiving while on patrol. He enlisted in the National Guard in April 2001.

John Steele and 16 tribal council representatives were sworn in by Sidney Witt, associate tribal judge. Vice President Shorty Brewer and Chief Judge Lisa Adams were also sworn in. Executive board members Crystal Eagle Elk, Rhonda Two Eagle and Dave Pourier were also temporarily seated as executive board.

RST received a loan and grant package of $4 million from the Shakopee Mdewankanton Sioux to build a tribal store west of Mission. The store would begin construction in December and is scheduled to open in July and will employ 80 tribal employees.

U. S. Senator Tim Johnson underwent surgery on December 13 for a rare condition known as arteriovenous malformation. RST President Rodney M. Bordeaux and OST President John Steele voiced their support for the Senator.

Tanka

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Hunter



Tilsen

located in Kyle, headed by Karlene Hunter. NANF is now a separate business and is partially owned by the Lakota Funds as a model equity investment. Their goal is to develop the brand as a method to support sustainable economic development on native lands. They are looking for products that provide direct health benefits to address the diabetes epidemic with the native community and also hold market potential to a growing worldwide market looking for native healthy foods.

Hunter and Tilsen are also business partners in Lakota Express, an international call in center located in Kyle.

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Porcupine Post Office
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. MST

The Journey of Hope comes to Pine Ridge

By Dana Lone Hill
Special to the Times

PINE RIDGE - Last week on Thursday, Dec. 28, the J. Winter Nightwolf Show pulled into town with a truckload of donations on their 'The Journey of Hope.'

J. Winter Nightwolf is the originator and host of the NIGHTWOLF Show which is broadcast each week on Pacifica's WPFW 89.3 FM and over the Internet Sunday evenings at 8:00 pm EST at the following web address www.wpfw.org

Last year was the first year for the "Journey of Hope" as they traveled to the Rosebud Reservation. This year they were able to make stops at Rosebud, Pine Ridge, Standing Rock, Yankton, and Cheyenne River.

They brought truckloads of such items as clothing, winter clothing, boots, food, blankets, toys, bikes, and other things. All items donated from the 1.9 million listeners and supporters of The Nightwolf Show.

Some of the major contributors Nightwolf said were Adam Muhammud who specializes in organic foods, showcasing his foods at many International Food trade Shows. He donated 60 cases of organic pasta, which cooks in five minutes and is healthy for diabetics.

Pastor Graylan Hagler of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Washington, D.C. also contributed in the drive for "The Journey of Hope."

Mr. Nightwolf said WPFW and NATV plan to make this an ongoing venue. His show which he describes as "a voice to make the connection of the human family, which are the four colors" will continue this drive along with NATV and will be back in July for "Christmas in July." NATV is Native American TV, to which Nightwolf is the executive producer and news chief.

Nightwolf would like to thank his staff for helping him in this journey:

* Verona Iriarte, Research and Development, whom accompanied him on this journey.
* Dr. Allison Henderson, Director, Indian Health Issues.
* Vicki Guthrie, Director of Operations,
* Caleb Strickland, Asst. Director of Research.
* Attorney, Greg Smith.
* Sujeye Sutler, Senior Legislative Correspondent
* Gloria Johnson, Legal Staff
* David Lozell Martin, Executive Producer
* He would also like to thank the Children's Village, Alvina Winters and Louie Winters.
* John Steele, OST Tribal President, whom he will be working in conjunction with on economic development on the reservation.
* And his good friend Vincent Blackhawk Aamodt, the documentary filmmaker of the critically acclaimed "Ghostriders."

Ron Pinchback Gen. Manager, WPFW

Sidrach Franklin, Operations Manager, WPFW

Randy Flood, Executive Director,NATV

The staff in whole of WPFW and NATV has decided to make this an ongoing venue.

J. Winter Nightwolf is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate Press Gallery.

Weston

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chairman, Paul Iron Cloud, "he focused on the family and community destruction that alcohol and drugs brought to his own family and to his community; Moon's sister Colleen was killed by a drunk driver and his nephew BJ was also killed by a driver under the influence of alcohol - his own wreck and the loss of his relatives brought a real commitment by Moon to find solutions to the alcohol and drug problems here on Pine Ridge Reservation."

Weston was elected to five consecutive terms to the tribal council from Porcupine District and served as chairman of the health and human services committee and Land committee during his ten years on the council.

"In addition to serving on the Red Cloud school board and the Porcupine Health Clinic board, Moon was part of a team that helped bring back Porcupine School from the brink of closure," said Iron Cloud, "he worked long and hard to get the school back on its feet and today we are looking at a brand new school in the fall of 2007 or spring of 2008."

Weston was instrumental, along with his family in coordinating the walk, run and ride for sobriety to honor the loss of all of those who died at the hands of alcohol and drugs, the ride would start from the spot, north of Wounded Knee where BJ was killed and go to Porcupine for memorial services and renewing the commitment to rid the community of alcohol and drug abuse.

Weston will be returned to his house for a prayer service on Saturday, Jan. 6 from Rapid City which will be followed by his casket being taken by wagon to the Porcupine School Saturday afternoon arriving between 3-3:30 p.m. The wake will continue through Sunday with the funeral set for Monday, Jan. 8 at 10 a.m. at Porcupine School.

"Moon will be missed as a friend, a community member, a father, a husband and uncle and brother and son and he will be missed for his work for the tribe and all Lakota people," said Iron Cloud, "he helped a lot of people, he had a big heart and he was such a positive role model for so many and he dealt with his own health problems so quietly and dealt with everyone else's problems so aggressively; he will be missed by many of us."

Weston is survived by his wife Evelyn 'Evie' Weston, his son marlon Weston, a daughter Jazelyn and his mother Edean Weston, three brothers Farrell, Troy and Lionel Weston.

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Lady Thorpes holiday road trip nets two wins and number two state ranking

Eagle Butte downs Little Wound for sixth win, number 10 state ranking

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - Down at the half 25-24 to undefeated Summit (5-0) on Thursday in the Northern State Classic in Aberdeen, Pine Ridge built some momentum in the third quarter taking a 43-40 lead and continued applying the pressure in the fourth for a 64-53 win.

The Lady Thorpes dominated the boards as Keisha Brewer hauled down 13 rebounds and Saudia Tasso, off the bench, helped with 11. Pine Ridge picked up their eighth straight win at the site of their last state tournament appearance, the Barnet Center in Aberdeen on the campus of Northern State University where the Lady Thorpes lost to Sisseton in the 2004 State A championship game.

Nichelle Red Owl, a sophomore transfer from Little Wound, led Pine Ridge with 17 points while Brewer added 12 points to go with her game high 13 rebounds.

Pine Ridge's two game holiday road trip wrapped up with a game in Ft. Yates as Pine Ridge knocked off Standing Rock 80-33 on Friday for their ninth straight win to open the 2006/07 season. The Lady Thorpes opened with a 25-2 first quarter lead and cruised to the win as Nichelle Red Owl, one of four Lady Thorpes in double figures led the team in scoring for the second straight game with 15 points, Christian Janis and Lacey Weston helped with 14 a piece and Saudia Tasso chipped in 10. Keisha Brewer finished with 10 rebounds to lead the team. Shauna Long led Standing Rock with nine points.

"Once again our ball hawking defense set the tone for the game," said Nelly Long, Pine Ridge assistant coach, "it was a good team effort with balanced scoring and a super team defense that took the Lady Warriors out of any game plan they tried."

With the Lakota Nation championship and a 9-0 run to open the season, the Lady Thorpes earned the number two ranking in the first weekly top ten poll for high school girl's basketball on Wednesday. Pine Ridge will play at the Rosebud Shootout on Saturday, Jan. 13 against Little Wound in Mission.

Coming off of their second win of the season, a 60-52 win over Standing Rock, Little Wound kept their momentum going as they led Friday's game with Cheyenne Eagle Butte 10-9 but "mo" only goes so far as the Lady Braves turned up the pressure in the second period to take a 25-14 lead at the half and cruise to a 48-33 win to move their record to 6-2.

Jessica Keckler, a sophomore center, scored a double double with 12 points and 13 rebounds, Jordyn Brown finished with a team high 16 points. Little Wound's Kelsey Brave Eagle scored a game high 17 points. With their 6-2 record, the Lady Braves earned a number 10 ranking in the first regular season poll out on Wednesday; Cheyenne Eagle Butte's only losses have come at the hands of Pine Ridge who is ranked number two and undefeated at 9-0.

The Lady Mustangs played their third road game in six days Tuesday night in Mission as the Todd County Lady Falcons opened up with a 15-10 first quarter lead and added to it each quarter to come away with their fourth win of the season 69-55 over Little Wound.

Todd County hit five threes in the first half, three of them by Christina Crow Eagle, to establish an outside game while Tia McCloskey drove the lane for a game high 13 points and Shelby Hunger pulled down 12 rebounds and finished up with a double double adding 10 points to the mix. Little Wound righted the ship in the fourth as they outscored Todd County 16-13.

Tawney Shay Shot With Arrow led Little Wound with 11 points, Kelsey Brave Eagle added nine points and seven rebounds while Kirsten Clifford chipped in eight points and eight rebounds. Little Wound is now 2-7 and hosts Takini on Friday night on the Mustang's new high school gyu floor.

With the win, Todd County evened their record at four and four and hosts Winner on Thursday and travels to White River on Tuesday.

Red Cloud jumped back into action on Thursday, 12 days after playing their last game in the Lakota Nation, The Lady Crusaders traveled to Belle Fourche to take on the Lady Broncs; after a hard fought game which was all tied up at 33 a piece at the end of three quarters, Belle Fourche survived the fourth with a 46-42 win.

Red Cloud led after the first 10-89 as Marque Lunderman hit a two and a three while Shaina Clifford and Saige Pourier both hit field goals. Bell came back to lead it 25 -23 despite Pourier's two threes in the second and Lunderman's second three pointer.

The two teams were tied at 33 at the end of three but Jynna Coyle scored 10 of her team high 17 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Broncs to the win.

Lunderman led Red Cloud with 16 points and 11 rebounds, Danielle Locust finished with 11 points, nine in the second half and Pourier finished with eight. The Lady Crusaders are now 3-3 on the season, host Wall on Monday and travel to Chadron on Tuesday.

Recent basketball scores

Pine Ridge 63-40 Belle Fourche
Red Cloud 69-48 Lead-Deadwood
Platte 74-72 White River
Miller 73-65 Todd County
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Tiospa Zina 76-55 Wilmot
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St. Francis 81-42 Gregory
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Girls

Pine Ridge 64-53 Summit
Bennett County 66-51 Stanley County
Todd County 64-49 Miller
Belle Fourche 46-42 Red Cloud
Centerville 56-52 Omaha Nation
Little Wound 60-52 Standing Rock
Cheyenne Eagle Butte 48-33 Little Wound
Pine Ridge 80-33 Standing Rock

Rusty Little Wound scores 42 in fourth to beat Falcons, earns number two ranking in state poll

Red Cloud, Pine Ridge add road wins

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

MISSION/SPEARFISH - Coming off an extended 17 day holiday break, Little Wound took three quarters to knock the rust off; down 50-36 after three quarters in Mission against Todd County, the Mustangs scored 42 points to Todd County's 18 in a wild and wooly fourth quarter to claim their seventh straight win of the season 78-68 over the Falcons.

Playing all over the court, Gunner Krogman, Todd County's junior forward, led his team to a 14 point 50-36 lead at the end of the third quarter against Little Wound, Krogman finished with 23 points, 14 rebounds and three blocked shots before fouling out with 1:29 to go in the game. The Falcons were able to bottle up Little Wound's Rich Big Boy in the middle and Brice Hornbeck on the outside for three quarters. Steve Antoine picked up eight rebounds and scored 13 points, Alex Prue, a freshman, getting a start in place of Vernie Menard finished with 13 points and Mark DuBray came off the bench to grab 10 rebounds block two shots and score nine.

In the fourth quarter, Little Wound said enough is enough, putting on a full court press, the Mustangs pressure took Todd County out of their game, wiped out any rhythm the Falcons had exhibited in the first three quarters and forced several turnovers to slowly chip away at the lead. Hornbeck hit five baskets, mostly lay ups, hit all three of his free throws for 13 points in the quarter and a team high 21 points; he added four steals for good measure. Big Boy hit five field goals in the final quarter and added two free throws for 12 points on his way to a 20 point game and topped it off with a team high 13 rebounds. TJ McCauley helped with a deuce and a trey in the fourth, finishing with 18 points while Devon LeBeau went four for four from the line in the fourth adding 13 points.

Little Wound's 42 points in the fourth quarter turned the game on its head and gave the Mustangs their seventh straight win of the season, not quite a record for a quarter score but definitely attention getting. Strandberg scored 48 in 1959 and Harding County scored 47 in 1980.

In the coaches preseason poll, Little Wound was ranked eighth; with the LNI championship in hand including a win over last year's A champ, St. Thomas More and a 7-0 start to the season, the Mustangs were ranked number two in the first regular season high school boy's basketball poll out Wednesday. Little Wound has scheduled a game with Clark at the Redfield Classic on Saturday, Jan. 6th a rematch of the State A tournament first round game last year but also is on the schedule to play Pine Ridge at the Rosebud Shootout on Saturday in Mission.

Red Cloud brushed their own rust off on Thursday, after 12 days since their last game, the Crusaders started slow against Lead-Deadwood in the Perkins Holiday Classic in Spearfish at Black Hills State University with an 18-16 first quarter lead after being down early on 14-9. By the half Red Cloud was up 35-25 and were up by 23 points, 58-35 after three to eventually beat Lead 69-48 for their fifth win of the season against one loss.

Christian McGhee, Red Cloud's junior point guard led the way with 20 points, five steals and five assists while Bill Scott helped with 15 points. David Giago stepped up the defense for Red Cloud with six steals, a blocked shot and four assists while Chris Red Bear came in off the bench to help with rebounding chores leading the team with nine. Red Cloud is 5-1 now and plays Santee on Saturday at the Rosebud Shootout in Mission and hosts Wall on Monday, Jan. 8th.

Pine Ridge has been quietly putting together wins since the Lakota Nation, losing to Eagle Butte at home but beating Hot Springs, Douglas and now Belle Fourche on the road. Down at the half to the Broncs of Belle Fourche during the Perkins Classic in Spearfish on Thursday, the Thorpes used a pressure defense to turn the game around and score a 63-40 win over Belle Fourche for their sixth win of the season.

Michael Jack led the way for the Thorpes with 18 points, five steals, four assists and four rebounds. John Provost added 12 points, eight assists and six rebounds while Aaron Red Shirt had 14 points, two blocked shots and four rebounds.

Pine Ridge is 6-3 on the season and will play Little Wound in the Rosebud Shootout on Saturday in Mission.

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OPINION PAGE

Our Views

Remembering Ford

Last week former President Gerald R. Ford died at the age of 93 at his home in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

In honor of Ford, most of the government shut down on Tuesday, Jan. 2 for his funeral, that included tribes and government institutions.

Ford was appointed vice president by President Richard Nixon to replace Spiro Agnew, who resigned in a bribery scandal stemming from his days as governor of Maryland.

After the Watergate scandal, Nixon resigned rather than face impeachment. He was implicated in a White House coverup of a burglary at the Democratic Party headquarters in the Watergate apartment complex.

After Nixon resigned, Ford assumed the presidency for two and half years.

A month after taking office, Ford pardoned Nixon for any Watergate crimes he might have committed.

It was this action, that Ford was remembered for. And also that fact, he was the first and only president of the United State not to have been elected to vice president and then on to president. He was appointed.

His toughest moment was pardoning Nixon in September of 1974.

He has been remembered by many and many words have been said about him in what he did the heal a nation after the government scandals.

He knew what he did would not further his political career but he did it because it was what this country needed at that time. We very rarely see that political value anymore.



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Empowering Yourself

With this new year, take courage to be truthful with yourself



By Patty Pourier

As I ushered in the New Year from my cozy bed, with my beloved husband beside me, I remembered some of the New Years past. I remember spending almost every New Year's when the boys were small celebrating with grape juice and playing games. I remember going to dances, and having people over and playing RISK all night.

Some New Years I don't remember very well. They were the days when I was drinking. I do however remember waking up the next morning with a hang over and dreading not only the day but the whole new year as well. I remember thoughts of ending my life.

When I was drinking, there was not a lot of hope. There was not gratitude in my life. My husband and I would generally review the past year and make resolutions for the New Year, as we sat in a bar sipping our drinks. I could not see that drinking was affecting my life in so many areas. I never remember making a resolution to quit drinking. I do remember however, feeling depressed, worthless, and feeling like a failure.

I did not quit drinking because I thought I was alcoholic. I quit drinking because someone told me, that the pain I felt emotionally would get better if I quit drinking. I was desperate to feel better. I quit drinking because I was so tired of the low self esteem, the failed relationships, the lack of motivation, being broke, the plan old yucky thoughts and feelings I found myself drowning in every day.

Nothing worked in my life until I made the decision to quit drinking. I went to treatment and never really "got it." I was so shut down emotionally; the counselors could not penetrate the walls for defenses and survival I had built up.

I went to Alcoholics Anonymous after treatment. As I look back, I really was willing to go to any lengths to feel better. At AA, I found a sponsor that was willing to love me through the walls of denial, and help me to grow through the steps of AA. I hated her some days, because she was honest with me and told me things I did not want to hear about myself. Things like I was selfish, controlling, and dishonest. But today, I am thankful for her love and dedication she had to me and the other people she sponsored.

Before I quit drinking I looked at the day and the New Year with dread, and thoughts of suicide. Today, I look at the New Year with hope and gratitude. The gratitude for people, that love me in spite of my shortcomings. And hope through goals I look forward to in 2007.

I don't know where you are this first week of 2007, but I truly wish for you to find a way to grow to happiness, satisfaction and health, both personally and with your family. I encourage you to take the first step to make this a good year for you and your family. I wish you courage to be truthful with yourself, and to be true to yourself, by taking actions that will lead you there.

Finding My Voice

The smallest thing can make our world



Dana Lone Hill

It was the last home game for the season. Stephon and I were running late. As we was walking the six city blocks it takes to get to get to the football field, Stephon decided he wanted an apple from the apple tree in front of the nursing home.

'Ok hurry.' I tell him. He gives me his water bottle and walks around the tree. He takes his time and I am getting impatient as I hear the announcer say my oldest son just had a tackle.

'Stephon...it's just an apple, it can't be that hard!' I tell him as he is jumping in the air to swipe at what to him, must have been the perfect apple.

'What's the difference?' I ask him as he keeps trying for one that's out of reach. Just get a lower one, I will be walking. I start walking and soon enough he is right behind me. I look back at him and see that he doesn't have an apple.

'Why didn't you get an apple?' I ask.

'I couldn't reach the one I wanted.' He told me.

'Well what was wrong with the other ones?'

'I didn't want them ones.' He said, and he was trying hard to hide the fact that he was trying not to cry. By then we are at the football field and watched the rest of the game. Stephon mostly played, while I watch the game. The game was awesome and my boys played their heart out, but I kept thinking of Stephon and that apple. Why didn't he want just any old apple?

When the game was over, I told the boys good game. Then Stephon and I started walking home before the traffic got heavy.

On the way back home, we stopped at that old apple tree and I lifted him up enough to get the apple he wanted.

I looked at him on the way back as he ate the apple and looked up at me smiling. It was funny how just the right apple could make or break his world.

It made me think of my youth, when the most trivial thing made my world.

A plastic egg with silly putty in it. A warm cookie from the oven. A hug. One of your drawings hung on the fridge. A splash in the puddle. Rain. Grilled cheese and tomato soup. The perfect apple.

I guess one of the joys of having children is to see that little things in life can still make you happy and can make your world.

Guest Column

Remembering Ford: As a nation, we're better off when politicians work together

By Mark Trahant

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Every president has made important contributions that are found only in footnotes. The asterisk might cite a difficult decision, the launching of an innovative federal program or a signature that made a congressional act the law of the land.

"I am signing S. 522, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act," President Gerald R. Ford wrote on Oct. 1, 1976. "This bill is not without its faults, but after personal review, I have decided that the well-documented needs for improvement in Indian health manpower, services and facilities outweigh the defects in the bill. ... I am signing this bill because of my own conviction that our first Americans should not be last in opportunity."

This is a story about effective government and the genesis of a transformative idea.

About four decades ago, Seattle native leader Bernie Whitebear took Dr. Abe Bergman, a pediatrician, on a tour of an urban Indian clinic. Bergman was interested in the serious health status of American Indian children.

"He showed me around and, of course, it was a terrible place, physically a dump. And they were struggling. They had volunteer doctors and dentists," Bergman recalled.

He asked what sort of help was available from the U.S. Indian Health Service -- only to learn that program was only for Indians living on reservations.

Bergman had worked with Sens. Warren Magnuson and Henry Jackson on another piece of legislation involving health care, so he went to Washington to see if something could be done to help American Indians. Bergman visited with Jackson and asked what he knew about the Seattle clinic. As it turned out, not much -- but Jackson did know and admire Whitebear and immediately signed on.

The timing was ideal. President Nixon had recently rejected the policy of termination -- a plan to essentially break the promises made by the United States in treaties and break up reservations.

What's more, Jackson, who had been a supporter of termination, reversed his position.

He hired Forrest Gerard, a Blackfeet tribal member from Montana, as his representative on the Interior Committee.

This was a remarkable partnership: a Republican president and a powerful Democratic committee chairman working together on American Indian issues.

Bergman found a receptive audience - but was told by Gerard that it would be more strategic to push for a comprehensive approach, a bill that worked to improve health for all American Indians, those on reservations and those living in cities.

The bill that finally passed Congress was the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. Nixon was no longer president, and many in Ford's Cabinet urged a veto because it would cost $1.6 billion over five years. But at the White House, Brad Patterson, who had worked on many of those issues with Nixon, told the president that this bill was important. "And our counterarguments won the day; the legislation was signed by President Ford."

I recently hosted a television program looking at 30 years since that act with many of the key players -- including Bergman, Gerard and Patterson. That production, "Living History: A Conversation about American Indian Policy," will be telecast next week on UW-TV (at various times).

So often the narrative about government is about its weakness, about how we as a democratic society fall short in what we hope to achieve.

But this history is about government at its best, how individuals, the Congress, the administration found a way to work together to address a complicated issue. Republicans, Democrats and political independents shared a common purpose.

There is no comparison to the state of health care for American Indians since the act passed Congress - statistics improved significantly in nearly every category. Sure, there remain health care problems - and the Indian Health Service operates on a continually underfunded basis.

One beneficiary of the law, the Seattle Indian Health Board, still operates a clinic for an urban population that's often forgotten. This is a living legacy from another time.

But there is another footnote to this history -- a sign of the times -- because the Indian Health Care Improvement Act expired a few years ago.

Congress has yet to reach a bipartisan deal to renew the law. That's a lousy impasse for such innovative legislation.

I like the first asterisk better: Ford's name written on a piece of legislation crafted by Democrats and Republicans.

It's a reminder that we're a better country when politicians work together to solve problems.

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Thoughts that come from the heart

We are ruining our children with food



By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
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As 2006 ended, there is always discussion on the goals and resolutions of the next coming year. One of the choice resolutions as always is geared about health.

It is something I hear every year from people, 'this year I want to lose weight' 'I am going to lose 10 to 15 pounds,' 'I am gonna get get skinny.'

That is a resolution I seem to make every year and sometimes I cater to that promise that I make to myself and make some progress and other times it flies out the window and by March it is a dim memory.

Weight and health are two big issues we face as we get older, suddenly as we near that mid age value, we start to get concerned about our health, taking care of ourselves and worry that we may become diabetic, have heart problems or get sick. We realize we need to exercise more, walk and take care of ourselves,

When we come to realize that and actually do something about it, it becomes a lesson in life that makes us stronger in disciplining our selves.

Structure and discipline and our philosophy about life are values we learn in life that helps us to become successful.

As we go through life we learn about disciplining ourselves to get what we want. Some people have the discipline needed to keep their weight down, eat healthy foods and exercise.

The first time, I realized I was 'just too fat' for my own comfort, and that I needed to do something about it. And doing something about it didn't mean going out to buy the next size up.

That was too easy. I remember the first time I had to shop in the next women's department and by that I don't mean the next store over but like the BIGGER women's department.

That was so tough for me, it was something like I didn't really want to do and every time I ventured in there, I would look about and make sure nobody was around that I knew. Lord, forbid, I didn't want anybody to know that I gotten that fat.

It was my daughter that helped me to develop that discipline to get control of my weight.

She was training to go to Artesia to be a tribal police officer and she was determined to make it through the training so she knew she had to get in physical shape. When she went out running on the track at Kyle, I would tag along and do the same. Well, at first, she would run and I would walk. So yeah, I was tagging along, my one round to her two. She taught me how warm up to control my breathing, to control my posture and stick with a diet that will help me in weight loss.

She lost her weight I lost mine. And it felt SO GOOD! I loved the feeling of feeling good about myself and most of all I was back down in the little ladies department.

That itself was enough incentive for me to keep that discipline. In getting older, we tend to forget about keeping our body active, and that is the first mistake we make because before long we get fat and then it escalates and then before we know it we are obese.

When I first became a young wife, one of the things that was taught to me by my mother and my sisters was the motto, 'a way to a man's heart is through his stomach,' in other words, I became a good cook because it was one of those things I had to do to make the whole scheme of a marriage and a family work.

It was cooking for good taste, being resourceful in obtaining good food, making enough to eat, and making it look attractive to eat.

That meant even the color scheme. Brown meat, green something, yellow something and maybe something white like bread to set it off. It also meant making good bread and learning how to *igni* good stuff for the family pantry.

I am not sure who taught me that, maybe it was in home economics or one of my sisters. It couldn't have been my mom as she didn't care about color scheme, just as long as we had food and enough of it. I also knew that it was important to have the four basic food groups for good health.

Then I had two daughters, who are now grown, and I applied the same methods to them that I learned. Be a good cook. Make it taste good. Make it look good. Make your kids happy. Make your man happy.

We cater to that nurturing part of us with our children by overusing food. It is a natural feeling, we want to take care of our children, we want to provide for them so we feed them and then we overfeed them. It makes us feel good to know they ate good and have plenty to eat.

Family 'food parties' soon become family traditions.

Obesity is a big health problem on the reservation. We are suppose to be one of the poorest counties in the state and yet we have an obesity problem.

Somewhere along the way, in our tiwahe, we tend to forget to provide that structure and discipline to our children to eat healthy and to keep active.

Basically we are ruining our children with food because eventually the unhealthy lifestyle they are learning will hurt them in their future. In their future, they too will be concerned about diabetes, about heart problems due to obesity.

In teaching our children, we tell them 'don't be drinking' 'don't be smoking that peji' all that is bad for you.

There was a term my mom used to say, 'wiyatke' and I knew it was a bad habit from the way she talked about it. I learned not to drink because it was bad for me and why it was bad for me.

So in turn I tried to teach my children. It was a discipline that helped me in my life and I wanted them to understanding those social ills so they would have a better life. Of course that doesn't mean they followed what I said, but I know it is instilled in their core of understanding somewhere.

It is important as parents to teach our children about the social ills they will encounter but we should be teaching them about a healthy diet and being active to stay healthy.

We should be teaching them that packing on 20 to 30 pounds in their 20s is not a good thing for their future. We should be teaching them that overeating and not being active isn't good for them.

That it will hurt them in their future.

Other Views

Elder left toothless by Indian Health Service

By Hazel Bonner
Special to the Times
Guest Columnist

A 76-year old resident of Wounded Knee tells a story about the Indian Health Service. It is a tale that makes this writer cringe, but one that happens often on the Reservations.

The doctor was with the dental department. He pulled all of her teeth on both the top and bottom, and then gave her two weeks to heal.

She returned in two weeks and was told she still was not healed enough to prepare dentures for her.

After more than two months she was told by Indian Health Servicethat they could not help her because the dental department had no funds. She has now been without teeth for more than three months.

She states in a letter to this writer the following: "I've been turned down so much I feel like an outsider, all though I am 4/4 degree Oglala Sioux and lived here all my life, …I've tried everything to get false teeth but I can't seem to do anything."

I contacted a resident of Pine Ridge. She suggested contacting the Pine Ridge Service Unit Director at (605) 867-5131. I thought I would ask residents of Pine Ridge to flood his office with calls.

I have been told by reliable resources that Indian patients at the clinics need to have their own insurance or they will receive only minimal services. That seems to be the case here.

The IHS says they have no money for crowns, bridges partials and dentures. A lot of Pine Ridge residents are left toothless, but action for this elder is definitely needed.

Isn't there a treaty obligation that is forgotten here? Ask Indian Health Service about the treaty obligations of the federal government in regards to health care.

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Guest Column

An update on the Sicangu's clean energy education partnership

By Ronald Niess
Special to the Times

This is to provide an update to the Oyate on the progress of the Little Thunder Clean Energy Education Partnership. Also, I will touch on some other items, the Rosebud Sioux Tribes Utilities Commission is involved in.

The Little Thunder CEEP is a renewable energy project involving the installation of various renewable technologies in the home of respected Sicangu elders, Cecil and Rose Little Thunder, whose newer home is one of the most expensive to heat on the Rosebud. The home is all electric.

While the Little Thunder home Project is being facilitated by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Utilities Commission, it is the vision of the Sicangu Wicoti Awanyakape, Rosebud's housing entity.

SWA realized the high cost of heating and providing energy to homes on the Rosebud and throughout Indian Country.

The Cecil and Rose Little Thunder home was identified by SWA as one which could serve as a pilot renewable energy project and which could be precursor to renewable energy applications to a whole housing site.

Partners have been SWA, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Utilities Commission, U.S. Dept. of Energy, National Renewable Energy Lab out of Boulder, Colo., Council of Energy Resource Tribes, Intertribal Council Utilities Policy, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's LIHEAP and Resource Development offices, and grass roots members of the Oyate. We want our efforts to be community driven as much as possible.

Among possible energy sources discussed have been wind, solar, hydro, bio-mass, and, of course, energy efficiency.

New to the team, and who will play a large role in bringing our renewable energy vision to fruition, is Trees, Water and People of Boulder, Colo., who are "committed to developing sustainable community-based conservation solutions." Their mission statement is custom tailored to our needs and I consider them an answer to a prayer. Along with Richard Fox, of TW&P, crucial will be Native Renewable Energy Warriors such as Henry Red Cloud, Oglala, and Sicangu's, Victor Young and Harold "String" Medearis.

Recently, Mr. Red Cloud and skilled members of SWA construction, installed a solar heater to the Little Thunder home, which will offset daytime heating costs which of course, saves energy. Other than the building and installation of the system, the cost factors will be almost zero.

Interesting to note, is that the design and construction of the system is new and the brain-child of Henry Red Cloud and TW&P.

This spring, Little Thunder CEEP will be installing a small wind turbine and a Photo Voltaic solar system to the home of Rose and Cecil Little Thunder, along with a row of Aspen trees. These will provide a wind break and is practical as well as aesthetically pleasing. Another feature TW&P brings to the table will be a new twist to an old idea of our plans.

During this time, we will be hosting a design and planning meeting/workshop on the Rosebud and you are all invited. You can actually witness or even help put up these renewable systems this spring. Facilitating will be the Rosebud Tribal Utilities Commission, SWA and Trees, Water and People.

Announcements will be made and printed.

For further info, call co-facilitators:

o Ronald L. Neiss Sr. (605) 208-6136

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The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Utilities Commission is extremely busy on a number of on-going projects for, and on behalf, of the people. Some projects: include 911 - Developing a viable and effective system.

WAPA Allocations - Providing an offset to qualifying energy consumers.

Winter Disconnects - and other life threatening practices. Helping to stop them.

Renewable Energy Projects - We went through a lot of blood, sweat and tears to help get the 750 kw Meg-Micon Wind Turbine put up by the casino. A major coup, one which took years in planning and development. Also assisting was Intertribal COUP.

The Utilities Commission has also helped with the Owl Feather War Bonnet Wind Project by St. Francis, and of course, we are helping facilitate Little Thunder CEEP.

We need to do further work to define Title 20 of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Law and Order Code, which is the Tribes Utilities Code. Much of our powers are reserved. Definition and enforcement teeth need development. This is one of our goals..

I have been advocating for a joint meeting of the Tribes Utilities Commissions, or equivalents, as well as other Tax Commissions. We have much at stake. There is benefit to working together as an entire Nation. I serve as an RST Utilities Commissioner.

On a personal note, I wish to thank my friend, RST TUC Director, Tony Rogers, and staff, for their dedication and resilience. You are expected to achieve infinity on pennies.

Bleeciyapo! The Oyate come first.

I also wish to touch on a couple of results of the state of South Dakota ballot initiatives in the recent elections as well as the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Secretarial Election, or better yet, lack of one.

Amendment E - The intent was to make judges accountable who violate citizens Civil Rights. The propaganda campaign of the S.D. Republican political machine completely distorted the truth of the intent of the amendment. Even to the way it was worded on the ballot by the S. D. Attorney General.

About 90 percent of the S.D. voters rejected the amendment. Yet on the Rosebud, the idea of holding judges accountable for violating the rights of citizens (I remember Homer Chief Eagle and the infamous "beanie-weanie" case) either passed in various voting districts or came close.

In Indian Country, we are keenly aware of the institutional racism of the South Dakota state and federal judicial systems. Injustices which would not be so long tolerated by any other state and which is America's hidden, shameful secret.

Tobacco Tax - I serve on the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Tax Commission.

The S.D. Revenue Department has sent to various tribe's correspondence that tells us since state voters voted to increase cigarette product taxes, it would necessary for tribe's to follow suit by January 2007, or at least those tribe's that have tax collection agreements with the state.

I pose the questions: But do we? Should we? How did reservation voters actually vote? I have heard many sides to this issue. I, myself, have always been leery of any agreement which could compromise the sovereignty/jurisdiction of the Tribe.

The State of South Dakota has long been collecting what amounts to illegal taxes on the reservations. I have written of these taxes. The gross receipts tax assessed on telecommunications companies is said to be in "lieu of a property tax." There's also the S.D. Public Utilities Commission Tax, paid by reservation residents to help fund the operations of the SD PUC, an entity which does not have jurisdiction on the rez's.

The state does not negotiate in good faith, gaming compacts with tribes.

I propose that we, the tribes, not raise any taxes which the state tells us we must. At least, not until these sovereignty issues are met and dealt with.

Constitutional Convention - I have also written on this historic process whereby dedicated Sicangu were able to propose amendments to our IRA Constitution, which governs or dictates us.

Exactly 189 amendments were proposed. After an intense process, the Sicangu Constitutional Task Force was able to narrow these down to 27. We submitted these to the Department of Interior BIA on April 19, 2005, one year and eight months ago as of this writing.

I was told we might finally have a Secretarial Election around March. Then we are told at a community meeting by a council member, that the BIA now says because of the "U.S. continuing fiscal resolution" there is no money to conduct the Secretarial Election.

The Oyate was excited, even elated, that the corruption and oppression of the IRS Governmental system, forced on Tribes by the United States, was finally getting to be overhauled.

Men and women; ikcewicasa na wiya, of vision and dream came forward with many ideas of constitutional reform. So far, this vision has been squashed by the DOI, BIA, and perhaps elements if the IRS government system itself.

Talk around the Rosebud rez on an associated matter is that the administration has asked the local university to help write a new Constitution, which is traditionally based.

On the surface this seems a good idea. One whose time has come.

From what I have read and gathered from those I have spoken with, it seems that tribal members do not think that politicians should craft or guide such a document.

They say the architects and direction of a traditionally-based Constitution should not come from the "12 percent", but from the grass roots/traditional Oyate themselves.

I'm closing, wopila tanka he for reading these messages, for borrowing a little of your time.

May Wakan Tanka watch over you and your tiospaye this new year.

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Notes From Indian Country

Honoring those who may not be honored elsewhere



By Tim Giago

(Nanwica Kciji)

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I come from a world that is, for the most part, out of sight and out of mind for the average American. We (the Indian people living on the nine Indian reservations in South Dakota) are usually featured in the mainstream media during times of controversy (Wounded Knee takeover in 1973) or when an aspiring journalist covers the consequences of extreme poverty (NBC News and Washington Post series in early 1980s on poverty on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota).

The Pine Ridge Reservation was prominent in the news in the early 1980s because it is located in a county, Shannon, which was proclaimed "The Poorest County in America" by the 1980 U. S. Census Bureau.

I was born, raised, and educated on an Indian reservation where the people oftentimes see the world through the wrong end of the telescope.

It is a place where the people do not necessarily see George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson or Teddy Roosevelt (the four faces on Mount Rushmore) as heroes.

On the 50th Anniversary of the carving of Mount Rushmore, I was featured in People Magazine because I called Mount Rushmore "The Shrine of Hypocrisy."

In the article I outlined some of the atrocities against the Indian people perpetrated by the four presidents carved on the mountain. In fact, the month of December not only was the month of the Massacre at Wounded Knee in 1890, it was also the month when 38 Sioux warriors were hanged in Minnesota in the largest mass hanging in this Nation's history, by order of President Abraham Lincoln.

In the first Gulf War, when the massed coalition forces looked out at the dark desert lands just prior to their assault on Iraq, they called that vast unknown land "Indian country."

When someone commits a social or political blunder they are "off the reservation." Or when one wants to tell a lie but not be accused of being a liar, he puts a hand behind his back, with fingers crossed, and says, "Honest Injun."

And worse yet, African Americans who cringe at the public use of the "N" word are just as guilty and as adamant as whites in using the "R" word (Redskin) although that word is as offensive to Native Americans as the "N" word is to African Americans.

I suppose it all depends upon whose ox is gored.

I have my own heroes. They are Indian people that will, in all probability, never be honored in mainstream America.

They are people I have admired and emulated in deed and cause.

And as we move into the New Year of 2007, I want to mention their names if for no other reason than it may be the only time they are nationally acclaimed.

Rupert Costo (Cahuilla) was my mentor. He was the publisher of the Indian Historian Press in San Francisco until his death in 1987. Peter MacDonald served four terms as president of the Navajo Nation.

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There has to be a healthy balance between western education and its ideas and that of Lakota people and their wonderful contribution to balancing the world as well. I think the secret is in creating incentives so that much more Lakota youngsters will aspire to be teachers one day.

I don't think I will live to see the day that our institutions will be filled with mostly Lakota professionals, but ironically the change is coming very slowly.

When we don't have more Lakota educators, then we have difficulty meeting the mandates of NCLB, but many cannot see that.

There should be young people with education in hand who are leading our schools, on the school board and on college boards.

Many of the older educators and lay people simply enjoy the status quo and can't see that they should act for the greater good which is the children. I don't think I would enjoy simply being a mouthpiece for an arrangement like that where an institution cannot assess itself and make appropriate changes and this is what NCLB would have them do, in theory.

For others, being renewed and finding ways to refresh oneself means being creative and staying on the top of their game in teaching youngsters. Technology and the demands of the No Child Left Behind Act have been added to the mix and I suppose older and more experienced teachers have resorted to some interesting ways to keep current and deliver good instruction in the classroom. One Chicago teacher who taught in a tough neighborhood was quoted as saying "The older I get, the better I get and that is exciting."

In a reservation community, one of the key issues is illustrating to parents and children the importance of doing well today in the classroom and knowing how that impacts one later on in life. How a child does at any of their classes will follow them around for the rest of their lives.

I looked at some of my old grades and low and behold I got some F's and some D's. It was a rather humbling experience looking back even at my undergraduate college transcript and knowing that something caused me to do poorly. Just then, I heard that song on KINI entitled, "I am a Man of Constant Sorry" and it fit my mood for the moment.

Happy New Year to many of my former undergraduate and graduate students. I see many of you from time to time and I am proud of your contributions.

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Thoughts that come from the heart

We are ruining our children with food



By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
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As 2006 ended, there is always discussion on the goals and resolutions of the next coming year. One of the choice resolutions as always is geared about health.

It is something I hear every year from people, 'this year I want to lose weight' 'I am going to lose 10 to 15 pounds,' 'I am gonna get get skinny.'

That is a resolution I seem to make every year and sometimes I cater to that promise that I make to myself and make some progress and other times it flies out the window and by March it is a dim memory.

Weight and health are two big issues we face as we get older, suddenly as we near that mid age value, we start to get concerned about our health, taking care of ourselves and worry that we may become diabetic, have heart problems or get sick. We realize we need to exercise more, walk and take care of ourselves,

When we come to realize that and actually do something about it, it becomes a lesson in life that makes us stronger in disciplining our selves.

Structure and discipline and our philosophy about life are values we learn in life that helps us to become successful.

As we go through life we learn about disciplining ourselves to get what we want. Some people have the discipline needed to keep their weight down, eat healthy foods and exercise.

The first time, I realized I was 'just too fat' for my own comfort, and that I needed to do something about it. And doing something about it didn't mean going out to buy the next size up.

That was too easy. I remember the first time I had to shop in the next women's department and by that I don't mean the next store over but like the BIGGER women's department.

That was so tough for me, it was something like I didn't really want to do and every time I ventured in there, I would look about and make sure nobody was around that I knew. Lord, forbid, I didn't want anybody to know that I gotten that fat.

It was my daughter that helped me to develop that discipline to get control of my weight.

She was training to go to Artesia to be a tribal police officer and she was determined to make it through the training so she knew she had to get in physical shape. When she went out running on the track at Kyle, I would tag along and do the same. Well, at first, she would run and I would walk. So yeah, I was tagging along, my one round to her two. She taught me how warm up to control my breathing, to control my posture and stick with a diet that will help me in weight loss.

She lost her weight I lost mine. And it felt SO GOOD! I loved the feeling of feeling good about myself and most of all I was back down in the little ladies department.

That itself was enough incentive for me to keep that discipline. In getting older, we tend to forget about keeping our body active, and that is the first mistake we make because before long we get fat and then it escalates and then before we know it we are obese.

When I first became a young wife, one of the things that was taught to me by my mother and my sisters was the motto, 'a way to a man's heart is through his stomach,' in other words, I became a good cook because it was one of those things I had to do to make the whole scheme of a marriage and a family work.

It was cooking for good taste, being resourceful in obtaining good food, making enough to eat, and making it look attractive to eat.

That meant even the color scheme. Brown meat, green something, yellow something and maybe something white like bread to set it off. It also meant making good bread and learning how to *igni* good stuff for the family pantry.

I am not sure who taught me that, maybe it was in home economics or one of my sisters. It couldn't have been my mom as she didn't care about color scheme, just as long as we had food and enough of it. I also knew that it was important to have the four basic food groups for good health.

Then I had two daughters, who are now grown, and I applied the same methods to them that I learned. Be a good cook. Make it taste good. Make it look good. Make your kids happy. Make your man happy.

We cater to that nurturing part of us with our children by overusing food. It is a natural feeling, we want to take care of our children, we want to provide for them so we feed them and then we overfeed them. It makes us feel good to know they ate good and have plenty to eat.

Family 'food parties' soon become family traditions.

Obesity is a big health problem on the reservation. We are suppose to be one of the poorest counties in the state and yet we have an obesity problem.

Somewhere along the way, in our tiwahe, we tend to forget to provide that structure and discipline to our children to eat healthy and to keep active.

Basically we are ruining our children with food because eventually the unhealthy lifestyle they are learning will hurt them in their future. In their future, they too will be concerned about diabetes, about heart problems due to obesity.

In teaching our children, we tell them 'don't be drinking' 'don't be smoking that peji' all that is bad for you.

There was a term my mom used to say, 'wiyatke' and I knew it was a bad habit from the way she talked about it. I learned not to drink because it was bad for me and why it was bad for me.

So in turn I tried to teach my children. It was a discipline that helped me in my life and I wanted them to understanding those social ills so they would have a better life. Of course that doesn't mean they followed what I said, but I know it is instilled in their core of understanding somewhere.

It is important as parents to teach our children about the social ills they will encounter but we should be teaching them about a healthy diet and being active to stay healthy.

We should be teaching them that packing on 20 to 30 pounds in their 20s is not a good thing for their future. We should be teaching them that overeating and not being active isn't good for them.

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Other Views

Elder left toothless by Indian Health Service

By Hazel Bonner
Special to the Times
Guest Columnist

A 76-year old resident of Wounded Knee tells a story about the Indian Health Service. It is a tale that makes this writer cringe, but one that happens often on the Reservations.

The doctor was with the dental department. He pulled all of her teeth on both the top and bottom, and then gave her two weeks to heal.

She returned in two weeks and was told she still was not healed enough to prepare dentures for her.

After more than two months she was told by Indian Health Servicethat they could not help her because the dental department had no funds. She has now been without teeth for more than three months.

She states in a letter to this writer the following: "I've been turned down so much I feel like an outsider, all though I am 4/4 degree Oglala Sioux and lived here all my life, …I've tried everything to get false teeth but I can't seem to do anything."

I contacted a resident of Pine Ridge. She suggested contacting the Pine Ridge Service Unit Director at (605) 867-5131. I thought I would ask residents of Pine Ridge to flood his office with calls.

I have been told by reliable resources that Indian patients at the clinics need to have their own insurance or they will receive only minimal services. That seems to be the case here.

The IHS says they have no money for crowns, bridges partials and dentures. A lot of Pine Ridge residents are left toothless, but action for this elder is definitely needed.

Isn't there a treaty obligation that is forgotten here? Ask Indian Health Service about the treaty obligations of the federal government in regards to health care.

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Guest Column

An update on the Sicangu's clean energy education partnership

By Ronald Niess
Special to the Times

This is to provide an update to the Oyate on the progress of the Little Thunder Clean Energy Education Partnership. Also, I will touch on some other items, the Rosebud Sioux Tribes Utilities Commission is involved in.

The Little Thunder CEEP is a renewable energy project involving the installation of various renewable technologies in the home of respected Sicangu elders, Cecil and Rose Little Thunder, whose newer home is one of the most expensive to heat on the Rosebud. The home is all electric.

While the Little Thunder home Project is being facilitated by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Utilities Commission, it is the vision of the Sicangu Wicoti Awanyakape, Rosebud's housing entity.

SWA realized the high cost of heating and providing energy to homes on the Rosebud and throughout Indian Country.

The Cecil and Rose Little Thunder home was identified by SWA as one which could serve as a pilot renewable energy project and which could be precursor to renewable energy applications to a whole housing site.

Partners have been SWA, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Utilities Commission, U.S. Dept. of Energy, National Renewable Energy Lab out of Boulder, Colo., Council of Energy Resource Tribes, Intertribal Council Utilities Policy, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's LIHEAP and Resource Development offices, and grass roots members of the Oyate. We want our efforts to be community driven as much as possible.

Among possible energy sources discussed have been wind, solar, hydro, bio-mass, and, of course, energy efficiency.

New to the team, and who will play a large role in bringing our renewable energy vision to fruition, is Trees, Water and People of Boulder, Colo., who are "committed to developing sustainable community-based conservation solutions." Their mission statement is custom tailored to our needs and I consider them an answer to a prayer. Along with Richard Fox, of TW&P, crucial will be Native Renewable Energy Warriors such as Henry Red Cloud, Oglala, and Sicangu's, Victor Young and Harold "String" Medearis.

Recently, Mr. Red Cloud and skilled members of SWA construction, installed a solar heater to the Little Thunder home, which will offset daytime heating costs which of course, saves energy. Other than the building and installation of the system, the cost factors will be almost zero.

Interesting to note, is that the design and construction of the system is new and the brain-child of Henry Red Cloud and TW&P.

This spring, Little Thunder CEEP will be installing a small wind turbine and a Photo Voltaic solar system to the home of Rose and Cecil Little Thunder, along with a row of Aspen trees. These will provide a wind break and is practical as well as aesthetically pleasing. Another feature TW&P brings to the table will be a new twist to an old idea of our plans.

During this time, we will be hosting a design and planning meeting/workshop on the Rosebud and you are all invited. You can actually witness or even help put up these renewable systems this spring. Facilitating will be the Rosebud Tribal Utilities Commission, SWA and Trees, Water and People.

Announcements will be made and printed.

For further info, call co-facilitators:

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The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Utilities Commission is extremely busy on a number of on-going projects for, and on behalf, of the people. Some projects: include 911 - Developing a viable and effective system.

WAPA Allocations - Providing an offset to qualifying energy consumers.

Winter Disconnects - and other life threatening practices. Helping to stop them.

Renewable Energy Projects - We went through a lot of blood, sweat and tears to help get the 750 kw Meg-Micon Wind Turbine put up by the casino. A major coup, one which took years in planning and development. Also assisting was Intertribal COUP.

The Utilities Commission has also helped with the Owl Feather War Bonnet Wind Project by St. Francis, and of course, we are helping facilitate Little Thunder CEEP.

We need to do further work to define Title 20 of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Law and Order Code, which is the Tribes Utilities Code. Much of our powers are reserved. Definition and enforcement teeth need development. This is one of our goals..

I have been advocating for a joint meeting of the Tribes Utilities Commissions, or equivalents, as well as other Tax Commissions. We have much at stake. There is benefit to working together as an entire Nation. I serve as an RST Utilities Commissioner.

On a personal note, I wish to thank my friend, RST TUC Director, Tony Rogers, and staff, for their dedication and resilience. You are expected to achieve infinity on pennies.

Bleeciyapo! The Oyate come first.

I also wish to touch on a couple of results of the state of South Dakota ballot initiatives in the recent elections as well as the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Secretarial Election, or better yet, lack of one.

Amendment E - The intent was to make judges accountable who violate citizens Civil Rights. The propaganda campaign of the S.D. Republican political machine completely distorted the truth of the intent of the amendment. Even to the way it was worded on the ballot by the S. D. Attorney General.

About 90 percent of the S.D. voters rejected the amendment. Yet on the Rosebud, the idea of holding judges accountable for violating the rights of citizens (I remember Homer Chief Eagle and the infamous "beanie-weanie" case) either passed in various voting districts or came close.

In Indian Country, we are keenly aware of the institutional racism of the South Dakota state and federal judicial systems. Injustices which would not be so long tolerated by any other state and which is America's hidden, shameful secret.

Tobacco Tax - I serve on the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Tax Commission.

The S.D. Revenue Department has sent to various tribe's correspondence that tells us since state voters voted to increase cigarette product taxes, it would necessary for tribe's to follow suit by January 2007, or at least those tribe's that have tax collection agreements with the state.

I pose the questions: But do we? Should we? How did reservation voters actually vote? I have heard many sides to this issue. I, myself, have always been leery of any agreement which could compromise the sovereignty/jurisdiction of the Tribe.

The State of South Dakota has long been collecting what amounts to illegal taxes on the reservations. I have written of these taxes. The gross receipts tax assessed on telecommunications companies is said to be in "lieu of a property tax." There's also the S.D. Public Utilities Commission Tax, paid by reservation residents to help fund the operations of the SD PUC, an entity which does not have jurisdiction on the rez's.

The state does not negotiate in good faith, gaming compacts with tribes.

I propose that we, the tribes, not raise any taxes which the state tells us we must. At least, not until these sovereignty issues are met and dealt with.

Constitutional Convention - I have also written on this historic process whereby dedicated Sicangu were able to propose amendments to our IRA Constitution, which governs or dictates us.

Exactly 189 amendments were proposed. After an intense process, the Sicangu Constitutional Task Force was able to narrow these down to 27. We submitted these to the Department of Interior BIA on April 19, 2005, one year and eight months ago as of this writing.

I was told we might finally have a Secretarial Election around March. Then we are told at a community meeting by a council member, that the BIA now says because of the "U.S. continuing fiscal resolution" there is no money to conduct the Secretarial Election.

The Oyate was excited, even elated, that the corruption and oppression of the IRS Governmental system, forced on Tribes by the United States, was finally getting to be overhauled.

Men and women; ikcewicasa na wiya, of vision and dream came forward with many ideas of constitutional reform. So far, this vision has been squashed by the DOI, BIA, and perhaps elements if the IRS government system itself.

Talk around the Rosebud rez on an associated matter is that the administration has asked the local university to help write a new Constitution, which is traditionally based.

On the surface this seems a good idea. One whose time has come.

From what I have read and gathered from those I have spoken with, it seems that tribal members do not think that politicians should craft or guide such a document.

They say the architects and direction of a traditionally-based Constitution should not come from the "12 percent", but from the grass roots/traditional Oyate themselves.

I'm closing, wopila tanka he for reading these messages, for borrowing a little of your time.

May Wakan Tanka watch over you and your tiospaye this new year.

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Notes From Indian Country

Honoring those who may not be honored elsewhere



By Tim Giago

(Nanwica Kciji)

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I come from a world that is, for the most part, out of sight and out of mind for the average American. We (the Indian people living on the nine Indian reservations in South Dakota) are usually featured in the mainstream media during times of controversy (Wounded Knee takeover in 1973) or when an aspiring journalist covers the consequences of extreme poverty (NBC News and Washington Post series in early 1980s on poverty on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota).

The Pine Ridge Reservation was prominent in the news in the early 1980s because it is located in a county, Shannon, which was proclaimed "The Poorest County in America" by the 1980 U. S. Census Bureau.

I was born, raised, and educated on an Indian reservation where the people oftentimes see the world through the wrong end of the telescope.

It is a place where the people do not necessarily see George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson or Teddy Roosevelt (the four faces on Mount Rushmore) as heroes.

On the 50th Anniversary of the carving of Mount Rushmore, I was featured in People Magazine because I called Mount Rushmore "The Shrine of Hypocrisy."

In the article I outlined some of the atrocities against the Indian people perpetrated by the four presidents carved on the mountain. In fact, the month of December not only was the month of the Massacre at Wounded Knee in 1890, it was also the month when 38 Sioux warriors were hanged in Minnesota in the largest mass hanging in this Nation's history, by order of President Abraham Lincoln.

In the first Gulf War, when the massed coalition forces looked out at the dark desert lands just prior to their assault on Iraq, they called that vast unknown land "Indian country."

When someone commits a social or political blunder they are "off the reservation." Or when one wants to tell a lie but not be accused of being a liar, he puts a hand behind his back, with fingers crossed, and says, "Honest Injun."

And worse yet, African Americans who cringe at the public use of the "N" word are just as guilty and as adamant as whites in using the "R" word (Redskin) although that word is as offensive to Native Americans as the "N" word is to African Americans.

I suppose it all depends upon whose ox is gored.

I have my own heroes. They are Indian people that will, in all probability, never be honored in mainstream America.

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Much of the teaching curriculum and lessons are the same, but teachers have to find imaginative and novel ways to present it to children.

In tribal communities, we have to demonstrate how it is relevant to the experience of tribal people and the future welfare of individual communities.

There has to be a healthy balance between western education and its ideas and that of Lakota people and their wonderful contribution to balancing the world as well. I think the secret is in creating incentives so that much more Lakota youngsters will aspire to be teachers one day.

I don't think I will live to see the day that our institutions will be filled with mostly Lakota professionals, but ironically the change is coming very slowly.

When we don't have more Lakota educators, then we have difficulty meeting the mandates of NCLB, but many cannot see that.

There should be young people with education in hand who are leading our schools, on the school board and on college boards.

Many of the older educators and lay people simply enjoy the status quo and can't see that they should act for the greater good which is the children. I don't think I would enjoy simply being a mouthpiece for an arrangement like that where an institution cannot assess itself and make appropriate changes and this is what NCLB would have them do, in theory.

For others, being renewed and finding ways to refresh oneself means being creative and staying on the top of their game in teaching youngsters. Technology and the demands of the No Child Left Behind Act have been added to the mix and I suppose older and more experienced teachers have resorted to some interesting ways to keep current and deliver good instruction in the classroom. One Chicago teacher who taught in a tough neighborhood was quoted as saying "The older I get, the better I get and that is exciting."

In a reservation community, one of the key issues is illustrating to parents and children the importance of doing well today in the classroom and knowing how that impacts one later on in life. How a child does at any of their classes will follow them around for the rest of their lives.

I looked at some of my old grades and low and behold I got some F's and some D's. It was a rather humbling experience looking back even at my undergraduate college transcript and knowing that something caused me to do poorly. Just then, I heard that song on KINI entitled, "I am a Man of Constant Sorry" and it fit my mood for the moment.

Happy New Year to many of my former undergraduate and graduate students. I see many of you from time to time and I am proud of your contributions.

Dr. Archie Beauvais (Sicangu) resides on the Rosebud with his son, Beaux. He earned a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) from Harvard University and is a 2006 Harvard AOCC Award recipient. A decorated Vietnam Veteran, he is functionally literate in Lakota and worked at Sinte Gleska University for 20 years as Dean/Chair of Tribal and Graduate Studies.

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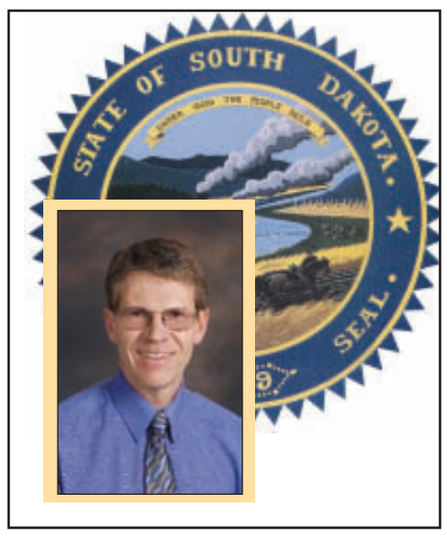


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Educational legislation Lucas sees as important

MISSION - Finding the funds to adequately fund K-12 education will likely be the center of focus in the 2007 Legislative Session that begins Jan. 9 at the State Capitol. Newly elected District 26A Representative Larry Lucas feels there is a good chance that we can do more than the minimum State Aid increase that is provided in law. "It won't be easy, but I think the message is being heard that many of our schools are operating in a very conservative manner, limiting what courses they offer and holding a tough line on salaries."

According to the Equity and Adequacy study done by the Education Alliance, teacher salaries in the state are $32.4 million behind surrounding states, even when you take into account factors such as low taxes and the cost of living in South Dakota. Lucas is quick to point out that salaries for all educators are low, especially for the educational support staff who are often paid near the minimum hour salary rate. "If Congress can raise the minimum hourly salary, I think that will help to drive up salaried employees in our schools as well. Money is limited and we will have to do some hard prioritizing in our State's budget. There are many needy issues proposed in the Governor's Budget for the state. If we can delay funding for some of these projects, then we can help our schools."



Larry Lucas

Seventy schools in the state have filed a law suite against the state charging that the state does not provide the necessary amount of state aid to provide for an adequate education. The outcome of this lawsuit will likely not be settled for three to four years.

Other issues that will be debated in the upcoming legislative session are providing more opportunities for health care insurance for those who cannot afford it, looking at ways to increase alternative energies, strengthening campaign finance regulations,

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Allen family loses home to fire during holidays, donations appreciated

ALLEN - On Dec. 14, while Francine and Tony Poor Bear were attending the Oglala Lakota College Board retreat, a fire broke out and gutted their home.

No one was home at time. Francine was recently elected to the college board and the family was in Rapid City when the fire broke out.

"We lost everything in that fire. We lost our Christmas presents, bikes, clothes and everything," Poor Bear said. She said when they walked into the house after the fire, everything was pretty much melted. She said the fire was determined to be caused by a malfunction in the electrical box.

Francine and Tony's home is across from the Allen Store north of American Horse School and is well remembered by many who pass by for it's holiday glory.



Tony and Francine Poor Bear's home burned Dec. 14. This photo is of their home during the holidays is one of other photos taken of decorated homes around the reservation. Photo courtesy of Lakota Country Times.

Almost every year, the family would creatively decorate their home in beautiful colored lights with a Christmas theme entwined with a patriotic scheme. It has been a unique sight for those traveling through Allen.

Any donations to help the family would be deeply appreciated, the family is in need of furniture, household items, personal care items, clothing, adult male, adult female XXL ad they have two teen daughters.

If you would want to make a contribution to the family, Tony and Francine can be reached at 605-441-6174 or 441-6122.

SuAnne Big Crow boys and girls center receives $500,00 grant

PINE RIDGE - The SuAnne Big Crow Boys and Girls Club in Pine Ridge will use a $500,000 grant to add an academic program to its services for the next five years.

The club was recently awarded a New Visions, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program grant.

The club will receive $100,000 a year for a program targeting third-, fourth- and fifth-graders in the hope of improving their academic achievement.

The club plans to hire two teachers to work with students after school, Rawlings said.

And it will use Learning Today, an interactive online program to improve student academic success. Many schools nationwide have reported dramatic increases in grades and test scores after using the program, according to Rawlings.

The grant is designed to give the club the opportunity to enhance the lives of students and their families by supporting all the programs at the club that serves kids ages 7 to 18, Rawlings said.

The new program should be implemented by the end of January.

The SuAnne Big Crow Club for Boys and Girls serves an average of 100 kids daily.

Seminole tribe sued over Hard Rock takeover

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) -- A rejected suitor for the Hard Rock chain of cafes and casinos claims in a lawsuit that the Seminole Tribe of Florida was the successful buyer because of improper collusion and bid-rigging.

The Baltimore-based development firm The Cordish Co. and an affiliate, Power Plant Entertainment LLC, contend that Hard Rock Cafe International Inc. management secretly negotiated with the Seminoles for seven months before plans to sell were announced in July.

Power Plant, a partnership between Cordish and Coastal Development LLC, was the original developer of the Seminole Hard Rock casinos and hotels in Hollywood and Tampa.

The Seminoles announced the $965 million purchase of the Hard Rock empire from London-based Rank Group PLC on Dec. 7, marking the first time an American Indian tribe had purchased a major international corporation.

The Cordish lawsuit, however, said the company and its banker, Goldman Sachs & Co., were refused the right to bid for the business even though they could have made a larger offer. The lawsuit was filed late Friday in Broward County Circuit Court.

"We were declined the opportunity to bid, which is kind of amazing. We believe we would have prevailed," said Marty Steinberg, the Miami-based attorney for Cordish.

The Seminoles agreed to keep Hard Rock managers in place and provide them with "additional financial benefits" if the tribe was the successful bidder, according to the lawsuit.

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Community Calendar

Rez Happenings

High School basketball season
Thursday, Jan. 4, Winner girls at Todd County, Friday, Jan. 5, St. Francis boys and girls vs. Marty Indian at White River, Takini girls at Little Wound, Monday Jan 8, Wall girls and boys at Red Cloud, St. Francis boys at Bennett County, Tuesday, Jan. 9 Chadron girls at Red Cloud, Todd County girls at White River and Thursday, Jan. 11 Chamberlain boys at Todd County.

OST Council Special Session
Friday, Jan. 5 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church Hall in Kyle with selection of executive board and honoring of Pine Ridge girls and Little Wound boys Lakota Nation champs.

OST Commodity Issue Schedule
Friday, Jan. 5 in Kyle, Tuesday, Jan. 9 in Manderson and Wounded Knee, Thursday, Jan. 11 at Sunrise Housing in Martin, Tuesday, Jan. 16 in Porcupine at Evergreen Housing and CAP office, Thursday, Jan. 18 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni and Friday, Jan. 19 in Oglala, for info call 867-5511.

Rosebud Shootout
Saturday, Jan. 6 hosted by Todd County high school at the Ben Reifel Auditorium in Mission for boy's high school basketball teams including: 2 p.m. Red Cloud vs. Santee, 4 p.m. Crazy Horse vs. South Central, 6 p.m. Pine Ridge vs. Little Wound and 8 p.m. Todd County vs. St. Francis.

School board representatives
OST Education Committee is accepting resumes and letters of intent for seats on several school boards including Flandreau Indian, Circle of Nations Indian School, Sherman Indian School, Pierre Indian Learning Center and Oglala Lakota College, submit material to Wanda Two Bulls at Red Cloud Building in Pine Ridge, 867-5821.

Common Sense Parenting Class
Wednesday, Jan. 10 is the first meeting with the class focusing on the parent/child relationship and stresses the important role parents play as examples and guides for their children, meeting from 4-6 p.m. Wednesdays at the Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge, for information call 800 727-2401.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
School pow wow on Friday Jan. 12 at American Horse School in Allen and on Friday, Jan. 19 in Chadron at the Chadron Native American Center with grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

Holistic Management Workshop
The Holistic Management Workshop has been rescheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 6 and 7 at Club 27 in Kadoka with speaker Wayne Berry, for information call 685-6629.

Porcupine AA meeting
Every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Pahin Sinte College Center in Porcupine, for info call Janice at 867-5404.

Co-dependency Support
Meets on Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. in the basement of the old hospital coordinated by the OST Employee Assistance Program, for info call 867-1841.

Life after death class
Developing a better understanding of the journey of the soul, Fridays at 7 p.m. at the Pine Ridge Village College Center.

Weight watchers class
Large conference room at the Indian Health Service Hospital in Pine Ridge, weigh in at 5 p.m. and meeting at 5:30 p.m.

12 Step meetings
Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m. at the East Wakpamni College Center in Batesland.

Aerobics
Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm at Porcupine School gym sponsored by the school, Porcupine Clinic and Pahin Sinte College Centers, for information call 867-5404.

AA Meetings
Every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Kateri Hall at the St. Agnes Church in Manderson, Everyone Welcome, call 867-2267 for information.

Grief Support Group
Meeting the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Kyle, for information call 455-2888.

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boosting the economy for small businesses in the state, and passing a state Indian Education Act.

According to Keith Moore, head of the state Office of Indian Education, "The hope is incorporating Native American cultural studies into the curriculum will improve state-tribal relations and, also, impact student achievement and graduation rates."

Lucas added, "This is a great opportunity for the state to present a long-range plan to help Native American students that struggle in our schools, whether it is on one of our reservations or in a large high school in Rapid City or Sioux Falls. Additionally, all students will get a more accurate understanding of their history, of tribal sovereignty, and of native contributions to society. When this type of learning takes place in all of our schools, the relationships between Indian and non-Indian neighbors will mature and the entire state will be stronger for it."

Some other issues that Representative Lucas plans to work on this year are looking for state assistance for the tribal colleges, expanding efforts to attract medical professionals to the rural areas of our state, expanding and developing early childhood education and nutrition, and developing a scenic highway through the southern part of South Dakota.

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"Their actions were motivated by self-dealing and a desire to enrich themselves," the lawsuit says.

A spokesman for Hard Rock Cafe International declined comment Tuesday. The Seminoles also had no immediate comment.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages, which could be tripled under Florida law.

The Seminole-Hard Rock deal includes 124 Hard Rock Cafes, four hotels, two casino hotels, two concert venues and stakes in three unbranded hotels. Rank shareholders are scheduled to vote next Monday on whether to approve the sale.

Allegations of bid-rigging were also made in a separate lawsuit by Power Plant against investment banker Merrill Lynch, a financial adviser to the Seminole tribe. That lawsuit, filed in Miami-Dade Circuit Court in December, contends that Power Plant was stopped from making a deal to cash out its interests in the Florida casinos because of improper pressure from the Seminoles.

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Book Review

The Dark legacy of Indian mission boarding schools

By Archie B. Beauvais, Ed.D

As a scholar strongly entrenched in the Lakota community and having navigated many of the same rough waters which Tim Giago has, I am of the opinion that anyone of Lakota heritage who is 'published' is certainly more accomplished than many of the rest of us . I applaud this published work as it lends itself to the body of knowledge that requires deeper understanding and reconciliation.

Tim Giago is an enrolled Oglala Lakota and he is the author of *The Obriginal Sin* and *Notes From Indian Country I and II.'* An accomplished publisher of the original *Lakota Times*, he subsequently he was publisher of *Indian Country Today* and the *Lakota Journal*; no small feat for any professional.

'Children Left Behind: The Dark Legacy of Indian Mission Boarding Schools' published in 2006 by Clear Light Publishers of Sante Fe, N.M. was apparently built upon many of the weekly editorial opinions that Giago has written since 1979. He integrates many of his early poems and some poignant illustrations by daughter, Denise, into the book.

'Children Left Behind' is perhaps a play on the title of the contemporary piece of legislation we now know as 'No Child Left Behind' and it was written as a consequence of Giago's experience in coming to terms with the abuse he saw and experienced at Holy Rosary Mission. Rupert Costa, a Cahuilla tribal member and the Editor of the Indian Historian Press, Inc in San Francisco was a great influence to Giago as he would endeavor to challenge 'the establishment' through his writing. His insistence that Giago needed to publish the many poems he had written about his mission boarding school days was exactly what Giago needed in order to provide a glimpse into the very troubling world of Indian mission boarding schools. His *Aborginal Sin* was released before the world had any idea that the church was enmeshed in such scandal and would later settle many of the claims.

In his work, Giago notes that Holy Rosary Mission tried to disavow the fact that he had been a student there for many years after his publication was released. He counters this by writing, "In Indian Country, it really didn't matter whether the Indians of today ever attended the boarding schools themselves, because nearly every one of the them had an aunt, uncle, mother, father, grandmother or grandfather who had been a victim of the boarding school system. Many suffered the extreme problems of collateral damage."

For any one who attended boarding school, we can attest to the fact that Giago had to have been there in order to give such a "heart wrenching" account of having been torn from family and turned over to the mission.

Giago recounts the nightly and morning routines of Lakota children as they deferred to the prefects who lorded over the children with an 'iron fist.' The first weeks were the worst as Giago noted it was a time of intermittent loneliness, learning and a time when innocence would be put to the test.

One piece of irony is not lost on the fact that Lakota children were sent to boarding schools and had their hair cut, their spirituality vacated and their Native language forbidden. Giago goes on to recount one Lakota youngster who experienced the death of a brother and his father and, yet, who received no counseling or sympathy from the mission. When he did attempt to sneak home, he was caught and beaten with a razor strap. The youngster survived, but his self-esteem and pride were forever stunted.

Growing up in Kyle, Giago laments the fact that Lakota people were quite self-sufficient and had not grown totally dependent upon the federal government. He writes that after taking stock of those classmates he grew up with, he realized that many have since died.

Giago recounts many anecdotes of people who touched his life and who were also products of the mission boarding school experience. One such individual was Agnes Yellow Boy who was the backbone of Lakota society and who worried about the social fabric of reservation life. Giago said, "It was freezing cold that night as I stood in front of her cabin to do my stand-up close on this Christmas special. As I looked into the camera and talked about Agnes and about our friendship over the years, I was grateful that the cold wind disguised my tears."

Giago tells the story of Albert Rokey who was a maintenance man at Holy Rosary Mission and who apparently enticed young girls into his room and sexually assaulted them. He never knew if Rokey was ever punished for his horrible deeds.

Other aspects of mission boarding school life as portrayed by Giago give testimony to their authenticity. The older boys having a place to smoke, finding ways to send a note to a special girl or getting in on 'bun time' are all memories that lend credence to a sometimes lonely experience.

In the eleventh grade, he successfully ran away from the Mission and eventually made it back to family and Rapid City. It was a decision he never regretted as a year later he traveled the world while in the U. S. Navy.

"Children Left Behind" in part, describes the precursor to the troubling landscape that is currently being litigated and that has plagued the lives of countless Lakota youth who have attended Mission schools. There are lessons to learn from this work as sometimes a simple apology is needed but never offered. Whether it is historical and generational trauma or Mission boarding schools which have played their part in forever altering the lives of many Lakota youth, this published work is an important step in the continuing dialogue of respecting the traditions, spirituality, and way of life of the Lakota.

Giago is an accomplished columnist having perfected his craft through experience and sheer conviction and it shows through in this work. This writing has as its foundation poems which authenticate the often times humorous and other times sad reference to Lakota lives that have littered the landscape. The mission boarding school experience is becoming a distant memory for the younger set and this published work will reiterate those troubled times.

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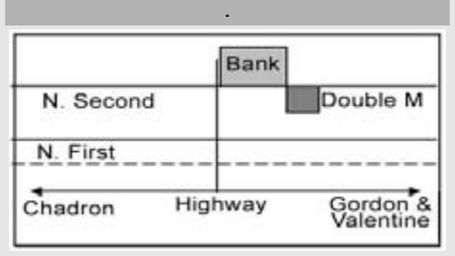


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ASK ANNA

Psychic ~ Clairvoyant

Why does it takes so long to heal after losing someone

Dear Anna,

First of all, I would like to wish you happy holidays and hope you have a Happy New Year! I am writing to you Anna, in hopes that you can help me find some answers and some type of closure.

Two years ago, I lost someone that I love more than words can say. He was my best friend, my love and everything to me. We were very close to one another and there were no secrets between the two of us. We told one another everything and he was my shoulder to lean on. He encouraged me to go through with whatever I put my mind to and whenever I doubted myself he was there for me.

Anna, I have cried just about single day since that morning I found out my best friend was killed. From the moment I heard he was gone I had this empty feeling inside that has never gone away.

I have talked to numerous people about his death and looked for a way to stop the pain that I feel deep inside. I've searched for my closure to his death but everyone has told me the same thing. They have told me that only time can heal my pain and that I need to let go and move on.

This is where its complicated for me Anna. I don't know what the hell they are talking about. I have gone on with my life and do everything I have said I was going to do. How am I suppose to let go and move on? I just don't understand. I have gone on with my life but lately, I've doubted myself and the road I'm on. I don't' know what I'm doing anymore and I feel so lonely. I go around other people and I laugh and I joke with them so no one knows that I'm in pain.

I know that I am depressed because I have talked with someone about all this. This person told me that I need to deal with my best friends' death and that maybe I should think about going to grief counseling.

The only problem with that is that I'm not ready to deal with all this. Anna, I miss him so much! I swear sometimes I smell his cologne in the air and it bring tears to me eyes. Or I hear a song that brings back so many memories of our past and I cry uncontrollably. I don't even want to go back to the rez sometimes because I feel even more lonesome and lost whenever I do.

I am a single mother and I am doing the best I can to provide for my little one but times are hard. I'm struggling with bills and living paycheck to paycheck. My daughter is my best friend's goddaughter and we baptized her two months before he died.

She was only five weeks old when we baptized her. Her biological father didn't want anything to do with her and he hasn't been there since day one. So I chose my best friend to be her godfather because I knew he would be the perfect example of what a father is and should be for her. He was suppose to be the father she doesn't have.

I remember one night we were talking, my best friend and I. He told me that when he held her that day we baptized her, he couldn't help but think to himself. "You should have belonged to me.

You should've been my baby." When he told me that, I told him that was something I thought about all the time and that was why I chose him to be her godfather. We talked about her future and the things she would have.

I remember that night he told me that she would never want for nothing, he said. He told me that I would never have to worry about getting her the things she needs because he was going to be there to help me. Now that he's gone I have been going through with the child support issue with her father because I need help paying for her daycare and buying her clothes.

Whenever she needs something, I remember what my best friend told me and I just want to cry. I think about what he said and wonder, "Where are you?" Now that I need you, where are you?" In my heart I ask, why? There are billion people in this world and Tunkshila took him.

I remember the night we were talking about my daughter's future we made a promise to each other. We promised that in five years time if we haven't married anyone or found the right person than we would marry each other. Sounds just like 'my best friend's wedding," doesn't it? Yeah, just what people say whenever I tell them about our promise.

Now that he's gone, I haven't been able to get close to anyone else. My relationships haven't lasted long and I have come to believe that I'm gong to be alone until my time comes to join all the people I have lost in life. I have accepted that and I know that he wouldn't want me to wait for him. Anna, I don't know what I'm asking of you but I felt I should turn to you for some kind of help. I miss him so much and I have been so lost without him. What do you see ahead of me Anna? I don't know anymore. I am falling apart without him and I don't know what to do. I need your help.

Lost and Lonely

Dear L & L:

You are in about the sixth stage of grief, out of a possible 12 major steps. About half way. Here are the problems:

Remember, the truth is that you and your best friend would have become intimate lovers, and not in five years. You were working that out when he died. It would have happened really fast; but as luck, Tunkshila, God and your best friend's soul all agreed to, it wasn't his turn to share more life time with anyone on the physical level; instead, it was his time to leave the earth and teach us through his life and his death.

In other words: You miss the lover you almost had. He has a romantic spark, an untainted memory, a relationship that was perfect with no anger, no flaws, and no realization to it either. He was your friend. He did love you.

He would have been your lover, and after getting to know each other at that level, the honey moon would have worn off and a less perfect man would have appeared. Don't idealize him. He had problems. He had too much time spent with substances. He had bad relationships in his past. He had career future choices in turmoil (he didn't know what he really wanted to do or be). He was a man.

Don't make him so perfect in your head that no other living mortal man can compete. That is reality check number one.

Number two: He isn't here anymore. At least, in the physical sense of the word. Your daughter cannot depend on him. You cannot depend on him either. Yes, he still loves you, yes - he still checks in on you (you do smell him, that is real), yes, love is real - but partnership, at the physical level and in this physical time-space continuum is not going to happen. Consider this: he is available to help you from the other side. When and if that is necessary. Don't be selfish and assume his time with the teachers and relatives he is with on the other side - don't call him in to amuse yourself. Don't selfishly demand that he pay attention to your pain, so that he has no time for focus elsewhere.

Instead, trust that he will check in on you. Trust that if you need him he will know that and visit to see if there is information or help he can convey for you from the spiritual realm.

Now, for his highest good and yours, understand what it means to let him go. He must go, and you and all of us, will eventually join him on our journey to the next level of life, when we leave our physical bodies. Until then, re-focus.

Know, that since everything is in Divine Order, and your friend was taken for his, yours and every ones highest good, the only thing that keeps you from peace in his passing is your decision that your loss is greater and more immediate than his choices in his journey.

You are nothing more than physically separated from him. Think of him as though he were in another room, in another country, on the other side of the world. You can still know he is around, but he doesn't have to be in your daily life for you to feel okay with out seeing him.

All we ever have from each other in this world in love. Yes, you say to me, but my daughter won't have the benefit of getting to know him, playing with him, laughing with him, etc.

Then I say to you, tell your daughter that there are such people in the world, then know that love, which is what he would give to your daughter, is still being given to her from him on the other side.

Then also know, that the physical interaction that he would have provided in your dream time perfect version of a world is still available with brothers, sisters, aunties, uncles and other friends.

Expand your horizons and breath him out of longing.

I know you. I know this hurts. I know it just ain't right. I know all of that; but I am telling you this: It is. We cannot change it. We have to learn to live with it, because it is an unconscienable sin to plague the ones that we love that have left us with our grief and our despair.

We burden them.

We have to stop that. They do not need to feel bad about us because they had to leave. This is the true meaning of the word pitiful. We as humans are pitiful in our understanding of God (Tunksila), and the Great Plan that is life. We are pitiful.

Understand that we must learn to be okay with that which is Gods Plan. Why? Because it is. God did not want us to suffer for our coming or our going. Each is a blessing. Each is a reality.

As we get closer and clearer in our understanding of Spirit, of God, and accepting life as a gift we get further and further away from grief.

We all grieve for those we love when they pass. We miss them. We get angry with them for leaving us. But, we can't change it, so we have to accept it. In order to accept it we must first understand that it is part of God's Plan and therefore, somehow, wonderful and perfect.

It's a journey to get to be as smart and loving and kind and wonderful as God is. None of us yet have made it - so we grieve. When we get to be as smart and good as God, then we will quit grieving, because we will understand the life cycle completely.

Until then, go through your stages of grief: Denial or "saintdom" (the dead are always perfect in our memories), realization of separation and feelings of abandonment (the seeds of anger), frustration with the loss of a plan (acceptance of change), loving in honesty, thankfulness for having shared the time and place of the earth together, and finally - release, without the dead feeling badly for getting on with their lives.

It's a journey. It's hard and it's sad. Live your life with the living and pray for the gone. Live now, it's all you have, and quit putting yourself in the way of a better life. You are strong, beautiful, funny, very hard working and cute. There is a good man coming and he will laugh with you every night for the rest of your lives together. Pick up your chin, tell your best friend syanora (see you later), and open up for love.

Looking for lost Mustang jacket

Dear Anna,

I enjoy reading your column all the time weekly. I was wondering if you can help me find out where I lost my boyfriend's jacket. It's a black, blue Little Wound Mustangs jacket with his name on it. On Dec. 15, I and my boyfriend, his niece and her boyfriend were drinking and I remember using his jacket that night. Then I took his jacket off, put it on his bed downstairs. That was the last time we seen the jacket. Can you please help me find his jacket, please.?

Looking for jacket

Dear Looking:

I don't think it made it to the bed downstairs. I see it being sat on on the ground to keep someone more comfortable outside. Remember?

I think it has been snagged by another person. It may turn up but it feels like that will be quite a while from now. Another girl has it and she will give it to another guy.

Better save your pennies, nickles, dimes and dollars to replace his jacket. There's a lesson here somewhere - any idea who it might be for and what it is?

Think. Why?

I feel lonely and depressed, what's going on with me

Dear Anna,

I would like to ask you a few questions. I been lonely lately and I don't know what is really going on with me but I feel like I am depressed.

I have no patience with any thing right now there is a lot of stuff going on with me but the good thing is that I got another job and I'm very happy with that.

I just don't know maybe you can help. Would I get better at my job do you see me working here for a while do you see my life getting better

Dazed and confused

Dear Dazed and Confused:

Yes. There seems to be some depression. Please see a gynecologist, it feels hormonal and ovarian related.

Also, as soon as possible start an exercise routine, cut out on sweet carbs, and start singing and dancing when you are alone.

Your job is good. You will get better, you will do better, you will prosper, and next year you will even get considered for another position.

Work, exercise, lower carbs, hormonal balancing and then many good things, including love, will come into your life.

Good Luck.

Depression this time of the year

Dear Anna,

Why does it seem people get depressed about this time of the year?

Just a question

Dear Just a question:

Most people suffer from the "horribles." Most people are never happy with what and where they are. Most people say: I will be happy when_____ (I find the perfect mate, when I get married, when I get a better job, when I have another child, when I make more money, when I get a better car, when I get a new house, when...when...when).

This is more prevalent during the holidays. We all want the fantasy Christmas, with everyone and everything picture perfect. What usually transpires is more realistic than fantasy and people tend to feel like failures for not achieving the retaily marketed and packaged by fantasy hallmark holiday.

We can prevent this plunge into the abyss of "never enoughness" by living in the love of the moment, appreciation for the quirkiness of today and the sense of humor of the Creator. We can teach our children this way of living and then they will never have to live in the comparative (how did I do at Christmas in comparison to others) reality of the flash and grab ya Christmas spirit.

I say this, because this year, for the first time in my life, agreed to - with and by my Children and complied to by the Creator, the only Christmas gifts we gave in our family could not be wrapped.

They had to be invisible, and you couldn't taste them either. We just gave love, consideration, and joy to each other - for the whole day, and hopefully, for our whole lives.

Try it, it's cheap, it's fun, and it didn't hurt a bit. It changed significantly how Christmas felt and what it is about. It brought it back to love of family and humor. It was the best Christmas EVER.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

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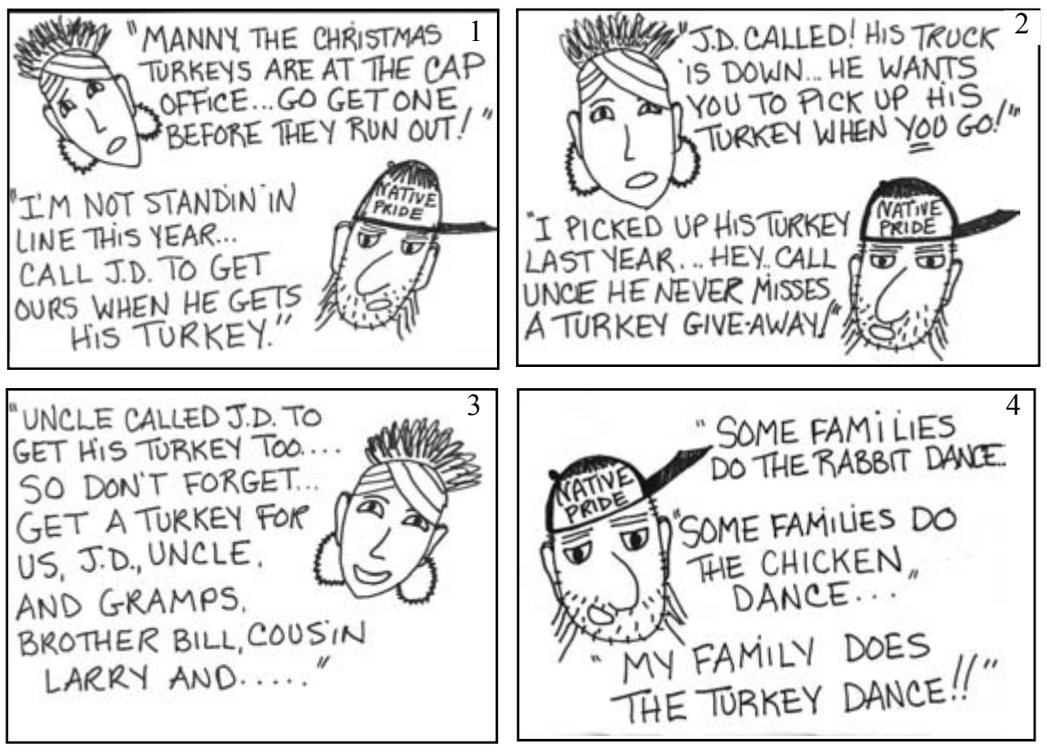


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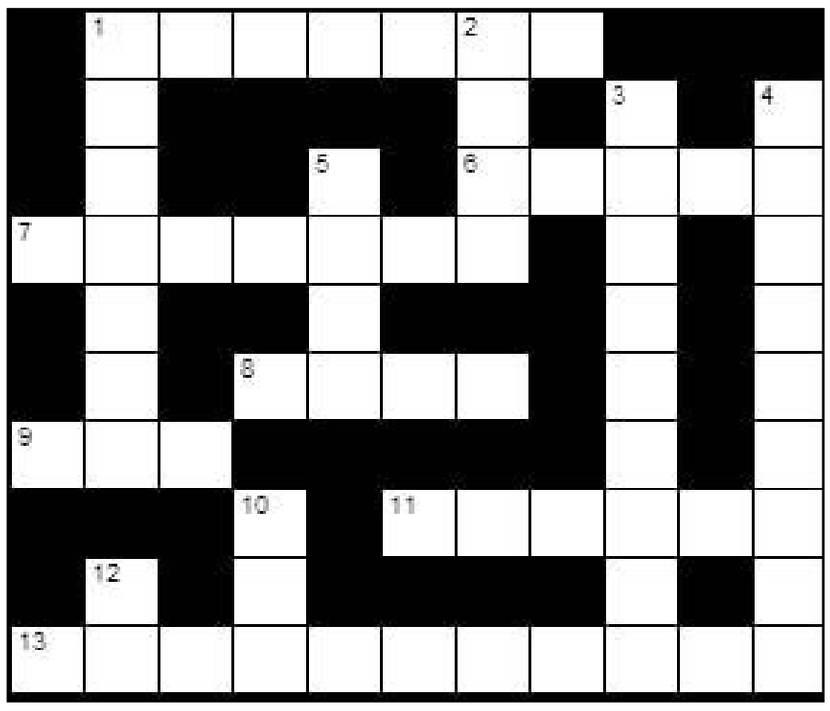


Crossword Puzzle

(answers in next week's issue)

Across
1. star
6. door
7. dishes
8. dirt
9. tree
11. fire place
13. fork

Down
1. flower
2. fire
3. sky
4. moon
5. wrinkle
10. bald
12. foot



Flying By sentenced for embezzlement

PIERRE (AP) - A former official from the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation has been given a 33-month prison term for stealing money that came from the federal government as repayment for land that was flooded when Lake Oahe was built.

Allen Flying By, 50, of Little Eagle, was convicted on several counts of embezzlement and theft involving money given to the tribe's Running Antelope District, according to federal prosecutors.

At least a half dozen other district officials were found guilty earlier for taking illegal payments for unauthorized travel, consulting fees, loans and other things.

Answers from last week's puzzle



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Patrick H. Twiss, 64..... Manderson
Kayloni White Eagle, infant... Eagle Butte

Gloria E. Vanatta

DEERWOOD, MINN. - Gloria E. Vanatta, Deerwood, 79, died Friday, Dec. 29 at her home. She was born Feb. 15, 1928 on the Pine Ridge Reservation in Bennett County, in South Dakota to Howard Joseph and Alvina Marie (Gallago) Graham. She had work as a ward clerk at the Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kan. for many years.

Survivors include her son Steven Lowe of Grosse Ile, Michigan, daughter Bonnie Rae Lowe of Deerwood, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren, sister Mary Burrite of Rapid City. She was preceded in death by three children David Hugh Lowe, Dana Keith Lowe and Mark Quentin Lowe, five brothers Hobert, Benjamin, Francis, John Paul, Joseph Graham and two sisters Alma and Florence.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at the home with a Rosary service. Funeral services were Thursday, Jan.4, at her home in Deerwood with Fr. Howard Eisel officiating. Burial will be in the St. Peter's Catholic Church Cemetery in Manderson.

Arrangements are with Halvorson-Johnson Funeral Home.

Ivan White Butterfly Sr.

MANDERSON - Ivan White Butterfly Sr., 40, died Dec. 29 at Manderson.

Survivors include his wife Alta White Plume, Manderson; mother Vivian White Butterfly-Broken Leg of Hot Springs; sons Ivan White Butterfly, Jr., TaWapaha Luta White Butter Fly, Tatanka He Luta White Plume, Marlin White Plume, Michael White Plume, and Chauncey Brown, Jr., all of Manderson; daughters Leslie White Butterfly and Michelle White Plume both of Manderson; mother Vivian White Butterfly, Manderson; sister Tanya White Butterfly, Manderson and 11 grandchildren.

A two-night wake begins Thursday, Jan. 4 at the Wounded Knee District School at Manderson.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 at the Wounded Knee District School.

Officiating will be Rev. Darrell New with traditional Lakota services by Alex White Plume and Rocky Afraid of Hawk

Burial will be at St. Mark's Episcopal Cemetery, Rockyford.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Morris H. Holy Rock, Sr.

MANDERSON - Morris H. Holy Rock Sr., 76, died Dec. 30 at the Rapid City Regional Hospital of natural causes.

Survivors include sons Gaylon Holy Rock, Rapid City and Morris Holy Rock, Jr., Manderson; daughter Meredith Holy Rock, Manderson and 13 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A two-night wake begins Wednesday, Jan.3 at St. Agnes Catholic Hall, Manderson.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan.5, at St. Agnes Church Hall with Rev. Rhoda Mesteth officiating.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Episcopal Cemetery, Grass Creek.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Rochele Bald Eagle Bear

WANBLEE - Rochele Bald Eagle Bear, 32, died Dec.24 at Portland, Ore of natural causes.

Among survivors are her father Richard Bald Eagle Bear of Wanblee and her mother Mary Pretty Bird of Portland, Ore.

A two night wake services was Sunday, Dec. 31 at the Wanblee CAP office in Wanblee.

Funeral services were Jan. 2, at the Wanblee CAP office.

Officiating was Rev. Tom O'Niell will burial at St . Ignatius Catholic Cemetery, Wanblee.

James Black Bear

MANDERSON - James Black Bear, 54, died Dec. 26 at Manderson of natural causes.

Survivors include a brother Tony Black Bear, Manderson and a sister Betty Black Bear, Manderson.

A two night wake was Saturday, Dec. 30 at the St. Agnes Catholic Hall, Manderson.

Funeral services were Jan. 1, at the St. Agnes Catholic Hall.

Officiating wasRev. Tom O'Neill with traditional Lakota services by Vernal Cross, Jr.

Burial was at St. Agnes Catholic Cemetery, Manderson.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Michael N. Patton

PINE RIDGE -- Michael N. Patton, 21, Pine Ridge, died Wednesday, Dec. 27 in Batesland as a result of an automobile accident. Survivors include one son, Donta Patton, Pine Ridge; one daughter, Kaitlyn Patton, Pine Ridge; his parents, Doug Patton Sr. and Rilda Patton, both of Pine Ridge; two brothers, Shawn Patton and Doug Patton Jr., both of Porcupine; and two sisters, Renee Anne Rogers, Rosebud, and Alisha Patton, Pine Ridge. Wake services were Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall in Pine Ridge. Funeral services were Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the church, with the Rev. Steve Sanford officiating. Burial was at Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery in Pine Ridge. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Benjamin Quick Bear

CUSTER - Benjamin Quick Bear, 63, Custer, died Sunday, Dec. 31, in Sioux Falls. Survivors include his wife, Mert Howard-Quick Bear, Custer; one brother, Robert Swimmer, St. Louis, Mo.; and one sister, Jackie Flores, Rapid City. Arrangements are pending with Kirk Funeral Home of Rapid City.

Vetal Romero

WANBLEE -- Vetal Romero, 91, Wanblee, died Saturday, Dec. 30, at Kadoka Nursing Home. Survivors include two sons, Al Romero and Ferdinand Romero, both of Wanblee; one daughter, Iris Bearheels, Kadoka; 23 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Sophia Romero, Wanblee. His wife, Nancy, preceded him in death. Visitation was Monday, Jan. 1, with a prayer service at Presbyterian Church in Kadoka. Funeral services were Tuesday, Jan. 2, at the church with the Rev. Gary McCubbin officiating. Burial was at the Romero Family Cemetery near Wanblee. A memorial is established. Rush Funeral Chapel in Kadoka is in charge of arrangements.

Lillian Bad Hand

RAPID CITY -- Lillian Bad Hand, 81, Rapid City, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, at her home. Survivors include nine children, Lois Blackmon, Darrel Brushbreaker Sr., Ida Terry, Gail Jones, Tommy Holy Eagle and Alicia Kills Small, all of Rapid City, Georgeline Sparks, Randallstown, Md., Winter Meadows, Decatur, Ga., and Tonya Fatt, Salt Lake City; seven siblings, Ruth Yellow Eagle, Hazel Feole, Marie Jackson and Charlotte Neal, all of Rapid City, Edith White, McLaughlin, Everett Poor Thunder, Red Shirt Table, and Ethel Smith, Tacoma, Wash.; 26 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Wake services were Monday, Jan. 1 at Mother Butler Center in Rapid City, with a prayer service. Funeral services were Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Mother Butler Center, with Sister Susan Pohl officiating. Burial was at Pine Lawn Memorial Park in Rapid City.

William Kurt Andrews Sr.

WANBLEE - William Kurt Andrews Sr., 48, died Dec. 22, at his home in Wanblee. Kurt was born on Aug. 6, 1958, to David Andrews and Eleanor Young in Rosebud. Grateful for having shared his life are his 13 children, sons, Dave, Erik, Kevin, Koko, Jesse, Joe, William Jr., and Sterling. Daughters, Serena, Mary, Roseanna, Pricilla, and Amber, 18 grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, four brothers, Dave Andrews, Chris Andrews, Bernard Andrews, Brady Andrews, two sisters, Gretchen Andrews and Pamela Rodriguez, his special friend Crissencia Little Killer. Kurt will be missed dearly by all that knew him and his big heart.

He loved all his family and friends and especially all his children and grandchildren. Kurt was preceded in death by his mother Eleanor Andrews, his dad David Andrews, his sister Lisa LaDeaux, his grandson William, and his nephew Manuel Bald Eagle.

Wake services were Dec. 28 at Mission.

Funeral services were Dec. 30 at the Bishop Harold Jones Building with burial at St. Mark's Cemetery in Parmelee. Traditional services were by Roy Stone and Russell Eagle Bear.

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I see the countless Christmas Trees
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Like heaven's stars
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The sight is so spectacular
Please wipe away that tear
For I am spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year
I hear the many Christmas songs
That people hold so dear
But the sounds of music can't compare
With the Christmas choir up here
I have no words to tell you
The joy their voices bring
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To hear the angels sing
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I see the pain inside your heart
But I am not so far away
We really aren't apart
So be happy for me my loved ones
You know I hold you dear
And be happy I'm spending Christmas
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From my heavenly home above
I send you each a memory of My undying love
So have a Merry Christmas
And wipe away that tear
Remember I am spending Christmas With Jesus Christ this year.

Merry Christmas Ryan, We love and miss you so so much, it's hard to go on without you but were trying, everybody misses you and your crazy ways. Your our Christmas Angel, We'll love you always!!! Dad, Mom, Gina, Rob & lil Cyrus....oh and legend too.

Memorial Dinner
A memorial dinner for Minnie Thunder Hawk
Jan. 2, 1935 - Dec. 31, 2005
We are coming together a year later to be with family and friends at the Cap House in Wanblee, S.D. on Jan. 6, 2007 at 2 p.m.

Ka'Shawn Stanley Pederson

CHERRY CREEK - Ka'Shawn Stanley Pederson, infant son of Cody Pederson and Stephanie Looking Horse of Cherry Creek, died Monday, Dec. 25, at his home. Wake services were Dec. 29 at H.V. Johnston Cultural Center in Eagle Butte. Funeral services were Saturday, Dec. 30, at the cultural center, with Richard Charging Eagle officiating. Burial was at Looking Horse Cemetery in Green Grass. Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

Patrick H. Twiss

MANDERSON - Patrick H. Twiss, 64, Manderson, died Monday, Dec. 25, in Manderson. He served in the U.S. Navy. Survivors include four daughters, Nicole Twiss, Pickstown, and Darlene Twiss-Thomas, Michelle Twiss and Angela Twiss, all of Philadelphia, Miss.; three brothers, Joe Twiss, Hot Springs, Rudy Twiss, Pine Ridge, and Artie Twiss, Rapid City; five sisters, Catherine Clifford, Pine Ridge, Phyllis Lyda, Endora, Kan., Elvira Twiss, Manderson, Eldene Twiss, Denver, and Marilyn Twiss, Rapid City. Funeral services were Friday, Dec. 29, at St. Agnes Catholic Hall in Manderson, with the Rev. Tom O'Neil officiating. Burial was Friday at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Kayloni Lynn White Eagle

EAGLE BUTTE - Kayloni Lynn White Eagle, infant daughter of Jocelyn Fast Horse and Carl White Eagle of Eagle Butte, was stillborn Friday, Dec. 22, in Pierre. Funeral services were Friday, Dec. 29, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Eagle Butte, with Mother Marion Rectenwald officiating. Burial was at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in La Plant. Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.



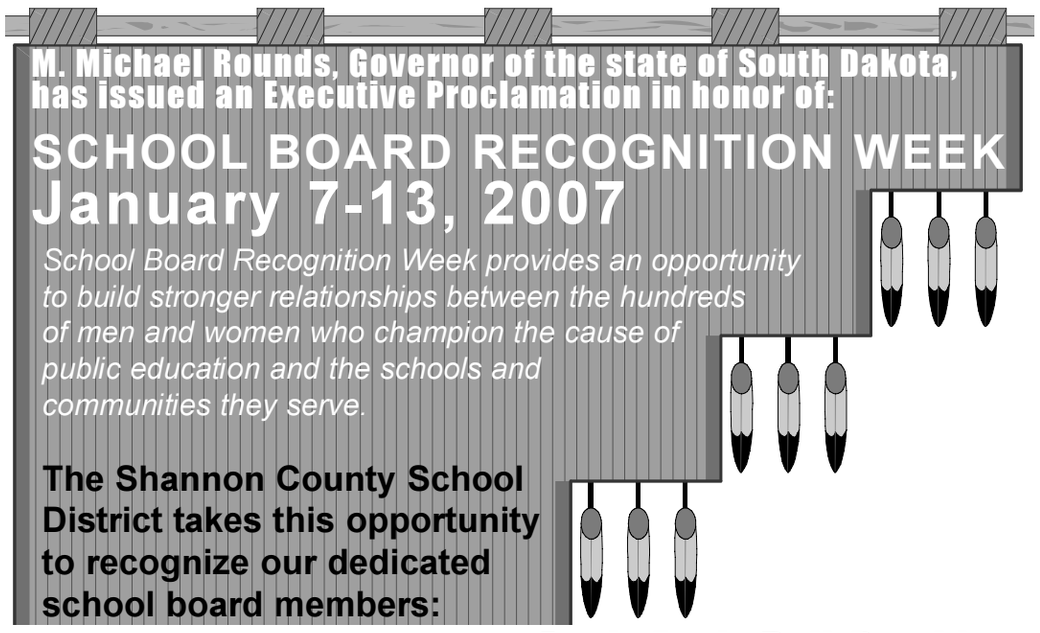
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Happy Birthday to
Lorraine Janis on Dec. 30
Love you so much, your mother
Margie Janis.

Happy Birthday to my mamma Lorraine, on Dec. 30
Love U Mamma, Love Siara

Joyous and Happy Holidays to: Ken Lone Elk and Administration May the New Year be strong & Bright. Happy New Year Oglala Sioux Lakota Staff & Employees Verdell Jake Yellow Horse

**I would like to wish the Yellow Horse family in RC a Happy New Year!
Love,
Marissa Yellow Horse**

Happy Belated Birthday to our cousins, Ashanti Fire Thunder & Laney Thunderbull on 12-23-06. Hope you girls had fun! Lariana & Larissa Richards

Happy Bi rthday
Warren Pourier on Dec. 26.
Love you, your Auntie Margie Janis

Happy Birthday to my sister Lorraine (Judy) Swallow!
Wishes to you Sis,
Love you
Margie Janis

I would like to wish all my children & Takojas Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! especially my baby who is in heaven with the good angels
Mom Sisco

**I would like to say Happy New Year to J.S. from: A.
Thank you for being there for me.
Much love**

**Happy 13th Birthday
Kitty Rose Brown. We love you very much
Jon & Rose Little Thunder**

Happy 6th Birthday
Shawntyana Brown
I love you very much!
Your mom,
Rose Brown

I would like to wish my favorite Aunt Twila & Uncle Bob a Happy New Year!
From Paige
P.S. don't get 2 wild

Happy Birthday to my Bro Tom Tom Tools on January 19, 2007. Have A Good One! love you, Sheila Plenty Arrows

Happy New Years to Everyone in Wanblee at Houses 1472 and 220. from Kitty Rose

**Happy Birthday to
Shawn tyana Brown
from all your family.**

I would like to thank Candace Brewer/Elliott for being there for me, as a wife and best friend. I would also like to thank Carol & Jamie Big Crow for always being there for our family. I love you and Merry C hristmas and a Happy New Year.
George Elliott

**All of us at Little Wound Middle School would like to send out our best wishes to two of our staff who just tied the knot. The first one is Jackie Rouillard. She is now married to Mathew Eagle Heart on Nov. 10th Congratulations Jackie & Matt!
also: Lynn Hernandez on Dec. 22 who is now married to Luke Dubray. Congratulations to Lynn & Luke Dubray. Best wishes for the New Year. To the two men...you got some hard working good women on your hands.**

Happy New Year to my daughter Thea Olivia Dawn DuBray. I hope this new year bring us happiness & joy! love you,
Mom, Brooks D.

**Happy New Year to my Mom Lorena Brave Hawk!
A new year mom. Let's make the best of it. Stay Strong. love you,
Brooks Dubray**

**I would like to wish a Happy New Year to these kind, loving, understanding, greatful people in my life.
Michelle Randall
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Thanks for 2006! and all you do for me.**

Happy New Years to all my friends: Tammy Janis
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Angel Eagle Hawk
Billy Janis
David Janis
Kelly C.
Dune Bug
With much love and respect, your home boy Joe Starr.

Congrads to Kerrie Janis on the birth of her baby girl, Whitney Lilian on December 11, 2006. Hope you enjoy your Baby Doll. Love, Lorie B.

**Congratulations to Ms. Melanie Brewer on the birth of her baby boy Cruise Wayne on December 19, 2006 at 5:58 pm. 8 lbs. 2 oz 21" long
From: Everyone at Lil' Angel's**

**Congrads to Kerrie Janis on the Birth of her baby girl Whitney on Dec. 11, 2006.Hope you enjoy your baby. Love,
your family in K-town**

I would like to say Happy Holidays to Emmy, Jodi,Quetta Roullard, Arlend Richard, William Brewer, Jeanette,Lloyd Johnson and Robert and Melissa Poncho and Tash and everybody. Hope you all have a happy and safe holiday. Have fun but not too much fun.

I would like to wish a Merry Christmas to the Big Crow family. For a decade they've made holidays for my family wonderful. I would like to say Thank you!

Happy New Year to my grandma JoAnn Rooks-Don't celebrate too hard! Love,
Ciara

Happy New Year to Ryan & Jesse Peniska and Mary Short Horn. May the New Year bring you happiness. We are proud of the work you do in school, keep up the good grades, We know you kids are smart and respectful, we love you.
From your parents
Greg & Donna Peniska
in Kyle, SD.

**Congratulations to my best brother Mark Apple on the new arrival of his son Cruise Wayne. I love you brother and nephew
love sister & Auntie Crystal A.**

**Happy Birthday
Bill Dubray
from your Auntie Amanada and the Lakota Country Times Staff.**

Happy Birthday to brother Glenn Smith in Martin SD! Won't embarrass you by saying just how old you really are... lets just say...skip the candles on the cake this year... fire insurance is getting expensive!
love you,
your sister Connie

To Mike,
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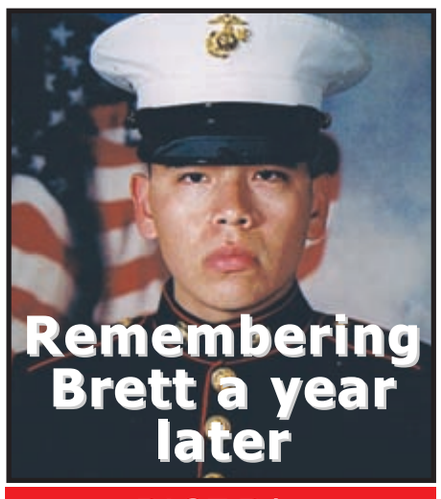
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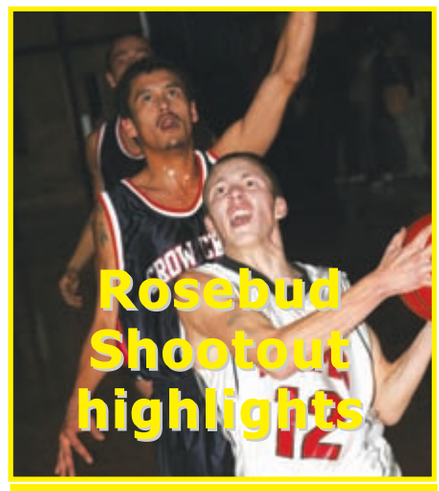
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OST council selects executive board

Eagle Elk, Waters, Pourier selected, votes to continue current administration

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

KYLE - "Alex White Plume came out to this meeting this morning and asked that we postpone this meeting until the election has been reviewed and a decision is made on how to rectify the problems created by the past council and election board," said John Steele, tribal president, to the tribal council gathered in Kyle to elect a new executive board on Tuesday, "Alex is planning on having a meeting with the elders in Pine Ridge today and would like us to wait for the election review before we select the executive board."

First by a show of hands and later on in the meeting more formally, the council voted 18-0 to continue the meeting; Cora Whiting, council representative from Medicine Root made a motion to continue the meeting and the business of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, it was seconded by Craig Dillon and Don Garnier.

Following lunch, the council opened the floor up to three candidates running for secretary of the tribe; the two term incumbent, Rhonda Two Eagle distributed a booklet that documented every decision the council made over the past four years and talked about future plans and frustrations about a lack of financial resources to do the job right; Elizabeth Waters spoke briefly about her experience and her interest in working very closely with each member of the council and Lydia Bear Killer, past council representative from Pass Creek District talked about her experience and the importance of the council. Waters won a first ballot election with 10 votes, Two Eagle finished with six and Bear Killer had two.

Five candidates threw their hat in the ring for treasurer; candidates included the incumbent Crystal Eagle Elk, two time treasurer Dave Rabbit, Elizabeth Morrison, past council representative Walt Big Crow and past council representative and past finance committee chair Juanita Scherich. Eagle Elk received nine votes on the first ballot, Big Crow four, Scherich and Rabbit two each and Morrison one. Eagle Elk was selected as treasurer again on the second ballot receiving 14 votes to four for Big Crow.

Six tribal members ran for fifth member with Dennis King, past vice president opening the presentations. Additional candidates included Doug Bissonette and past council representatives Bernard White Face, Gerald Big Crow, Alvin Slow Bear and the incumbent Dave Pourier. Pourier was the top vote getter after the first ballot with seven votes; Slow Bear and White Face each received three, Bissonette and Big Crow received two each and King earned one. In the run-off Pourier received nine, White Face five and Slow Bear three. Pourier was declared

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KINI 96.1 FM to celebrate 29 years

By Archie B. Beauvais
Time Correspondent

ST. FRANCIS - KINI FM radio at 96.1 is making preliminary preparations for its "29th" birthday celebration on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 19-21 with a powwow and sobriety dance. What is unique about this birthday party is that it is occurring one year prior to its 30th birthday. Logically one would wait for an even decade number, but Richard Iyotte station manager, said that the celebration would serve as good practice for next year's follow-up affair.

He said, "KINI is proud of the service it provides. The timing of the event, there isn't much happening then…We're looking for people to support us. I hope they show up." There will be door prizes, day money for drums, and buffalo soup."



KINI FM radio station on the south edge of St. Francis currently has seven employees. With recent equipment upgrades the station now offers its listeners automated music, especially after hours, when live 'deejays' are not on the airwaves. KINI is celebrating 29 years of broadcasting country and western music, contemporary Native music, and traditional Lakota music in addition to some great sports coverage. A birthday celebration will be held at Digmann Hall.

KINI was originally created through the hard work of Father Joseph Gill and other community members. Early deejays included, Mark Iyotte, Rob Whipple, Bernard Whiting, Jr. Lloyd B. One Star, Sr. to name a few.

The traditional powwow will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20 and continue on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Digmann Hall. The sobriety dance is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday at Digmann Hall with an admission fee of $3.00 and $5.00. It will feature local bands with concessions available.

On Saturday at 12 p.m. there will be a blessing of the Ici Mani Ya Waste' recreation center by Father John Hatcher and Mike Cross of Kyle. All are welcome to take a tour of the new center which features study space, a reference library for high school students, a pool table and office space for the center.

On Sunday there will be an inculturated mass at St. Charles Church at 11:15 a.m. with lunch served at 12:30 p.m. at Digmann Hall.

KINI is owned and operated by St. Francis Mission and its evolution has seen many deejays, managers and support staff working hard to make it the viable institution that it is today. The station reaches out to thousands of listeners on the Rosebud and the middle to eastern edge of the Pine Ridge reservation. It can also be accessed well beyond Interstate 90 to the north and into

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TWO SECTIONS

After 26 years, Martin man seeks second chance

Parole board on his side, but two South Dakota governors have said no

By Peter Harriman
Sioux Falls Argus Leader
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MARTIN - In January, 1981, Timothy Caffrey of Martin put a .25-caliber handgun to the side of his father's head and pulled the trigger. Then he shot him again, stole the dead man's money and set out to cover up the crime.

It was, he concedes, a methodical act, one driven by what he viewed as a father turned irrational by alcohol abuse who wanted to part ways with the son because of Caffrey's own drug abuse as a teenager.

Caffrey didn't want that to happen.

Twenty-six years later, it remains Caffrey's defining act.

After having a first-degree murder conviction overturned and subsequently pleading guilty to manslaughter, Caffrey has been serving a sentence of life without parole in the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

The state parole board has recommended that the sentence be softened to allow Caffrey to one day get out. But Gov. Mike Rounds - advised by an attorney general who says Caffrey is a cold-blooded killer - has refused the change.

The heavy door to the visitor's lounge at the penitentiary slides open, and a lean man, now 44, with long black hair and an exaggerated diamond-shaped goatee walks in.

The room calls to mind an aging motel lobby. Nothing in it suggests the regimented institutional life surrounding it, except most people here are wearing loose- fitting khaki uniforms bearing the stencil "inmate."

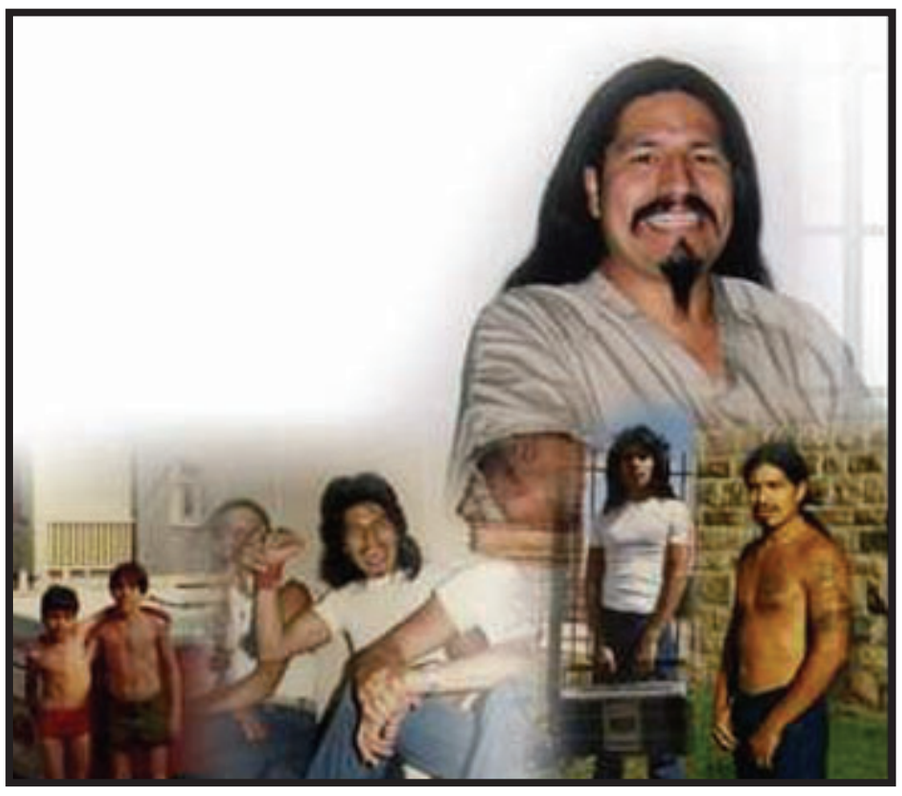
Whatever it lacks as a setting, it is all Tim Caffrey's got, and he takes a seat at a table and sets about what has become his life's work - convincing one more person he would not kill again if he were granted parole.

"When I was younger, this place never bothered me. I thought it was a big playground," he said.

It was Dec. 23 when he emerged from the two-week stay in the "fish tank" where new inmates are segregated and saw what the rest of his life would be.

He was 18.

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A handful of photos document the life of Timothy Caffrey. He was born in Pine Ridge and adopted by a Martin family. Caffrey grew from young adulthood to middle age as an inmate at the South Dakota Penitentiary. He was 17 in 1981 when he killed his father and pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

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the Nebraska sand hills southward.

"The Voice of the Rosebud Sioux Reservation" as often proclaimed by deejay Perry DeCory is heard around the clock now. It has undergone some recent renovations in office décor, while the studio equipment has been upgraded and is state-of-the art. KINI is able to create its own "automated" sound track that can be played after hours or on weekends, when there is no live programming occurring.

The other personnel at KINI include Mary Lee Fast Horse, Jennifer Charge On Him, Alice Starboy, receptionist, and deejay Roger Crow Eagle, Jr. Cynthia Crow Eagle serves as deejay on Sundays and can be heard playing 'oldies' from the 1950s and 60'.

The music format is a mix of contemporary country and western music with some traditional Lakota music, as well as contemporary Native American music. Local Lakota musicians who are often heard include, Jim Young, Walt Hernandez, Skeeter Leader Charge, Everett "Butch" Felix, Jackie Bird, Steve Leader Charge, Glen Old Lodge and Holly Dee to name a few.

KINI is asking for donations to fund its 29th birthday celebration and they may be sent to KINI at PO Box 499, St. Francis, SD 57570. KINI may be contacted at 605-747-2291.

OST council

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the winner, Ella John Carlow was excused so it took nine for a majority vote and the selection.

Blaine Little Thunder, Bernard White Face, Warren Eagle and the incumbent, Abraham Tobacco were nominated from the floor for the critic/sergeant at arms position. In the first ballot, Tobacco received eight, Little Thunder and White Face four each and Eagle one. On the second ballot, tobacco won with nine votes, White Face received five and Little Thunder three.

Attorney contracts were presented to the council: by a vote of 15-2 the council voted for a contract with Mario Gonzalez and a consortium of attorneys working on trust fund and trust asset mismanagement by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; by a vote of 16-1 the council approved a contract with Brett Shelton, voted 14-3 to approve a contract with Peter Capposella and with a vote of 13-4 approved a contract with George Patton who had been serving as tribal attorney for the past year.

After an introduction by Ruth Brown and some discussion, the council entertained a resolution to exempt the Oglala Sioux Parks and Recreation Authority from the ownership requirements under the 95:05 grazing ordinance waiving the competitive bidding requirement. The motion was made by Craig Dillon and seconded by Chuck Jacobs; after a nine to nine tie vote by the council, John Steele voted yes to the exemption.

The council voted 18-0 to continue the 2006 budget into 2007 and voted 14-4 to continue the general fund budget with some money to help KILI get back on the air.

The council through the education committee honored the two champions of the 30th annual Lakota Nation Invitational tournament last month. The Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes were honored with certificates and an honoring song by Cedric Young Bear and included Bill Mendoza, the coach, his assistants Nellie Long and Karl Swanson and the players Christian Janis, Nichelle Red Owl, Keish Brewer, Lacey Weston, Sophia Janis, Robin Webber, Saudia Tasso, Devon Red Cloud, Shaina Lays Bad, Amanda Catches, Aimee Pond, Delia Big Boy, Cassie Salway and Alysa Cottier and the cheerleading sponsor Helen Richards and cheerleaders Emily Lopez, Kimberly Hill, Victoria Iron Horn, Amber Yellow Bull and Marissa Little Hawk and student managers Justina Brown Eyes and Annie Cedar Face.

The Little Wound Mustangs were honored with certificates and an honoring song by Little Wound graduate Melvin Young Bear and included head coach Jamie Feather Earring and assistants Travis Brave Bird and John Derby and players Brice Hornbeck, Rich Big Boy, TJ McCauley, Shilo Pierce, Devon LeBeau, Casey Montileaux, Ace Amiotte, Vern Marshall, Dustin Shangreaux, Trin In The Woods, Napolean Lays Bad, student managers Arlin Cuny, Jacob Pourier and Brennan Montgomery and cher leading coordinator Sharon Running Hawk and cheerleaders Judy Red Willow, Paula Vocu, Kayla Iron Horse, April Rouillard, Wiyaka McNeil, Saudia Malik and Tonia Waldner.

The council also honored Evangeline Poor Bear, a young lady who had helped raise her younger brothers and sisters while continuing to attend Crazy Horse School in Wanblee. She has graduated and is now a freshman at Black Hills State majoring in political science and plans to attend law school and run for the US Senate.

The council will meet in the January regular session later this month.

AA Meetings

Every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Kateri Hall at the St. Agnes Church in Manderson, Everyone Welcome, call 867-2267 for information.

Grief Support Group

Meeting the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Kyle, for information call 455-2888.

Porcupine AA meeting

Every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Pahin Sinte College Center in Porcupine, for info call Janice at 867-5404.

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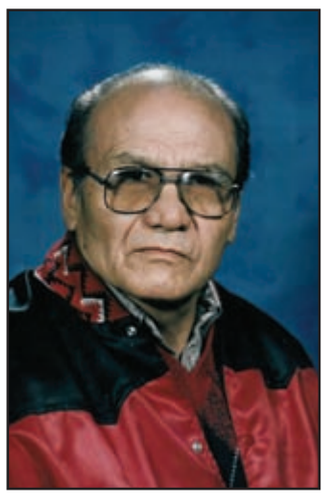
Meets on Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. in the basement of the old hospital coordinated by the OST Employee Assistance Program, for info call 867-1841.

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Developing a better understanding of the journey of the soul, Fridays at 7 p.m. at the Pine Ridge Village College Center.

Sicangu Chief Calvin Iron Shell, Sr. journeys to the 'spirit world'

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent



Calvin Iron Shell Sr.

ROSEBUD - Chief Calvin Iron Shell, Sr. passed away at age 73 on December 30, 2006 at the Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City, IA. He was born on the sovereign homelands of the Sicangu Lakota.

Wake services were held on Wednesday and Thursday, January 3 and 4 at the SGU multipurpose building. Wake services were then moved the Veteran's Memorial gym in St. Francis on Friday. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, his birthdate, at the Veteran's Memorial gym in St. Francis with Roy Stone, Sr. and Leonard Crow Dog offering traditional prayers. Graveside military rites were held by the Sicangu Lakota Warriors and the Todd County American Legion, while interment was at the Iron Shell cemetery in St. Francis.

Many friends and relatives came to say goodbye during wake services while singers sang traditional sun dance songs. A military role call for Chief Iron Shell was held at the Veteran's Memorial gym at 9:00 p.m. on Friday night. The traditional funeral was a reminder of the great loss that Lakota people experience when a leader like Chief Iron Shell passes into the spirit world.

Iron Shell was born in 1933 to Charles and Rosalie Iron Shell in Rosebud and attended school at St. Francis Mission until the tenth grade at which time he moved to Hastings, NEB with his family.

Calvin exemplified all that accompanies being a Lakota warrior as he served his country from 1950-54 and he was proud of his role as an airborne trooper. He served with the U.S. Army's 11th Cavalry during an atomic bomb test at Camp Desert Rock, NV. He then served three years of combat duty in Korea and was honorably discharged in 1954 and returned to Hastings, NEB.

Iron Shell, Sr. is well known for his coaching tenure and as an educator at St. Francis Indian School on the Rosebud Sioux reservation.

He also worked with the youth at Crow Creek High School, Marty Indian School, the Winnebago School system, Macy School system, and the Sioux City public schools.

With his master's degree in education in hand from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Chief Iron Shell apparently touched the lives of many people and often mentored the youth and represented a positive role model as he served in many capacities. He was a professional boxer, teacher, basketball coach, judge, superintendent, tutor and spiritual advisor according to his family.

Calvin married Carol Lorraine Davenport in 1966 in Denver, CO and from this union five children were born into the world. They are George Calvin, Calvin Robert, Jr., Jacqueline Rhea, SueAnn Rose and Rosalie Cora Iron Shell. He then married Norma Brave in 1980 and their three children are Charles Issaac, Theresa Marlene and Calvin Robert Iron Shell, III. Calvin married Rosalinda Leal in 1992.

SueAnn was the subject of a 2005 interview conducted by the Lakota Country Times in response to a request from Iron Shell, Sr. He was taking a proactive role as a concerned father in wishing to spread the word about diabetes and its devastating effects on the human body. SuaAnn was scheduled for a kidney transplant and Iron Shell, Sr. was making preparations for her surgery at the University of Nebraska in Omaha.

According to Calvin Iron Shell, Jr. SueAnn is in the need for another kidney transplant as the first attempt was not successful. Other family members are lining up as potential donors, he said.

It is noteworthy that Chief Iron Shell lived the traditional beliefs of the Lakota as a pipe carrier and a sundance leader.

He valued the traditional Lakota way of life and worked to protect, while at the same time passing it on to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His spirituality helped him to achieve a balance in his life and his family, all the while being respected by many people all over the world.

Former RST tribal president welcomed the opportunity to comment about his enduring friendship with Iron Shell, Sr. He said, "There was a café on main street in Mission run by Fred Belfany. Calvin sat down with me. He said, 'I want to move home' and I encouraged him to do that. He then said, 'I need an eagle' and lo and behold, the day before I had ridden my horse on a big hill south of Wood. There was an eagle sitting there. He must have died in his sleep. I left the eagle sitting there and the next morning, Iron Shell asked me. I said 'come on' and there was something special about that meeting. The eagle gave us that connection. I have tremendous respect for Iron Shell…He was a great individual and possessed discipline that he imposed on us around him. He was one 4-5 people who caused me to run for tribal president. In a word, he was a "warrior."

He is survived by brothers, Eugene Iron Shell, Sr., Fred "Butch" Iron Shell, and sisters, Marlene Iron Shell and Theresa Hiatt.

His children who are left to mourn include, George, Jackie, Calvin, Jr., SueAnn, Rosalie, Lisa White, Ronnie Roubideaux, Charles, Teresa, and Calvin III. Calvin, Sr. was the proud grandfather of 20 grandchildren and 5 great-granchildren.

Supreme Court upholds ruling that Oneida casino compact never ratified

NEW YORK - Members of Upstate Citizens for Equality on Monday supported filing a second lawsuit. The first suit sought only a ruling that the agreement between the state and the Oneida Indian Nation had never been ratified by the state Legislature and was thus invalid. A state judge ruled in UCE's favor in 2004, and the U.S. Supreme Court upheld that decision in December.

The new suit contemplated by UCE would ask a judge to order the casino closed until a new agreement was reached and ratified. UCE member and former group president Scott Peterman said he did not know when UCE would file the suit, but that it would be "as soon as possible."

Oneida nation spokesman Mark Emery could not be reached for comment Monday night. He has said the agreement that allowed Turning Stone to open in 1993 is legal under federal law, and a state court ruling has no power over that.

Indian-run casinos fall under the federal jurisdiction of the National Indian Gaming Commission, which has the power to close casinos.

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Range rate appeal is dismissed by Interior Board of Indian Appeals

ROSEBUD - According to a press release issued by the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians on Jan. 10, the Interior Board of Indian Appeals dismissed an appeal that was filed by the Rosebud Indian Land and Grazing Association. The appeal which was dismissed on Dec. 21, 2006, disputed the Regional Director's decision establishing a 2007 grazing rental rate of $14.61 per animal unit month (AUM) for allotted lands on the Rosebud reservation.

The effect of the dismissal is that it now allows for the application of a $14.61 per AUM grazing rate for allotted land and a $9.60 per AUM grazing rate for tribal land.

Upon approval of new grazing permits and billing and collection of grazing fees from cattle producers, tribal landowners who have interests in these range units will be receiving range income that has been delayed due to the appeal process, according to Jim Cordry, Fiduciary Trust Officer.

It is anticipated that payments will begin after Jan. 15 and all funds collected will be distributed shortly after receipt.

Contact Jim Cordry at 605-856-4965 or Cleve Her Many Horses at 605-747-2224 if you have any questions.

Rosebud court to hold public forum Jan. 19

ROSEBUD - The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Court will host a public forum on Friday, Jan. 19 at the SGU Multi Purpose Building Commons Room for the purpose of fostering increased public engagement and awareness of the RST court system. Lunch will be provided to all forum participants.

For further questions regarding this RST Court Public Forum, please contact RST Chief Tribal Judge Sherman Marshall at 747-2278.

Agenda for the forum: 10 to 11:45 a.m. will be a welcome and over-view of court staff; lunch and then from 12:30 to 2 p.m., public comments and questions.



Caffrey: after 26 years

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Five years later, a girl who had been writing to him died while Caffrey was in solitary confinement for breaking a prison rule.

"It hit me so hard," he said. "I told myself 'You've got to stop playing around and maybe talk about getting out. Quit acting like a kid.' "

So far, a losing fight.

Long: 'I won't be happy if Timmy makes parole'

Since then, Caffrey has been up against the toughest manslaughter statute in the U.S. and South Dakota Attorney General Larry Long, who was the Bennett County state's attorney in 1981 and prosecuted Caffrey. Long still contends "Timmy's going to kill again if he gets the chance. That's how psychopaths work."

Advocates who have been drawn to Caffrey's case over the years are dismayed by that.

"He's just totally wrong," Arnie Berkeland said. The retired Sioux Falls businessman has visited Caffrey more than 1,000 times in the penitentiary. Whatever Caffrey was in 1981, he's no danger to society now, Berkeland says. "If Larry Long thinks he's such a psychopath, why doesn't Long have him reevaluated?"

Mary Collins, a broadcaster from St. Johnsbury, Vt., met Caffrey through friends on the Pine Ridge reservation.

"Larry Long doesn't know the Tim Caffrey of today that I do," she said. "He has the most remarkable sense of humor, sense of hope. He has an idea of who he wants to be. He's not defeated."

If that is true, it still is not the whole story, Long says.

"Rehabilitation, I think, is one factor. But frankly, part of the reason we send people to the penitentiary for life is to make a statement about what they did. Part of it is simply punishment. We don't let everybody out who has been rehabilitated."

On two occasions, parole boards have recommended Caffrey's sentence be commuted to a length of years, which would allow him to qualify for parole. In 1991, the board said his sentence should be set at 150 years. But Caffrey had been in prison only about a decade then, and Gov. George Mickelson turned down the recommendation.

In 2003, the parole board said Caffrey's sentence should be commuted to 100 years. Gov. Mike Rounds did not act for eight months, then finally denied the commutation.

"If they give Timmy parole and the governor approves it and gives him a cut, that's the way the system works," Long said. "I understand it. I work in the system. But I won't be happy if Timmy makes parole."

Rounds' spokeswoman, Roxy Everson, says the governor typically does not comment on commutation decisions, but in Caffrey's case his decision was based on a review of the recommendation and upon comments in Caffrey's existing case file.

She also says Rounds "does not think any statute is necessarily perfect and might always be subject to Legislative review.

While manslaughter can carry a maximum sentence of life without parole, the governor noted it is not a mandatory sentence but rather provides a judge with discretion.

The governor does not use different criteria for reviewing commutations and pardon recommendations based upon whether the individual is white or Native American."

After denying Caffrey's commutation recommendation, Rounds did write to Berkeland in 2004: "The decision on a recommendation to grant a sentence commutation from life to years is not taken lightly and is carefully reviewed ... As governor, I must make the final decision whether to grant the commutation. I assure you all the past and present case information is reviewed in-depth before a decision is made."

Caffrey said if he had the chance to talk to Rounds, he would try to offset Long's opinion.

"I would tell him to ask people who know me instead of somebody who hasn't spoken to me since 1982, the last time I went to court in Martin."

But he adds: "I can understand Long saying the things he said then. I was no angel."

Ron Volesky, the Huron lawyer who unsuccessfully ran against Long for attorney general last year, has also begun representing Caffrey and hopes to get him a new parole hearing in the first quarter of this year. With Rounds and Long re-elected, though, Volesky worries "we are going to have this situation for the next four years."

But Volesky said he is seeking personal meetings with both the governor and attorney general to discuss Caffrey's case.

The case illustrates South Dakota's stringent sentencing for manslaughter. South Dakota and Oklahoma, which features a maximum indeterminate sentence for manslaughter, are the only two states where people convicted of that crime can face life behind bars. Four states have the next longest maximum sentence at 40 years, according to the South Dakota Criminal Code Revision Committee.

Discretion in sentencing, questions of racial disparity

Caffrey said he is sure Long holds no personal animosity toward him.

"I just figure he's doing his job," he said. But he also looks at the three inmates from Martin serving manslaughter sentences. The two Native Americans are doing life; the one white man is doing 75 years.

"That's one thing I can't understand," Caffrey said.

Jennifer Ring, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of the Dakotas, said part of the reason South Dakota's manslaughter maximum sentence is so extreme is that "in South Dakota manslaughter includes some offenses that in other states would be considered murder. This is something that needs review.

"The other thing is South Dakota just has very harsh sentences for a lot of things."

Like Caffrey, Ring sees disparity in the way the statute is applied.

"In my personal opinion, South Dakota white people have a concern about Indian people, and that is fueling a feeling about needing to keep a strong hand on things," she said.

Long said the manslaughter law "grants the maximum amount of discretion to the judge. There is no state in the union that gives more discretion to the judge in a case of first-degree manslaughter. The judge could have given him probation. He could have said, 'Your dad's a drunk and you get to shoot him.' "

In 2000, Donald Heck, a Kadoka lawyer and retired circuit judge, who sentenced Caffrey, wrote Berkeland, "My recollection is that the sentence was mandatory, so I had little discretion in the matter."

'Two people butting heads ... something's got to give'

Eventually all Caffrey's efforts to gain parole must come to this: he sits at a table and talks about killing his adoptive father.

"It wasn't just me shooting my father. It was me messing up my whole family life. It made for a long, hard life for my mom," he said.

Olive Caffrey forgave him and visited him about once a year in prison before she died, according to Caffrey. But a brother in Arizona and sister in Martin haven't seen him in years.

"The last time I saw him was maybe eight years ago. I haven't gone by myself," said relative Christie Phipps. "I'm sure he's changed. He was just a child when he went in."

She and her brother Robert were more than a decade older than Caffrey. Her parents took in foster children, she said. "We got Timmy and they fell in love with him. My mom and dad decided they couldn't let him go back."

William Caffrey told his adopted son one day he'd have to choose in large measure to follow the traditions of the Oglala Lakota culture he was born into or the white culture into which he'd been adopted. He said it didn't matter to him which culture he chose, only that he choose wisely, Caffrey said of his father.

But that image of wise parenting is offset by William Caffrey's problems with alcohol and his frustration with Tim Caffrey's use of alcohol and marijuana. It had been boiling up between them for about six months, Caffrey said.

"Two people butting heads, and something's got to give. I handled the situation the wrong way," he said.

William Caffrey had sought treatment for alcohol abuse, according to Long.

"Because his father was sober, his father had started taking an interest in Timmy's scholastic life and in making him go to church," Long said. "There was a whole bunch of things his recent sobriety had brought upon him."

On a day when his wife was out of town visiting relatives, William Caffrey found his 17-year-old son's stash of marijuana, confronted him and after discussing punishment, William Caffrey phoned his minister, Long said.

"Timmy overhears part of this conversation. Bill said to his pastor, 'I ought to give the kid $50 and throw his ass out of the house,' " Long said.

"Then Bill leaves the house. Timmy, of course, knows his father's habits intimately. He knows his dad is going to go and buy some booze and knows he will hide it in the yard because Timmy's mother doesn't allow booze in the house.

"While Timmy's father is gone, what Timmy does is round up his mother's .25 automatic pistol. He loads it and hides behind the kitchen door and waits for his father to come home. When Bill hides the beer out in the yard, Timmy's waiting for him behind the kitchen door. As Bill walks into the house, Timmy lays that .25 next to his father's ear and squeezes off a round at point blank range."

As William Caffrey fell, his son shot him a second time, the bullet striking tools he was carrying in his back pocket.

Tim Caffrey recovered one shell casing but the second rolled away under a refrigerator, Long said. Then Caffrey packed food and clothes, took his father's billfold and the gun and, after driving around town for about half an hour, picked up a friend and said he'd be allowed to stay overnight. But he had to tell his father where he'd be.

Under that pretext, he drove back home with the friend and pretended to discover the body, Long said.

While he was being questioned by police, an officer discovered the gun and other items Caffrey had hidden in the family car. At that point, Caffrey wrote out a confession and took from a pocket the shell casing he'd recovered, Long said.

What would he do if he were out, sister wonders

Caffrey was convicted of first degree murder, but the state Supreme Court ruled 3-2 that his confession had been coerced.

Long said he went ahead with a second trial even without the confession "because frankly I had another piece of evidence that was almost as compelling."

While he was in the Bennett County jail, Caffrey wrote a letter to the local newspaper, published by Long's parents.

"In that letter, he explained that his father was a drunk and was mean to him and kind of needed killing. Would the jurors of Bennett County please keep that in mind," Long said.

Caffrey was represented by Stan Whiting, a court-appointed lawyer from Winner. To avoid the cost of a second murder trial, Long said he gave Caffrey the option to plead guilty to manslaughter.

Caffrey hasn't given up. "I'm not institutionalized," he insists.

"I don't fear parole," he said. "I would not go out there to mess up."

His sister is unsure whether he should be paroled.

"He's been in there so long, I really wonder what he would do if he got out," Phipps said. "That doesn't have anything to do with what happened or what he did, just what would he do?"

He isn't owed anything, Caffrey said. He killed his father. It was his choice. He deserved to go to prison. But the defining event of his life is not the sum of his life, he said.

He hopes people will look at 25 years in the penitentiary, not one day in Martin in 1981. He has, aside from a few missteps, avoided trouble in prison.

"The way I've carried myself in this place, maybe I've earned a spot," he said. "Maybe I've earned one more chance."

Rancher missing cows, reward offered

KYLE - Marcell Bull Bear of Kyle has several cattle missing and is asking for any information regarding the missing cattle.

Missing are two cows and two calves, with a brand on the right rib of a standing up J -X. He said the last time he seen the cows was during Thanksgiving. If anybody has information regarding the cows, they can call Leonard Novak at 391-9292 or 685-1184 or Marcel at 455-2690.

Also missing is a three year old heifer with white markings of a milk cow with an ear tag with the #82, last seen during New Years. He said a reward is being offered for information.

Cameron Lafferty graduates from National Guard

PORCUPINE - Cameron J. Lafferty, son of Tammy of Lafferty of Porcupine.

Lafferty has graduated from the Army National Guard in Utilities Equipment Repairer Advanced Individual Training course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

He learned to perform maintenance, test, repair, adjust and inspect gasoline engine systems, utility equipment and special purpose supports systems including bottle cleaning, air conditioning systems and refrigeration and fuel and electrical systems and also fire extinguishers.

He is a 2003 graduate of Little Wound High School.

Lakota Funds offers 'How to get a loan' workshops

KYLE - Lakota Funds "How to get a Loan" workshop will be presented out in the districts on the following dates:

Jan. 8, 2007 - 5 p.m. - Wakpamni College Center

Jan. 10, 2007 - 5 p.m. - Pahin Sinte College Center

Jan. 17, 2007 - 1 p.m. - LaCreek College Center

Jan. 18, 2007 - 12 p.m. - Oglala College Center

Topics include: loan policies, free technical assistance, and individual development accounts.

Supper will be served and there will be door prizes and hourly drawings.

Oglala Lakota College in cooperation with Lakota Funds and the Oweesta Collaborative will be offering CORE FOUR, a business planning course.

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The four "core" elements of business planning outlines in the manual include learning how to identify and target your market, understanding how to operate your business under the proper standards and legal requirements, learning how to project your business' cash flow, and planning for business success.

For more information about the curriculum contact Jo White at (605) 455-2500 to register.

The course will begin Jan. 24, at 5 p.m. at Pejuta Haka College Center in Kyle.

From a friend of Caffrey's: he is a fine human being

By Mary Collins

Special the the Times

When I first met Tim Caffrey, I wasn't sure what or who to expect. We'd talked on the phone a number of times, written letters back and forth so when our first visit was scheduled I expected akward pauses in our three hour scheduled meeting at the penetentiary. There weren't any pauses, akward or otherwise.

Tim Caffrey, I found, is an engaging, humorous, thoughtful, interesting and interested person. He is also a murderer.

I had to think long and hard about who I was befriending. First step, to learn the circumstances of Tim's incarceration. He was 17, high on narcotics and struggling with a troubled relationship with his adoptive non-Indian father, when, in a moment of impulsive immaturity, he pulled the trigger on a pistol that belonged to his mother and shot his father dead.

Jump forward 25 years to an introduction to Tim by a fellow inmate and Martin childhood friend who asked for help for his children and grandchildren while he serves his time, add in an introduction to Arnie Berkeland, the man who has come to know Tim over the last 25 years as his friend and mentor and almost sole visitor since 1981, include meeting Tim and getting to know him and his case and I've come away feeling that what happened to the Caffrey family was nothing more or short of a horrible tragedy and miscarriage of justice.

The facts are that Tim did commit the crime. He freely admits that he did. And he's served 25 years for it all ready. But the truth also is that Tim was 17 at the time of the killing, that he had been drinking and smoking marijuana for a good part of that day, that his father was a known alcoholic, and by many accounts from Lakota friends who grew up in Martin and who knew Tim Caffrey and his family well, his father was an ignorant bully.

Factor in that Tim received a public defender who then served as the prosecuting attorney in an adjoining county - a no no by legal standards; that the circuit judge in the case didn't realize that the mandatory life sentence he was handing down wasn't, in fact, mandatory; that South Dakota's laws for manslaughter are, except for Oklahoma, the most harsh in the country, that Tim was 17 at the time of the crime - and, by professional standards, not able to make completely mature, thoughtful decisions; that Larry Long, the prosecuting attorney in Tim's case and now South Dakota's Attorney General has never once spoken directly to Tim or had him reevaluated in these 25 years but who insists that Tim Caffrey is a cold-blooded killer who will kill again if released; that two parole boards recommended Tim's release; that petitioners from Martin, including Tim's or that Arnie Berkeland, a respected South Dakota businessman has spent the last 25 years getting to know and befriend Tim and would provide Tim a home and full support for reentry into society upon his release; justice is no longer being served by keeping Tim in prison for the rest of his life.

Tim Caffrey is 44. I consider him a fine human being.

He has much to live. We have much to forgive.

OPINION PAGE

Our Views

We can't ever accept the Black Hills money

Ever since our Lakota grandparents had an inkling that there could possibly be some out of court settlement on the value of the Black Hills taken from the Lakota, there has been a "doksa when I get my Black Hills" syndrome. Of course it came to be kind of a lame joke, as all of our grandparents went on their journey before any money was disbursed.

The government offered a certain value for the gold, natural resources and land as a settlement and it was never accepted by any of the Lakota bands, fortunately. Over the years, there have been attempts by some, namely Sen. Bill Bradley, to revisit the issue and ask for the return of the sacred He Sapa. Of course, with so many people already jammed into the hills area, realistically most would never vacate the area in favor of returning any of the land to us.

The land was probably never truly looked at in terms of today's assessed valuation, but rather its value when it was illegally taken. There are many traditional Lakota people and others who still adhere to the original dictates of the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty that provide for tribal sovereignty and which defined the boundaries of the Great Sioux Nation which encompassed He Sapa.

It is also very interesting that some politicians recognize that "a treaty is a treaty" until either party abrogates or extinguishes their right to a claim. The federal government even acknowledges in treaties with with other nations, that treaties are the supreme law of the land. Why should treaties with tribal nations be regarded as any different; after all, they retain their quasi or partial sovereign status. As a nation within a nation, tribal sovereignty has been re-affirmed time and time again by the nation's highest court. As political entities, tribal nations are also making an impact on the voting outcomes of certain elections in the region and tribal people will continue to do so.

There seems to always be discussion about individual Lakota nations involved in the Black Hills issue and their separate desires to "tap into" the interest which has reportedly compounded annually. For certain, it has to be regarded as kind of a "savings" when the cash is sitting in some bank drawing interest daily. For those tribal nations who might especially be "cash strapped" it is understandable that it could be very tempting to negotiate with those who do the dispensing of the money.

Over the years, we have come to learn that accepting any of the Black Hills money with interest has been a non-option; otherwise, it would have been a done deal. It is also certain that the decision to accept any kind of settlement must receive unanimous approval from all of the Lakota tribes; otherwise, it would realistically not happen.

So at times, when we hear rumors of the tribes or tribal politicians talking of the accepting the interest or inquiring about it, it brings fear out in grassroots oyate or to those who know the value of the Black Hills whether in be in the sense of spirituality or of the fact that it was blantly stolen from the people.

Regardless, the reasoning for not accepting the money or the interest is still strong in this generation and it is valuable that this generation continues to promote to our youth and to the next generation, the true value of the sacred Paha Sapa.

It's important for us to teach our future generations that value.

This editorial was generated from the recent rumors of some tribes inquiring about tapping into the interest of the settlement and from the words of columnist Dana Lone Hill on these pages.

Cyril "Whitey" Scott, District 3 RST council representative from Antelope community on the Rosebud reservation said that there has never been a discussion amongst his colleagues that he is aware of on "tapping into" the interest that has accrued for the Black Hills.

He noted that he had been approached by outsiders asking him to consider the option, but his belief in protecting tribal sovereignty is very steadfast and would never settle for such action.



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Lakota View

The last stomp dance

By Rev. Francis Apple
As'a Kuwapi
Kyle, S.D.

Long ago when our culture was still intact (Ikicize Wicasa) warriors who proved themselves in battle were chosen to dance a very touching ceremony called the Stomping down of the tall grass. In Lakota it was called (Owanka Onastopi.)

Yunkan wicasa Itacan wan ehanni maka sinan kiye, he Roy Bull Bear (Taopi Cikala) eciyapi he woecunki oyake. He 1930's hehan keye. Lyle el lehanl Wicoti ki, he, hehan tokuni sni ca hel snan woecun takinkinpa henna ecunpi keye.

A ravine which is on the south side of the powwow grounds was the gathering place for these warriors who were chosen.

They would put on their scalp shirts (wicaya he ogle) put on a long (cegnanke iyuslohe) streamer on their breechcloth and painted their faces with (wase.) They would carry their repeating rifles and started to dance towards the dancing arena. They danced to as if they were being fired upon.

Their close relatives and (kolas) friends would follow them. Every now and then they would pull the lever on their gun and load a shell in the chamber and fire into the air.

Unhnangicala hotun ki ataya jagya hanpi nan akis'api henna okiliitotunpi ca keya keyas unzo hekta wicoskan keye.

Otimahel hiyupi heciatan timan ahiya nan tohanl peji ki Tanya nonastopi canna hehan Ikicize Wicasa henna wakto oglakapi cannan titukuye henna canl wicokiya. Heunh sakawakan wicayuha timan hiyupi nan otuwicahic'anpi keye.

This well organized stomp dance was so thrilling that it would send cold chills up a person's spine and they would develop goose bumps and even cause a turtle to move a bit. The warriors mentioned were White Lance, my mother's father, and Dewey Beard. White Lance's brother. These two warriors rode with Crazy Horse in every major skirmish, on the Power River including Grotten's massacre and the famous Battle of the Little Big Horn where Custer got Siouxed.

They both lost all of their family at the infamous Wounded Knee Massacre. They couldn't leave their loved ones buried at the mass grave at Cankpe Opi, so they stayed around and they remarried Oglala women and that's where I came from.

My great grandfather whose name as'a kuwapi lies buried there. My grandfather gave me his Lakota name and I lived up to my name in Korea. One night our patrol came under attack and had about 100 gooks chasing us.

Sunksiha (Little Chief) comes from Chief Bull Bear's clan closely related to Chief Little Wound. He also counted coup on his enemies.

Ho hecetu welo

Empowering Yourself

Martin AA meeting sums 400 years of sobriety



By Patty Pourier

Dysfunction is printed on every page of this newspaper in one form or another. Whether it is the obituaries of young people, the drop out rates of our schools, the countless articles on poverty related issues, unemployment, or our government's inability to function. We hear of countless types of dysfunction daily. We see the problems in the school, the health care system, the political and court system, the alcohol and drug pandemic in our towns and villages. It has seemed to be that is it getting worse not better.

But, I witnessed a miracle last Saturday.

Twenty-five years ago, when I sobered up, I knew of two people on the reservation that were actively practicing sobriety through Alcoholics Anonymous. After treatment, we drove to Rapid City to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, 180 miles round trip. I remember looking in the couch cushions and car seats to scrape up enough gas money to make the trip.

Last weekend I attended an AA meeting in Martin. I walked into the one room AA club, and there sat over 30 people. They were from St. Francis, Mission, Martin, Batesland, Pine Ridge, Chadron, Hot Springs, White River, Parmalee, Long Valley, and Rapid City.

Even more significant to me were the stories I heard, as the group shared. The meeting was chaired by a 16-year old who had been through treatment twice this year. He received a chip from his grandfather for attaining three months of being clean and sober. His grandfather celebrated 29 years of sobriety at the same meeting. Also there were two of his daughters, one sober 29 years and one sober 25 years.

Another man shared his remarkable story of growing up on the Pine Ridge Reservation, amid alcohol abuse, and poverty. When he talked you could see the admiration he had when he talked of the simple childhood he shared with his parents and the 10 children they raised in a very small log cabin with no water or electricity. He told of his mother emphasizing the importance of education. She told him, "they can take our land, but they cannot take our brains". He went on to become a successful professional that lived in many cities through the United States. He celebrated 23 years of sobriety.

There was a grandmother, who had lost a child to suicide induced by drug and alcohol abuse. You could see and feel her pain, as she explained that her family continues to try to heal, but the abuse continues. The affects of the disease are moving her very young grandchild over 1,000 miles away from her. You could see the pain it caused her to have her grandchild being taken from her watchful care, moving with her family that has severe domestic violence. She had 23 years of sobriety.

The stories went on, each one every bit as moving as the previous. There were a cross section of old and young, non-Indian and Indian, farmers/ranchers and people who were employed by them, professionals and uneducated, court ordered and those who lived to attend a meeting to survive, There were those too who no longer needed to come to meetings to stay sober, but needed to come to stay sane.

Some were there because they had been given the gift of hope from others years before at an AA meeting and wanted to give the same gift to the people that were just now struggling to find hope in their lives. The group represented almost 400 years of sobriety collectively.

Change happens so slowly, we often cannot see it. This is true with the healing of the reservation from alcoholism and drug addiction. But through the people and the daily reprieve many are enjoying through sobriety, hope is here.

My wish is that you could find it now.

Other Views

Iron Shell family disrespected by non-Indians

Dear Editor:

My late maternal great grandmother's name was Cecelia DuBray Bordeaux. She was a sister to the late Rosalie DuBray Iron Shell.

Great Grandma Rosalie was Ina to Chief Calvin Iron Shell, Sr., who recently made his journey to the spirit world. I decided to write this piece when I learned of the unnecessary sorrow my close relatives experienced in attempting to secure the Lakota Veteran's gymnasium at St. Francis Indian School for Chief Iron Shell's wake and funeral.

Initially, the Iron Shell family wanted to have the three nights of wake and the funeral at the gym. Chief Iron Shell spent many years working at SFIS and many of his blood relatives live in St. Francis. However, the superintendent didn't want to call off school so the request was denied.

The current SFIS superintendent and school board chairman, who are both non-Indians, are obviously insensitive to the ways of our traditional people. Non-Indians who have lived on the Rosebud Reservation for many years claim to understand the Lakota and our way of life. However, I can count on ONE hand the number of non-Lakota living on the Rosebud Reservation who I actually believe have a glimmer of understanding of Lakota custom and the two wasicu in charge of our "Indian" school are not in that group.

Non-Indians do not understand our cultural and ceremonial ways when it comes to the burial of a Chief, who was also Akicita and respected leader of the Sun Dance.

Why is the gymnasium named after Lakota Veteran's when the administration/school board would not allow a well-respected military veteran, who also wore the bonnet of a Lakota Itancan/Naca, to lie in state there? Consequently, in attempting to correct their blunder, school officials allowed the Iron Shell family to have the last night of wake and

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Finding My Voice

Seeing the light



Dana Lone Hill

I was thinking the other day of my heritage. Is there such a thing as being too proud?

Thinking of my step dad and how proud he was. To be Lakota. How he always showed this pride off.

He wore his hair long, he married my mom traditionally, he fought for our rights to the Black Hills Land Claim.

I thought of how his lifestyle and pride helped shape me to be the woman that I am today.

It started when I was young, age 10 when they married.

Back then, my family would always tour the Black Hills.

Then it was just my step-dad, mom, younger brother and me.

We would go to Bear Country and watch the animals fenced in their natural habitat but yet, able to enjoy the beautiful Black Hills.

We would go to some of the corny tourist spots like Cosmos, Reptile Gardens, & Marine Life. We would hit Custer State Park to see the buffalo and Crazy Horse Mountain.

My step dad explained to me, when I asked why our people didn't like Mt. Rushmore. They (the government) illegally took this land from us for gold. Then they carve the faces in the mountain of Presidents who pretty much did us wrong. That's why, and that is why Korczak Ziolkowski was carving Crazy Horse Mountain. To honor our people. He had spoken at Korczak's funeral the year before.

I was young, unimpressed, really. I didn't understand...well, let's just say I was stupid and naive.

I couldn't understand why our people wouldn't take all the money the government was offering us for the illegal seizure of the Black Hills when the treaty of Ft. Laramie was broken. I used to think of ways I could spend it.

I questioned my stepfather as to why we don't take the money.

"We never will." he told me, "the principle is pride, not money."

I was still puzzled. I wanted the money.

I was stupid, I used to debate him, "Why don't us Lakotas just take the money, why keep fighting for the land? It's already trashed, destroyed with tourist traps and stripmining, and RV parks. We will never be able to roam the sacred land like we used to...so why not just take the money? After all, we could still come and visit it...enjoy it."

He would just laugh at me, tell me one day I would see the light.

Then one day we was at this place called Wild West World in Custer. It was a tourist trap with small stores that sold saltwater taffy, magnets, postcards, and tiny spoons. They had carnival rides and every hour two cowboys would re-enact a gunfight. While we were there, a storm broke out and everyone ran for cover.

We ran in a restaurant. "Might as well eat lunch here." my step dad said. He always found a way to make lemonade out of lemons.

The restaurant had a lounge area and bar. Some big men in cowboy hats sitting at the bar were clearly drunk and talking loud.

"Boy, that rain is coming down hard and fast, those injuns must have danced real hard." They all laughed.

My step dad stood up, all of his 6 foot two inches and braids.

"Oh no" I thought "Please don't embarrass us." I thought for sure he was going to try and fight that group of five men. I didn't care what they called us, I just wanted to eat and leave.

"Excuse me" he says "I am trying to enjoy dinner with my family and would appreciate you not making any derogatory remarks, so we can eat in peace."

He glared each one of them down.

"Well, sorry about that Chief, how about I buy you a beer." One of the men said

"I don't drink." My step dad said, still glaring "And I am not a Chief, I'm a lawyer."

He glared at them, as the restaurant silenced and so did the men.

Finally he turned and walked back to the table.

"That Dana, is why we will never take the money for the Black Hills. We have to much pride in ourselves."

He continued to tell me throughout the meal about this pride.

"Don't let anyone degrade you, what you stand for. People will say they are not racist, but in the same breath they will call you names, degrading you. You come from strong people and never stand for that. Always stand up for yourself."

I didn't really get it until after that. A defining point in my life...moments later.

After the rain subsided and we went to Bear Country, USA, just outside of Rapid City. I watched the bears, buffalo, elk, and other animals in their fenced in zoo.

I noticed how they were able to enjoy the beauty of the Black Hills from inside the fence. But it was a fence they never chose.

That's when I saw the light, at age 11, and realized why we would never sell the Black Hills.

Not in my lifetime, anyway.

*In 1980, the Supreme Court awarded eight Sioux tribes $106 million in compensation--the 1877 value of $17.5 million, plus interest. This was payment for what the court called "a taking of tribal property."

This money sitting in a government account with interest, has grown to over half a billion (and is still growing.)

Dana Lone Hill is a 34-year old mother of 4, who recently moved back to the reservation, after an eternity on the housing waiting list. Although currently self-employed, she plans on continuing her education at the Oglala Lakota Community College.

Dana has two websites, her "Welcome to the Middle of Nowhere" blog can be found here: http://danasvoice.blogspot.com.

Notes From Indian Country

'New Kid in Town' shakes up local daily newspaper



By Tim Giago

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In this day when newspapers, including the mighty New York Times, are on a readership decline, it seems insane for anyone to start a new newspaper, especially in a town where one newspaper has been dominant for more than 100 years.

But Steward Huntington, publisher of Seaton Publishing Company of Spearfish, South Dakota, believed that Rapid City was ripe for a rival publication. Huntington has worked for six newspapers across the country and has lived in the Black Hills for the past seven years.

Huntington said of his new venture, "After many years of study we saw that the Rapid City community was being underserved by the daily paper (*Rapid City Journal*) in town. The daily paper has become more and more of a regional paper during it 17-plus years since it went under corporate ownership. We felt there was an opening to provide a paper with a distinct Rapid City focus."

After more than one year in business the new *Rapid City Weekly* appears to be thriving. "The response from the readership has been unbelievable. In our most optimistic projections we never dreamed we would have the kind of feedback we've received. Our people can't go anywhere in town without being stopped by folks telling us how much they appreciate our paper," Huntington said.

Perhaps coincidentally, or maybe in response to the new competition, the *Rapid City Journal* brought in a new publisher and after the loss to cancer of their longtime editor Peggy Sagen, a new editor. The new management almost immediately set about changing the format and content of the newspaper. The change was most noticeable on the editorial pages. National columnists were dropped except for random selection in the Sunday edition and local writers replaced them.

But in an effort to be more local the daily has instead has become quite yokel. Its editorial columns are now written by writers with small axes to grind.

In an effort to add an Indian opinion writer the paper resorted to using a writer who is more of a misogynist and religious fanatic than one who would express the political and spiritual views of Native Americans. In other words, mudslinging gossipers now dominate its opinion pages.

But this sudden transition by the daily newspaper seems to fuel the aspirations of its new competitor.

If the letters to the editor in the daily are to be taken seriously more people than not are unhappy with the drastic changes.

They relied upon it for national columnists and national news for so many years. In fact, the results of a local basketball game are more likely to make its front page than dramatic developments in the war in Iraq.

Although I am local, an American Indian born and raised on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, my weekly columns are banned from the *Rapid City Journal* because I have been one of its the most vocal critics. I must add here that the new *Rapid City Weekly* does carry my nationally syndicated column.

Tom Lawrence, a native of Brookings, spent many of his newspaper years working for newspapers in Montana. He was offered the job of editor of the new weekly and since he really missed living in South Dakota, he jumped at the opportunity.

"The company had been looking at Rapid City for years. It has owned the Black Hills Pioneer and other publications in the area since 1947 and wanted to grow and serve the Rapid City community," Lawrence said.

"We cover Rapid City closely and the people and events that make this community happen. We like profiles, longer features, quick cop briefs; community briefs, art news and we offer local columns and edits. We try to offer a well-rounded look at our community and we encourage input from them," he concluded.

Lawrence admits that the paper needs to do more to cover the very large Indian community. "We need to do more and covering the Native American community is one of them," he said. Of course, so did the *Rapid City Journal* need to do more for the Native American community and over the years it lost most of its Indian readership to the newspaper I owned and founded, *Indian Country Today*. When my newspaper reached a weekly circulation of 24,000 it was just a little more than half the size of the *Rapid City Journal*. In fact, the weekly ICT was still growing in circulation when I sold it in 1998 and it had become a fierce competitor to the local daily for advertising dollars.

I started a newspaper because the local media was not covering issues important to the Indian people and I proved that a weekly could not only survive, but also thrive in an atmosphere where the local coverage of Indian issues was at best mediocre and at most unreliable.

Indian Country Today moved to New York State after I sold it and that left the door wide open for other weeklies to replace it. I hope Tom Lawrence and his weekly can fill that gap because a little honest competition usually helps to improve the quality of the dominant newspaper. Understanding that the Indian people are more than 13,000 strong in this community of 60,000 raises the bar in selecting news stories for any media outlet hoping to succeed in this community.

Just as a newspaper in a city with a large black or Hispanic population understands that it must cater to its large minority, not only as readers, but as consumers, any newspaper in Rapid City must understand that its largest minority population is Indian and behave accordingly.

The "New Kid in Town" is headed into its second year and has caused the local daily to do a drastic about face. I suppose you could call that good news.

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Iron Shell family

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the funeral services at the Veteran's gym.

Many Lakota people would not be where they are today if not for Chief Iron Shell, who was an educator for most of his life. As a coach and administrator, he touched the lives of many Indian students in this region. He worked tirelessly to keep Indian students in school. Many high school graduates who stayed in school to attain their diploma would not have done so if not for him. Nowadays we have non-Indians running our "Indian" school and I believe that is the root cause as to why many of our Lakota students choose to drop out of high school.

In my eyes, the "old gym" belongs to Chief Calvin Iron Shell, Sr. as much as it belongs to the Indian students of SFIS. One of my male cousins summed it up when he stated that Coach Iron Shell "used to rock that house." Many people remember the outstanding basketball team that Iron Shell coached in the 1970's. Fans would pack that gymnasium to see the St. Francis Warriors play.

At the funeral many people spoke about Iron Shell's life. Lionel Bordeaux stated that the Lakota Veteran's gym is "like a shrine to Calvin, he built a monument here." In addition, Ned Metcalf stated that Iron Shell "put St. Francis on the map and was the best coach in the history of St. Francis."

Furthermore, our ancestors gave their very lives so the Lakota people would be provided for when the reservation system was established. Chief Calvin Iron Shell, Sr. was a direct descendent of Iron Shell, who was the first to sign his mark to the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868.

The Treaty of 1868 paved the way for the Lakota people to survive. Most of the funding that currently trickles down to the reservations and Tribal governments can be traced back to the provisions made in the Treaty of 1868.

Sicangu Oyate Ho, Inc. is a tribally-chartered organization. This means they receive funding through the name of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe to operate St. Francis Indian School. Thus, SFIS would not be in operation if not for the Treaty of 1868 and the blood our Itancan shed to ensure our survival.

In closing, I learned that the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Education Committee recently voted to revoke the charter of Sicangu Oyate Ho, Inc.

I also learned that the current Tribal Council would not go with the recommendation. This is an election year on the Rosebud and some politicians have already begun campaigning.

There are many things wrong at SFIS. Just ask any member of the Education Committee how many complaints they have received in the past year. If the Tribal Council continues to cater to the non-Indians at the helm of tribally chartered entities perhaps we should elect people who are not afraid to do what needs to be done to stop the ongoing atrocities occurring daily at St. Francis Indian School.

Inmates need help with letter writing campaign

Dear Editor:

This letter is our campaign to have our immediate family members spiritually and culturally returned to attending our Pow Wows in both prisons of Sioux Falls by June of 2007.

Please join us. This has to be a massive campaign and we need the help of our immediate family members, our Tribal/Prison Liaisons, our Tribal Councils, our Spiritual Leaders, our supporters and all of our people in the Northern Plains Our immediate family members were removed from attending Pow Wows in 1995 by the prisons of Sioux Falls.

We came to prison as punishment. We didn't come here to be punished. The respectful participation of all of our immediate family members in all of our Pow Wows has always been the central force of our lives in any situation and to deny us this right in prison is a direct form of discrimination against all of our people.

More security cameras can be installed in the gymnasiums of both prisons, where we have our Pow Wows, and more security measures can be implemented for the return of our immediate family members to our Pow Wows.

We can't keep having Pow Wows in our visiting rooms. This only divides us and creates a lot of hardship and anger. Those of us with immediate family members on our visiting lists get to go to these Pow Wows. Those of us who have anyone on our visiting lists must stay back and go without.

The visiting rooms are way too small of an area for our Pow Wows and it is a total disrespect against our natural laws and customs to continue having our Pow Wows in such confined places.

Our extended family members like our grandfathers, grandmothers, uncles, aunts, brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, nephews, nieces, cousins, and grandchildren are allowed to come in for our Pow Wows. Why not our immediate family members?

We request that letters be written to Tim Reisch, Secretary of Corrections, and Warden Doug Weber. Ask them to return our immediate family members by June of 2007.

Tim Reisch, Secretary of Corrections, 3200 East Highway 34, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD, 57501-5070.

Warden Doug Weber, Department of Corrections, South Dakota State Penitentiary, PIO Box 5911, Sioux Falls, SD, 57117-5911.

George Blue Bird
Sioux Falls, S.D.

Northern Perspectives

Sticking to Lakota language



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

I often discuss potential editorial column 'material' with Amanda and with her experience, she is quite good at suggesting what topics might serve well as opinion pieces. I like to read 'guest editorials' whenever they are submitted for consideration, as it is interesting to read what others think.

I sincerely believe that each one of us possesses a number of insights about a variety of topics that have some bearing on Lakota people. Even routine perspectives, things that people see that we don't can be fascinating. Writing has been fun for me and maybe that's reason enough to do anything.

I realized after listening to some feedback that discussing and reflecting upon the Lakota language is something that is of great interest to many of our Lakota readers as well as those who have a casual interest.

I need to stick to more discussion of the form, content, and nuances of the language as it is something I can see from my vantage point. I was fortunate and didn't even know it that I could be good with words. I didn't really take time to nurture that skill until later in life. It's the same with Lakota for me, as a good student of Lakota I can assess, grasp, and use aspects of the language.

I have some good friends, who are very good Lakota speakers and I often refer to them for advice about a particular word that I might want to know the evolution of or it's particular meaning.

Also, when we listen to Lakota we have to be able to listen to the whole context or the setting of an unfamiliar word if we want to figure out the word for ourselves.

There are many settings in which we can gather words, like when someone says a prayer meal, a prayer that is said before a meeting, or when an elder will get up and discusses the reason for a particular get to together.

Some of that is becoming less and less, but we can still go to some community meetings and listen to the proceedings and hear the issues discussed predominantly in Lakota.

Lakota is very much "situational" as they say in wasicu. If you take part in the inipi there is a certain spiritual language that is often heard and the more you listen, the more familiar you become with language in that setting.

I listen to Ben Black Bear, Jr. on KINI in the morning and at noon, when he reads translations of the bible. The language is obviously specific to that biblical setting and there is much to learn there, also. Just as an example, I heard him use to term can ici bage and my spelling may be just a bit off, but I know from the words in the sentence that it means the joining of wood against each other to make a cross that is the symbol of Christianity.

When I discuss language, I always have to defer or acknowledge the elders on the Rosebud who obviously know more than I do. I also acknowledge my colleagues in Lakota Studies at SGU, because I recognize their expertise in Lakota. With their aptitude, they don't have to go through the private study that I have to in order learn all about Lakota, they just simply live it and use it daily.

Language development in most every language is a highly complex function.

I remember reading about language development in infants and I believe it said that infants can distinguish very tiny differences in their native language even at their age. And, by the time they are 5-6 years old, children may have learned a large part of the vocabulary they will use in their daily lives. I can believe that since most of us don't use the multi-syllable words that we see written anyway.

I sent an email before the holidays to Howard Bad Hand who lives in Taos, N.M. and asked him to describe for me the manner in which the term canli opagi should be used. I truly wanted to know because I know the term, but didn't know if it was the act of loading the pipe or if it was giving the pipe to someone. I didn't get his permission to use his response, but will just one sentence in his response. He wrote, *"Tohanl canli iyacu nahan canunpa el oyakiksu, nan hehanl canunpa ki tuwa yak'u nan he nunpapi hanta nas, he tuwe ki opagi yak'u keyapi."*

Howard's response was that "Whenever you take a pipe and fill it with tobacco and give it to someone that is point at which you have accomplished the act of canli obage. Therefore, we see that the term includes both the act of filling a pipe with tobacco and presenting to another.

There are so many fascinating and creative things about the Lakota language, that friends like Howard and Francis White Bird, Pat and others know that instead of sitting back and listening like we are supposed to do, I find myself being somewhat of a nuisance and simply asking right out what they mean.

I guess I need to do that for my own learning as the language is forever changing and in some settings we see it slowly being used less and less.

For those who are truly adept at it, it is a gift, and for those who are good students of the language I think we have a gift also for seeing what we see and can help to authenticate and translate it for others.

Perhaps, that's where the term iyeska can be applied. But, God forbid if someone calls you i wasci in Lakota.

Dr. Archie Beauvais (Sicangu) resides on the Rosebud with his son, Beaux. He earned a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) from Harvard University and is a 2006 Harvard AOCC Award recipient. A decorated Vietnam Veteran, he is functionally literate in Lakota and worked at Sinte Gleska University for 20 years as Dean/Chair of Tribal and Graduate Studies.

Other Views

We must accept facts about own life

Dear Editor:

How thankful I am today, to know that all my past failures were necessary for me to be where I am now. Through much pain came experience and, in suffering, I became obedient. When I sought God, as I understand him, he shared his treasured gifts. Through experience and obedience, growth started, followed by gratitude. Yes! Then came peace of mind, as I started living a sober and drug free life style.

In God's economy, nothing is wasted.Through failure, I learned a lesson in humility which is probably needed, though it was very painful at times. I've learned a valuable lesson. This lesson is about change, changing my friends, changing where I live, changing the kind of girls I go out with. I no longer date girls who use alcohol or drugs.

We must be strong within ourselves and make all of our dreams become a reality.

We are all functioning at a small fraction of our capacity to live fully in its total meaning of loving, caring, creating and adventuring. Consequently, the actualizing of our potential can become the most exciting adventure of our lifetime.

Today, I am a victim of my own consequences, after five years, I am no longer in a relationship with the love of my life due to alcohol and drugs.

In my next relationship this tragedy will never occur again, never. Men have often become victims by seeing themselves as saviors.

We forgot that we have needs too. We men have often become victims by seeing themselves as saviors.

We forgot that we have needs too.

We thought if we gave enough, our needs would eventually be met. In the process we became great controllers, not for the sake of power, but to make everything okay. We turn ourselves inside out in make our spouses happy or to please our children or kola's. But being a savior is disrespectful role to play.

When people became angry with us for it, we absorbed their anger and felt misunderstood.

No relationship is healthy for either person if one is a victim. Suppose you're in a relationship and your spouse is addicted to either alcohol or drugs. Believe me, that addicted individual would soon become abusive, abusive to their spouse or kids. It is much healthier to be in a relationship where alcohol or drugs are not the focal point of interest on payday, and in many cases especially on the Rez on grant check day.

Remember an addicted individual's drug of choice would always come first in any relationship.

In short, don't start a relationship with an alcoholic or drug user, or both. The relationship will only end in disaster and even death…. I'm almost positive that a female would not be in a relationship with an alcoholic if that alcoholic beats her whenever he got drunk, would she?

By accepting these facts in our own lives, we can mature into feelings of joy and pleasure alongside our grief.

Every individual has to struggle with their unique set of circumstances, even if they are not fair.

Fairness is not an issue. Reality is what we have to deal with.

Only, then, you can say with confidence; I will accept life on its own terms and rejoice in it.

Jon Bissonette
Vale, S.D.

Pine Ridge woman pleads guilty in assault

RAPID CITY - Jacklyn Short Bull, 25, admitted last month in federal court in Rapid City that she jerked the wheel of a car she was riding in, causing it to hit Kevin Short Bull.

The two had been arguing a short time earlier, and the woman intended to scare the victim, according to court documents.

The victim suffered fractures to his pelvis, shoulder and chest bones and several ribs, as well as multiple spinal injuries.

The incident occurred June 2, and Short Bull was indicted in November for assault resulting in serious bodily injury and assault with a dangerous weapon. She pleaded guilty to the first charge and had the second dismissed.

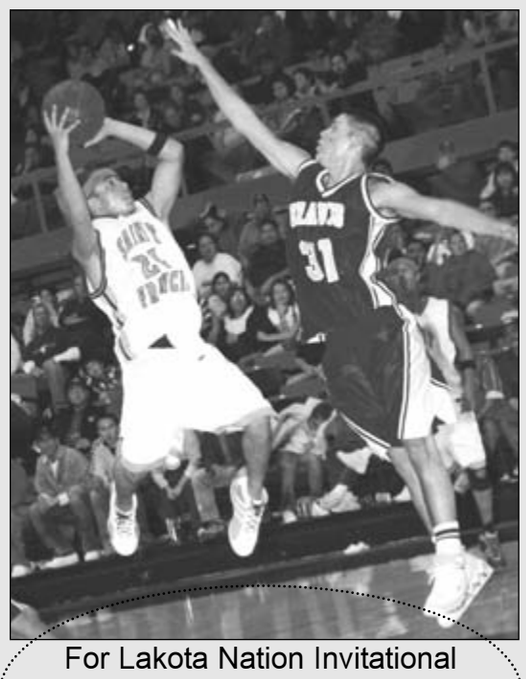
Short Bull faces up to 10 years in prison at a March 12 sentencing hearing, the U.S. Attorney's office said.

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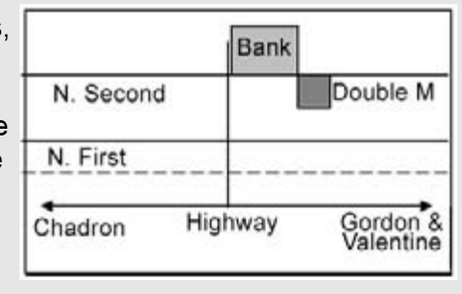


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Meade County considers zoning for Bear Butte and Ellsworth

STURGIS (AP) - Meade County officials are considering special zoning to protect Ellsworth Air Force Base and the area around Bear Butte.

County commissioners have tried to establish zoning in the past, but they failed because of strong opposition. A new state law allows special zoning areas of at least five square miles.

Meade County Equalization Director Kirk Chaffee said Ellsworth needs to be protected to secure the future of the air base. A special one-mile zone on either side of the runway would ensure that the area doesn't become too populated, he said.

Bear Butte is being considered for special zoning because the peak is sacred to American Indian tribes, and they're upset about encroachment by campgrounds and concerts that operate during the Sturgis motorcycle rally.

Community Calendar

Rez Happenings

High School basketball season

Thursday, Jan. 11 Chamberlain boys at Todd County, Friday, Jan. 12 Pine Ridge boys at Little Wound, Winner boys at Red Cloud, Saturday, Todd County boys at McLaughlin, Crow Creek boys at St. Francis, Jan. 13th Cheyenne Eagle Butte girls and boys at Red Cloud, Monday, Jan. 15 Lead-Deadwood girls and boys at Pine Ridge, CEB boys at St. Francis, Tuesday, Jan. 16th Hot Springs girls at red Cloud, Thursday, Jan. 18 Little Wound girls at Pine Ridge, Red Cloud boys at Little Wound, Red Cloud girls at Bennett County, St. Francis girls vs. Takini,

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Thursday, Jan. 11 at Sunrise Housing in Martin, Tuesday, Jan. 16 in Porcupine at Evergreen Housing and CAP office, Thursday, Jan. 18 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni and Friday, Jan. 19 in Oglala, for info call 867-5511.

Common Sense Parenting Class

Wednesday, Jan. 10 is the first meeting with the class focusing on the parent/child relationship and stresses the important role parents play as examples and guides for their children, meeting from 4-6pm Wednesdays at the Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge, for information call 800 727-2401.

Oglala Lakota College Registration

Thursday and Friday, Jan. 11 and 12 at all district college centers across the Pine Ridge Reservation, Cheyenne River and in Rapid City at the HeSapa Center, for information call 455-6000; Drop /Add Week, Jan. 15-26 and first day of classes Monday, Jan. 22.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye

School pow wow on Friday Jan. 12 at American Horse School in Allen and on Friday, Jan. 19 in Chadron at the Chadron Native American Center with grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

Memorial Service and Dinner

For Eddie Lays Bad on Saturday, Jan. 13 at the NAC one half mile north of Evergreen with Kirk Full Bull officiating with a dinner at the Porcupine CAP on Jan. 14, for info call 455-2250, 455-1311.

Rosebud Shootout

Saturday, Jan. 13, hosted by Todd County high school for high school girl's basketball teams including: 2 p.m. Wall vs. Marty Indian, 4pm Kadoka vs. Lower Brule, 6 p.m. Pine Ridge vs. Little Wound and 8pm Todd County vs. St. Francis.

Indian Business Conference

South Dakota Indian Business Conference, Tuesday, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 22 in Rapid City at the Ramkota Inn, for information call 455-2187.

Elders mentors nuture Rapid City students

RAPID CITY (AP) - Gertrude Hutchinsons gentle touch on a shoulder was all it took to bring Heath Peneauxs attention back to his teacher's civics lesson.

After sharing a brief, hushed conversation with Peneaux, Hutchinson, an elder mentor in Central High Schools Lakolkiciyapi classroom (pronounced la-coal-key-chee-ya-pee), moved on to watch other students work while the teacher, Robert Cook, continued his lesson.

Looking down at blank notebooks, Richard Gerry, 75, whispered to a pair of students, ``You need to take notes.''

During a closing quiz, Lucille Runsafter, another elder mentor, stood in front of a cluster of students reminding them not to look at each others papers.

Now in its fourth year, the Lakolkiciyapi Room targets incoming freshmen identified as low achieving but with higher abilities. Primarily American Indians, the students spend half of each day for one semester in the classroom for their core classes (English, social studies, science and math). The programs goal is to improve student attendance and reduce drop-out rates by giving them the advantage of a smaller classroom experience in the large high school and introducing elements of Lakota culture.

Last spring, an elder-mentor program was introduced in the classroom as another method to help students form a connection with school.

About 12 percent of the Rapid City School Districts 13,000 students are Indian, but only about one-fourth of the 242 students who started the ninth grade four years ago will graduate from high school this spring, according to the Red Stone Education Group. Consultants John Haas and Mitchell Stone are supervising the districts office of Indian Education.

About 17 percent of Central High Schools 2,200 students are American Indian.

Mentoring was one of the first areas examined as an intervention to help keep kids in school, Stone said.

``Its so simple,'' Haas said.

Theres a common misperception that todays kids have lost their values and strayed from their families, but that isnt true when it comes to elders, he said.

``No matter what race, kids always respect elders,'' he said. The mentors have a calming effect on the classroom and develop bonds with the students.

The program was originally intended to build out-of-school relationships, but it is working effectively in the classroom, Stone said. In fact, teachers in other classrooms at Central and other schools in the district are all clamoring for mentors.

``We could use 50 more,'' Stone said.

Centrals principal Pat Jones is pleased with the program.

The people that we have here now are wonderful mentors to the students,'' Jones said. ``They're very positive role models, and they are very serious about our kids getting an education.''

Jones said that having the mentors in the school makes a difference for the entire school.

``They come down and eat lunch in the commons, and theyll stand outside after school and help keep an eye on things,'' he said.

The mentors, who are retirees, spend as much time as they can in the classroom. They receive a small, tax-free stipend that does not interfere with their Social Security.

``Its really just gas money,'' Stone said.

Gerry spends about four hours each morning at Central.

``Its about the best thing I ever did in my life,'' Gerry, a retired construction and steel worker, said. His image as a grandfather is very important. The kids pay attention when he tells them to behave, he said.

``They say, Yes, grandpa,'' Gerry said with a chuckle. ``Im the grandfather of the class.''

Hutchinson and Runsafter visit the afternoon class two to three times a week.

``Theyre our uncis (grandmothers),'' Lisa Good Iron said. ``They give us advice and tell us what not to do. It helps to have them here.''

``They want us to get our work done and hand it in on time,'' Heath said. ``They give good advice and help us and stuff like that.''

A solid family or even a grandmother is something many of the students in the class lack, the elders said.



Above: Travis Spotted War Bonnett, (14) St. Francis center, skies over Marty's Hoksila Joseph (2) in a St. Francis win on Friday in White River.

Below: Todd County's Christine Crow Eagle drives on Winner's Kasey Novotny (20) in a Lady Falcon 46-40 win over Winner on Thursday.

Photos courtesy of Randy Bachelor, White River.



Runsafter said the students need someone to set expectations for them.

`Its very important,'' she said.

``The power of the grandparent is not something to take lightly. They are very good at what they do, and theyre very good for our kids,'' Jones said.

Gerry would like to see more retirees become involved in the program and discover the pleasure he has found in working with the students.

``If we get enough people interested that love children and being around them and would sacrifice their free time. ... We need more people. Its real important for the kids,'' Gerry said.

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Rosebud Shootout:

Red Cloud wins over Santee, Wall, still honorable mention

Mustangs down Clark at Pheasant Shoot out

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

REDFIELD/MISSION - Last spring Little Wound lost to Clark in the first round of the 2006 South Dakota State A boy's basketball tournament in Sioux Falls, Saturday in Redfield at the Pheasant Shootout, the Mustangs reaped a little revenge knocking off the Clark Comets 86-77 to push their record to 8-0 and keep their number two ranking in the state.

Little Wound hit the court hard leading Clark 18-10 at the first quarter break; the Mustangs took it up to a ten point 40-30 lead by the half in an up-tempo first half. The Comets closed the gap in the third, down by six after three but the Mustangs made it a nine point win as Rich Big Boy led the way for the Mustangs inside with 25 points, Brice Hornbeck added 24 and TJ McCauley chipped in 20. McCauley's total included two three's while Hornbeck added one and Devon Lebeau helped with two three's and 13 points. Taylor Welk led Clark with 34, Trent DesLauriers and Derek Brown helped with 17 points a piece.

"It was a good team effort as we had balanced scoring with four in double figures and Big Boy had a strong game inside," said Jamie Feather Earring, Little Wound coach, "it was good to get a solid road win against Clark, it helps to prepare us for competition down the road, for districts, regionals and hopefully state again, Clark has a very solid program."

Little Wound is 8-0 now and hosts Pine Ridge on Friday and Red Cloud on Thursday, Jan. 18, a game originally set for the 16 but moved because of a problem with the officials. Clark is now 6-3 after beating Webster on Tuesday and will host Castlewood on Tuesday.



Left: Pine Ridge's Jeff Pourier (12) drives to the basket on Crow Creek's Kevin Black Bull during the Thorpes 52-50 win over Crow Creek at Saturday's Rosebud Shootout.

Right: Red Cloud's Christian McGhee(44) prepares to drive on Santee during the Crusaders sixth win of the season, a 92-58 win over Santee on Saturday at the Rosebud Shootout in Mission. Photos courtesy of Double M Photography Hay Springs, Neb.





Todd County's Steve Antoine(12) stretches for a lay-up on Saturday at the Shootout helping the Falcons to a 69-59 win over St. Francis. Photo courtesy of Double M Photography, Hay Spring, Neb.

Red Cloud knocks off Santee, Wall for 7-1 record

Red Cloud rolled into the Rosebud Shootout on Saturday with 14 players in uniform and found Santee with just five players making the trip from Nebraska; the Crusaders did not let the lack of Warriors deter them from playing every player on the bench and running off a 92-58 win over Santee.

Christian McGhee, a junior point guard for the Crusaders hit for 19 points while leading five Red Cloud players in double figures; Lester Gotheridge hit for 14, David Giago added 13, Billy Scott helped with 11 and Brier Iron Cloud chipped in 10.

"We play an up-tempo game on offense with a trapping defense and regularly get 10 players on the floor," said head coach, Matt Rama, "we're just trying to get a little better each game as we develop and get ready for districts, regionals and state."

Santee's "Iron Five" were led by Chris Hand Boy's 19 points; he was helped by Mark Henry's 17 and Troy Saunsoci'as 14. Santee is now 6-3.

Red Cloud opened up with 33 points in the first quarter as McGhee litg the nets up with 13 points including three three's, Gotherixcge added eight and Scott helped with five in the quarter. The Crusaders relaxed a bit in the second as the bench came in and scored 14 of the team's 21 points in the second quarter.

On Monday, Red Cloud hosted Wall and with another team effort, 11 different players helped with the scoring as the Crusaders reeled off a 93-58 win.

Billy Scott led all scorers with 19 points and four steals, McGhee, Gotheridge and Iron Cloud all added 13 points while McGhee added seven assists, Gotheridge had seven rebounds and four blocked shots and Iron Cloud chipped in five assists. Carl Swallow, a freshman, came off the bench to dish out eight assists while Mike Twiss, a sophomore also had seven rebounds and added eight points.

Red Cloud once again hit the floor running opening up a 27-6 first quarter lead and cranking it up to 56-28 at the half. Red Cloud is averaging 83 points a game while holding their opponents to an average of 56 points a game. With a win over the Eagles, Red Cloud has moved their record to 7-1, still receives honorable mention points in the top ten poll and will hosts Winner on Friday and Cheyenne Eagle Butte on Saturday.

Todd County, Pine Ridge, South Central grab Rosebud Shootout wins

MISSION - Todd County used a 21-2 run in the third quarter to break open a close game against St. Francis Saturday in the Rosebud Shootout in Mission and went on to win their sixth game of the year 69-59 over the Warriors. Vernie Menard led the way with 21 points, Mark DuBray added 16 and Steve Antoine added 14. JJ Arcoren led the Warriors with 28 while Travis Spotted war Bonnett helped with 13.

Down by one at the half to Crow Creek, Pine Ridge pulled out a two point 52-50 win over the Chieftains on Saturday. John Provost led the way with 13 points, Oris Morrison chipped in 12, Austin Red Shirt added 11 and Michael Jack hit for 10. Tony St. John led Crow Creek with 15 and James Drapeau helped with 10. Pine Ridge is now 7-3 and travels to Little Wound on Friday and hosts Lead-Deadwood on Monday.

South Central downed Crazy Horse 68-40 as Tyson Red Elk led the Chiefs with 12 points. Crazy Horse is now 1-5, travels to Oelrichs on Thursday and hosts Marty on Tuesday.

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Takini 60-42 Crazy Horse
Chamberlain 92-69 Chey Eagle Butte
Lower Brule 78-69 Philip
Pine Ridge 52-50 Crow Creek
Todd County 69-59 St. Francis
Red Cloud 92-58 Santee
Little Wound 86-77 Clark
Tiospa Zina 76-45 Flandreau Indian
South Central 68-40 Crazy Horse

Girls

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Bennett County 80-37 Hill City
Todd County 46-40 Winner
Red Cloud 52-38 Wall
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Lakota Sioux mourn a son, pray for Eddy - a 'Fiery Star'

Nearly a year after brother dies in Iraq, only sibling chooses to go back to war

By Jim Sheeler
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KYLE - The sweat lodge started just after midnight, with a nightmare that had already come true.

On a freezing, overcast night in the Badlands, a sun-bleached buffalo skull lay near the door of the small domed shelter supported by willow branches, covered by a heavy tarp. The Lakota Sioux man closed the flap on the door, leaving them all in deep darkness, except for the pulsing glow of the orange rocks sprinkled with sage.

Clad only in a pair of shorts, Marlin Under Baggage poured water on the rocks, filling the lodge with a pungent, steamy heat that all of them could taste.

"Before Brett left for Iraq, he told me he had a dream that he was going to be shot," Under Baggage said. "He was scared. He didn't think he was coming back.

"Still, he went.

"That is courage. That is bravery."

Ten months earlier, the body of 22-year-old Marine Cpl. Brett Lundstrom, the first Oglala Lakota Sioux service member killed in Iraq, was welcomed home a few miles away.

It was only the beginning.

In the Lakota tradition, mourning takes at least a year, as the spirit of the dead watches over those who grieve on its journey to the other side, where tradition holds that the dead will be reunited with their ancestors.

Every week since then, they've come to the sweat lodge, to continue the journey - for Cpl. Lundstrom, and for those left behind.

"He also worried about his little brother," Under Baggage said to the darkness. "He worried."

A few miles away, Brett Lundstrom's only sibling arrived on the reservation from his own tour in Iraq.

Within months, 22-year-old Army Spc. Eddy Lundstrom could be headed back into battle.

Inside the sweat lodge, the drumbeat began.

Underneath the tarp, the steam again enveloped the darkness, soaking the Lakota people, blasting them with air so hot that some bent over to breathe the cooler air near the dirt floor.

As sweat dripped from their skin and drenched their hair, a sacred pipe filled with tobacco came around, along with the prayers.

"I want to pray for Brett, and for Eddy. I want to pray for the warriors," Glorianna Cordova said. "I also want to pray for all the Iraqi people who have died. All the children."

The prayers continued, followed by traditional Lakota songs. Songs of healing, songs of purification.

Nine months before, many of them stayed awake for 42 hours straight during the wake for Brett Lundstrom. Now, as they welcomed home his brother, it neared 2 a.m.

"One more song," George Apple said, as he picked up his drum.

"I want to sing a song for the soldiers."





Above: Last year during Lundstrom's wake at Kyle, Doyla Underbaggage Lundstrom breaks down as Capt. Chris Sutherland presents her and Ed Lundstrom, Brett's father, with their son's watch and dog tags Sunday during the wake in the gymnasium at Little Wound High School. Photo by Todd Heisler of Rocky Mountain News.

Left: Eddy, Doyla and Ed at a dedication of a conference room that was named for Brett at Lakota Prairie Motel Resort near Kyle last fall. A plaque and photo grace the walls of the room in memory of Brett. Photo by Amanda Takes War Bonnett.

Premonition about a phone message

On the night of Jan. 7, Doyla Lundstrom navigated the dark roads of South Dakota, back into cell-phone range, where her phone flashed with a message.

Since she was driving, she asked her fiancé, John Hauk, to check the call. It was a friend, saying that a neighbor was trying to get in touch with her.

She asked Hauk to call the neighbor. The woman told him that she wanted to speak to Doyla, but it could wait until she got home.

During her sons' deployments, Doyla would pause at the stop sign near her house, peering around to the street, looking for vehicles that didn't belong. Each night the chaplain wasn't at her door, she went to sleep saying, "That was a good day."

As she drove, she asked for the phone, to call the neighbor back.

"Did my house burn down?" she asked the neighbor. "Is there a problem with the dog?"

No, the neighbor told her. None of that. There was something she need-

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RST Court's Judge Sully contributes to nationwide report on juvenile crime and substance abuse

ROSEBUD - Rosebud Sioux Tribe Children's Court Judge Janel Sully and a panel of judges from across the nation hope a recent report will influence the nation's judges to be proactive in helping youth in the criminal court system overcome their drug and alcohol problems.

Judge Sully was one of the select team of judges from across the nation that helped shape a nationwide report designed to help juvenile court systems facilitate substance abuse recovery in juvenile offenders in order to prevent a cycle of substance abuse and crime.

"We were attempting to educate judges in children's court on lessons we have already learned, so those judges that are new to the system, or that are being reassigned to work with children would not have to relearn what we have learned," Sully said.



Judge Janel Sully served on a panel of judges who worked on a national report to help youth in criminal court.

Sully and the RST Children's Court are way ahead of much of the nation in that they have already implemented many of the changes the report recommends.

"We already are using graduated sanctions and incorporated a lot of the ideas we came up with, most importantly, we have adopted the philosophy that every child with signs of alcohol or drug abuse needs early intervention and follow-up," Sully said.

Sully and the team of judges are part of the Reclaiming Futures program funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. They issued their call to action as part of their jointly written monograph A Model for Judicial Leadership; Community Responses to Juvenile Substance Abuse. The report was published by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in its Juvenile and Family Court Journal, Summer 2006, Volume 57, Number 3. It can be read in its entirety at http://www.reclaimingfutures.org/resource.asp?rcid=5.

The group of judges hopes their recommendations will spark a change in the way juvenile crime is currently dealt with across the nation.

"Research shows that teens who use drugs and alcohol are more likely to end up in the justice system, where treatment services are often unavailable or uncoordinated," said Laura Nissen, Reclaiming Futures national program director. "We believe these young people deserve appropriate screening, treatment, care and community support, and that judges have the knowledge, influence and obligation to drive this change."

The judicial monograph outlines practical steps for other judges to follow to build

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Kiyaska Waniyetu 'Midwinter' Wacipi Jan. 27 and 28 at LWHS gym

KYLE - The 20th Annual Kiyaska Wacipi has been set for Jan. 27 and 28 this year, said Marcell Bull Bear, one of the coordinators. The event is still in the planning stages and more information will be released next week.

A meeting will be held Jan. 14 at Marcell's place for more planning and those interested may attend.

The annual wacipi is held at Kyle at the Little Wound School and is a community celebration.

The wacipi is usually held earlier in the month for New Years but has been changed to a mid winter powwow due to the construction of the new gym floor at the high school.

There are dance specials in juniors, teens and adults categories with feeds on both days.

For more information call Bull Bear at 455-2690.

New Year's baby to be honored

PINE RIDGE - On Friday, Jan. 12, the first baby born at the hospital will be honored in the afternoon. The tribe's various health department's are coordinating the honoring at the Health administration office. The baby is Lashiyaha Two Crow and her and her parents are from Kyle.

A year later: Lundstrom remembered

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ed to talk to her about, the neighbor said, but it could wait until she got home.

Doyla Lundstrom's first language is Lakota. She grew up on the reservation, without a mother, with a father who drank much of the time. She left the reservation as a teenager, for a foster home. She married a man from the nearby Rosebud reservation who would become a Marine, and a life that took her away from the reservation.

For much of the family's life, it was just Doyla and the two boys, as their father was off on officer training and deployments to Cuba and the Persian Gulf. When he arrived home, they would go on family trips to historic battlefields, where the boys memorized the history and made plans to join it.

Brett had always said he wanted to be a Marine - when he was a teenager, he would tell his friends, "I will die for you."

On Sept. 11, 2001, the family lived 35 miles from ground zero, and his mother knew it wouldn't be long. She was able to convince him to go to college for a year, but he eventually enlisted, followed not long afterward by his brother.

Even after Brett returned home from boot camp, she still called him by his nickname "Brettlee." Eddy was always "Babyson."

Brett was the outgoing big brother, who called his mother three or four times a day, and they talked like teenagers, sharing everything. Eddy was always the quiet one, more like his father, introspective.

"They're both awesome kids," she said. "Awesome in their own way."

In one family photo, Eddy sits on a chair in his Army uniform. Everyone says he looks exactly like his grandfather, who fought in the Army in Korea. The family tradition of warriors goes back generations, to famed Lakota Chief Red Cloud.

'Which one was it?'

As she drove home that night, she asked her fiancé to call the neighbor one more time. She couldn't wait.

"Call her back and ask her if the chaplain came to the door," she said.

By then, boys throughout the country called Doyla Lundstrom "Mom."

Her home was always open to the boys' friends, who would use the home, sometimes as party central - with Doyla watching over them - sometimes as a refuge to escape their own problems. A home away from home.

"I think maybe it has something to do with me not having a mother when I was growing up - I may have overcompensated with my kids," she said. "I always wanted to be there for them."

Her fiancé dialed the phone, and asked the neighbor. "Did the chaplain come to the door?"

She knew by Hauk's expression what was said on the other end of the line.

She pulled the car over, took the phone and called Ed Lundstrom Sr., her former husband and the boys' father, who lives in Detroit. The Marines had already come to his door.

When he answered the phone, he was crying, choking on the words.

"Which one was it?" she asked.

She remembers screaming into the telephone, telling him to calm down.

"Which one was it!"

For what seemed like several minutes, he couldn't speak.

"That was the worst of it all, right there," she said, "those moments of not knowing which one it was."



Doyla Lundstrom, of Broomfield, puts flowers - a dozen roses from her and a dozen from her younger son, Eddy - at the grave of Marine Cpl. Brett Lundstrom at Fort Logan National Cemetery. Doyla arrived with cousin Amanda Munoz, of Thornton, and Eddy. Doyla visits at least once a week. Photo by Rocky Mountain News.

Best translation is 'Fiery Star'

Late last month, on the morning after the sweat lodge on the Pine Ridge Reservation, Wicahci Kailehya awoke wrapped in his name.

During the three-day wake for Brett Lundstrom 10 months earlier, the two brothers were bestowed with their official Lakota names - one of them, posthumously. The man in the casket was called Wanbli Ishnala, or "Lone Eagle." His brother was dubbed Wicahci Kailehya.

"It can be translated as 'Shining Star' or 'Fiery Star,' " his mother said. "I like 'Fiery Star.' "

After his return from Iraq, she gave him a traditional native star quilt.

On the quilt, yellow diamonds burst from a night-black sky.

"He loved it," she said. "When I woke him up this morning, he was wrapped in it."

Inside the Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort, the traditional drum circle began again.

Only three weeks after Eddy returned from Iraq, the family had returned to the reservation to help dedicate a meeting room at the motel in Brett's honor.

Among those seated at the dedication table, one of the reservation's enforcement rangers bowed his head. In 2003, Francis Jamie Big Crow served as an escort for Lori Piestewa, the first female American Indian killed in the war. Then, in January, he rode his horse in front of a clapboard wagon carrying the casket of Brett Lundstrom.

"It was a tremendously great honor to be on horseback - especially as a horse nation," he said, then had to pause. "Gosh, I can feel it right now, just saying this."

On the reservation, every day is Veterans Day.

American Indians have the highest enlistment rate per capita of any race. According to icasualties.org, 29 "American Indians and Alaska Natives" have died in Iraq.

Inside Little Wound High School in nearby Kyle, they still keep the pictures of each member of the reservation who has served in Iraq and Afghanistan. A group of mothers has set up a support group. Now the fathers are starting to come, too.

The reservation - set in the second-poorest county in the country - grapples with unemployment, alcoholism and a methamphetamine problem, which gnaws at the tribe from the inside out.

"Brett's death wasn't a tragedy. It was a huge loss, but it wasn't tragic," said his uncle, Marlin Under Baggage. "Last weekend, three young people lost their lives here - one in an accident, one in a stabbing and one from an overdose. Those are the tragedies."

In a place only a few miles from the Wounded Knee massacre more than a century ago, many on the reservation openly question the cost of the current war - in billions of dollars and lives lost - while still remembering the battles that left them on the reservation.

"You go back and look at acts of terrorism. This country committed the first act of terrorism - on the Lakota people. At Wounded Knee," Big Crow said. "People say 'Remember 9/11.' I wish they would also remember 1890. Wounded Knee. Because Native American people were lost."

Still, they continue to serve. At last count, more than 60 Lakota from Pine Ridge were overseas. Recently, a tribe member from Rosebud returned after being shot by a sniper, but survived.

"This is for all of the things all of them have done," Ed Lundstrom Sr. said, of the room's dedication to his son. "Brett is the face of it, but this is for all of them. This is for all of the servicemen and women."

The drum circle played a song written for Brett Lundstrom by a Denver-based drum group called Good Feather - the same group that played at his burial service at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

Wanbli Ishnala, the song is called, Lone Eagle.

After the ceremony, Brett's grandfather, Birgil Kills Straight, looked around the room.

"It's not just four walls anymore," he said. "It seemed sterile to this point. And then it took on a life."

A few minutes later, Eddy and his best friend, Frankie Lugo, stepped outside for a cigarette.

"The songs," Lugo said, his eyes red. "That's what gets me every time, those songs.

"I wish I could understand the words.

"Did you understand it?" he asked Eddy.

The young soldier stared out at the brown hills.

"I understood Wanbli Ishnala, " Eddy said.

'You have to do what you have to do'

Later that night, inside a pizza restaurant in Rapid City, more than an hour's drive from the reservation, Eddy looked up at the television screen at a commercial for Flags of Our Fathers, the movie about the Marines who hoisted the U.S. flag at Iwo Jima during World War II.

"I read the book. I really liked it," he said quietly.

"It's sad what happened to the Indian, though."

Long before the book or the movie, most everyone around here knew the story of Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian who helped raise the flag on Mount Suribachi. He returned home a hero, but the quiet, shy man struggled with the attention. Hayes fell into alcoholism and died at 32.

Inside the restaurant, Frankie Lugo watched his best friend as Eddy wound his way over.

"Think of it. Every time he's introduced, people say, 'This is Eddy, he just got back from Iraq. His brother died over there,' " Lugo said. " 'This is Eddy, he just got back from Iraq. His brother died over there.' "

"I don't think he should have to be reminded all the damn time."

As the family prepared to leave the restaurant for a pool hall several blocks away, a snowstorm kicked up, and the family decided to drive.

Eddy shook off the idea, insisting on walking through the storm.

"But you have to walk across a major road," Lugo said.

"I'm not afraid of a few cars," he said. "They don't blow up over here."

By the time the Lundstrom family made it into the smoky haze of the pool hall, Eddy was already there, but he had a large bloody gash on the palm of his hand.

"I had to jump over a fence," he said. "It's no problem, though - all you have to do is cauterize the wound. In Iraq, you have to do what you have to do."

He took the cigarette from his mouth and mashed it into his palm, searing the wound, without flinching.

He then stuck the cigarette back in his mouth.

Sometimes, Eddy will order an extra beer and leave it on the counter without touching it. For his brother.

When people in the bar learned who Eddy was - which did not take long - they gathered around his table. When they found out that his new unit is scheduled to leave for Afghanistan within the next several months, their pride mixed with anger.

"Don't go back, man. Don't go back," said Alfred Leftwich. "We can only lose one Lakota per family. Only one."

"Somebody's gotta go," Eddy said. "Somebody's gotta go."

He took a sip of his beer.

"Don't worry about me," he said. "I got an angel watching over my shoulder.

"Yeah, I got an angel on my shoulder."

Bringing roses to Brett at Fort Logan

At the King Soopers on Sheridan Boulevard in Englewood, the cashiers recognize the soft face of the Lakota woman.

Inside the supermarket, the florist is one of the closest to Fort Logan National Cemetery.

"Every time I come down here I buy eight bouquets - one for all the Marines. Someone does it for Brett, so I do it for them," Doyla said as she gathered up the flowers. "We all just kind of take care of each other's kiddos."

Though many relatives at Pine Ridge wanted Brett buried there, Doyla knew her son always wanted to come to Colorado. When the Marines pulled up at her home in Black Hawk, S.D., she had already placed the house on the market. She recently moved to Broomfield, and she

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a collaborative model for change within their own juvenile justice systems. These steps include inviting and convening interested parties to participate; identifying the needs for youth services; achieving consensus; focusing on performance measures and outcomes; educating the judiciary and public; partnering with the community; and listening to youth.

The report concludes with 10 recommendations for judicial action, such as: judges must ensure youth in the system are screened and assessed; judges must be educated on the current state of practice in the substance abuse field; and judges must help identify or create positive pro-social influences for youth such as mentors, jobs or volunteer opportunities.

"This guide is written by judges and intended to be used by other judges, court administrators, government entities, community leaders and interested citizens," said Hon. Willard G. Martin, Jr., a judicial fellow for Reclaiming Futures and judge in the New Hampshire District Court and Family Division.

Reclaiming Futures is a $21 million initiative located in 10 communities including: Rosebud, S.D.; Anchorage, Ala.; Santa Cruz, Calif.; Chicago, Ill.; three counties in Eastern Kentucky; Marquette, Mich.; the state of New Hampshire; Dayton, Ohio; Portland, Ore.; and Seattle, Wash.

In its fourth year, early research indicates the program has significantly improved the coordination of juvenile justice and substance abuse treatment services in its 10 communities.

Lundstrom remembered

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comes to the cemetery at least once a week.

Inside the supermarket, she turned to the red roses.

"I always bring Brett roses - a dozen red roses from me and a dozen from his brother, even though he was never here."

Two weeks ago, for the first time, his brother was there. He appeared from a different aisle in the supermarket, carrying two cans of Budweiser.

"I want to have a beer with my brother," he said.

The day after Eddy arrived from Iraq, his mother loaned him her cell phone to make a call. After speaking with a friend, he snapped the cell phone closed, and saw her screen saver: his brother's headstone at Fort Logan.

"He slammed the phone down and walked off," she said. "He said, 'I can't see that right now.' "

During the wake for his brother at Pine Ridge, Eddy spent much of his time alone, in the bleachers of the gymnasium at Little Wound High School, dressed in his combat fatigues.

According to the Department of Defense, any surviving sibling who has an immediate family member killed in action may request to be kept from further combat.

For Eddy, it was never an option.

"At the wake, grandmothers were hugging him, crying, saying, 'Don't go,' " his mother said. "He said, 'I'm going to go back.' He said, 'I have a job to finish, and I can't leave my buddies behind.' Of course, my thoughts were, 'What about your mom?' But I didn't say anything. I would have never said don't go, because I know that would have made it hard on him. I said, 'Dad and I understand.' "

Last month, after he arrived back from his tour in Iraq, Eddy was on a trip, driving by himself, when he saw an eagle from his car window.

"Mom," he told his mother later. "Brett was following me."

A rifle salute, 'Taps' and a shared beer

Inside Fort Logan National Cemetery, Doyla bent down and kissed her son's headstone. Then she laid out a picnic blanket.

Her niece placed the flowers on the graves of nearby Marines.

Eddy arrived and stood near his car for a few minutes before walking over. When the family first took him to the cemetery last month, he first refused to get out of the car. He eventually circled the grave, but he wouldn't look at it.

This time, he approached the grave slowly, staring mostly at the clean, gray backside of the headstone.

Finally, he walked around, looked at his brother's name and began to cry.

The silence was broken by the shots of a rifle salute from a nearby funeral. Moments later, Taps wafted through the cemetery.

Eddy drank half of his beer and poured the rest onto his brother's grave.

'All we can do is support him'

Near Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, Eddy was assigned to a recovery team tasked with - among other things - cleaning up after the roadside bombs. He's told friends of working his way through the carnage of twisted metal and twisted bodies.

"He's been through hell and back," his mother said. "Well, I don't know if he's back yet."

She can't help thinking back to the words of his big brother.

"Brett was really scared for Eddy. He said, 'The Army doesn't train them like the Marines. He's not ready.' He said, 'I'll be all right - I'll be home in three months. It's Eddy you need to worry about.' "

Two weeks ago, she received a call in the middle of the night.

After spending weeks trying to hold his emotions, Eddy called from his bunk at Fort Sill, Okla., where he was alone, the first to return from leave.

"He said, 'Mom, I'm scared.' He was all alone and it was hitting him all at once," she said. "He talked about the nightmares. He told me what he was thinking."

He then described a place she recognized all too well.

"In the beginning, there was nothing, nothing that anybody could do for me. I wanted to die. Sometimes I think about it, and I still have those thoughts. That evil s-word (suicide) can creep into your thoughts," she said. "The pain was just so unbearable."

She heard the same worries in her son's voice. So she made a deal.

"I said, 'I know how you're feeling.' I said, 'You have to remember, I hung in there for you, and you've gotta hang in there for me.' I said, 'You're the reason I'm still alive.' "

Eddy's new unit is scheduled to leave for Afghanistan in five months.

"My first instinct was to get him out," she said. "But if he wants to go, then all we can do is support him again, be there for him."

Even though many in her own family argue against the Iraq war, she says she doesn't take a stand, other than to support her sons.

"I can't really blame anybody. Brett died doing what he wanted to do. He didn't want to die, but he was willing to die for us," she said. "He died doing what he was supposed to do. He died doing what they told him to do. That's what they do."

The tradition of the spirit journey

As Doyla packed up her things from South Dakota to move to Colorado, she found two coffee mugs she had planned to give to her sons.

"Happiness is . . . 'Iraq' in my rearview mirror," the inscription reads. She still hasn't opened the boxes of Brett's belongings that returned from Iraq. She had the Marines put them in the garage, with the word, "deceased" facing the wall.

According to Lakota tradition, she is supposed to burn all of his belongings, so his spirit doesn't return for them, to make it easier for the spirit to make the journey to the other side.

She can't do it.

"I still sleep with his shirt," she said. "Not every night now, but I still sleep with it sometimes. I just hold it like a pillow. It makes me feel better."

Tradition says that Brett's spirit can hear her sobbing, and feel her grief, and that it makes it more difficult for the spirit to make the journey to join his ancestors.

"Everyone keeps saying, be strong, don't cry," she said. "I guess you're supposed to be strong, but I'm not strong."

After she left the reservation, she followed Catholic traditions - both Eddy and Brett were altar boys - but she has recently fallen away from the church. A few months ago, she went through a healing ceremony at Pine Ridge - a ceremony that she says has helped her work through her grief more than any other.

"It's being torn between the way we believe and the way I grew up, the way I lived my life all these years," she said. "I find myself praying to God, and not Tunkashila, and that's where I still feel torn."

She stopped, and sniffled.

"It's basically the same person," she said of the two deities.

In January, she's scheduled to have another ceremony at Pine Ridge - one that signals the end of the official mourning period.

"I guess that I'm supposed to go through a 'wiping of the tears' ceremony at a year," she said.

"I won't be able to do it."

'Tonight will help us find that clarity'

Last Saturday, a nearly full moon rose over the Badlands, and a brilliant orange sunset stretched across the Pine Ridge reservation, painting the tarp on the tiny sweat lodge.

For hours, 24 rocks had heated in a bonfire, which still crackled as it slowly died.

Before returning to the sweat lodge, Doyla's friends and relatives gathered, giving thanks to the "grandpas" - the rocks that are reused for ceremonies. The grandpas, they say, were here before any of us and hold histories of their own. Still, sometimes the heat and water of the ceremony will crack them.

"In many ways, the rocks are like people," Glorianna Cordova said earlier. "You can only use them a certain amount of times before they break."

They had planned to hold a Wopila for Doyla - a ceremony where she would give thanks to the spirits for all the help they had given her through the process.

Instead, she had to wait, as she entered her "sacred time," her menstrual cycle, when tradition holds that her body's own regenerative power would interfere with the power of the spirits in the sweat lodge. Still, her family decided to hold a sweat lodge without her - until she could return for her Wopila ceremony - and send their thoughts through the steam.

In the heat of the "grandpas," the darkness once again enveloped them. They prayed for the ones left behind, and those whose journey have only begun.

For more than an hour, they prayed and sang, hoping to lend strength to the woman who waited at the nearby motel.

Afterward, draped in a towel, sweat still coating his body, Marlin Under Baggage looked into what remained of the fire, and thought of his nephew's spirit and his sister's tears.

"People mourn for themselves because they're left behind," he said. "If there is constant unhappiness, he hears that out there, and he wants to come back. It is supposed to be a joyous occasion, your birth and your death.

"Tonight will help us find that clarity, to work with it in a positive way."

Minutes later, once the sweat lodge was officially ended, the headlights of a car swept across the property. The woman with the soft face got out of her car, and stood on the ground where she grew up, the land she still knows in the dark.

As she walked into the cold night, Doyla wrapped herself in the warmth of the coat embroidered with a lone eagle, and looked up at the shining, fiery stars.

In the Lakota language, there is no word for "goodbye."

Hearing for slain Aquash against Graham delayed

By Carson Walker
Associated Press Writer

SIOUX FALLS (AP) - A Canadian man charged with killing American Indian Movement activist Anna Mae Pictou Aquash earned at least a few more months of freedom by getting a judge to delay his latest hearing.

John Graham is on house arrest in Vancouver, British Columbia, and fighting extradition to South Dakota to stand trial for the 1975 slaying on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

At a court hearing this week, a judge with the British Columbia Court of Appeal granted a request from Graham's lawyer to postpone a hearing on his appeal until May 17. It had been scheduled for Jan. 29.

However, the judge did require Graham's lawyer to file paperwork by Feb. 28 outlining why he wants a judicial review of an earlier decision by a judge who ordered him to be committed for extradition.

If Graham's lawyer doesn't file that factum the U.S. equivalent of a written brief by the deadline, Graham must turn himself the next day and his bail would be revoked, said Lyse Cantin, spokeswoman for Department of Justice in Vancouver.

After that May hearing, a judge will decide whether the court's decision to extradite Graham will stand, though he could then appeal to the full Canadian Supreme Court, she said.

Another man charged with Aquash's killing, Fritz Arlo Looking Cloud, is serving a mandatory life prison sentence for a 2004 conviction in Rapid City of first-degree murder committed in the perpetration of a kidnapping.

A three-member federal appeals court has since upheld the conviction and denied his request for a rehearing.

Aquash's slaying on the Pine Ridge reservation came amid a series of bloody clashes between federal agents and AIM. She was among the Indians who occupied the village of Wounded Knee for 71 days in 1973.

Prosecutors said AIM leaders ordered Aquash's killing late in 1975 because they suspected she was a government informant. AIM leaders denied the accusation and blamed the government for her death.

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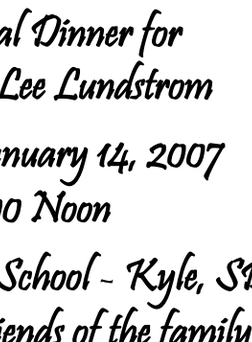
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Local mentors honored, more mentors sought with *When You Were 15* campaign

ROSEBUD - In January, National Mentoring Month, SGU Reclaiming Futures would like to thank all the mentors that have supported and encouraged the youth of the Rosebud Reservation and to encourage more of the public to consider ways they can contribute to the youth of our communities.

As part of National Mentoring Month, a new campaign called *When You Were 15* is being unveiled on the Rosebud to encourage the public to seek out ways they can help young people achieve their full potential.

"By encouraging the public to think back to the time when they were 15 years old and how difficult those times could be, the radio and poster campaign should help more people realize that by simply keeping in touch and offering kind words to a teen they may be the deciding positive influence in their life," said Natasha D. Bordeaux, communications consultant for SGU Reclaiming Futures. The campaign originates from a Reclaiming Futures campaign in Oregon that has gone nationwide this month.

Reclaiming Futures has invited all tribal council members to lead the *When You Were 15* radio campaign on KINI radio. "Our tribal leaders are the perfect representatives to encourage others to take an interest in the lives of our youth. Our tribal leadership have consistently acknowledged the importance of shaping today's youth into tomorrow's leaders. And sharing their personal experiences is just another way they can help our youth," Bordeaux said.

Each member will have an opportunity to share with their constituents, via radio recording, the person or people who positively influenced them when they were 15 years-old or so, and to encourage more people to reach out to our local youth in positive ways.

The goal is to recruit volunteers to mentor youth in the First Offenders Program, Wanbli Wiconi Tipi, Piya Mani Otipi Horsemanship Program, the Youth Wellness Program as well as to seek out other mentoring opportunities that exist outside of these public programs.

"A mentor is someone who cares for, encourages, supports, and guides another. You can become a mentor by simply being kind to someone already in your life. Talking to your teenage neighbor about how to earn money or how to balance a checkbook, or helping your niece or nephew with a school project are all ways to mentor," said Denise One Star, Outreach Coordinator for SGU Reclaiming Futures.

"You don't have to be perfect to be a mentor. You just have to care and be able to share that with the youth around you. If you can sing, speak Lakota, play piano, sew, bead, cook, fix a car, play basketball, play chess, catch a fish or tell a good story you may have something to offer the youth in your area," One Star said.

For more information on mentoring and volunteering contact Denise One Star with Reclaiming Futures at (605) 747-5269, or (605) 208-5269.

Reclaiming Futures would like to acknowledge the more than 75 local mentors who were nominated by several programs for their volunteer support of local youth. Organizer Marlies White Hat, director of Rosebud Reclaiming Futures Project, said the event was held "to show appreciation for the time these volunteers have given to share their life experience, skills, activities and words of encouragement with youth. Our youth need community mentors to become future leaders and these volunteers are wonderful mentors."

Wanbli Wiconi Tipi honored the following mentors: Cindy Lester and ministry, Lino Spotted Elk, Florentine Black Bear, Robert Stead, Theresa Stead, Kelly Lafferty, Dana Hanna, and Dottie Lebeaux.

Native American Advocacy Program honored the following mentors: Steve Tamayo, Denise One Star, Gina Thompson, Charles Bull Bear, Denise Marshall and Earl Bullhead.

St. Francis community Youth honored the following mentors: Lynn Lefthand Bull, Tiffany Kills In Water, Edwin Young, Rita Kills In Water, Bernadine Kills In Water, Monica Whiting, Marie Edwards, Travis Eagle Deer and Russel Brave.

Sicangu Nation Employment and Training honored the following mentors: Rosalie Whirlwind Soldier, Homer Whirlwind Soldier, Roscoe Witt, PJ Witt, Tonya Whirlwind Soldier, Veterans Affairs (Orlando Morrison and Staff) US Forest Service (Dave McKee), Melody Herbert.

Youth Wellness Court honored the following mentors: Homer White Lance, Denise One Star, Travis Eagle Deer, Sam High Crane, Archie Little, Gary Hacker, Jr, Jim Stands, Lino Spotted Elk, RC Catholic Services, Maxine Bordeaux, Mandy Medearis, Mike Valandra, Albert White Hat, Mike One Star, Gary Hacker, Jamie Knox, Marc Marshall, Marilyn Parker, Randy Her Many Horses, Andy Iron Shell, and Charlene LaPointe.

The 2006 North American Indigenous Games honored the following mentors: Gary Hacker, Mike One Star, Denise One Star, Tonya Whirlwind Soldier, Wopila Bad Hand, Connie Brushbreaker, Dave Brushbreaker, Tillie Black Bear, Buffy Grimshaw, Pete McCloskey, Julio Rodriquez, Lavera Brave, Sonny Farmer, Lisa Farmer, Neil Traversie, Jolene One Star, Willow Marshall, Totes Waln, Lino Spotted Elk, Lema Leader Charge, Cheryl Prue, Dana Marshall, Roger Crow Eagle, Calvin Iron Shell, Ursula Gabriel, Christine Valandra-Sully.

Dinner and door prizes were donated by the SGU Bison Program, Stadium Sports, Buches, All Stop, Family Dollar, Oyate Networking Project, Casey Family Program, SGU Bookstore and the RST Youth Wellness Court.

TCHS senior will serve as legislative aid

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

PIERRE - Her name is Katherine "Tootie" Herman and she seems to prefer using Tootie. The grand daughter of Gwen Herman and daughter of Teddi Rae Herman of Mission, Tootie left for Pierre on Sunday where she will serve as a legislative aid for two weeks. Her legislative name tag even says "Tootie." She is a senior at Todd County High School and was nominated by state Sen. Larry Lucas for the exciting opportunity.

The duties of the legislative aids are to answer phones, distribute legislative documents, do errands for legislators and assist in the legislative Post Office and attend committee meetings. They are reimbursed for living expenses, meals and housing. A page works either in the House of Representatives or Senate.

The young Sicangu tribal member has a distinguished academic record, thus far, and her role as a legislative aid will help her determine if she really does want to study political science when she attends the university next fall.

Apparently, another Sicangu high school student, Marie Short Bull, was also accepted as a legislative aid from the Rosebud reservation. She accompanied Tootie to Pierre on Sunday as they traveled to the capital city and met with officials who will acquaint them with their roles.

Grandmother, Gwen Herman, who is employed in the RST vice president's office also accompanied the two students and assisted in getting them situated. She noted that Tootie was greatly anticipating her experience. She said, "She was nervous about it because she didn't know what the legislative process is or any of the senators and representatives. It's a good experience, an honor. It will prepare her for political science. It will also give her an idea of what a legislative session is and what it means when a bill is introduced. I told her to pay attention. The next time she reads about a bill in the newspaper she will understand the process."

The students will receive a stipend for their work in Pierre; however, they had to pay their lodging and meal expenses first, as the stipend will be awarded at the end of their two week term. Having to pay upfront for those expenses appears to have the potential of creating a hardship on students. The daily rate of the stipend is set on the first day of the legislative session.

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ASK ANNA

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

My son has been having a tough time at school this season. He has been feeling down at times, more than usual over things that are going on as he tries to work toward some of his goals. Are these just obstacles? Will things get better for him as he struggles to work toward some of his goals in the near future?

Thank you!

Concerned

Dear Concerned:

Life can be that way. Some of what your son is going through can be avoided through disengagement. Other people's problems, noise, chaos and complaints are not your son's problem. He is young, and now is a very good time to learn how to be okay when everybody else seems not to be okay. People that are in chaos love to draw the rest of the world into their drama, anger, dissatisfaction, and unwarranted worry about the future.

This is a good time for him to learn how to have compassion, but not buy into other people's noise. Will Rogers said, "Most of the problems that I ever had in my life never happened." I find that a very large percentage of people spin their wheels, cry, whine, complain and generally forget to enjoy their life while they engage in problems that will never happen (I might lose my job, can't pay my rent, my husband/wife might could cheat on me….).

Your son's only problem is the worry he faces with other people's concern. It is a family trait and almost inherited behavior to worry about every body else and what they are doing.

He will be able to go through school very nicely. Although he does and will face some economic challenges he will make it. Another piece of advice: There is no such thing as "trying" to work towards some goals. There is only doing that - working towards goals. Everything one does on the path towards achieving personal recognition, rewards, success, love, etc. is part of that path and is not just a "try" but a "do and done." He is fine - quit worrying mom, you are not helping him by worrying, instead you are reinforcing his belief that he has something to worry about.

As proof of that, please check the last five things that both you and he were worrying about, you will find that all five things worked out, that there was no reason to worry after all, and that all worrying did was take away the enjoyment of living.

You're a good mom. He is fine. He will be successful. Don't get involved in his personal love life, help him as much as you can, and quit worrying.

Dear Anna,

I was going to ask you if my boyfriend is going out with some girl? Does he like my sis?

Does she likes him? Does he love me? Does he love me and does the boy I talk to on the phone like me?

Curious

Dear Curious:

WHAT? Does he love me or her? Do I love him or the guy on the phone? Does the guy on the phone love me or who? Who loves who?

Girl, please get a grip. Don't mistake teenage infatuation and sexual attraction for love. Your sister is flattered by his attention. The guy on the phone is interested to see if you are interested in maybe "hooking up," but not in a way that is love.

Your boyfriend likes you. He likes your sister okay too. He does not love either one of you.

How much do you know about hormones? What kind of education have you had concerning sex education? What do you really know about love?

Don't get too caught up in what is going on. The whole thing is that none of what you have asked me will make one bit of difference in six months. Within that time, you will have a new boyfriend, your sister will find someone else to like, and the guy on the phone/internet will be with another two or three girls.

Enjoy life, keep healthy, and don't mistake sexual energy as the basis for a sound relationship.

Dear Anna,

First of all I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a happy New Years!

I wrote you before and I believe everything you told me and trust your advice. I haven't got the book yet (reference: The Four Agreements) but I will try to remember next time I go to a book store. I've read other's questions and inquiries. So I'll just ask like they do.

Well I wanted to know if my mother is in a good place? I read what you said to someone about reincarnation. Has that happened with my mom? I was wondering if you know if she has visited me or my children? I have the feathers that were given to me and my sister's in my home. Is that right to keep my sister's feathers? I know were not supposed to do any bad things in the home with stuff like that but we drank on New Years? Is that bad? Sorry I really wish I knew our native ways. But I grew up in the church with my grandma.

Another question is about my sisters, will they eventually live a good life for their children? Do you see any blessings in their future? I wish I could win the lottery and help my whole family financially.

Now about my father, do you see him reuniting with us kids and our mother soon? How is he really doing? He writes letters, calls sometimes and never misses a holiday or birthday to send us something. He is doing a lot of good things and that tells me he's okay, but obviously he's in a situation where no one is really satisfied. That's why I ask how he is really doing?

This question I dread to hear the honest answer to but I want to know it. Let me tell you first that I have prayed to the Lord to give me strength for not letting my insecurities get the best of me. Here's my story: when me and my significant other first started dating, my cousin admitted to sleeping with him, to this day I have only spoken to her twice. She has cried to a few of our relatives about having sex with my boyfriend and I asked him the second I found out. He denied it, of course. That's where you come in, can you tell me once and for all if it's true? Please.

Another question is if he and one of his coworkers are flirting with each other? Does he like her? She is definitely his "type". I asked him and he said yes to all the questions. But I asked if he liked her and he said "No" because everyone in his eyes "have flaws". I just want to know if he is attracted and/or likes her?

Here is another question I didn't think of asking you until now. Has my significant other loved or cared for any other female besides me and his family? Also does he have children from anyone else? You may not answer that question, but I have a feeling he does and you know a woman's intuition. I have looked up girls on the net that he has been with, and see they have babies and no father, one of the girls has a daughter that looks almost like my daughter when she was born. So with that I definintely believe one of these days we will get a phone call, letter or knock on the door and it will be one of his children. Please can you answer that.

I always tell him that I love him more than he loves me, and he says he loves me more. But can you honestly tell me who loves who more? It's kind of a funny question but I can prove to him that I love him more. But who knows you may shock me and tell me he loves me more. Or maybe were equal.

Well I can tell you have a strong spirit. I really appreciate you for listening to my story and everyone else's. You have special gift. Thank you.

Dear Really Worried about your Significant Other:

Whew!

Love is not comparative. It just is. There are different flavors of love, kind of like ice-cream. It's all ice-cream, but slightly different. There is however, a difference in level of commitment and life paths.

Your significant other doesn't plan for his future the way that you do; he has a tendency to live more in the moment and doesn't plan for "forever." You are correct, however, you have more anxiety and "pushiness" and want to create and control a future where he is in it with you.

That is not necessarily love, but a preoccupation with security. Try just waiting to see how the future will be with him. What you are creating with your worry is the complete opposite of what you want. Your insecurity about him shows up in your voice, your attitude, your control issues, your whining and your "neediness." This is a sure path to defeat.

Your cousin. Well, if that matters at all, I would believe her. But the deal is, it was before you and he had any real agreement. So what does it matter?

It was the PAST. Everybody over the age of fifteen has a past. Let it be and let it go. This thinking isn't serving you well at all. It is only helping you to be miserable. It is all in your head - you are causing trouble by your obsession with who he was or might ever be with. Intuition? Yes, you have it.

There might be another child out there - but even he doesn't know that for sure. Now, let me tell you about your intuition and what it is really telling you: You are feeling and afraid that the relationship with him will not last. That is making you crazy and you are looking for reasons why it won't last. You are actually creating lots of reasons and aggravation, and are in fact working towards it not lasting.

The intuition is true. The two of you won't be together forever. Now that you know that, why can't you just be okay? Can you go to a place in the future where the two of you are not together but both of you are joyfully happy? Policing your life with worry and control only opens the door to misery and illness. Life will always offer you the best opportunity to be the best you can be, live in the best way, and always be in love.

Anything less, derived from control, will not be very happy.

If you want this man in your life, consider why you don't trust him. Want a man in your life that you are controlling, or one that is fine and doesn't need a policeman following him around to verify he is doing/being what/where he said he was. Be honest. Quit being crazy…and begin today, then the relationship stands a better chance for a clearer, longer, healthier future. Good Luck and God Bless.

Dear Anna,

I am writing to get some perspective on my future for instance I would like to know if you see me expecting a child soon? I've been hoping and waiting to be blessed.

Do you see a change of employment for me and if you do, what kind of work do you see me doing? Do I need to be putting in an application?

On the other end my child has been having some issues and everyone always tells me it's because my child gets whatever they want in life. I have a feeling it's more than that but I don't know how to reach it, what do you see? And what can I do?

Seeking

Dear Seeking:

I do see a pregnancy in the near future…probably summertime.

New employment? Well there is a change but I see it happening around next fall. Watch for various jobs that appeal to your energy, mind, heart, creative spirit, and love of the described tasks, and the service to others. You will see it on a bulletin board, probably at a Indian Health Services location.

Your child does need more structure and a determination of what is expected in a consistent way. Anytime a child whines, complains, and throws a temper tantrum (big or small) the results should be consistently directed to non-negotiable. Separation, and sometimes sleep are needed so that the child has a chance to be more lucid.

There is too much sugar and wheat in your child's system Monitor this more closely. Try and cut way back on wheat and wheat gluten. Cut out soda pop, but don't replace it with juice (also a strong straight sugar), instead teach the love of water. With these practices you should see a vast improvement in behavior.

Blessings to you.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

All requests may be subject to publication.

Clearly mark Ask Anna on your request. This column is meant for entertainment purposes only.

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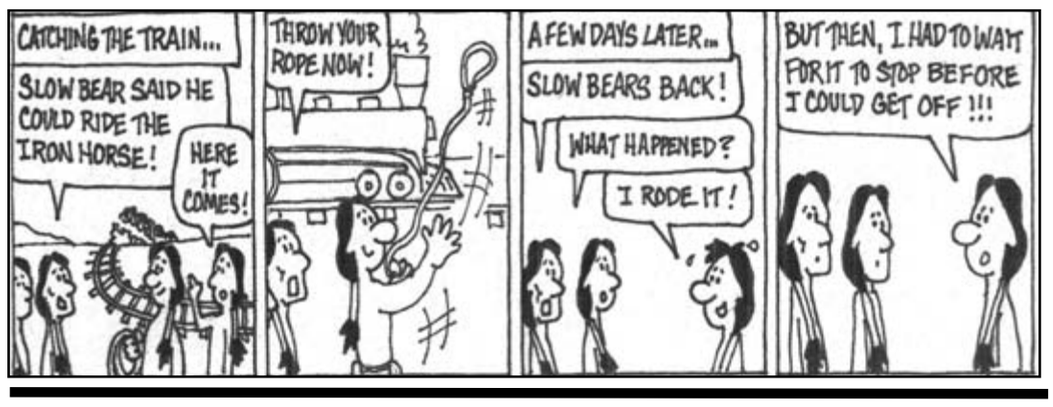
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AZ The REZ Turns... By Connie Blanco



Gearney Good Voice Flute Sr., 60,..Oglala
Elma Tyon, 86.....Pine Ridge
Michael 'Mike' Brewer, 40.....Rapid City
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Fabian Little Cloud, 46..... Phoenix

Gearney L. Good Voice Flute Sr.

OGLALA - Gearney L. Good Voice Flute, Sr., 60, died Jan. 7 at Rapid City Regional Hospital of natural causes.

Survivors include sons Barrett Good Voice Flute of Rosebud, Gearney Good Voice Flute III of Parmalee Lenny Good Voice Flute of Des Moines, Iowa; brothers Carl Good Voice Flute, Gillard Good Voice Flute, Merle Good Voice Flute and Ricky Good Voice Flute all of Oglala; sisters Lorrain Vierra of Oakland, Calif., Betty Good Voice Flute of Upper Lake, Calif. And Diane Crow of Oglala; four grandchildren.

A two night wake service begins at 1 p.m. at Brother Rene Catholic Hall in Oglala.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13, at Brother Rene Catholic Hall in Oglala.

Officiating will be Rev. Agnes Tyon and Rev. Robert Two Bulls with burial at St. John's Episcopal Cemetery, Oglala.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Elma Tyon

PINE RIDGE - Elma Tyon, 86, died Jan. 2 at Custer of natural causes.

Survivors include sons Michael Tyon of Pine Ridge and Ramon Tyon of Hot Springs and five grandchildren.

Wake services were Jan. 6 at the St. Luke's Episcopal Hall in Hot Springs with second night at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge.

Funeral services were Jan. 8, at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge.

Officiating was Rev. Ben Tyon with interment at St. Matthew's Episcopal Cemetery, Slim Buttes.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Michael 'Mike' Brewer

RAPID CITY - Michael "Mike" Brewer, 40, Rapid City, died Sunday, Jan. 7 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include three brothers, Delnore Rock and Robert Brewer, both of Rapid City, and Timothy Brewer, Wanblee; one sister, Josephine Brewer, St. Paul, Minn.; seven children, Markus Brewer, Micah Brewer, Mikela Brewer, Marilyn Brewer, Colin Brewer, Jacee Barnhardt and Marcus Rich; and a special friend, Lisa Rodriguez. Arrangements are pending with Serenity Springs Funeral Chapel in Rapid City.

Josephine Hollow

BULLHEAD - Josephine Hollow, 90, Bullhead, died Jan. 4 at her home.

A rosary/wake service Jan. 9 at the community center in Bullhead. Funeral services were Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the community center, with the Rev. Tony Grossenburg and the Rev. Jim Hoerter officiating. Burial was at St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery in Bullhead.

Anna M. Lone Hill-Kills Right

PORCUPINE - Anna M. Lone Hill-Kills Right, 88, Porcupine, died Sunday, Jan. 7 at Pine Ridge Hospital. Survivors include one son, Frank Kills Right, Minnesota; four daughters, Phoebe Running Hawk, Vernona Under Baggage, C. Mary Kills Right and Alberta Long, all of Porcupine; 19 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

A two-night wake was Thursday, Jan. 11, at Porcupine CAP Office.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Porcupine CAP Office, with the Rev. Cecil Weston officiating.

Burial will be at Gospel Mission Cemetery in Porcupine. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge will be in charge of arrangements.

Marlin G. 'Moon' Weston

PORCUPINE - Marlin G. "Moon" Weston, 45 - "Tasunke Itanpi" - began his journey to the spirit world on Jan. 1. Marlin "Moon" was born Nov. 12, 1961, one of six children to Spencer and Eldean (Iron Cloud) Weston at Porcupine. Moon attended elementary school at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Porcupine.

He graduated in 1979 from Red Cloud High School, where he received the "Brother Pat Award," the highest award granted Red Cloud graduates. Moon attended Black Hills State University and later graduated from Oglala Lakota College in 1994. He attained an Associate of Arts degree in Human Services and was near completion of his Bachelor's degree. In 1982, "Moon" met the love of his life, Evelyn Lone Hill, and they were married on January 6, 1984.

From this union a son Marlon "Chance" Weston was born and they were also recently blessed with a daughter, Jazzlyn Dream Weston. Moon's life as a cowboy and rancher took a turn when he was involved in a car accident in 1984, leaving him a c-5 quadriplegic.

He was a daily inspiration to family, relatives and all those who knew him as he met life's obstacles with courage and dignity.

As Moon's awareness grew for those with disabilities, so did his interest in advocacy, politics and business, as he maintained a love of breeding the best paint quarter horses.

The love of his family and his true dedication to make life better for the Oyate on the reservation were what kept him strong. Marlin "Moon" will be deeply missed by his wife Evelyn, son Chance, daughter Jazzlyn, mother Eldean, sister Carmen, brothers, Farrell "Bodie," Troy "Scott" and Lionel "Beans," along with their families, relatives and his many Kolas.

Wake services were Saturday, Jan. 6, at Porcupine School. Christian and traditional services were Monday, Jan. 8, at Porcupine School with Rev. Chris Collins officiating.

Burial was in Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery in Porcupine.

Justin Cook

EAGLE BUTTE - Justin Cook, 28, Eagle Butte, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, at IHS Hospital in Eagle Butte. Funeral services were Jan. 8 at Cheyenne-Eagle Butte School Auditorium with Mother Marion Rectenwald, Sister Addie Morris, Deacon H. Red Bird, Deacon Dora Bruguier, Ted Knife, Helena Circle Eagle, Iva Traversie, and lay reader Valarie Curley officiating. Burial was at Bear Creek Cemetery in Bear Creek.

Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

Fabian Little Cloud

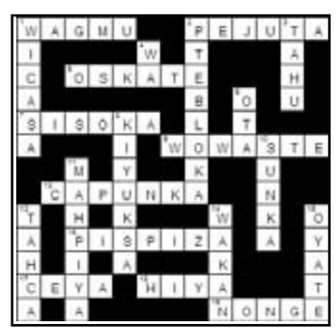
PHOENIX. -- Fabian Little Cloud, 46, Phoenix, and formerly of Rapid City, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, in Phoenix. Survivors include two sisters, Sarah Little Cloud, Rapid City and Irene Little Cloud, Minneapolis; and a brother, Hobart Little Cloud, Sioux Falls. Wake services were Jan. 7, at Mother Butler Center in Rapid City.

Funeral services were Monday, Jan. 8, at Mother Butler Center.

Burial was at Mountain View Cemetery in Rapid City. Behrens-Wilson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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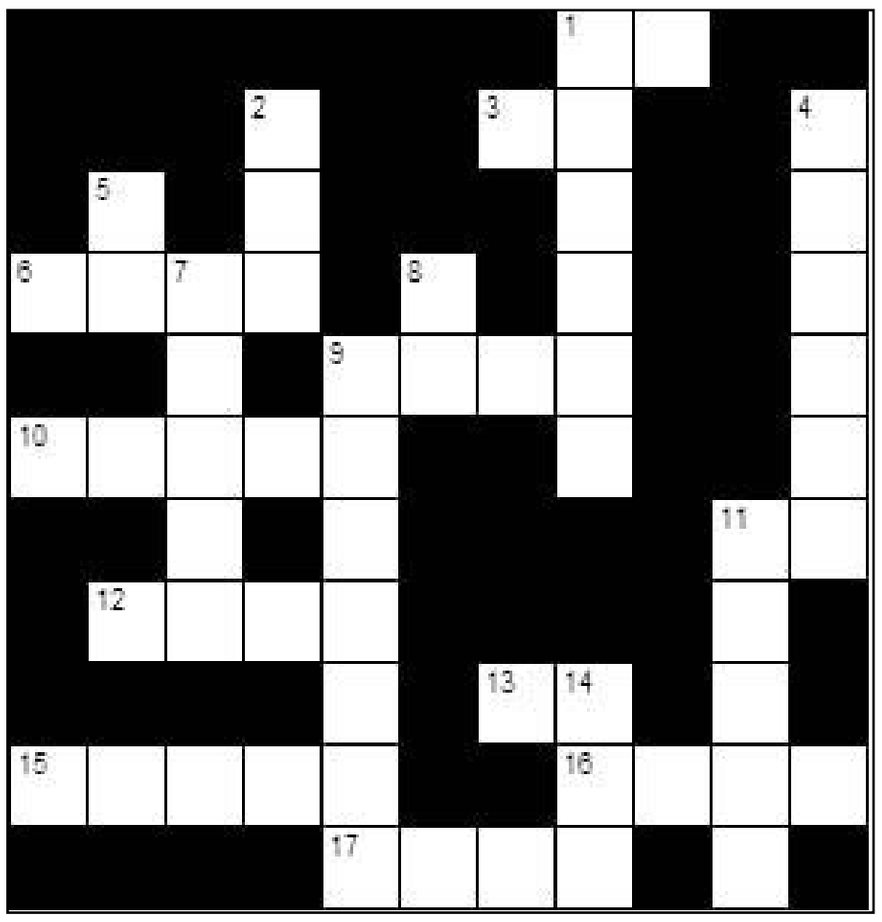


Crossword Puzzle

(answers in next week's issue)

Across
1. yellow
3. red
6. no
9. smoke
10. pink
11. seed
12. green
13. blue
15. one
16. four
17. two

Down
1. five
2. white
4. to erase
5. brown
7. three
8. fog
9. seven
11. six
14. plenty



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MINUTES

-Unapproved-
Shannon County School Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 27, 2006
Wolf Creek School

The Shannon County School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 27, 2006 at Wolf Creek School. President Eagle Bull called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

Board members present: Angie Eagle Bull, Ruth Cummings, Todd O'Bryan, Melvin Cummings, Chuck Conroy.

Others present: Dr. Margo Heinert, Superintendent, MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager, Robert Two Crow, Lakota Studies Director, Bob Hall, Rockyford Principal, Monica Whirlwind Horse, Rockyford Asst. Principal, Loretta Giago, Wolf Creek Principal, Darrell Eagle Bull, Wolf Creek Dean of Students, Patti Nelson, Administrative Secretary, Norma Cummings, Devona Pourier, Leah White Bear Claws, Kathy Red Cloud, Susie Starr, Joe White Bear Claws.

All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

7130 Approval of Agenda: Motion by Conroy, seconded by M. Cummings to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.

7131 Approval of Minutes: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to approve minutes of the 11/27/06 regular meeting. Motion carried.

7132 Personnel: Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to approve all personnel recommendations, as listed, with the exclusion of one special education aide. Motion carried.

7133 Financials: Motion by Conroy, seconded by R. Cummings to approve the financial and payroll report, receipts and disbursements, as listed. Motion carried.

7135 Pro-rated Pay: Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by O'Bryan to authorize the business office to develop a process where classified employees, hired as of December 1, 2006, can choose to receive their salary on a pro-rated or non pro-rated basis, and to provide this opportunity for all staff, effective with the 2007-08 contracts; further, to inform staff who do not pro-rate their salaries that they are not able to receive unemployment benefits during the summer and that all deductions will be calculated over a 9 or 10 month period instead of 12 months. Motion carried, four voted yes and M. Cummings opposed.

7136 Recognition of Connie Rous: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by R. Cummings to recognize and commend Ms. Connie Rous, teacher at Batesland School, for successfully completing the requirements for national certification through the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. Motion carried.

7137 Dress Code Policy: The Dress Code Policy was presented for the first reading.

7138 School Board Work Session: The board and administration will meet for a work session on January 11, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lacreek meeting room in Martin.

7139 Rental of Red Shirt Buildings: Discussion was held regarding the Red Shirt School buildings currently not in use. The board requested administration to meet with interested parties and bring back information and a recommendation to the next board meeting.

7140 January Board Meeting: The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 22, 2007 at Batesland, beginning at 5:00 p.m. A special meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2007 at Wolf Creek School, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

7141 School Board Recognition Week: Governor Rounds has signed an Executive Proclamation, declaring the week of Jan. 7-13, 2007 as School Board Recognition Week, encouraging local school districts and community leaders to recognize their dedicated school board members.

7142 Administrators and Directors Reports: Administrators and Directors gave verbal reports to the board.

7143 Wolf Creek PTAC: Members of the Wolf Creek Parent Council voiced questions and concerns to the board in regard to the No Child Left Behind Act. The board requested the district Assessment Coordinator and Superintendent Heinert attend the next Wolf Creek PTAC meetings to answer questions.

7144 Executive Session: Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to go into executive session at 6:24 p.m. Motion carried. President Eagle Bull declared executive session ended at 7:46 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

7145 Adjournment: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by R. Cummings to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed by MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager

Personnel

Resignation: Brent Brewer-Wolf Creek School Permanent Substitute, effective last work day 11-30-06, Delores Red Feather-Wolf Creek Librarian Aide, effective 12-11-06.

Classified Terminations: , Rockyford Custodian.

Request for Early Retirement: Barbara Blaney-Wolf Creek Alternative Upper Grade Teacher.

Contracts for Approval: Clarinda Moran -Batesland Special Education Aide from 1-28-06 to 5-23-07, $8,550.00, Daryl Waters Wolf Creek Cook from 11-28-06 to 5-23-07 $6,612.00, Wilmer Youngman Jr. Wolf Creek Bus driver from 11-28-06 to 5-22-07 $4,120.00, Alice Big Crow Wolf Creek Preschool Aide from 11-28-06 to 5-22-07 $8,550.00, Patricia Standing Soldier Wolf Creek Preschool Aide from 11-28-06 to 5-2-07 $9,405.00, Amaris Swallow, Red Shirt Bus driver from 11-28-06 to 5-22-07 $6,180.00, Tanya Clifford Wolf Creek Preschool Aide from 11-28-06 to 5-23-07 $9,405.00, Leah Brown Bear Batesland Custodian from 11-28-06 to 6-30-07 $5,082.00, Lloyd Yankton Sr Batesland Custodian from 11-28-06 to 6-30-07 $10,648.00, Tyson Bradford Wolf Creek Special Education Aide from 11-28-06 to 5-23-07 $7,695.00, Brian Waala Rockyford Computer Technician from 11-28-06 to 6-30-07 $23,076.25, Roberta Whiting Rockyford Social Worker from 11-28-06 to 5-23-07 $14,723.10, Jonathan Long Soldier Special Education Aide from 11-28-06 to 5-23-07 $9,405.00.

Batesland School Recommendations: Lorelle Knight Preschool Aide, Alternative none, Receptionist Stephanie Janis, Alternative Victoria Piper.

Extra Curricular Assignments: Tony Cross Batesland Hand game sponsor from 11-06 to 5-07.

45 Day Probationary Completions: Stephanie Wince Wolf Creek School Bilingual Trainee, Jamie Martin Wolf Creek School Bilingual Trainee, William Jumping Eagle Jr. Rockyford School Bus Driver, Leticia Martin Rockyford School Special Education Aide, Tyrell Pierce Rockyford Special Education Aide, Dawn Dugan Rockyford Secretary.

Disbursements

Description of goods or services: Mark Donovan $80.00, SPED Parent $55.68, SPED Parent $53.76, SPED Parent $283.84, DERN $10.00, Dee Lefthand $28.05, Destination ImagNation Inc $225.00, Myron Pourier $77.80, SPED Parent $188.16, Golden West Tele $41.55, SPED Parent $281.60, Myron Pourier $177.20, Margo Heinert $417.00, Dennis Alcanter $100.00, Dennis Alcanter $100.00 Chris Brooks $139.96, Renee Olson $100.00, Theresa Catches $156.00, Yvonne Decory $1500.00, Amy Heuther $100.00, Dee Left Hand $125.00, Gina Cunningham $50.00, Mike Lawrence $261.00, Gordon Country Club $347.25, SPED Parent $188.16, SPED Parent $70.40, SPED Parent $161.28, SPED Parent $167.04, AUL $15.85, Ann Red Owl $66.00, TOTAL $5,567.58.

General Fund

A&B Welding Supply $21.60, ABC School Supply $192.70, AT&T long distance $848.27, Abourezk & Zephier PC services $331.68, Action Mechanical repairs $2,024.75, $698.98, Vendor total $2,723.73, AD Pad supplies $18.00, Advanced Business & Computing services $4,940.00, Alco Store $115.95, All Season Sports supplies $75.50, $248.00, Vendor total $323.50, Allen Tom presentor $200.00, Alltel cell phones $1,197.70, Anduja Angela $100.00, Armstrong Extinquisher services $133.67, $263.27, $143.88, $176.53, Vendor total $717.35, August Ann conf $100.00, $25.00 Vendor total $125.00, BHSU tuition $14,082.30, Bad Mocassin Lenore conf $139.36, Ballhagen Renee conf $100.00, $25.00, Vendor Total $125.00, Barnett Robert conf $100.00, Bauer Katie conf $100.00, $25.00, vendor total $125.00, Bear Runner Sonia conf $154.60, Bennett County School District 1st sem 07 $24,000.00, Benson Travis conf $162.40, Bertram Beverly conf $100.00, BHSSC/TIE Regis $24.00, Big Crow Alice conf $100.00, $25.00, Vendor total $125.00, Big Crow Francis conf $100.00, $25.00, Vendor total $125.00, Bissonette Hope conf $156.00, Black Crow Debra conf $100.00, $25.00, vendor total $125.00, Black Feather William conf $100.00, $25.00, vendor total $125.00, Black Hills Electric $2,729.25, Blacksmith Melissa conf $161.12, Blacksmith Sandra Kay mil/conf $32.00, $100.00, $25.00, Vendor total $157.00, Blaney Barbra conf $100.00, Blount Troy conf $100, $25, Vendor total $125.00, Bohlender Melody conf $162.40, $70.73, vendor total $233.13, Bowen-Raymond Karen $162.40, Bowes Judie conf $100, $25, vendor total $125.00, Bowman Jiles conf $162.40, Boyd Beth presentor $713.00, Boyle Edward conf $100, $25, vendor total $125.00, BP gasoline $186.64, Bradford James conf $100, $25, vendor total $125.00, Bradford Tyson conf $100, $25, vendor total $125.00, Brave Heart Evaleen conf $100, $25, vendor total $125.00, Brewer Brent conf $100, $25. vendor total $125.00, Brewer Lori $156.00, Brewer Richard $156.00, Brewer Vincent jr conf $156.00, Briggs Monte conf $100, $25, Vendor total $125.00, Bring Him Back Illa conf $100, Brown Bryan conf $156.00, Buckman Wendy conf $156.00, Buckman Wilbur conf $100, $25, Vendor total $125.00, Buresh, Cindy conf $100, $25, vendor total $125.00, Buresh Lorrine conf $100, $25, Vendor total $125.00, Bush Ronelle conf $139.36, Busines Office systems Inc supplies $9.49, $38.24, vend toal $47.73, Calloway House Inc supl $341.99, Carlow Micheal conf $156.00, Carrick Marcia conc $100, $25 vendor total $125.00, Carrick Tim conf $100, $25,vendor total $125.00, Catches Cynthia conf $156.00, CDW Government Inc supplies $50, $97, vendor total $147, Cedar Shore Resort travel $123.90, Chadron Wholesale supplies $39.71, Chase Steve conf $100, Child Sandra conf $100, $25, vendor total $125.00, Chris Supply Co Inc $186.00, Christensen Dana travel $70.40, $162.40, $21, vendor total $253.80, Classroom Direct Com Supplies $213.18, Clifford Jaime conf $156.00, Clifford Patrick conf $100, $25, vendor total $125.00, Clifford Shane conf $139.36, Clifford Tonya $100, $25. 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Gallego Emma $156, Geddes Betsi presentor $5,189, Giago Loretta conf $156.00, Gibbons Bill presentor $100, Gibbons Debra Conf $139.36, Gibbons Gabrialle conf $162.40, Gibbons Terri JO conf $183.40, Girls Scouts of Black Hills supply $40, Goff Wayne reimb $272.64, conf $162.40, vendor total $435.04, Golden Corral Family steakhouse $277.22, $200.41, $538.09, vendor total $1,015.72, Golden West Tech Inc tele $485.10, $485.10, $485.10, $485.10, vendor toal $1,940.40, Gomez Porfirio conf $125.00, Gomez Soni conf $125.00, Good Lance Ginger conf $162.40, Gordon Rose conf $125.00, Graham Donna conf $125.00, Grant Christopher M services $750, $1,500, Vendor total $2,250.00, Grant Vickie conf $162.40, Great Plains Comm tele $448.83, Grinnel Meralle Eillen conf $125.00, Gulbransen Sandi conf $125.00, Hall Jane conf $100, Hall Robert conf $133.60, Heller Kim conf $125.00, Halverson Marilyn travel $44.16, $183.40, vendor total $227.56, Hanson Ted conf $100.00, Harlows bus sales parts $21.06, 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vendor total $166.31, Iron Cloud Cindy conf $139.36, Iron Cloud Margaret conf $125.00, Iron Cloud Roberta $125, Jackson Nona conf $125.00, Janis Luwanna conf $156.00, Jaymarr business forms $144.21, Joebgen Karen conf $125, Johnson Machine supplies $135.01, Jordan Dixie presentor $500, Journey Museum trip $80, Jumping Eagle Donna conf $125, Kadlecek Patsi conf $100, Kadlecek Tara conf $100, Kaplan Early learning Co $25.24, Koffman Jodi Conf $100.00, Keiser Krista D conf $125, Kelli Inn travel $114.00, Kings Inn travel $45, Kosters Henry presentor $750, Kota Graphics supplies $173, $110.46, vendor total $283.46, Krotz Carol conf $161.12, Kuxhaus Amy conf $29.05, $100, $25, Vendor total $154.05, La Rouche Delray Conf $100, Lacreek Electric Assn $12,080.90, Lakeshore Learning Materials $243.62, Lakota Cindy conf $115.04, Lakota Country Times $358.40, $80, vendor toal $438.40, Lakota Nation-hand games $250, Lawrence Virginia conf $156.00, Lausen Products supply $57.68, LeBeau Connie mil.conf $30.08, $70.40, vendor total $100.48, Leasure Stephanie conf $161.12, LeBeau Jerilyn conf $161.12, Left Hand Jay conf $162.40, Left Hand Levi $162.40, Left Hand Shirly conf $125, Lemmon Emily conf $125, Lythia Automotive supplies $52.46, Little Bear Richard conf $125.00, Little Moon Moses conf $162.40, Little Moon Pam conf $100, Little Print Shop supplies $224.70. $122.55, $219.21, $8.46, vendor toal $564.92, Little White Man Vincent conf $133.60, Lone Elk Sandra Conf $125, Lone Elk Wade conf $125, Lone Hill William $133.60, Long Soldier Jonathan conf $125, Lowes Home center $956.74, $498.80, vendor total $1,455.54, Ludens Gayle supp.conf $27.27, $125, vendor total $152.27, Mackworld supplies $34.97, Mail box year book $34.95, $34.95, vendor total $69.60, Mail box subsc $219.80, Makes Him First Valentina $125, Martin Latecia conf $125, Madson Lance presentor $320.00, McBriday Jana conf $100, McKey Ford Lincoln Mercury supplies $58.65, Means Kathy $100, Menards supplies $371.49, Mesteth James conf $156.00, Mesger Janine conf $116, Miles Judy conf $162.40, Miller Lynette $100, Monnes Lenore $100, Moon Jim conf $183.40, Moran Clarinda conf $125.00, Muddy Creek oil gas $10,644.61, national Geographic for kids $19.95, Native American Review $35.00, Nichols temple conf $125.00, Northwest Pipe fittings $34.56, $103.16, $79.40, Vendor total $217.12, OST Water sewer $105.00, O'Bryan Todd conf $16, $133.60, vendor total $149.60, Occupational Health network reg $150, Odonnel Christine conf $156.00, Oelrichs School District 23-3 fy07 $95,571.00, Office Max credit plan $255.45, Ohrtman Susan conf $33.44, $100, vendor total $133.44, Olsen Margaret Renee $25.00, One Feather Delmer $156, One Feather Linda conf $92, Oriental Trading co $51.60, Panhandle Sales and Service $206.00, $50, vendor total $256.00, Parent Teacher Outlet supplies $29.48, $29.48, $1,020, vendor total $1,078.96, Paramenter Michelle conf $125.00, Patton Micheal conf $125.00, Patton Tom conf $100, 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conf $133.60, White Bear Claws leah conf $156, White Bear Claws conf $125.00, White Clay Grocery supplies $129.00, WhiteEyes Cheryl conf $139.36, White Face dori conf $125.00, White Robert services $950, White Sara presentor $200, White Terri supp/conf $31.75, $125, vendor total $156.75, Whiting Joyce conf $133.60, Willsie Co supplies $87.54, Wince Don Conf $125.00, Wince Stephanie Conference $156.00, Winkler Carla conf $100, Winters Carla conf $100, Wipf Lisa cof $100, Yankton Debbie $183.40, Yankton Tori conf $162.40, Youel Janelle $125, Young Bear Melvin conf $125.00, Ziegler Mary conf $125.00, Zimmiga Carolyn conf $125.00, Zimmerman Leann conf $100, Fund Total $385,593.07.

Capital Outlay Fund

Best Business Products $506.69, $176.66, vendor total $683.35, Corner Constructions Copr RC Project $61,317.58, ETA/CUISENAIRE supplies $153.45, Golden West Tech $3,200, Pearson Educatoin Inc books $495.54, $46.34, vendor total $541.88, Plains Trading Co $40.91, $81.36, vendor total $122.27, Tatonka Capital Corp lease $4,186.00, Western Document Imag $3,079.84, Fund Total $73,284.37.

Special Education Fund

Alco Store #204 $12.77, Black Hills Special Services Tuition $2,664.30, Brimark Inn travel $90.00, Cedar Shore Resort travel $123.90, Center for Education $299.95, CHildrens Care Rehab Devel services $8,173.00, Childrens Care Hospital and School $5,259.26, Childrens Home Society tuition $1,387.57, $1,387.57, $1,387,57, vendor total $4,162.71, Corporate-Card $155.10, Debbies Cake and Floral supplies $40.00, Hanson Ted Travel $135.40, Instrumental Planning Center $49.88, $87.29, $99.76, $112.23, vendor total 349.16, Just for kids Speech therapy services $7,473.00, McDonalds supplies $8.94, Moon Jim M mileage $42.24, Ramkota Pierre travel $237.98, Ross Donna services $1,137.50, Shannon Co School imprest $1,529.92, Sioux Nation Shopping Cneter $126.02, Sky Ranch For Boys tui $3500, Thin Elk babbet mil $131.84, Wells Spring Inc $284.40, $282.40, vendor total $568.80, Parent mileage $276.48, Fund total $36,498.27.

Food Service Fund

Blue Ink Distrbuting food services $1,790.00, BTU services $1,006.20, Corporate Card $24.79, Food services of America $3,530.28, $1,924.06, $2,113.56, $4287.07, $5,019.83, vendor total $16,874.80, Harkers food $658.35, $3,087.82, $1695.29, $3,982.14, vendor total $9,423.60, Hillyard supplies $189.93, $229.38, vendor total $419.31, Kempsgillette $585.13, $1,482.34, $1678.44, vendor total $3,745.91, Reinhert Institutional foods $4,889.71, $7,131.45, $11,584.78, vendor total $23,605.94, Reitz Carol $51.20, Sensable Foods $4,887.17, True value $10.28, Fund Total $61,839.20.

Federal Programs Special Service

Alco Store $59.32, Division of Criminal Investigation $484, Shannon Co School Imprest $347.25, Twiss Maurice conf $375, Fund Total $1,265.57.

BS Trust/Agency Account

Barnett Robert supplies $21.30, Ideal Supermarket $31.61, Fund Total $52.91. Checking Account Total $558,533.39.

OLC Title VII $4,116.00, Alltell $1000,00, Evironmental Products $500, Mt Rushmore tele $500.00, Pizza Hut Gordon $100, Servall Towel and linen $800, Total $2900.00.

Shannon County School District
Disbursment Report
November 30, 2006

Fund/ Account	Amount
General Fund	$315,404,54
Capital Outlay Fund	$18,738.26
Special Education Fund	$47,276,26
Food Service Fund	$55,296,30
T/A Support Service	$4,534.61
T/A Wolf Creek	$0.00
T/A Batesland School	$83.79
T/A Rockyford School	$0.00
Total of All Funds	**$441,333.76**

Shannon County School District
Payroll Report
November 30, 2006

Types of Services	Salaries	Benefits	Total
1000 Instruction service	$395,662.43	$101,754.86	$497,417.29
2000 Support Service	$202,664.67	$51,485.28	$254,149.95
3000 Other Community serv	$7,805.48	$976.01	$8,781.49
6000 Co curricular	$7,622.39	$666.97	$8,289.36
General Fund Total	$613,754.97	$154,883.12	$768,638.09
Special Education	$151,862.97	$39,088.70	$190,951.67
Food Service	$22,771.67	$6,095.54	$28,867.21
Total All Services	**$788,389.61**	**$200,067.36**	**$988,456.97**

Shannon County School District 65-1
REVENUE REPORT
November 30, 2006

Revenue Sources	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Education Fund	Pension Fund	Food Service	T/A Service	Impact Aid
Local sources							
Taxes	$13,091.23	$10,069.71	$4,699.19	$1,006.87	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$34,788.60	$10.32	$0.0	$0.00	$18,342.19	$-5,983.73	$0.0
County Sources							
County Apportionment	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
State Sources							
State Aide	$357,612.00	$0.0	$119,326.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$14,096.00	$0.0	$2,193.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Federal Sources						$0.0	$0.0
Other	$97,643.44	$0.0	$54,627.52			$0.0	$0.0
Operating Transfer In		$0.0			$0.0		
Total Revenue For Fund	**$517,231.27**	**$10,080.03**	**$180,845.71**	**$1,006.87**	**$18,342.19**	**-$5,983.73**	**$0.00**

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Third, I would love to send a shot out to Mom Myrtle Spotted Elk. Happy late Birthday and we wish you manymore from the boys in Layaway.
Loredo & Mack
Thank you for letting us express ourselves through the happy ads.Sincerely,
Heberto H.

I would like to wish a Happy Birthday to our cousin
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Brave heart

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Happy New Year to our grandpa, grandma Louie & Dorene Richards. We love you both, be strong.
From Chandler, Chanda, Chaney Brave Heart, Nicole,Jade, Dakota, Troy Richards.

I would like to wish my three lil Krazy sister's and my baby brother Yamni a very, very Happy Birthday.
Miss Laura Lone Elk 1/11
Miss Rachel Yellow Hawk 1/26
Miss Kady BlackSmith 1/18
Mr. Handsome Yamni Curry 1/18
Love, your Big sis Marie
xoxox

Happy Birthday Grandma Edna EagleBear 1/14/07
God Bless you with lots of love,hugs, and a whole bunch of kisses. From Duane, Trinity Long Pumpkin & family Thank God he gave us you to love.

It's been 9 yrs since we said I do . Are you ready for 9 more my love. Happy Anniversary Baby. To: my husband Duane Long Pumpkin Sr. From: your loving wife,
Trinity Long Pumpkin
1-16-07

We would like to wish our #1 Unci 1-14-07 Edna Eagle Bear. a Happy Birthday may God Bless you on a wonderful day. you're the joy of our lives, we love you Unci. From A-town, your great grand kids, Duane Jr. Duawna Long Pumpkin,Kaylynn Rebecca Bear Killer.

I would like to wish all my takoja's who wee born in January a Happy Birthday.
Kayla 1/8
Buddy Lee 1/8
Prairie Rose 1/9
Andra Leigh 1/15
Geneva 1/30
with love, Grandma Julia Wilcox

Happy Belated B-day to my baby boy Donnie. Who turned 14 years old on 12/25 love you always Mom

We would like to wish our uncle Dustin a Happy Belated Birthday on December 31st love your nephew & niece
Calob & Melania Two Hearts

Happy 5th Birthday to Calob Two Hearts
Have anice day. We love you very much.
From your
mom Lauretta,
sister Melania, your
nana Melanie & uncles
Demick
and Dustin

**Happy Birthday to you
Enoch Yellow Hawk
from Montesia**

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.
Lauretta Two Hearts, Melanie Two Hearts & Calob Two Hearts from:
Auntie Alyce**

Happy Birthday Kelli.
Hope you enjoy your special day on 1/16.
We love you always
Toni, Taylo, & the Boys

I would like to wish my Great Unci Edna Janis of Allen a very bery happy Birthday on January 14th, love, Princess Charlie Red Hawk x0x0x0x0

**Happy Sweet 16th Birthday to our beautiful sister Miss Kady Blacksmith. We love you a lot. from your sisters in Allen.
Kaylynn & Rachel**

**Happy 5th Birthday Calob Two Hearts from your partner in crime.
Jordan Janis**

***Happy 8th Birthday to our little brother Jordan. We love you
Shanay & Shantay***

*Happy 4th Bi rthday to our daughter Prairie Rose Wilcox on Jan. 9th. We love you & hope you enjoy your day.
Dad Troy, Mom Paula & Lil Sis Hiedie Ann*

I Luv U 2
Holly Quinn &
Tyra Quinn
From U Know Who

*I'd like 2 say Hi 2 da gurls in A-Town
Tyra Lailah Quinn
Alleyah Washington
Nailah Washington
Rae Whirlwind Horse
Peachez Poor Bear
coming from
Janey & Holly*

Happy 8th Birthday
Jordan Rashawn Janis
Love you
Your Mom

Happy Birthday
Jeremy. I Love you so much. love
Kay Takes War Bonnett

**We would like to wish our grandma Edna Janis of Allen.
a very Happy Birthday
Love,
The Janis Crew in Allen,
LaToya,
Charle's Jr.,Gabe,
Duane & Carl**

Dear Jen
I love you so much,
Love
Kay

**I love you
Baby Zane
From your
Big Sissy**

I would like to say a big thank you to my Chekpa:
Jace W.
Thank you for everything that you do for me & my boys. We\love you so much !!
We appreciate you with love
Bonnie & Boys

Roseanna & Brandon, Even tho you both are "Tweeners" and all that goes with that, I love you both very much. Love, Mom

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Tribes rescind contract with law firm

Document filed in court could hurt trust status, damage Black Hills claim

By Archie B. Beauvais and Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Staff

PINE RIDGE - The Statute of Limitations was extended to Dec. 31, 2006 as the deadline for tribes to file Tribal Claims for accounting mismanagement based on their Arthur Anderson Report and little did anyone know that the litigation process would become even more complicated for several Lakota, Dakota and Nakota tribes.

When Congress passed the American Indian Reform Act in 1994 it required a full and complete accounting of their trust fund accounts. The accounting firm of Arthur Anderson was hired to do 20 year audits and those reports to tribes are called Arthur Anderson reports.

The New York law firm of McCarter and English apparently met the deadline by filing not one, but two complaints on behalf of the Standing Rock Sioux, Oglala Sioux, Rosebud Sioux, the Cheyenne River Sioux and all of the Oceti Sakowin Oyate tribes on Dec. 28, 2006 and January 2007. McCarter and English filed a complaint in the United States Court of Federal Claims and a similar, but longer complaint to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

Apparently some law firms offer pro bono work to some entities yearly and as the pressure of the deadline was approaching the prospect of not having to pay a fee was certainly a consideration. As it turned all of the tribes had not seen the document before it was filed.

As the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota prepared to meet the deadline, the whole issue was clouded by the fact that tribes practicing their sovereign right to select a law firm of choice were approached by several firms wanting to represent them. Some firms had little knowledge of Indian law and the Black Hills claim. It got even more interesting and controversial when one law firm tied the trust reform issue to a request for rental income for the Black Hills and asked the Federal District Court to end the trust relationship between the tribes and the BIA and put all the

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Taking a peek at the NEW Prairie Wind Casino

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor

PINE RIDGE - The newly built $20 million Prairie Wind Casino and motel is nearing completion with the grand opening planned sometime in the near future.

The casino has been built and is nearly ready to be occupied with some purchasing details still yet to be completed, said Michael Graham, casino general manager.

Graham and Wilson 'Buzz' Two Lance, of the casino, led the tour for this photo essay, along with the help of Lenart Brown Eyes, project manager.

They are awaiting the arrival of signs, machine





stands and a few other construction items to be finished for the casino to be ready to moved into, said Graham. That includes the building to be accepted by the tribe.

The ground breaking ceremony and initial construction of the 40,000 square foot casino was in August of 2005 and since then has been slowly crafted to the beautiful structure it is today with the help of Peska Construction and the many tribal members.

The casino has been designed with the look of hewn wood and brick in the front and that same design crafted in the gaming area. Lakota design is incorporated in the interior of the casino with glass and arrow lighting fixtures, two illuminated tipis at the entrance, geometric designed carpet and earth tone colors.

The two tipis at the top of the front entrance were constructed by Paul Red Cloud.

Paintings and art has been already collected to decorate the walls of the casino. The restaurant has not yet been named but truly displays the environment of fine dining and a massive eating space. To add to the dining area, there is also a separate dining/meeting room with French doors for private events. The buffet area has been increased to a carousal style, two line buffet area.

The casino food is already considered fine dining so adding that to a beautiful, comfortably lit dining room will further enhance the experience of coming to the casino.

The casino is linked to the motel through a corridor near the dining area.

Please turn to Prairie Wind Casino: A6





Above left: The new Prairie Wind Casino sign which was installed last year. Above: The front view of the main gaming area. Below left: The partially completed front entrance to the casino which will match the motel entrance. Below right: The casino front entrance with hand crafted tipis lighting the room. Photos by Amanda Takes War Bonnett.

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Tribes withdraw

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tribes' land into fee status.

The courts, according to Oglala Sioux tribal member and attorney, Mario Gonzalez, have not fully issued a "judicial decision terminating all Sioux rights to the Black Hills" and therefore he notes that it is dangerous to wrongly tie Docket 74-A to the Black Hills as the McCarter and English complaint does. Docket 74-A apparently addresses the issue of the 1851 treaty land and the 34 million acres that lie outside of South Dakota and 14 million acres east of the Missouri. That land was never part of the Black Hills land claim.

Lakota tribes have unanimously refused over the years to settle for any monetary claims for the Black Hills, but continue to assert a claim to the land itself. By raising a claim that "The Black Hills are not for sale, but they are for rent" McCarter and English have risked a judicial decision that closes the door on the Sioux Nation's continuing and future land claims to the Black Hills.

In the complaint to the Court of Federal Claims, the attorneys for McCarter and English requested, in addition to rent on the Black Hills and other ancestral lands, a proper accounting of income generated from trust property. This request duplicated claims for trust accounting that have been filed on behalf of some of the Plaintiff Tribes by other law firms. The suit also asked for money damages amounting to at least $100 billion dollars and for money to pay McCarter and English for bringing the lawsuit.

The complaint filed by McCarter and English in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia asks for a declaratory judgment against the Congress of the United States declaring the unconstitutional seizure of land pursuant to the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty, the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1851. The suit also requests an accounting of the trust fund status and an order dissolving the trustee status of the U. S. Department of the Interior for all lands held in trust for each member Tribe in the Oceti Sakowin Oyate. The successor Tribes to the Oceti Sakowin include 28 tribes in Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Minnesota and Canada, none of whom authorized or even knew about these lawsuits.

On the Cheyenne River Sioux reservation, the tribe never saw the two complaints before they were filed on behalf of the tribe. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe also took action to rescind any agreements with McCarter and English, while the Standing Rock Sioux did the same yesterday.

On the Oglala Sioux reservation, it literally has been a case of "dueling" law firms as one was terminated and replaced by another and one other was being considered because of its experience in Indian case law and its close work with the Oglala Sioux.

The minutes from the special session of the OST council on Oct. 20, 2006 reveal that the law firm of Herman and Mermelstein was terminated, while attorney Daniel Sheehan of the Lakota People's Law Office made a presentation to assist the tribe in litigating the case for free with the help of the law firm of McCarter and English of New York City.

At the Oct. 20 meeting, elders Chief Oliver Red Cloud, Floyd Hand and Marie Randall spoke to the issue of always remembering our takoja while reminding those present to use wisdom when discussing the Black Hills issue. The OST minutes document the fact that the McCarter and English proposal was adopted by a vote of 9 yes and 5 no and is listed as resolution number 06-93.

By the Nov. 20 OST special session there was deep concern about removing any reference to Docket 74-A and 74-B from the 13 page complaint as previously filed by Herman and Mermelstein. Attorney George Patton recommended that the council not go forward with utilizing the firm of McCarter and English because of their lack of expertise in Indian law. There was also discussion about retaining attorney Mario Gonzalez to litigate the issue.

On Dec. 6, 2006 OST attorney George Patton reiterated his concern about retaining the firm of McCarter and English and attorney Daniel Sheehan, in a memorandum to the OST council. His rationale was that the firm had no expertise in federal Indian law and that Sheehan had not informed the council that he would be raising funds to cover the cost of litigating the case.

On Jan. 12, attorney Mario Gonzalez entered the fray by posing some discussion points in a memorandum to OST president, John Steele. He pointed out several points in the McCarter and English proposals which appeared to conflict with the tribal trust funds mismanagement claim which his firm had filed. He warned that the two concurrent filings could lead to a dismissal of both claims, thereby, resulting in the tribe missing out on the Dec. 31 deadline.

The Dec. 31 deadline only applies to trust fund mismanagement claims based on the Tribe's Arthur Anderson reports, while the lawsuits filed by McCarter and English raise land and treaty claims which are not subject to that deadline.

Gonzalez outlines several differences between the complaints and wrote, "One of the most striking differences is the fact that the McCarter and English litigation seeks rental income from the Black Hills area, while our litigation goes out of its way to avoid raising any Black Hills claims (as we agreed to in our contract with the tribe.)" He goes on to say, "This is an extremely dangerous and unadvisable claim."

Gonzalez furthermore points out several misstatements about Sioux history in the McCarter and English proposal too numerous to mention here. The points do, however, provide an excellent history lesson for those uninformed about the evolution of the Sioux, its treaty making with the United States and what constitutes the membership of the Oceti Sakowin Oyate.

He ends by noting, "McCarter then ends with the most outrageous request of all. That being (1) the abolition of the contemporary reservations created in 1889, (2) the abolishment of the trust protections those lands now have, and (3) the return of all of the Great Sioux Nation land to all of the 7 campfires, including those Sioux Bands which never signed the 1868 Treaty. These demands were apparently put forth without the advice or approval of any of the Sioux Tribal governments."

Attempts to reach Rosebud Sioux Tribe in-house attorneys were unsuccessful, however, RST council representative from Rosebud community, Fern Bordeaux-Bolz said, "McCarter and English included all of the Sioux Nations' treaty lands. We contracted with Mario Gonzalez and excluded Docket 74A and 74B. We asked our attorney to draft a letter to the District of Columbia and the Court of Federal Claims to recuse RST from the claim." The action apparently occurred during the RST council meeting last Thursday.

Donna Salomon, Executive Secretary to OST President John Steele said that the OST Judiciary Committee had asked OST tribal attorney George Patton to contact the United District Court for the District of Columbia and the Court of Federal Courts of Claims and to ask that OST be withdrawn from the complaint as filed by McCarter and English. She also noted that the OST council had authorized attorney Mario Gonzalez to file an amended complaint to the one originally filed by the firm of Herman and Mermelstein.

The OST judiciary committee resolution reads, in part, "The Judiciary Committee of the Oglala Sioux Tribe hereby requests the Tribe's general counsel George Patton to contact McCarter and English and Daniel Sheehan and demand that the complaints filed in the lawsuit be withdrawn and the Oglala Sioux Tribe dismissed as a plaintiff in the lawsuit." It also requests that Patton contact the courts in Washington, DC and ask for dismissal of the cases and sanctions against McCarter and English and Daniel Sheehan.

Salomon also said that OST is consulting with Chief Oliver Red Cloud, Johnson Holy Rock and others involved in the treaty council in order to get their input. She added that "Chief Oliver Red Cloud has emphasized that we need to stand strong with the Black Hills treaty, our ancestors choose to whether starve than to sell out and he said we need to continue that commitment and honor what they stood for."

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe passed resolution 19-07 CR which reads, in part, "The CRST declares that these lawsuits were not authorized by the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and that they were filed without the Tribal Council's knowledge or consent, and that Daniel Sheehan and the law firm of McCarter and English do not represent the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe." Furthermore the CRST asked to be dropped from the lawsuit.

Gay Kingman, a consultant with the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association said that the two claims if allowed to go forward would, "Do damage to the Sioux tribes, the Black Hills land claim issue and do away with our trust status. We pulled out of the lawsuit and sent notice to McCarter and English. We had not seen it and it was filed unethically on our behalf."

On the Standing Rock Sioux reservation, SRST council representative Avis Little Eagle, said that when SRST Tribal Chairman, Ron His Horse Is Thunder, saw the complaint he said that it was not a case of asset mismanagement. She explained, "I had no idea that McCarter and English was going to put all that in it. When we saw it, it was unbelievable. It was not asset mismanagement. We never got to review it." According to Little Eagle, the SRST rescinded any agreement with the firm yesterday.

Attorney Mario Gonzalez noted that the Jan. 12 memorandum to OST President John Steele was comprehensive in noting his concerns about the McCarter and English complaints and that it was acceptable to use quotations from that document. He also added, "I am serving as an attorney for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. I have a coalition of attorneys from those three. We filed complaints for these three and 16 other tribes in their tribal accounts."

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KILI Radio's new equipment arrives, set to return to full power in a week

KILI receives $47,000 for back-up generator

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PORCUPINE BUTTE - On Wednesday, Jan. 17, the long wait was over, KILI's new equipment showed up at Porcupine Butte just north of Wounded Knee on a semi from Illinois and a flat bed truck.

A front end loader on loan from O'Bryan Construction and later a bob cat and a boom truck from Skull Construction helped offload new analog and digital transmitters, a new antenna and a 350 foot transmission line. KILI Radio was hit by lightning in April of 2006 damaging the antenna, the transmission line and transmitter. Since May, the Pine Ridge Reservation based community radio station has been broadcasting with a temporary antenna, an exciter and a small amplifier putting out about 260 watts for broadcast purposes and using the internet.

"It is so exciting to see all of this new equipment finally arrive," said Melanie Janis, station manager, "it's been hard on all of us, people call everyday wanting to know when we will be back on the air with full power or they stop us in the street or at the store or at a ball game, everyone wants KILI back on."

Following the storm damage in April, KILI applied for a Department of Commerce Public Telecommunications Facilities grant for new equipment and a Corporation for Public Broadcasting grant for a digital conversion project, both were funded. The state committed to help with the required matching funds, knowing how important KILI has been getting information out to the community during emergencies. The official awards did not come until early fall, bids were announced in early October, were awarded in November and the equipment was manufactured in November and December.

"This has been hard on everyone, the board and staff at the station and the many people who count on us being on the air everyday," said Janis, "I can't tell you how many people have come up to us and told us that they never realized how much KILI had been a part of their everyday life and how much they missed the station."

According to the engineer, Tracy Krsnak, from Rapid City, the new antenna and line will go up on Thursday and it should take about a week to install both the analog and digital transmitters and balance and tune the whole system. Sometime the week of Jan. 22, KILI will be back broadcasting at 100,000 watts. With a full signal, KILI will be back in Rapid City at 88.7 as well.

In early December, KILI received a call from the South Dakota Broadcaster's Association about the possibility of KILI being included in a grant providing backup generators for stations across the state.

"Homeland Security provided some end of the year monies to the state who in turn saw our association as a vehicle to deliver the services statewide," said Steve Willard, president of the SD Broadcasters Association; "we looked at all of the major emergency broadcast stations (LP 1's) around the state and looked at covering all of the state and ended up awarding grants to 19 stations in eight different cities across the state."

After helping stations with back-up needs in Watertown, Huron, Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, Pierre and Rapid City, KILI was selected for the southwest corner and Sturgis/Spearfish for the northwest corner of the state.

The overall grant will total $47,000 with $21,000 going for an 80 kilowatt propane generator and the balance going for installation which will include some much needed electrical upgrade work. Interstate Power, a regional manufacturer with outlets in Sioux Falls, Omaha and Des Moines will provide the generator; if they have one on hand it will be here in four weeks, if not it could take as long as 12 weeks. Clark Electrical out of Rapid City will handle the electrical upgrade. The award includes an automatic transfer switch that will automatically put the back-up generator online when the electricity goes off.

"There are so many individuals and groups and organizations who have helped us get back on the air," said Janis, "we appreciate all of those who have helped us, it has been a strong united effort of people on and off Pine Ridge Reservation, many thanks."

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Oglala Nation's New Year's baby arrives

KYLE -- Jessica Two Crow and Lloyd Yankton of Kyle, are the proud parents of Oglala Nation's New Year's baby arrival, Lashiyaha Two Crow, who arrived on Jan. 1 at 6:33 a.m. She weighed in at 2 lbs. and 4 oz. and 20 inches and was born at the Pine Ridge Hospital.

Lashiyaha joins siblings, Latecia, Latoya and Creighton. The parents and baby were honored Friday, Jan. 12 at the health administration offices with gifts, cake and snacks and a special song by Grant Weston and Joe Picotte. Pat Janis said a prayer and offered words on behalf of children. Lisa Schrader-Dillon, the tribal health director coordinated the event with the various health departments.

Gifts were donated by ALCO in Gordon, Neb., First National Bank, Hinns Clothing, Saabs, Jumping Eagle Inn of White Clay, White Clay Grocery, Dave and Tiny Pourier and gifts from CHRS, Healthy Start and the tribal health administration.

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Lady Thorpes, Mustangs cruise to wins both remain #2 in state

Red Cloud adds three wins, earns #7 ranking

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

MISSION/PINE RIDGE - The Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes continued their winning ways this past week, knocking off Little Wound in the Rosebud Shootout on Saturday 82-49 in Mission and dusting off Lead-Deadwood 63-47 on Monday at home for their 11th win of the season.

The Lady Thorpes went up quickly in the first quarter 20-6 over Little Wound as Nichelle Red Owl and Christian Janis hit from three point range; by the half, Pine Ridge pushed the lead to 22 points 36-14 and were up by 35 after three quarters, 69-34.

"We have a good inside/outside mix on the team," said first year head coach, Bill Mendoza, "our team has the ability to pound it inside or shoot the three and we can rebound."

Red Owl, a sophomore transfer from Little Wound led Pine Ridge's balanced scoring attack with 20 points and two threes, Christian Janis helped with 15 points and three threes, Lacey Weston chipped in 15 also and led the team with nine rebounds while Robin Webber added 10 points. Little Wound's sophomore point guard Tawni Shay Shot with Arrow threw in 17 points for the Lady Mustangs while Kelsey Brave Eagle helped with 13. Little Wound is now 3-8 and travels to Pine Ridge on Thursday and hosts Cheyenne Eagle Butte on Saturday.

Pine Ridge opened a tough four game week by hosting Lead-Deadwood on Monday and it was business as usual for the 06/07 edition of the Lady Thorpes; Christian Janis scored 13 first quarter points in leading Pine Ridge to a 21-6 lead over the Lady Goldiggers on the way to a 63-47 win for Pine Ridge's 11th straight win of the season.

The game was basically decided by halftime as the Lady Thorpes held Lead-Deadwood to just 15 points. Janis finished with a game high 17 points and added five steals and four rebounds. Nichelle Red Owl and Robin Webber each helped with 10 points while Saudia Tasso chipped in eight points and led the team with 10 rebounds.

Pine Ridge is 11-0 and faces Little Wound at home on Thursday, hosts Custer on Friday and travels to Dakota Valley on Saturday for their fourth game in six days. Pine Ridge has maintained their number two ranking in the state, Milbank in ranked number one; looking down the road, Pine Ridge has a date with Bennett County on Feb. 1st in Martin, Bennett County is also undefeated and ranked number 3 in the state. On a side note, Pine Ridge knocked off Milbank in December of 1989 to win the 1989 State A girls championship.

Pine Ridge came to Kyle on Friday and worked hard in the first half to stay close with the Mustangs 25-23 but Little Wound came out in the third with a full court press and went up by 19 after three and finished with their ninth straight win of the season 79-49 over the Thorpes.

TJ McCauley led four Mustangs in double figures with 20 points but showed s definite all around game adding five steals, seven rebounds and an assist; Brice Hornbeck helped out with 17 points, eight rebounds, five steals three assists and two blocked shots while Rich Big Boy chipped in 17 and Devon LeBeau finished with 10 second half points. Jon Provost led Pine ridge with 15 points, four rebounds and four assists.

Little Wound in 9-0 now, ranked number two in the state, they will host Red Cloud on Thursday and Cheyenne Eagle butte on Saturday.

Red Cloud continued to roll towards their upcoming rematch with Little Wound on Thursday night as the Crusaders routed Wall 93-58 on Monday, blew out Winner 108-56 on Friday and handled Cheyenne Eagle Butte 79-56 on Saturday moving from honorable mention to number seven in the polls.

Everyone expected Winner to arrive on Friday and work to slow down the game and turn it into a half court game but Jim Drake, Winner's coach decided to try and run with the Crusaders; that backfired as Red Cloud scored 49 first half points, leading 49-24 and rolled through the second half scoring at will and finishing with a 108-56 win.

Christian McGhee led five Crusaders in double figures with 20 points, hitting three threes and going five for five from the free throw line, Billy Scott hit for 18, Lester Gotheridge finished with 17, Davis Giago added 16 and Brier Iron Cloud chipped in 13. Red Cloud finished with 12 threes and 11 players scored for the Crusaders, a team that is averaging 85 points a game while holding their opponents to 55.

In their third game of the week, Red Cloud hosted Cheyenne Eagle Butte on Saturday, the Crusaders held the Braves to two points in the first quarter and ran out to a 44-13 halftime lead finishing up with a 79-45 win for their seventh win in a row and a 9-1 record which earned the team a number seven ranking in this week's top ten poll.

Billy Scott set the tone for the game with seven first quarter points and two assists but it was the stifling team defense thrown at Eagle Butte that held the Braves to two first quarter points and 14 points at the half that really made the game statement for the Crusaders. Christian McGhee finished with 17 points, six assists, four steals and two rebounds, Brier Iron Cloud came of the bench with 15 points, Lester Gotheridge added 14 points, a team high eight rebounds, four steals and a blocked shot while Scott finished with nine points and six rebounds.

Red Cloud is 9-1 and travels to Little wound on Thursday and hosts Alliance on Saturday.





Above: Kelsey Brave Eagle drives around Pine Ridge's Keisha Brewer and heads for the basket, Kelsey finished with 13 points.
Below: Lacey Weston gets the ball down low and knocks down a basket on the way to a 15 point game against Little Wound Saturday at the Rosebud Shootout in Mission.

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Scores from the week boys

Chamberlain 54-50 Todd County
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Marty 79-60 Santee
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Wakpala 66-50 Fland JV
Lead-Deadwood 78-65 Pine Ridge

Harris delivers Rosebud I.H.S. report to RST council

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - Shelly Harris, CEO at the Rosebud Comprehensive Health Care unit delivered the January report on Wednesday, Jan. 10 to the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council and to the *Lakota Country Times.*

A significant portion of the report was devoted to explaining the staffing needs and the status of each vacancy. Also, there was a three month summary of third party collections as received during October, November and December 2006.

Antelope District 3 RST council representative, Cyril "Whitey" Scott, said, "They are doing the best job they can with present I.H.S. funding. The amount never changes." Scott said he would like to see some kind of balance achieved between paying down the deficit and the more immediate needs of the Sicangu people.

As an example, when income such as third party billing is received, it should be evenly programmed between past obligations and present spending for health needs of the people.

A continuing assessment of the staffing needs at the Rosebud I.H.S. unit is a concern of tribal members who desire improved health care and Harris' administration appears to be making gains to that end as witnessed by her report.

The pharmacy work space apparently is undergoing some reconstruction in order to afford increased work space as well as improved work flow.

For anyone who has visited the hospital administration office area in the last month or so, it is evident that additional work stations are being created also. The staff is professional and cordial to visitors who may have an inquiry and that part of the unit is not as unfamiliar as it used to be to Lakota people.

A chief supervisory pharmacist will be coming on board with a start date of Feb. 1. Two staff pharmacist positions have been advertised, one will be filled by a staff pharmacist on Jan. 21.



Shelly Harris delivers monthly reports to the Rosebud Sioux Tribal council on the improvements of the hospital.

Some months ago, Harris reported that the Rosebud I.H.S. had received some construction money from the Aberdeen area office to redesign the emergency room.

The issue at that time was affording incoming emergency patients some privacy as they were being transported from the ambulance to the emergency room for triage.

There is a need for individual treatment rooms also as well as a medication room.

Harris also reported on the acute care unit, the dental department and the radiology department.

In other staffing needs being reported, there are two clinical nurse positions and one MSA being advertised for the acute care unit.

In the emergency unit, there is one RN position open with an application received.

There are two part time positions being announced along with two MSA positions which have been closed.

There is a need for three nurses in the surgical unit. Among the medical staff, there is a need for two emergency room medical officers, two CRNA's, an OB/GYN medical officer and two nurse midwives.

An emergency room medical officer will be starting on February 1. The facility received a panel which had four applicants for a midwife position.

Vacancies also exist for two family practice medical officers and two dentists. A third dentist has been selected and is scheduled to begin in February.

As far as third party collections were concerned, for the months of October, November and December 2006 the total amount reported for Medicaid, Medicare and Private Insurance payments totaled $2,791,477.00 for that period.

If they were to collect $10,119,158 in Third Party Collections the facility would be projecting a deficit of ($1,425,179).

There is currently a "Continuing Resolution" and if the continuing resolution remains in effect there will be no increases in the allowance for FY07. The facility is currently operating on emergency spending and trying to eliminate excess expenditures. It is vitally important for those individuals that are eligible for Medicare/Medicaid to contact the Benefits Coordinator at the facility for assistance in submitting an application.

The facility is currently finalizing their Strategic Plan. The Governing Body has identified the following four initiatives: Revenue Generation, Access to Health Care, Recruitment & Retention, and Preventive Health Care/Shared Services. The focus groups will enlist employees within the organization to become part of the focus group.

Each focus group will begin by conducting a SWOT (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis. Upon completion of the SWOT the focus groups will be identifying ways in which to improve services.

The Strategic Plan will be based on a 4 year plan for improvement and it will be updated on an annual basis to ensure that the needs of the customers will be met.

Kiyaska Waniyetu 'Midwinter' Wacipi Jan. 27,28

KYLE - The 20th Annual Kiyaska Wacipi has been set for Jan. 27 and 28 this year, said Marcell Bull Bear, one of the coordinators. The annual wacipi is held at Kyle at the Little Wound School and is a community celebration.

There are dance specials in juniors, teens and adults categories with feeds on both days.

For more information call Bull Bear at 455-2690.

OPINION PAGE

Finding My Voice

'Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter'



Dana Lone Hill

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter

This past week on Jan. 15, we observed Martin Luther King, Jr. as a national holiday. I don't even have to write and tell you of the accomplishments of Dr. King and what a great man he was. We all know this, as a nation. Well, except for in Rushville, Neb., where they don't observe the holiday and still send the kids to school. Don't ask me why? I questioned them so much about it last year, but never got an answer. Though I can say, after living there for a year, I am not surprised.

Anyway, Dr. King was a powerful speaker, no matter who you were or what color you are, you believed in yourself and your abilities after listening to him speak. He was so powerful, I believe, that his power radiated off of him and spread to those around him.

I remember seeing Rev. Jesse Jackson when he came to Pine Ridge, back when I was a youngster. I remember how when he spoke, the people responded and really believed, as he said…that they are somebody. I can still hear the crowd chanting "I am somebody."

I once talked to an elderly lady about this and she told me "We Indians just don't have anyone powerful enough to speak for us like that. How can we advance when there is no one powerful to motivate us like that?"

I didn't answer her of course, only listened. I don't know where you're from, but where I'm from you don't answer elders like that.

I did ponder on it and let it simmer for a few years.

I believe that with more than 500 tribes in North America, and even eight different reservations here in South Dakota, finding one person to speak for all of us, as a people, when we all have so many different issues, would be hard.

I don't know how it is where you're from, but where I'm from my immediate-extended family can't even get along for more than three months straight. We will all be getting along fine and next thing you know there is a silent fight over who was not included in the recent casino outing, or who owes who a block of cheese.

So with that being said, how do we as the Native people of America look up to one person to speak for all of us. We have many different tribes, reservations, nations, etc., over this vast land, how do we unite long enough under one person? How do we find that one person to make us realize we are somebody? To make us see that we can make a difference? To show us that we can make this world a better place?

I say that one person is within our selves.

We are the person that can change the world. We can start right here at home.

We are the person that can show the world what strong people we come from. We can show the world how we can make a difference on our reservations, for our children, and for ourselves.

To make a difference, you don't have to give a speech. You can make a difference by doing small things around your community everyday. Things that show you are proud of who you are and where you come from. Run an errand for an elder, pick trash, volunteer. I make my kids pick trash all the time, no matter where we live.

(I would highly recommend picking trash, as a sign blew in my yard last week that said Indian Tacos with a big arrow under it, and it was pointing at my door. The last thing I need is a line at my front door.)

Anyway my point is, instead of waiting for that person that is strong enough to make a difference, be that person.

As Dr. King says…

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

Empowering Yourself

The five languages of apology



By Patty Pourier

My husband will sometimes apologize to me by saying, "Patty, I am sorry you are mad at me." Even though the statement is true, it just doesn't do it for me. I had another relative write me a letter forgiving me for all the things she found wrong with me. At the end she hoped I would accept her apology. That didn't do it for me either. Another time I had a relative apologize for his wife's actions. Again that lacked something. I also had a person apologize and then say, but I may do it again. In each of the above situations, it was the language of the apology that really lacked something to me.

I read an article by Dr. Jennifer Thomas, co-author with Dr. Gary Chapman, of the book The Five Languages of Apology. It was an "Ah ha- moment". I found help and healing in the five steps she talked about. The article was in a magazine called "In Touch."

The five languages as they appeared:

Apology Language #1-

Expressing Regrets-"I'm sorry." Acknowledges the hurt your action caused the other.

Shows remorse. (Not "I'm sorry you …. Or I'm sorry if…" but rather, "I'm sorry that ….my pride, feat, laziness, self centered ness, anger etc. hurt you and our relationship."

Apology Language #2-

Accepting responsibility: " I was wrong". Names the mistake and takes responsibility for it. (It's easier to say, "You're right" than "I was wrong," but the latter carries more weight.) "I made a big mistake. I didn't think about what I was doing, but in retrospect, I see that was precisely the problem-I should have thought before I acted."

Apology Language #3

"Restitution/Making Amends: "What can I do to make it right?" Asks if any compensation to help is needed for the wound to heal or for the other person to get back up on his or her feet. Asks how you can restore that person's confidence of your love. "I know it's not enough to just tell you I'm sorry. Is there anything I can do to make up for what I've done?"

Apology Language #4-

"Repentance: "I'll do my best not to do it again." Understands that repentance literally means turning around 180 degrees. Engages in problem solving and communicates your desire to change and to prevent the same predicament from happening again. (Excuses such as "Well, my day was just so tough" don't work.) "How could I say that in a different way so it wouldn't come across as critical? What would you like to see me change that would help you start to rebuild your trust in me?"

Apology Language #5-

Requesting Forgiveness: "Will you forgive me?" Expresses recognition that forgiveness is needed and that you are willing to be patient in seeking reconciliation. (More time or greater clarification of your authenticity may be needed. If so, the ball is now in their count.) "I know I've hurt you, and you have every right to be angry.

I value our relationship and am so sorry I've damaged it-so I'm hoping that in time, you can find it in your heart to forgive me."

I clipped the five steps out and have them on my refrigerator.

I am trying to incorporate these into my language.

I hope you find them helpful and find healing in them as well.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Remember the Dream,

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"Freedom is not Free."

"… we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation."
March on Washington, 1963

"I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have 3 meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits…that what self centered men have torn down men other-centered can build up…I still believe that we can overcome."
Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech

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Other Views

You are the change you wish to see made

Dear Editor:

Recently, a criminal complaint was filed with the U.S. District Attorney in Rapid City, S.D., citing 24 Oglala Sioux Tribal elected officials, political candidates, and tribal employees with fraud, election fraud and tampering, conspiracy, and embezzling. These are serious charges that carry maximum sentences of up to 100 years.

A few people have criticized the plaintiffs for taking action. However, the decision to take this complaint to the federal level was not made lightly. Any time you air your "dirty laundry" to the outside "world", it is somewhat embarrassing. However, when people feel like they have exhausted their remedies and have no other recourse, the only plausible option is federal court, as federal monies are involved.

As it has been stated before, this case isn't about personalities, one candidate over another. There are no "sore losers" involved. This case is about the pursuit of justice. Lakota ancestors fought and some died to protect what many take for granted today.

It is in that same spirit that this case is based on. You might ask yourself, "what is at stake?"; "why should I care?"; "can things ever change on Pine Ridge?"

Well, let's address that first question. Everything is at stake. If we allow this illegal election and civil rights violations to stand, it will set a precedent for future crimes against the Oglala oyate. Voter confidence is at a near all-time low. Many feel that the current political environment is nearly as bad as the early 1970's.

Why should you care? Well, that $90 million that trickles down from the federal government, that is YOUR money. That belongs to the entire tribal membership. Not to a handle full of elected officials or finance office workers. Importantly, these few corrupt officials and employees are playing with YOUR grandchildren's future. Have you tried to get a financial report from YOUR Tribal Treasurer and be told no? You have a right to know where your money is being spent!

Have you attempted to distribute a letter to your elected officials, only to have YOUR Tribal Secretary take it and prevent the distribution? Do you think that elected officials are aware that she is withholding documents from them?

That is censorship.

Although there has been a dark cloud over the OST political scene since 1934, it is never too late for positive change. 2007 is destined to be the "year of political transition". The grass roots oyate are comprised of scholars, lawyers, visionaries, and wisdom keepers. Let us come together to be the change we wish to see made!

Natalie Hand,
Wounded Knee, S.D.

A View From the West

Cultural philosophy is nearly gone

By Ivan Star
Special to the Times

I am challenging anyone reading this to try something that is next to impossible in these modern times.

Think of an *ehankehan wicoti* (ancient encampment) along some river or creek in the Great Plains area two or three hundred years ago. Now, try to imagine what life was like in such a settlement.

If you are drawing a blank, you are not alone. The reason for the difficulty in trying to visualize life back then is very simple; we have all but forgotten our old ways. Federal "Indian" assimilation policies and wicked stereotypes have altered our cultural perceptions so much that we cannot imagine, much less remember, how our ancestors lived.

According to modern distorted views perpetrated by the federal educational system and Hollywood filmdom, such an encampment is haphazard and comprised of tattered canvas tipi coverings stretched over long tree branches.

Amidst the disorganization are disheveled and grimy "Indian" people dressed in brown leather clothing.

This is a powerful image suggesting that "Indians" are less than human. Whether we agree or not, most people today think of "Indians" as intellectually challenged and pitiable people.

We, as Lakota people, continue to endure the damaging effects of this prevailing alteration of character every single day of our lives.

Contrary to such devious imagery, I have to argue that our ancestors were very clean, organized, dignified and devout people.

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Northern Perspectives

The inspiration of MLK



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

As I look back to the time of Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" speech, it was a time when many people of color were simply awakening to the power and spirit within. The power to dream is an awesome responsibility because it takes you by the hand and let's you know at least what might have been.

To have lived through that turbulent time, as they say, is historical to begin with. As a late teen I wasn't aware of the tremendous change that was occurring within our nation. The Vietnam War was in full tilt and many people were questioning the direction of the country as we had lost so many young men for a cause that really didn't matter back home here.

When you see pictures of Dr. King, he looks and sounds like an older mature gentleman, but in fact, he was a relatively young man.

Did you ever wonder what inspired him to write his speech or if anyone gave him feedback as he wrote his first drafts?

It is equally interesting to have lived through the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy. They were all heroes to me as they were important to Lakota people.

We enjoy many of the same freedoms of speech and assembly that Dr. King believed in and we need to share that with every one of our Lakota students.

We need to make sure that they understand why he was a great man.

Everyone once in awhile we have great men and women come along and make such a lasting impression on our people. In Lakota country, we forever point to the wisdom and contributions of such great leaders as Crazy Horse, Red Cloud, and Spotted Tail, to name a few.

As an educator, I sometimes wonder who is moving the spirit of our young Lakota who are coming this way. I hope that they are studying the text and content of what our forefathers have passed on. Sometimes the inspiration we get from others doesn't have to be a great leader, but someone we respect and love.

I am certain that there are many in our own communities who also have a dream of what Lakota society should look like as we move forward. Even many of our young people may have ideas and philosophies that need to be recorded and shared. We just need to give them a chance and opportunity to share and be creative. I hear a lot of ideas and sentiments as I roam around and listen to people. Some are good and others are on the verge of being innovative and long lasting. Most of us don't take the time to reflect and think about the survival of Lakota society and we need to do that.

We have many contemporary thinkers and writers who can reflect on the past and apply it to the future and many of those are young Lakota people who need to step up to the plate very soon. I did a 45 minute interview on KINI with Richard Iyotte last April and over the holidays it got a lot of play.

As I listened to it, I realized that we touched on a lot of interesting topics and was happy that the station afforded the Lakota listening audience a chance to hear it, especially the young folks.

I think I achieved a goal in some ways with that as Rocky Shaw came up to met at the ALCO store in Valentine and she said she had listened to the interview.

Her daughter had just completed her bachelor's degree and she was hoping that she might have the opportunity to listen to my story and be inspired to study further.

We all have a dream and we need to share that with other Lakota people.

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Notes From Indian Country

Titla's dream: Opening the media doors to Indian youth



By Tim Giago

(Nanwica Kciji)

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Mary Kim Titla is a slender and attractive member of the San Carlos Apache Nation and she remembers how hard it was to break into the mainstream media. When she finally made the breakthrough she soon realized how much Native American news was deliberately omitted on a daily basis as she toiled at the NBC affiliate television stations in Arizona.

Armed with a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma and a Master of Communications Degree from Arizona State University, she set out to open doors for her people in the mainstream media, but like most Native American journalists that have made this same transition, she soon ran into executives with little or no knowledge about Indians and with little or no desire to hear their side of the story.

Early on Titla ran into news directors who said, "We don't have the audience for a lot of Indian news and we cannot discriminate by having a reporter or news aimed at a specific minority." Her initial experiences reminded me of my own.

When I first signed on as a cub reporter with a local South Dakota daily newspaper one white editor told me that I could not cover Indian news objectively because I was an Indian. My response, "You have white reporters covering white news every day. Are they not being objective?"

Throughout her 20 years in television Mary Kim Titla managed to open small doors and soon her face and name became familiar to most Arizonians.

But as she gained in popularity she still felt stifled and unfulfilled by the congregation of media moguls too steeped in mediocrity and lacking in vision to further expand opportunities for Native Americans.

On July 1, 2005 Titla kicked off the venture that had become her dream goal. She resigned from her position as television news reporter and started the online Native Youth Magazine.

One year later, over a cup of coffee in Tulsa, OK this summer, she told me about the difficult times she and her family have faced since starting the magazine. "If it wasn't for the free labor of my three sons and husband and our willingness to work 24/7 to move this project forward, I think we would have had second thoughts," she said.

Titla said her online magazine was developed in order to give voice to those without the resources or opportunity to have their points of views taken seriously.

She said, "Native Youth Magazine showcases the talents and lifestyles of Native youth. It's a positive place for our young people to go to, but it's not just for Native youth. It's for anyone who cares about Native youth. We want the world to know our young people are alive and well and they're having healthy fun."

Titla's early goal was to build a successful website. Now she is looking to morph into a print magazine and she is entertaining a proposal for a television show. "Wow, and to think the original vision was just a website."

Explaining how the idea of a website for Native youth began, Titla said this on her personal website, "The idea of a website for Native youth began in my home. I'm a mother of three boys, Jordan 20, Micah 15, and Bear 10. They all jump on the Internet almost on a daily basis. I noticed they weren't going to websites that catered to them as Native youth and I discovered why. There just aren't many websites for them. Those that exist are niche sites for those who have special interests like writing, sports and entertainment. There's nothing wrong with that, but I wondered about all the young people like my sons who wanted a place in cyberspace that not only catered to them but also offered one stop shopping. That's when the vision began."

When Titla read the message board during the first days of Native Youth Magazine the simple message "I love NYM" from a Native teenage girl, nearly brought her to tears. It assured her that Indian teenagers did read the online magazine and they did enjoy it.

Titla and her husband John Mosely, Assinboine Sioux/Paiute, have invested most of their savings into the project. She credits her sons and a core group of Indian youth for building the website. "They gave me their input into the layout, design, colors, content and products for an online store. A handful of youth contribute articles on a regular basis," she said.

A logo and essay contest drew many hits and generated what she called "awesome entries."

As it passes the halfway point on the way to its second year Native Youth Magazine.com is now averaging about 2 million hits per month and more than 1,000 unique visits a day. Titla expounds, "Not bad for such a young website."

President John F. Kennedy once said, "The American Indian is the least understood and most misunderstood of all Americans." Titla hopes to change that perception.

Mary Kim Titla had a dream and she is just awakening from that dream and dealing with the tough realities of keeping a website business online.

I strongly encourage you to join her in that dream and visit her website at Native Youth Magazine.com. You can contact Titla directly at marykim@nativeyouthmagazine.com.

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Cultural philosophy *from page A4*

Yes, having health concerns, they developed, and implemented some highly effective culture-based sanitation methods. After all, hundreds of people resided in these villages. They did not simply pitch a tipi anywhere they pleased.

One point to consider is the absence of major epidemics among native peoples, such as the Black Plague. Unsanitary practices by residents of the densely populated towns of old world Europe brought on these fatal outbreaks.

It was not until contact with the European newcomers that disease became a serious factor for indigenous people.

Contrary to what we learned, war alone did not bring indigenous people to the edge of extinction.

A variety of diseases, for which native people had no immunity, decimated native people across the North American continent. The European newcomer had transported their lethal old world diseases across the Atlantic Ocean.

At any rate, with so many people living in one place, there had to be some planned organization. For instance, camp moves were according to both spiritual and physical dictates.

The winter and summer solstices were very much part of Lakota life. At the core of this lifestyle was a belief system based on a Lakota perspective of creation.

All of these combined formed the foundation of Lakota life.

Included were unwritten rules of conduct, called wowahecun (kinship terms). This system is comparable to a city's statutes that govern how people should behave and treat others. Wowahecun was not only effective, but it was a beautiful way to maintain high moral standards within a large group.

These are all but gone. Today, life is completely void of those ancient values here on the Pine Ridge. Some of us, exposed to these old ways, have had to endure humiliating situations. For example, a daughter-in-law did not talk to her father-in-law and a son-in-law did not talk to his mother-in-law in traditional times.

Many modern-day "Indians" believed this particular rule of conduct was primitive and highly inconvenient.

Consequently, a contemporary daughter-in-law will talk directly to and will even tease her father-in-law. A son-in-law will argue directly with his mother-in-law. Thus, Lakota life became incoherent and chaotic.

Another aspect of this cultural deterioration emerges in how we treat Unci Maka (Grandmother Earth).

The badlands-viewing site atop Red Shirt Table along BIA 41 presents a good sampling.

It is an excellent site and offers a beautiful view of the badlands. One day I stopped there and walked closer to the edge for a better view.

I was appalled by the site there in the immediate ravine: eleven discarded automobile tires amidst a large amount of household trash.

Apparently, local Lakota residents discarded the rubbish.

I have seen travelers parked there taking photographs of the beautiful badlands and surely, they have seen the hidden mess too.

It does not end there. The waste disposal site in Oglala is a mess. First, a fire destroyed the new fencing around the site. I thought trash burning was against tribal law. Also, on many an occasion, I had to clean up someone else's mess just to get to the dumpsters. The most peculiar practice of dropping bags of trash near the dumpsters but not in them is mind-boggling.

In reality, one can see bags of trash and debris just about anywhere. Our road's ditches, especially, are popular dumping sites for household trash and other waste.

The new road north of Oglala is looking good; however, its ditches too are slowly cluttering with trash.

The great variety of discarded alcoholic beverage containers ought to be cause for concern.

The following phenomenon takes its place among the unusual and certainly deserves mention. People tend to buckle their seat belts only when leaving the reservation and remove them as soon as they return.

Some seem to think this is freedom while others perceive it as sovereignty.

In a highly realistic sense, reservation residents use alcohol and other controlled drugs more than we may think.

One time I saw three vehicles parked at our dumpsite and several "cheerful" people were smoking marijuana and having a good time. Perhaps our dumpsite has become a local "party" spot now, of all places.

The low-rent housing complex in Oglala has become a discouraging eyesore. I did a drive-through the other day at the trailer court and now I hesitate to use the name of the local Oglala man who lost his life to the 1999 tornado: the park is named in his honor. The mobile homes are a result of the disaster.

Governor's housing and the houses along the old Highway 18 seem to be doing better.

I sincerely hope these homes stay that way. They may serve as examples of how to maintain a home. They certainly stand out as pillars of hope and optimism.

I, for one, am weary of seeing these conditions. I do not know how to address it effectively other than holding them up for everyone to see.

Chances are some district members will simply continue to look the other way hoping things will get better. Some may be offended but my hope is that the others will have enough dignity to do something about the situation.

It would be great if we could revive the old ways. For my own well-being, though, I must resign to the fact that we will never again be like our ancestors. We have lost so much that we are even incapable of implementing this modern way of life, as proven by our current situation.

Things have definitely taken a turn for the worse.

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Friday, January 26th by 3:30 p.m.

No Petition will be accepted after this deadline.

The election will be held at each school during the regular scheduled parent/teacher conference:
February 20th, 2007

Prairie Wind Casino

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The casino was made possible by a $20 million loan from the Shakopee Mdewankaton Sioux Community in Minnesota.

Prairie Wind celebrated their 12 anniversary last fall and averages $2.3 million a year. The casino now employs 204 people and will add another 26 to 35 employees for the motel.

The construction of the 72 rooms and six suites motel is still ongoing and will be opened at a later date. The rooms are nearly done and furniture has been moved into the motel but there are projects within the motel that are still being worked on such as a large conference area in the downstairs area and stairwells. The conference area will have several large rooms for workshops. The motel has not been named and will not be under a franchise which allows for more profit and personal decision making.

Each room's color scheme is rich in earth tones with wood and leather furnishings and flat screen televisions. Native American art prints adorn the walls and wrought iron lamps are fashioned with arrows.

The motel will have an indoor swimming pool and hot tub with a guest laundry and small video arcade. The motel rates will be designed to be competitive with other motels.

The casino is currently advertising for a hotel manager who will coordinate the motel opening and the additional employees needed.

The old casino will be used for marketing and plans are still being developed as to what it can be used for. Ideas generated include a skating rink along with promotional events..



Above: The left wing of the casino which leads to the motel.

Right: The casino kitchen sports a wide cooking area. Some equipment will be moved from the old casino.

Below: One of the cafeteria sitting room areas, there is another one similiar to this one and also a private room for dining.

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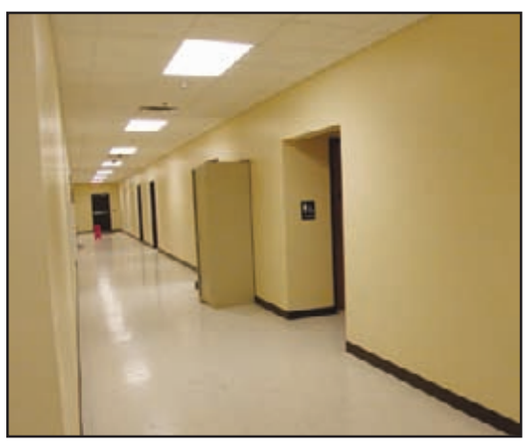
Above: Construction is still ongoing on the motel lobby with a fireplace. Above right: The front entry of the motel. Right: One of the six suites of the motel.





Right: The downstairs of the motel will house the conference room area, a large room with several smaller rooms.

Below: One of the prints that adorn the walls of the motel rooms, identical prints are in most of the rooms.





Above: the administration offices of the casino management.

Above right: There are two sets of public restrooms in the casino gaming area.

Below: Construction ongoing with the motel indoor pool room which will also have a hot tub.





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Rez Happenings

High School basketball season
Thursday, Jan. 18 Little Wound girls at Pine Ridge, Red Cloud boys at Little Wound, Red Cloud girls at Bennett County, St. Francis girls vs. Takini, Friday, Jan. 19 Custer girls at Pine Ridge, Todd County girls vs. Crow Creek, Cheyenne Eagle Butte boys at Mobridge; Saturday, Jan. 20 Cheyenne Eagle butte girls and boys at Little Wound, Pine Ridge girls and boys at Dakota Valley Classic, Alliance girls and boys at Red Cloud; St. Francis girls at Marty; Tuesday, Jan. 23 Red Cloud girls at Todd County, Kadoka boys at Little Wound, White River girls at St. Francis; Thursday, Jan. 25 St. Francis boys and girls at Little Wound, Pine Ridge girls at Todd County and Red Cloud boys at Rapid City Christian

OST Commodity Issue Schedule
Thursday, Jan. 18 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni and Friday, Jan. 19th in Oglala, for info call 867-5511

Common Sense Parenting Class
Wednesday, Jan. 10 is the first meeting with the class focusing on the parent/child relationship and stresses the important role parents play as examples and guides for their children, meeting from 4-6 p.m. Wednesdays at the Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge, for information call 800 727-2401.

School board representatives
OST Education Committee is accepting resumes and letters of intent for seats on several school boards including Flandreau Indian, Circle of Nations Indian School, Sherman Indian School, Pierre Indian Learning Center and Oglala Lakota College, submit material to Wanda Two Bulls at Red Cloud Building in Pine Ridge, 867-5821.

Oglala Lakota College Spring Semester
Drop /Add Week, Jan. 15-26 and first day of classes Monday, Jan. 22.

Oyate Teca Project
Oyate Teca staff will be in the districts to update necessary paperwork including Wounded Community Center on Thursday, Jan. 18 from 1-4 p.m., Porcupine CAP, Monday, Jan 22 from 1-4 p.m., Manderson CAP on Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 1-4 p.m., Wanblee CAP on Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 1-4pmAllen CAP on Thursday, Jan. 25th from 1-4 p.m. for information call 455-2544.

Co-ed Volleyball Tournament
Loneman Winter Classic Co-ed Volleyball tourney, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 19 and 20 at Loneman School gym in Oglala, for information call Katie at 454-4607.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
School pow wow on Friday Jan. 19 at American Horse School in Allen with grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

OLC Book Distribution
Jan. 18th Pine ridge 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, Jan 19 LaCreek in Martin 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and Pine Ridge 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, Jan. 22 Oglala 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and Cheyenne River 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23 Pass Creek in Allen 9am-12noon, Eagle Nest 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and East Wakpamni in Batesland from 1-3 p.m.

Core Four Business Planning Course
Starts Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 5 p.m. at the Pejuta Haka college center, a six week seminar on transforming your ideas and goals into a successful business, for information call 455-2500.

Holistic Management Workshop
The Holistic Management Workshop has been rescheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 6 and 7 at Club 27 in Kadoka with speaker Wayne Berry, for information call 685-6629.

Indian Business Conference
South Dakota Indian Business Conference, Tuesday, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 22 in Rapid City at the Ramkota Inn, for information call 455-2187 or e-mail them at SDIBC@lakotaexpress.com

19th BJ Weston peewee tourney
Monday through Sunday, March 26-April 1, 2007 in Pine Ridge at the Pine Ridge School, four divisions including 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, for information call 867-1429, 867-2640, 685-8253 or 867-5435.

Aerobics
Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Porcupine School gyms, for information call 867-5404.

Pine Ridge Village recieves $15,000 grant for economic development

PINE RIDGE - The Oglala Sioux Tribe Office of Economic Development received a late Christmas present of sorts thanks to a $15,000 economic development donation from Golden West Telecommunications.

The funding was made available as part of Golden West's annual economic development program created to target funds toward projects and programs within its service areas that help create or enhance local employment opportunities.

The project submitted in 2006 by the OST Office of Economic Development will see the funds used to establish the Pine Ridge Village Community Development Corporation, Inc. with the purpose of promoting economic development in the Pine Ridge Village District.

"Our goal is to establish community-based economic development corporations for each of the nine districts of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation," said Herb Wounded Head, Director of the OST Office of Economic Development.

"In doing so, each district will have opportunities to enter into partnerships with Small Business Administration or other commercial financial institutions to encourage growth and development throughout the Pine Ridge Reservation."

"Creating jobs is important throughout our service area, especially in an area with such a high unemployment rate," said Golden West Customer Services Manager Jody Bielmaier. "We hope the project submitted last year by the OST Office of Economic Development will help achieve that goal."

Golden West began in 1916 as a stock company providing telephone service between the communities of Quinn and Interior.

The company has grown over the years to become the largest independent telephone company in South Dakota and the 35th largest telecommunications company in the nation. The Company now employs nearly 350 people statewide offering services ranging from local and long distance telephone service, high-speed and wireless Internet, cable television, 24-hour answering service, Internet help desk, networking services, wholesale Internet services, paging and business phone systems to digital video recorders and security monitoring.



L-R: Medicine Root District Tribal Council Representative Austin Watkins; Golden West Board of Director Paul Iron Cloud and Customer Services Manager Jody Bielmaier; OST Vice President William "Shorty" Brewer, Pine Ridge Village Tribal Council Representative Carol O' Rourke; President of Pine Ridge Village Executive Council Betty Goings-Brewer and OST Economic Development Specialist Lyle Jack.

Lakota Funds receives $5,000 from Golden West

KYLE - The Lakota Fund started off the year on a positive note with a $5,000 economic development donation from Golden West Telecommunications.

The funding was made available as part of Golden West's annual economic development program created to target funds toward projects and programs within its service areas that help create or enhance local employment opportunities. The 2006 contribution brings the total received over the past seven years by the Lakota Fund to $30,000.

"We realize that the future of our company is dependent upon the success of the individuals and businesses in our service area and that's why we're excited to help the Lakota Fund in its projects," said Golden West Customer Services Manager Jody Bielmaier.

The project submitted by the Lakota Fund will see the funds used to engage economic development on the Pine Ridge Reservation through small business training, technical assistance and loans.



L-R: Steve Pourier, Gold West area foreman; Taffy Lafferty, loan portfolio manager; LaVonne Randal, finance director/controller; Jody Bielmaier, Golden West customer services manager; Director Dowell Caselli-Smith, Lakota Funds executive director; Tony Taylor, loan officer; Darrel Twiss, housing manager and kneeling left to right are Tonia Young, small business success coach and Diane Tail, investment improvement specialist.

District 3 Antelope council representative "Whitey" Scott on issues

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

MISSION - Cyril "Whitey" Scott, Rosebud Sioux Tribe council representative from District 3 Antelope has that high energy "thing going on" as they say.

"Whitey" says he was fortunate to get into the trucking business in 1989 hauling livestock and gravel. His mother, the late Mona Shepherd, is known as someone who owned the Maverick Motel in the 1970s and 80s and who worked in social services for many years. His business WP Trucking has been temporary turned over to the management of Roger McMath so that there is no appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest while he is in elected office.

He earned a GED and attended the Rocky Mountain College and studied business management and trucking for a year and a half. When asked what kind of preparation he had that may have motivated him to run for tribal office, he said, "I like to help people of the Rosebud Sioux tribe and to give them the tools for economic development."

With respect to his duties as an RST council representative, "Whitey" appears to understand the Lakota concept of sharing and generosity. He said, "There is some adversity to it. The main challenge is the demand for assistance. We cannot micromanage programs." He also noted that, "The RST grocery store that is scheduled for construction is going to be a tremendous help to the tribe."



Cyril 'Whitey' Scott

Scott also said that with the amount of land that RST has in trust, some 988 thousand acres, there has to be some way to use it for irrigation, farming, ranching and an ethanol plant.

He would like to see the tribe invest in a feedlot and maybe even do its own butchering and cattle sales.

One of Scott's greater concerns this day was the fact that the RST judicial system is in need of additional public defenders. He noted that there are an adequate number of prosecutors, but there is a need to hire more public defenders in order to afford due process for offenders who find themselves without adequate legal counsel. He said, "We need to re-visit the budget and hire more. With their work load someone isn't going get their due process. In addition to serving on the RST judicial committee, Scott also serves on the land and natural committee, and sits on the social service committee.

Commenting about the satisfaction he derives from serving on the RST council, Scott said, "When it comes to helping people, I wake up and say yesterday I helped someone overcome a problem that they thought they couldn't settle. I set a goal of helping at least five people each day."

On the council floor, Scott noted, "We have overcome some hurdles. You don't hear of any bickering or fighting. We are all looking for the same things. We are all doing the best job with the means we have."

Scott also spoke of the recent paycheck to RST from the Rosebud Casino that was somewhat lower than usual and said, "I don't believe one person can turn it around. We need a management team. We need stronger marketing and customer service needs to be improved.

Finally, Scott there is a need for continuing economic development as well as funds for refurbishing houses. Community cleanup should be an ongoing activity, all year long, he said.

Scott was not willing to offer any commitment about tribal elections in the fall, except to say that he greatly enjoys helping people and they have come to expect that from him.

Elder mentors nurture Rapid City students

RAPID CITY (AP) - Gertrude Hutchinson's gentle touch on a shoulder was all it took to bring Heath Peneauxs attention back to his teacher's civics lesson.

After sharing a brief, hushed conversation with Peneaux, Hutchinson, an elder mentor in Central High Schools Lakolkiciyapi classroom (pronounced la-coal-key-chee-ya-pee), moved on to watch other students work while the teacher, Robert Cook, continued his lesson.

Looking down at blank notebooks, Richard Gerry, 75, whispered to a pair of students, ``You need to take notes.''

During a closing quiz, Lucille Runsafter, another elder mentor, stood in front of a cluster of students reminding them not to look at each others papers.

Now in its fourth year, the Lakolkiciyapi Room targets incoming freshmen identified as low achieving but with higher abilities. Primarily American Indians, the students spend half of each day for one semester in the classroom for their core classes (English, social studies, science and math). The programs goal is to improve student attendance and reduce drop-out rates by giving them the advantage of a smaller classroom experience in the large high school and introducing elements of Lakota culture.

Last spring, an elder-mentor program was introduced in the classroom as another method to help students form a connection with school.

About 12 percent of the Rapid City School Districts 13,000 students are Indian, but only about one-fourth of the 242 students who started the ninth grade four years ago will graduate from high school this spring, according to the Red Stone Education Group. Consultants John Haas and Mitchell Stone are supervising the districts office of Indian Education.

About 17 percent of Central High Schools 2,200 students are American Indian.

Mentoring was one of the first areas examined as an intervention to help keep kids in school, Stone said.

``Its so simple,'' Haas said.

Theres a common misperception that todays kids have lost their values and strayed from their families, but that isnt true when it comes to elders, he said.

``No matter what race, kids always respect elders,'' he said. The mentors have a calming effect on the classroom and develop bonds with the students.

The program was originally intended to build out-of-school relationships, but it is working effectively in the classroom, Stone said. In fact, teachers in other classrooms at Central and other schools in the district are all clamoring for mentors.

``We could use 50 more,'' Stone said.

Centrals principal Pat Jones is pleased with the program.

The people that we have here now are wonderful mentors to the students,'' Jones said. ``Theyre very positive role models, and they are very serious about our kids getting an education.''

Jones said that having the mentors in the school makes a difference for the entire school.

``They come down and eat lunch in the commons, and theyll stand outside after school and help keep an eye on things,'' he said.

The mentors, who are retirees, spend as much time as they can in the classroom. They receive a small, tax-free stipend that does not interfere with their Social Security.

Gerry spends about four hours each morning at Central.

``Its about the best thing I ever did in my life,'' Gerry, a retired construction and steel worker, said. His image as a grandfather is very important. The kids pay attention when he tells them to behave, he said.

`Hutchinson and Runsafter visit the afternoon class two to three times a week.

``They're our uncis (grandmothers),'' Lisa Good Iron said. ``They give us advice and tell us what not to do. It helps to have them here.''

``They want us to get our work done and hand it in on time,'' Heath said. ``They give good advice and help us and stuff like that.''

A solid family or even a grandmother is something many of the students in the class lack, the elders said.

Runsafter said the students need someone to set expectations for them.

``Its very important,'' she said.

``The power of the grandparent is not something to take lightly. They are very good at what they do, and theyre very good for our kids,'' Jones said.

Gerry would like to see more retirees become involved in the program and discover the pleasure he has found in working with the students.

``If we get enough people interested that love children and being around them and would sacrifice their free time. ... We need more people. Its real important for the kids,'' Gerry said.

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Woman sentenced to 14 years for role in drug ring

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) _ A woman accused in connection with a major cocaine ring on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation have been sentenced to 14 years in federal prison.

Jean Merrival, 36, was sentenced Thursday in U.S. District Court in Rapid City.

In October, she pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance.

Merrival will be on supervised release for five years after she is released from prison.

In October, Merrival testified in the trial of co-defendants Geraldine Blue Bird, Colin Spotted Elk, Marvella Richards, Flint Thomas Red Feather and Rusty Richards. They were convicted and face at least 10 years in prison when they are sentenced.

Seventeen people were indicted in the investigation of the drug ring. Most pleaded guilty, and several testified against the ringleaders.

Authorities said the drug ring made at least $1 million by selling more than 20 kilograms of cocaine since 2002.

Prenatal care, reduced tobacco use is key to reducing infant mortality rate, which is high in native teens

PIERRE, S.D. – Getting pregnant women to stop smoking and get prenatal care are the keys to reducing infant mortality rates in South Dakota, according to a just-released report. The report is the result of an analysis of the state's infant mortality date by a group of physicians and health officials.

The group was appointed by the Department of Health in response to an infant mortality rate of 8.2 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, well above the national rate of 6.8 deaths. The department's just released 2005 Vital Statistics report shows South Dakota's rate has declined to 7.2 but is still above the national rate.

"We found the infant mortality rate was six times higher for moms who received no prenatal care than for those mothers who got prenatal care in the first trimester. And for the neonatal period, from birth to 27 days, the rate was eight times higher for mothers who received no prenatal care," said Doneen Hollingsworth, Secretary of Health. "The numbers clearly show that early and regular prenatal care improves pregnancy and health outcomes for both the mother and child."

Hollingsworth said the post-neonatal infant mortality rate was also significantly higher among women who smoked during pregnancy. Women who were younger than 19, had not finished high school, were American Indian, or lived in a frontier county also had higher infant mortality rates.

The group made the following specific recommendations to meet South Dakota's Health 2010 goal of reducing the state's infant mortality rate to 6.0:

*Develop an education campaign to help women identify pregnancy signs and risks and emphasize the importance of getting prenatal care and not smoking. The "I Didn't Know" campaign is expected to launch in the next few weeks;

*Establish a training program to help doctors diagnose critically ill children and emphasize the importance of prenatal care and quitting tobacco for pregnant women;

*Enhance the relationship between the Northern Plains Tribal Healthy Start program and state programs;

*Work with the South Dakota Trauma System Steering Committee to improve medical response for sick and injured infants in the state's rural and frontier counties; and

*Strengthen existing services for teens and young mothers.

In addition to Department of Health staff, the members of the work group included Dr. Ed Mailoux, Sioux Valley Clinic pediatrician; Dr. Jeffrey Boyle, Sioux Valley Clinic obstetrician/gynecologist; Dr. Larry Fenton, Sanford School of Medicine USD Pediatrics Department Chair and neonatologist; Dr. Nanci Van Peursem, Coteau Des Prairies Clinic, Sisseton; and Willeen Druley, Aberdeen Area Indian Health Service women's health consultant.

For a detailed data and additional information about the recommended activities, view the group's full report on the Department of Health's website at http://www.state.sd.us/doh.

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ASK ANNA

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I am sorry for writing again, but I have to ask you a question. I am so tired and I think I am in trouble.

I really don't know what to do. I'm just stressed out and I don't know who the father is and I'm kinda feeling bad about that. I just wanted to know if you have any idea who it is.

I am just worried. Thank you.

Worried

Dear Worried:

It looks to me that the father is a junior - that is, named after his father and young.

There is no lecture that goes along with this - you already know the moral of the story.

Dear Anna,

I am a 34-year old Lakota woman. I have been in two long-term relationships; both relationships ended because the men couldn't behave in a good way. I have been single for three years, and I want to be with an Indian man; but I am seriously considering "shopping" for a non-Indian because I can't seem to find any respectable Indian men on the reservation - except the married ones.

Why is this? Where are the good men? Why are so many men so messed up?

Do you see a Indian man in my future?

Gonna Give Up

Dear Gonna Give Up:

Of course there are good, clean, sober, spiritual men on the reservation. You are correct though, most of those are taken.

There are many reasons that statistically the good sober women, who are educating themselves or are educated, are the leaders in programs and the community, and are successfully raising their children or have raised their children far out number the men.

Oppression and depression, lack of economic opportunity on the reservation, co-dependency, adult children of alcoholic parents, and indulgent women (they allow men to treat them badly and in the case of their adult sons mask and enable bad behaviors) are the obvious reasons behind a large number of chaotic men.

We all know the obvious answer - TREATMENT - on a mass scale for the adult men, and counseling and life-coaching, and a strengthening (educating) of the cultural heritage with emphasis of the Traditional Ways (inipi's and ceremonies) particularly among the young boys and men can turn this around especially when combined with strong women who won't put up with, for any reason, bad abusive behavior.

It sounds simple enough, but it is a long-term huge undertaking to rectify the damages conceived in genocide and implemented with alcohol and drugs as tools of destruction of a total race.

Take heart.

Women across the reservation and some strong men, combined with many men of medicine, are slowly creating a healing path for the Lakota children and adults.

The destructive past combined with today's tough gang-like mentality, degenerative television, hard-case music, and immediate gratification society make this job bigger and tougher than it has ever been.

A western culture that centers on purely physical values (i.e.:breast implants, women as total sex objects, casual sex for recreation and power through intimidation of both money and physical prowess) demonstrates a country with a society of low self-esteem.

I do see an Indian man in your immediate future.

He lives in Rapid City, originates from the Pine Ridge Reservation (somewhere near Kyle), has several children from three past relationships, is currently completing his formal education (completing his bachelors at the same time as beginning to accrue credits for his master's degree) and is clean, sober, handsome and charming.

He is probably in his early 40s. He is concerned with the health of his people, and works in social reform and raising the consciousness of the youth.

You will be with him by next September.

Good Luck!

Dear Anna,

My mom and dad have raised about 27 children. Nine of them are their birth children with the rest mostly being related. All the children (now adults, except two), are doing well, and work hard and are good people. Now that mom and dad are getting older we are all fighting about taking care of them, and everything else that we can fight about.

We are not getting along.

What do you see?

It makes my mom cry when she sees how much we fight.

Will we ever get along?

Sick of fighting

Dear Sick of fighting:

No. You will never all get along.

There are petty jealousies and also a very strong fear that somebody will get something more than somebody else will.

Combined with that there is a lot of anger over who has the control.

I do see most of you resolving these issues, or putting them aside, by calling several family meetings, stating that it is recognized that you don't get along, but deciding to be rational adults rather than insecure teen-age mentality siblings.

It will be all right.

Your mom and dad are quite healthy right now, they have quite a long time to live, they are quite capable of taking care of themselves right now, and quit worrying over who is going to get their life-insurance, property, house, barn and horses.

It may be 20 years before any of that is an issue.

They are fine.

You guys have 20 years to grow up.

Good luck on your journey!

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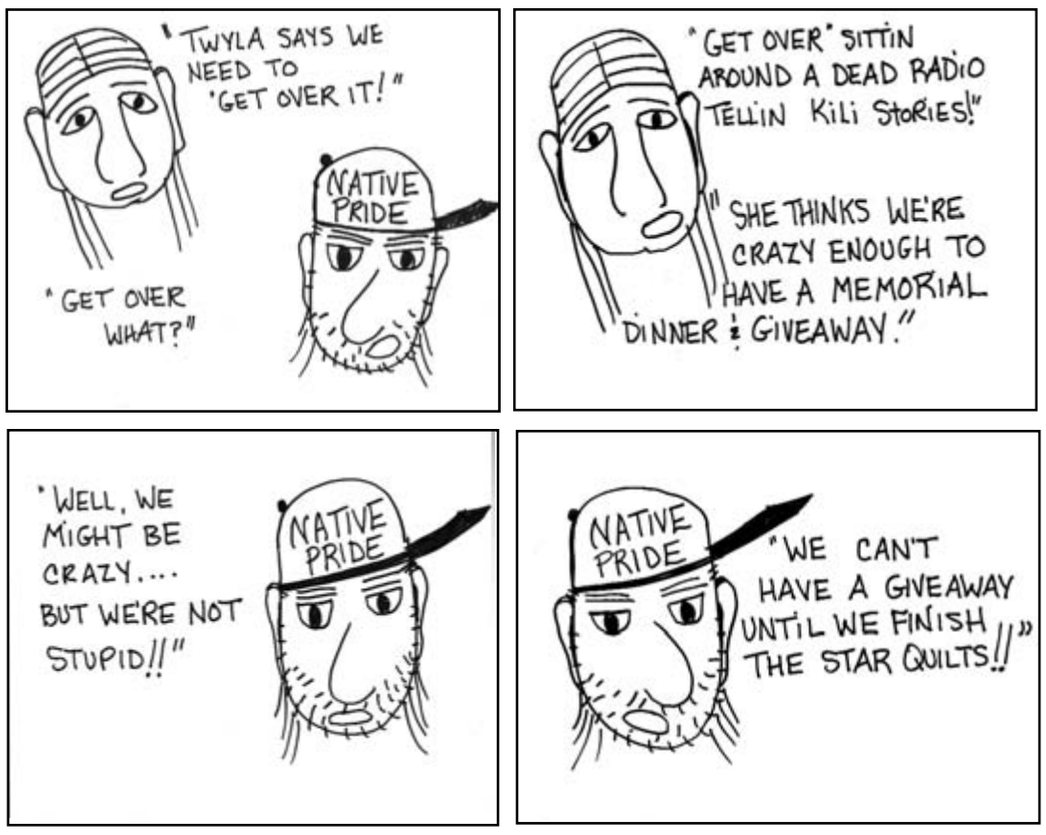
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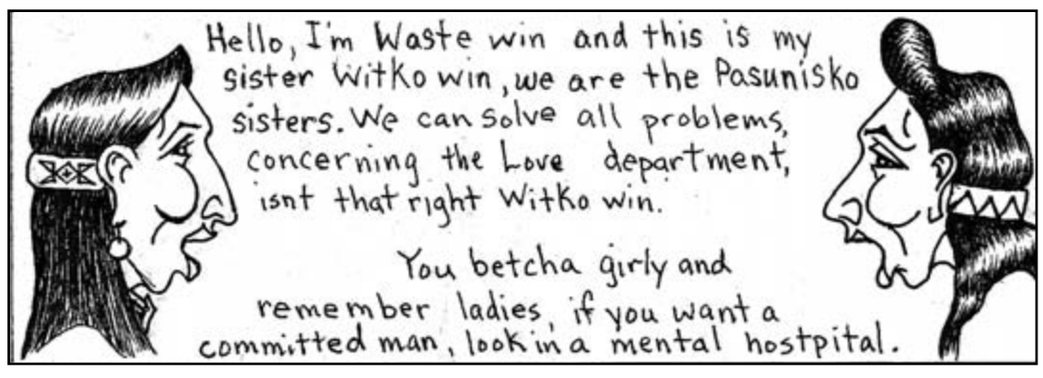
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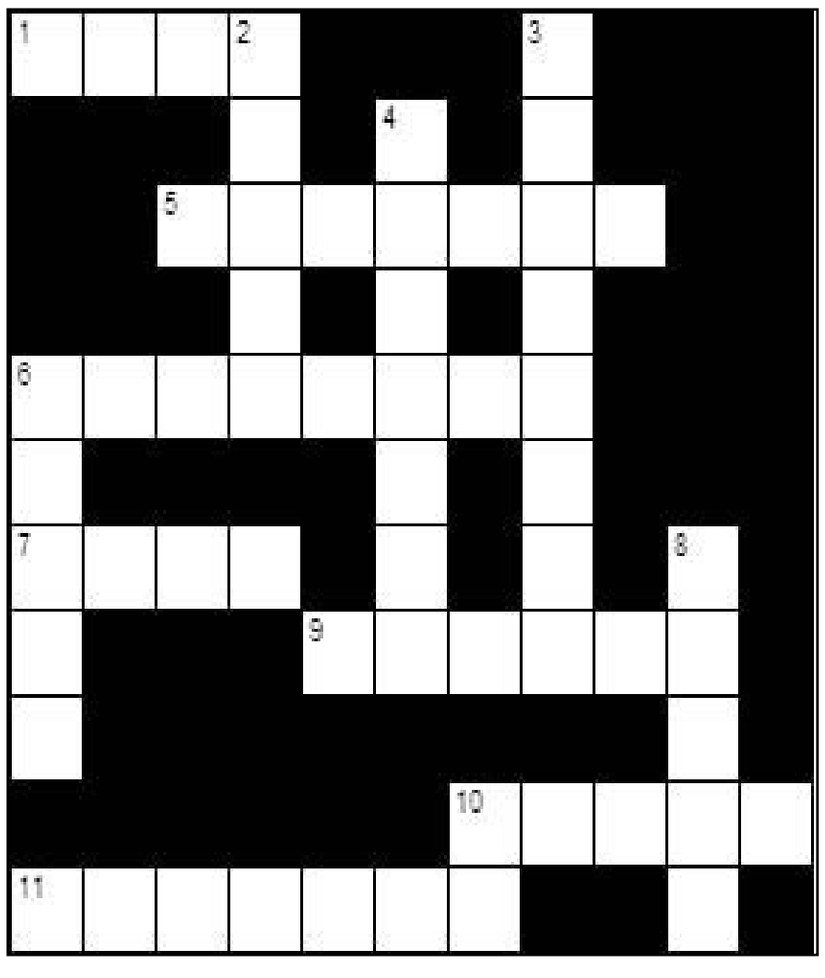
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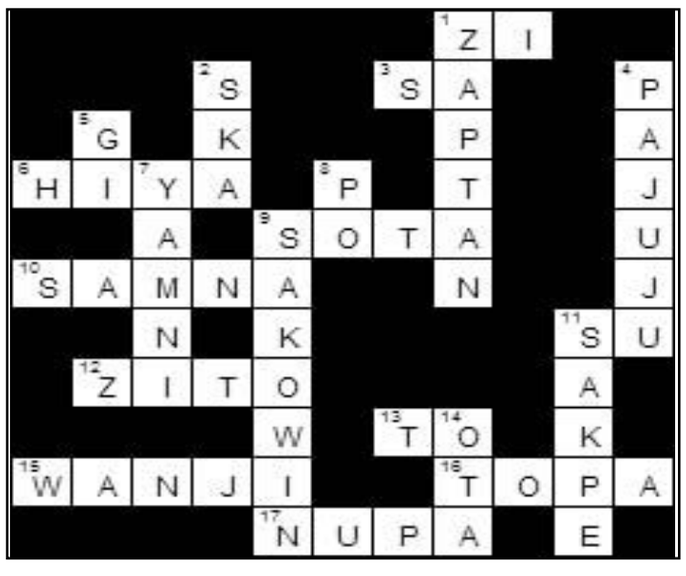
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Marie Hanson, 77.....Little Eagle
Corrine 'Cora' Pumpkin Seed Lamont, 75.....Sharps Corner
Robert L. Moran Sr., 72.....Edgemont
Eunice Little Thunder,76..... Red Scaffold



Floretta 'Ann' Blue Bird

MARTIN - Floretta 'Ann' Blue Bird, 51, died Jan. 13 at the Bennett County Health Care of natural causes.

Survivors include her husband Howard Blue Bird, Martin; her mother Mildred "Babe" Broken Rope; sons Trinity Apple, Fairbanks, Alaska; Lorenzo Apple, William Apple, Jr., Jackson Apple and Basil Broken Rope all of Martin; brothers Cleveland Broken Rope, Kyle, Louis Little White Man, Kyle; Bernard Little White Man, Jr., Wakpamni; sisters Nadine Blue Bird and Geraldine Little White Man both of Wakpamni; Bernardine Tallman, Allen; Alvon "Bonnie" Little White Man and Joyce DuPont both of Kyle and three grandchildren.

A first night wake begins on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 1 p.m. at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Kyle and a second night wake begins 1 p.m. Friday at the Martin CAP Office.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Martin CAP Office.

Officiating will be Rev. Jeff Siscoe and Br. John Bush.

Burial will be at the Lakota Chapel Cemetery at Martin.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Eva Brave Heart

OGLALA - Eva Brave Heart, 42, Oglala, died Thursday, Jan. 11, at Huron Care Center. Survivors include two brothers, Lorrell Brave Heart, Martin, and Joseph Brave Heart, Ann Arbor, Mich., and two sisters, LaDene Brave Heart, Ann Arbor, and Renee Brave Heart, Belle Fourche.

Wake services were Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Brother Rene Catholic Hall in Oglala.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Jan. 18, at Brother Rene Catholic Hall, with the Rev. Abraham Tobacco officiating, and traditional Lakota services by Ivis Long Visitor Sr.

Burial will be at Brave Heart Family Cemetery in Oglala.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Corrine 'Cora' Pumpkin Seed-LaMont

SHARPS CORNER - Corrine 'Cora' Pumpkin Seed-LaMont, 75, Sharps Corner, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, at White River Nursing Home. Survivors include one sister, Alice White Thunder, Sharps Corner. Wake services were Sunday, Jan. 14, at Sharps Corner Baptist Church. Funeral services were Monday, Jan. 15, at the church, with the Rev. Stephen Leach officiating. Burial was at St. Luke's Episcopal Cemetery in Sharps Corner. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.



Marie Hayes Hanson
Nape Waste Win

LITTLE EAGLE - Marie Eleanor Hanson-Hayes, 77, died Jan. 12 at the Golden Living Center in Mobridge.

Wake services will be at 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 19 at the Elk Horn Congregational Church in Little Eagle. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Central Time at the church on Saturday, Jan. 20.

She is survived by her nine children Ronald Gene Hayes, McLaughlin; Darnell Archie Hayes, McLaughlin; Waldron Philip Hayes, Portland, Ore., Kenneth Horsley, Flagstaff, Ariz.; Michael Horsley, Flagstaff, Ariz.; Walter Hanson, Eagle Butte; Janet Hale, Rapid City; Naomi Folson, Eagle Butte; Avis Little Eagle, McLaughlin;

and one brother, Larry Hayes, Eagle Butte;, and one sister, Betty Handley, Rapid City and one special granddaughter, Robin Gunhammer who she raised as her own daughter and adopted daughter Joanne Bobtail Bear-Red Fox. She is also survived by her Aunt Isabel Has Horns and special nieces Cordelia Benoist, Faye Condon, Barbara Grindstone and Menoda Flying Bye.

She is survived by 49 grandchildren and 63 great-grandchildren.

Marie participated in many church activities irregardless of the denomination.

She was a member of the Episcopal Chruch Winyan Omniciye and gladly hosted Easter Services in her home on a yearly basis. She knew the oral history of many local events and local landmarks. She also knew many Lakota songs as well as the Dakota Odowan and she taught these to her children and grandchildren. She was born on March 31, 1929 and in her early years, during the Great Depression, she went to school in Little Eagle and also attended school at the Pierre Indian Learning School.

She graduated from the 8th Grade at the Little Eagle Day School then moved to Rapid City where she lived in the Indian tent camp along Rapid Creek.

She worked at the Warren Lamb Sawmill as a rotar for many years, and also worked as a seasonal worker in the potato fields of Nebraska. She also worked as a cook for various work camps and also worked at Sitting Bull Crystal Cave in Rapid City.

She survived two floods living in Rapid City, one in the 1950s and one on June 9, 1972, in which she lost all her belongings when her home was swept away by flood waters.

In 1975 she returned to Little Eagle to be near her father, Gideon Hayes, and in her later years, enjoyed sewing, bingo, pow wows, church gatherings and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Marie Hanson loved her church activities, storytelling, and was a keeper of songs.

Oster Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Robert L. Moran Sr.

EDGEMONT - Robert L. Moran Sr., 72, Edgemont, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include three sons, Robert Moran Jr., Manuel "Mike" Moran and Ramon Moran, all of Edgemont; one brother, Vince LaPoint, Ariz.; one sister, Diane Rush, Denver; 19 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Wake services were Monday, Jan. 15, at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge. Funeral services were Tuesday, Jan. 16, at Billy Mills Hall, with the Rev. Howard Boyles officiating. Burial was Tuesday at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Eunice Little Thunder

RED SCAFFOLD - Eunice Little Thunder, 76, of Red Scaffold, died Jan. 15 at the Golden Living Meadowbrook Manor in Rapid City.

Funeral services will be Monday, Jan. 22 at the Red Scaffold Gym. Burial will be at Black Hills National Cemetery. Wake begin Sunday with supper at 6 p.m. and services at 7 p.m. at the Gym.

Luce Funeral Chapel of Eagle Butte is handling arrangements.

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Most of the time when a recipe calls for certain spices, those spices can be found at dollar stores for 50 cents. Like nutmeg, cinnamon, sage, ground onions, paprika, and there are great substitutions we share next week.

Wild Sage Bread

Makes 16 servings
1 package dry yeast
1 tablespoon sugar
2 teaspoons crushed dried sage
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon baking soda
2½ cups all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons egg mix + ¼ cup water
(or 1 egg)
1 cup cottage cheese
1 tablespoon melted shortening

1. Preheat oven to 375ºF.
2. In a large bowl, combine yeast, sugar, and water. Let stand until foamy.
3. Add oil to yeast mixture. Gradually stir in nonfat dry milk, salt, and enough of the flour to make the dough stiff enough to pull away from the edges of the bowl.
4. On floured surface, knead dough 2-4 minutes, until smooth and elastic. Cover dough and let rest for 10 minutes.
5. Roll dough in 12 x 7 inch rectangle. Roll up from narrow end to form loaf and pinch edges to seal.
6. Place loaf in greased 8½ x 4½ inch glass loaf pan and cover.
7. Fill a large shallow pan half full with boiling water on counter top. Place baking sheet over pan of boiling water.
8. Set covered bread dough on baking sheet and let dough rise 20 minutes or until doubled in size.
9. Bake in 375ºF oven for 25 minutes or until golden brown.
10. Remove loaf from pan and cool on rack. Slice with serrated knife to serve.

Baked Scrambled Eggs Supreme

Makes 4 servings
½ cup green bell pepper, diced
2 green onions, sliced
½ pound sausage
1 cup water
2 cup instant nonfat dry milk + 1 cup
water (or 1 cup nonfat milk)
¾ cup egg mix + 1½ cups water
(or 6 eggs)
½ cup grated cheese

1. Preheat oven to 375ºF.
2. In non-stick pan, brown bell pepper and green onions using cooking spray. Set aside.
3. Cook sausage in skillet until crumbly. Pour out excess grease. Mix with bell peppers and onions.
4. Prepare egg mix using 1 cup of milk and 1 cup of water; mix thoroughly.
5. Add egg mixture to sausage mixture and mix well.
6. Pour in 8 x 8 inch glass baking dish that has been sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Top with grated cheese.
7. Bake at 375ºF, turning once or twice until cooked thoroughly.

You can also add salsa, bacon bits, diced mushrooms, white onions in place of green onions, cut up diced pork, etc.

Commodity Cheese Pizza

Makes 8 pieces of pizza
3 cups baking mix (see page 22)
¼ cup water
½ can (15.5 ounce) can spaghetti
sauce
2 cups grated cheese

You can add cooked ground beef, sausage, or ham; onion, green pepper, mushrooms.

1. Combine baking mix and water. Pat dough mixture with greased hands onto a greased pizza pan or cookie sheet.
2. Pour sauce over crust. Sprinkle with cheese and optional toppings.
3. Bake at 450ºF until golden.

Soft Oatmeal Cookies (with Raisins)

Makes 3 dozen cookies
1 package (15 ounces) raisins
½ cup evaporated milk
2/3 cup shortening
1 tablespoon vinegar or lemon juice
1 cup brown sugar
½ cup sugar
¼ cup egg mix + ½ cup water
(or 2 eggs beaten)
½ teaspoon vanilla
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg
2 cups oats

Preheat oven to 350ºF, ptu raisins in pan and cover with water. Heat on high until boiling. Drain and cool. Beat envaporated milk, shortening, vinegar or lemon juice, sugars, eggs, and vanilla well. Add dry ingredients and gently stir in raisens. Drop by spoonful on cooke sheet. Bake at 350 for 10 to 12 minutes.

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Jacqueline A. 1-1-07
in Bismarck,ND
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in Albuquerque, NM
Marlen Tsosie B.W. 1-6-07
in Page, AZ
Myron G. H.H 1-13-07
Jayme B.W 1-16-07
in Page, AZ
Cheronne J.E.C. 1-21-07
Khaila, Syrus Julis
Edwards 1-23-07
Stormy L.R. 1-27-07
Posey L. Carter 1-31-07
in Albuquerque,NM
May you all have many, many more to come. We all love you and God Bless you on your special Day! Love, your whole families & Relatives in
Eagle Butte, SD

In Loving Memory
Happy Belated
Birthday
Aunt, Sister, Cousin, Mom & Grandmother
Genevieve Straighthead-Swiftbird
9-14-91 - 1-24-36
From your sisters, family and grandchildren & families. We love you & Miss you dearly

**In Loving Memory
Happy Belated Birthday
Friend, Aunt, Sister
Tracy A. Cortier
3-6-02 - 1-15-75
From your nieces & special nephew, brother & friend
Janell, Christian Jewel, Jacob, Christopher Mexican, Mary Carter, Lavina M.E.C. & families. We love & miss you always. Rest in Peace.**

*I would like to wish my #1 grandson who will be 2 years old on 1-22-07.
Ricky L. Bagola, Jr.
The first day I held you when you came into this crazy world, I fell in love with you. How much you make me laugh, sometimes terrible but thats ok. I will still be here for you, who cares what you do (make messes) Mom-Dad will clean it, Hapy Birthday "Fatman" and enjoy your birthday party.
I love you always
Grama (TEE)*

Happy Birthday!!
We would like to wish a crazy person Happy Birthday!
Gilbert Kills Back on 1-29-07
We know yur over the hill now, so don't try to hide it by (jokes) enjoy your day and at the casino or Bingo.
Happy Birthday Babe!
Love you, Tee,Dawn,Corey & Eastridge Crew

I would like to wish my bro Tom Tom Tools a happy birthday on Jan. 19
Love you
Sheila Plenty Arrows
Have a Good One!

I would like to wish my mom Heather Plenty Arrows a Happy New Year.
Love your Baby Girl
Sheila Plenty Arrows

I just want to say congrads to a homie on getting ready to have a baby. Good luck Ness from homie O Destiny K.I.S.

Happy Birthday to my nephew Nathaniel Dubray on January 10th I love you! and hope your day was good! Happy Birthday on Jan. 15th to my niece Nariah Gibbons. I love you and wish you many more and have a great day!
Love, Auntie LaVonne & family.

I'd like to say Hi to Holly Janalle. I love you and Yia Yia Love, Tyra Quinn

*I would like to say holla to all my home girls down in Allen, Tamarra, Cheyenne, Star, Nailah, Beckey,
I love you guys
Alleyah*

**I want to say Holla to my boy Trey for being a good friend to me love
Alleyah Washington**

**Happy Birthday to
Sage Dean Richards
Love your Auntie
Mitzi & Marsha**

Happy Birthday to our Son
David John
on January 18
Finally 21 but you'll always be our baby.
Hope-u-have many more.
Love Clarence & Debbie
White Horse

**Happy Birthday to our brother
David John (DJ) on January 18. Finally 21. Enjoy it, its your day.
We love you lotz.
Sisters: Marlee Ellen, Summer & daughters
brothers: Randy the Dude**

"Happy Birthday"
Arvella, I love you and many more Birthdays to come.
Love, Stan,Cinnamon, Trev, Jazz, Andrew, Jaren
We love you!

Happy Birthday to our cousin Dustin Zimiga
From the crazy crew next door! Shanay, Shantay, Jordan

I'd like to say Hi to my family.I love you guys, even my Mom.
Love
Alleyah Washington

**Happy Birthday to my nephew Dustin Zimiga
Love,
your Auntie Alyce**

I want to say Hi to all my A-town girls. I love you especially to my mom
love,
Tyra Quinn

Happy Birthday to our Auntie Crystal Red Owl on Jan. 10th
From Bryanna, Brenden, Brylee, Crycee and Jeremy Red Owl

***Happy 90th Birthday!!!!
to our beautiful grandmother
Helena Montileaux
We love you so much!
Love
your entire family in Kyle.***

Happy Birthday to the following in January:
Shane Tallman
Tristen Ferguson
Dustin Tallman
Justin Dillon
Wilma Shots
Stacy Longman
Jaden Dillon
Donald Longman Jr.
Adam Tallman
Tyson White Plume
Carla Shots
Trudell Shots
Brandon Hill
Kelly Longman
Lena Brown Bull
Tianna Bear Killer
Jada Lays Harde

Happy Birthday to my favorite Uncle
Pete Red Willow
December 31
From Baby Donna & Kids

*Happy Belated Birthday to our #1 Baby Boy
Amos Bettelyoun
From
Mom & Dad*

Mom!
I love you soooooooo much. Thanks for helpin me out. Don't know whi I'd do without you.
Love,
Jenni

**Happy Birthday to our beautiful Grandma
Helena Montileaux
Enjoy your day!
We love you with all our hearts!
Love,
Vanessa, Paulina, & Jeremiah Shangreaux.**

Happy Belated Birthday to Kelli Lynn (Mousseau) Eagle Elk. From your Dad & family from Green Bay Wisconsin, Love you very much and my grandchildren.

Happy Birthday wishes to "Auntie Laura" Lone Elk on Jan. 11.
We would like to wish you a very enjoyable birthday and wish you many more birthdays to come. Luv
The Kindle Girls

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in A-Town**

**January 19th
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Alaequah Moves Camp
From
Mom and kids**

Happy Birthday to our son and brother
Russell W. Fly Jr.
with lots of love
Love, Tania, Russ, Tommy, KeAnna Cassie, Keara, Brett, Bradly,Niona, Colin
Tehinuniga Family

**Happy 21st Birthday to
Larry Richards
Love you Bro
Love,
Mitzi & Marsha**

*I would like to wish my Lil Sister a Happy Birthday
Latisha Joy Chips
From Dorothy Waylon Family*

**Happy Birthday Troy.
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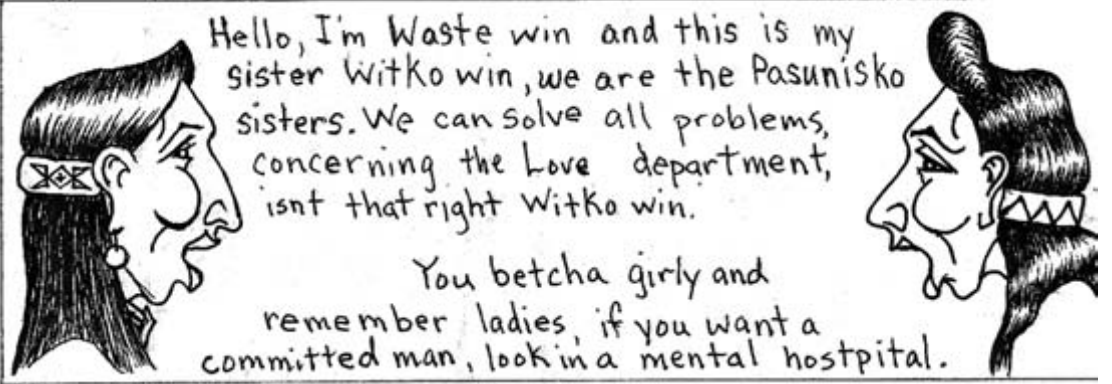
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KILI Radio installs new equipment, on air Monday

PORCUPINE BUTTE - KILI Radio is quickly gearing up and will be on the "airwaves" on Monday, Jan. 29 at 100,000 watts of power. It will also be on in Rapid City at 88.7 FM after all of its equipment has been installed. Last week KILI had the necessary equipment delivered to get it back up and running, including new analog and digital transmitters, a new antenna and a 350 foot transmission line and transmitter.

Melanie Janis, station manager, said they will work out the programming and the contracts they have already will continue. She is asking all volunteer deejays to fill out an application and training dates will be set for the deejays to get training for the new equipment. She encourages former deejays to fill out applications also.

Please turn to KILI Radio: A2





Above: Last week, KILI Radio's equipment arrived and work began in installation. Workers install the antenna on the tower. Right: The new transmitter is lifted to the station on a crane. Below: The old transmitter is removed from the building. Photos courtesy of Milt Lee.



'Tribes dodge a bullet' on complaints to U. S. courts

Law firm files for dismissal of complaints

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - In December 2006, the law firm of McCarter and English of New York City filed two complaints against the federal government; one in the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia and the Federal Court of Claims on behalf of four Lakota, Nakota and Dakota tribes.

The complaints were to have been confined to tribal trust lawsuits, but as it turned out, that was not the case. The suit contained a host of issues which if allowed to proceed forward would have severely damaged tribal sovereignty and treaties.

The complaints as originally filed were based upon a Dec. 31 deadline which was explained to the Oglala Sioux, Rosebud Sioux, Cheyenne River Sioux and the Standing Rock Sioux.

The Oglala Sioux tribe and the Rosebud Sioux tribal councils had actually passed resolutions approving the services of McCarter and English who offered to file the two complaints pro bono or free of charge. The two tribes also subsequently rescinded their previous council actions and were to have sent notices to the law firm to withdraw the complaints and remove their names. The Cheyenne River Sioux also took the same action and the Standing Rock Sioux were to follow suit.

A. Gay Kingman, a tribal consultant with the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association was very active in helping to sort out the sometimes complicated issue.

Kingman highlighted the issues which the complaints as filed would have wrongly asked for. The complaint asked for the dissolution of the federal government's trust responsibility relative to the land and also asked that the plaintiffs land be converted to fee status and that would have subjected tribal lands to state taxation. The Lakota tribes named in the complaint were horrified to find out that the suit also wrongly tied the Black Hills land claim and Docket 74-A and 74-B to the tribal trust filing which asks for a proper accounting of tribal trust assets.

Please turn to Tribes dodge bullet: A2

Mustangs, Lady Thorpes make history with No. 1 state ranking

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

KYLE/PINE RIDGE - When the state basketball rankings came out on Tuesday, the Little Wound Mustangs had moved from number two to the number one position. With two more wins this week, home wins over Red Cloud and Cheyenne Eagle Butte and top ranked Madison's loss to St. Thomas More in the Hanson Classic in Mitchell on Saturday night before a standing room only crowd in the Corn Palace, the Mustangs eased into the top spot with a 11-0 record.

While the Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes kept winning, four games in six days to move their record to 14-0, the number one ranked Milbank Lady Bulldogs were beaten by West Central Saturday night. Milbank's loss coupled with Pine Ridge's four wins put Pine Ridge into the top spot, just ahead of the undefeated number two ranked Bennett County Lady Warriors.

"In thinking back, I can't remember a time when two Pine Ridge Reservation teams were ranked number one at the same time," said Roger Toland, sports editor of the Rapid City Journal, "we have seen Pine Ridge, Little Wound and Red Cloud ranked in previous years but not at the same time."

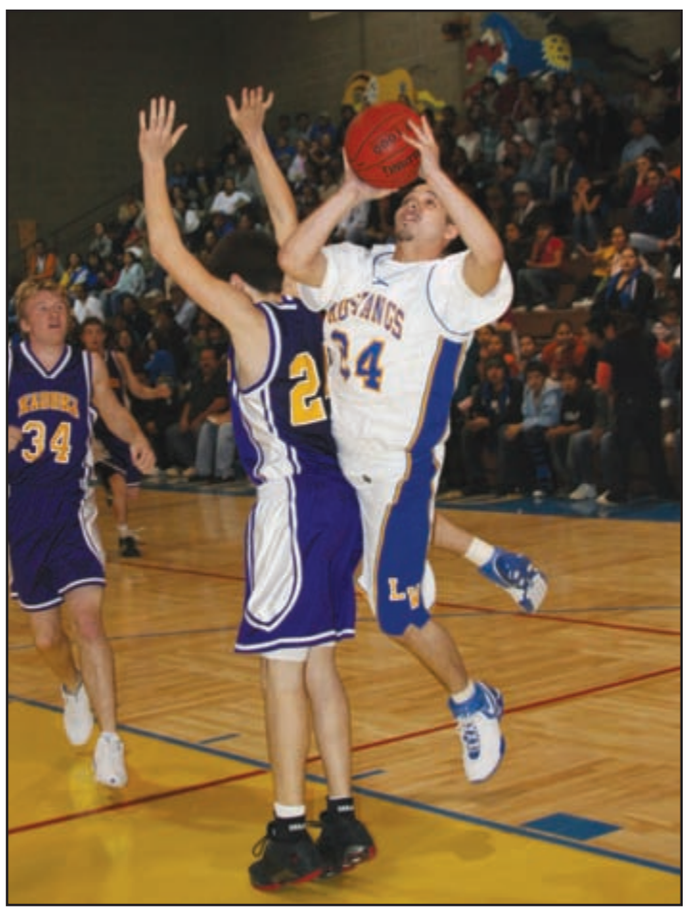
Pine Ridge girls opened the season with some votes in the pre-season poll, nowhere near the top ten though. With their 30 point win over Cheyenne Eagle Butte for the Lakota Nation championship and undefeated record with several strong wins, the Lady Thorpes earned the number two ranking in the first regular season poll and remained at number two until the top ranked Milbank team lost last weekend..

"You know I can't remember when Pine Ridge girls were ever ranked number one before," said Tiny DeCory, "I have been digging through Doni's scrapbooks but I haven't found a thing, I thought they might have been ranked number one in 1988 but I can't really remember."

The Lady Thorpes have gone to State seven times

Please turn to History: A2





Christian Janis (4), Pine Ridge's freshman point guard drives around Custer's top scorer, Breona Ziolkowski (22) during the Lady Thorpes hard fought 51-47 win on Friday night in Pine Ridge for their 13th straight win of the season and Little Wound's Ty Lunderman(24) pulls up for a jumper over the much taller Bryer Jones (20) a 6'5" junior center for Kadoka Tuesday night to help the Mustangs to their 12th straight win of the season. Photos courtesy of Double M Photography, Hay Springs, Neb.

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The controversial document which the plaintiffs did not see before it was filed in Washington, DC goes on to ask that the historical 1851 and 1868 Fort Laramie Treaties be declared unconstitutional. Furthermore, it makes claims without the knowledge or permission of the plaintiff tribes as well as the Crow Creek, Flandreau, Sisseton and the Sioux Nation. The document also contains a host of inaccurate historical facts about the Sioux as well as the fact that it duplicates the tribal claim as filed by the separate tribes on their own behalf.

Attorney Mario Gonzalez issued a memorandum addressing the filing on January 12 to Oglala Sioux tribal president, John Steele, and it further revealed the problems with the legal complaint as assembled by McCarter and English. His memorandum was equally as helpful in sorting out the issue for Lakota people as it originally was unclear what the December 31 deadline was all about.

Gene Scheiman and Rob Bernstein of the McCarter and English law firm sent out an email notice on Friday, Jan. 19 in which they filed a Notice of Dismissal and Electronic Filing Confirmation in the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia and were in the process of preparing the same request to Court of Federal Claims.

The notice to the courts lists the four plaintiff tribes as well as the Sioux Nation of Indians (aka "the Oceti Sakowin Oyate.") and named Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior, the United States government and John Snow, the Secretary of the Treasury as defendants.

An attempt to reach attorney Daniel Sheehan was made, however, he was in California and did not return our call by press time.

Sheehan acted as a go-between when the original offer of pro-bono services by McCarter and English was made to several tribes.

Sheehan will be contacted in the future to see if he might comment on the issue.

KILI Radio

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Staff onboard includes Melanie Janis, station manager; Tom Casey, development director; Mitch Wisecarver, programming; and Derrick Janis, production.

The station was struck by lightening during a storm last April and it suffered considerable damage. KILI apparently has been missed by many people who have voiced their concern about its being absent from the airwaves. It has been an invaluable service in announcing school closings, community events, local and national news, not to mention the excellent contemporary, western and Native American music format.

Since April, the station had been broadcasting with 260 watts and its range was quite limited, however, it also could be heard over the internet.

In April KILI embarked upon its fund raising efforts to replace the damaged equipment and was ultimately successful in applying to the Department of Commerce for a Public Telecommunications Facilities grant for new equipment. They also applied for a grant for a digital converter from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The state also provided matching funds so that KILI could purchase a generator.

Foster grandparent program still going strong, more needed

HOT SPRINGS - Grand parents in the classroom has been a win win situation for many, many years for both the student and the foster grandparent.

The Black Hills Foster Grandparent program is still going strong at Pine Ridge, Oglala, Porcupine, Kyle, Wounded Knee, Wanblee and Martin. In addition, the program at Rosebud, St. Francis, and Spring Creek is off to a good start. There are a total of 32 Foster Grandparent volunteers, including eight foster grandpa volunteers, who are helping children for 20 or more hours per week at schools and head starts in their areas. The program covers western South Dakota and half of the grandparents work on reservations schools and the rest in the Hills area.





Louie White Horse works with students at Martin Grade School in reading and Dora Hernandez works at Wolf Creek School. The foster grandparents work mostly with children in elementary schools and the head start centers.

Deb Russell, foster grandparent coordinator, of Hot Springs said the program has been working successfully for schools and grand parents for many years. Elaine Quiver, formerly coordinated the program at Pine Ridge for 27 years, before she retired last spring. Two years ago, the program started on the Rosebud reservation.

Program monies come from the federal funds of the Corporation for National and Community Service, said Russell.

She said they try to meet with the foster grandparents once a month and say in close contact with them. She emphasized that the stipend they receive is just that, a stipend, and by law the stipend can not be counted against their eligibility regarding other benefits such as rent and other income. This may be an issue regarding grandparents who are interested in volunteering as a foster grandparent.

Foster grandparents volunteer at schools, head starts and non profit early childhood organizations helping children get ready for school and helping children succeed in school.

"They are always under the supervision of a teacher and provide an extra set of hands to keep the children going in the right direction," Russell said.

"Many of the foster grandparents have delighted in teaching children the Lakota language and culture and are amazed at how fast they start using the Lakota words," she said.

Foster grandparents receive a stipend for the hours they volunteer and many sites where they volunteer help arrange for bus transportation to help them get to and from their site. Some of the other benefits volunteers receive are paid holidays, earned sick leave, earned vacation leave and paid training. The benefits the children receive are immeasurable.

Everyone wins with this program said Russell.

The grandparents get hugs and smiles from the children, the school sees progress and growth in children's academic performance and the children have another adult to praise their success.

Russell encourages more grandparents to participate in the volunteer program. "More foster grandparents are always welcome to offer smiles, encouragement, and wisdom to the children," she said.

Russell said the program has four foster grandparents from Pine Ridge, Dora Hernandez, Mae Clifford, Dorothy Kocer, and Sophia Yellow Boy and others at Wanblee, Kyle and Martin. Dora and Mae work at Wolf Creek and the others at the Head Start at Pine Ridge. Mary Rose Dillon and Louie White Horse, both work at Martin Grade School. Another long standing grandparent is Edna Short Horn at Little Wound Elementary.

At Wanblee, there is Ben Long Soldier and Matilda Little Killer who volunteer at the head start center.

Belinda Ready, elementary principal at Martin, said Dillon and White Horse were 'awesome' and she said they are good resources for the teachers and her. "They can visit with the kids culturally. If I have questions I can go to them. They are good role models for the kids.

It seems like they have always been here. Louie works in the library, he reads to the kids or have kids read to him, he checks the hallway," Ready said.

"Mary Rose works in the preschool room and they are both pretty valuable assets," she said.

White Horse, 78, said he has been with the program a long time. He had worked with the Bennett County School system before becoming a part of the program and has enjoyed his work since. "I help with the kids in reading by listening or reading to them," he said. He promotes reading and said he also learns from the kids, from interacting with them in the library and on lunch room duty. Most of the kids call him grandpa.

"The reason I wanted to do something for the kids, is to give back to the school," he said. His son Wyatt attended Bennett County Schools and went on Augustana College and now works for the Indian Health Service in Wanblee.

He wanted his son to attend a school that will provide a sound academic educationa and achieving that, enjoys giving back to the school.

White Horse attended Rosebud Boarding School in Mission, where a whole lot wasn't based on academics but life skills.

He then entered the Marines when he was 17 and later in life attended Oglala Lakota College for three years.

He received a honorary high school diploma from Little Wound High School and said that was one of the nicest honors he has received.

White Horse encourages grandparents to be a part of the education system with the foster grandparent program.

The next meeting for the foster grandparents will be hosted by Martin foster grandparents on Feb. 7.

If you are 60 years of age or more and would like more information or would like to enroll in the Foster Grandparent Program, please all Darbi Cram at the toll free number of 1-877-613-4016 in Sturgis or Deb Russell at 745-3408 in Hot Springs.

History

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winning it all in 1989 and earning the runner-up trophy in 04 while the boys have been ranked number one and have gone to State 18 times earning championships in 1936, 1962 and 1987.

"Over the years I've followed the Mustangs and I don't think they have ever been ranked number one," said Marcel Bull Bear, a Kyle resident and long time Little Wound supporter. "it is not that Little Wound hasn't had good teams but the polls and the rankings seem to favor East River teams."

Little Wound boys have been to State five times finishing no higher than fourth and finishing seventh last year. The Lady Mustangs made their only appearance at State in 2003.

"Our goal has been to do well in the regular season, make it back to state this year and win the state championship," said Jamie Feather Earring, Little Wound head coach, "we peaked just at the right time last year and earned the trip to state, it was great experience and this year we are set to put that experience to work on a championship trophy."

Little Wound opened the preseason poll at number eight and with their undefeated record and beating last year's state champ and preseason number one St. Thomas More in the LNI championship game earned a number two ranking in the first regular season poll. The Mustangs stayed at number two until number one ranked Madison went down to the Cavaliers on Saturday.

Little Wound hosts St. Francis on Thursday and plays Beresford in the Canton Classic on Saturday while Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes travel to Todd County on Thursday, to St. Francis on Jan. 30 and to Bennett County on Feb.1 for a match-up of the number one and two teams in the state.

Sinte Gleska University to celebrate 37th Annual Founder's Day week

MISSION - Sinte Gleska University will honor the past, celebrate the present and plan for the future of the university and the Sicangu Oyate at their 37th Annual Founders' Week Forums and Celebration Wacipi taking place at the Wanbli Wakinyan mulit-purpose center on January 29-February 4.

A sunrise ceremony at 8:00 a.m. Monday, January 29th will open the week-long events. Several forums will focus on all aspects of the Lakol Wicohan, planning for Education of the Oyate, bringing our schools closer together through our own accreditation and certification. Other forums will concentrate on Economic Development and Business Development, a framework for redefining and restructuring tribal governance and for strengthening tribal sovereignty.

In setting the tone for the forums, President Lionel Bordeaux said, "The recent passage of the motion by our Tribal Council and President to support SGU and the founding chairman, Stanley Red Bird, Sr.'s mandate to develop another form of tribal government under the treaty not IRA, provided the motivation to utilize this year's Sinte Gleska University celebration to develop a future plan of action for us to bring our organizations and communities into a closer working relationship to improve the quality of our daily lives."

On Tuesday, January 30, the SGU Wikoskalaka and Winyan Pageant will be held. On Wednesday, January 31, the university will honor the staff, students and faculty with a dinner at 6:00 p.m. On Thursday, the university will sponsor a family fun night, with special activities and performances by the Bird Blues Band and their family. The Great Plains Art Institute will be open daily for the annual Faculty Art Show and the Sicangu Cultural Heritage Center will be open for visitors to view the historical material culture exhibits.

On Friday evening, the Tribal Nation Building Wacipi will begin with Grand Entry at 7:00 PM and will continue through Sunday, February 4 with contest prizes totaling $20,000 and drum money paid daily. An honoring dedicated to supporters establishing SGU and re-enacting the inauguration ceremonies first installing SGU's President Bordeaux will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2.

Sinte Gleska University would like to invite the public to join in all of the week's activities, forums and the wacipi to celebrate 37 years of providing higher education to the Sicangu Oyate.

Kiyaksa Waniyetu Wacipi postponed to a later date

KYLE - The Kiyaksa Waniyetu Wacipi which was to be held in conjunction with Little Wound School on Jan. 26-28 at the LWS gym has been postponed due to a death in the community. The "Wacipi" which will feature several "specials" for the community and all ages alike will be rescheduled at a later date. The "Eyapaha" will be Pat Bad Hand and Marcel Bull Bear and the arena directors will be M.J. Bull Bear and Pat Iron Cloud.

For more information contact Marcell Bull Bear at 605-455-2690 or M.J. Bull Bear at 454-4494.

RST Liquor Commission grants casino and fuel plaza liquor license renewal

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - The RST Liquor Commission held a public hearing at the RST Veterans Affairs building on Thursday, Jan. 18 from 1 to 5:30. The purpose was the pending renewal of the liquor license application from the Rosebud Casino and the Casino Fuel Plaza.

Glenn Yellow Eagle was present on behalf of both businesses and apparently provided appropriate documentation to the commission, including figures on liquor sales. The Rosebud Casino at present is advertising for a general manager, while the Casino Fuel Plaza is advertising for an assistant manager position. Alma Valandra is serving in an acting capacity as the general manager.

The public was invited to provide testimony either for the license renewal or to voice their opinion as to why it should be denied. The hearing was not carried over KINI FM as was the case previously and impacted the number of people who testified at the hearing. Tillie Black Bear of the White Buffalo Calf Woman's Society apparently presented testimony against the issuance as she had in previous hearings.

According to Anthony Bordeaux, Jr. the Liquor Commission, after hearing public testimony, went to into a private session after 5:15 p.m. and made the decision to renew the liquor licenses of both outlets. Three members of the commission were present for the hearing and voted 2-0-1 in favor of the renewal.

According to Bordeaux, Jr. the RST Liquor Commission was to conduct an on-site visit to the Rosebud Casino on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Bordeaux, Jr. reported that the casino and fuel plaza had passed their on-site inspection.

The purpose of the visit was to ensure that there was proper inventory controls in place at both businesses with appropriate documentation to account for the liquor products on the shelves.

The members of the RST Liquor Commission are John Charles Arcoren, Theresa Stead, Pete Reynolds and Anthony Bordeaux, Jr. They meet the first Wednesday of each month.

Recognizing early symptoms can prevent diabetes from further developing

By Javier H. Alegree
Special to the Times

ROSEBUD - The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Diabetes Prevention Program will be launching a very comprehensive awareness campaign within the first quarter of 2007. The focus of these new strategic efforts will be not only on the general public and youth of our reservation, but more directed toward the medical service providers industry in order to start testing and diagnosing pre-diabetes.

The goal with identifying pre-diabetes is to prevent the onset of the disease from ever happening.

How do you know if you need testing for pre-diabetes? Good question. The truth is you may not know. It's our human nature to wait until our body produces a pain or ache before we visit the doctor's office. With pre-diabetes, noticeable symptoms like frequent thirst and urination may not occur until the disease has progressed and is already causing considerable damage to your body. Most Type 2 diabetics don't have symptoms because the onset of diabetes is very slow.

Your physician can determine if you have pre-diabetes with two common tests. The fasting plasma glucose test and the oral glucose tolerance test. Both require an overnight fast.

The good news is that you can likely prevent diabetes with early detection and proper care (diet and exercise). It has been proven in a recent study that if pre-diabetes is diagnosed; you will have a 58 percent higher chance of never developing the disease.

Don't wait 'til it hurts. Ask your doctor about pre-diabetes and have your blood sugar checked every six months if you are at risk

For additional information on pre-diabetes and/or early symptoms, visit us on the web at www.rstdpp.org or call us at 605-747-4600.

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OPINION PAGE

Our Views

Bush addresses NCLB, Congress to act on meth help for Indian country

We are not quite seeing a "lame duck" administration, but with the Democrats now in control of the Congressional agenda, it will be difficult for the President of the United States to accomplish many of his remaining goals. It is well known that each administration will attempt to tailor some of the domestic and foreign initiatives to meet the parties' priorities.

With the 2008 elections coming up next year, it will be interesting to see how the Democrats, in turn, create programs that will be of benefit to the general population, as well as Lakota people.

On Tuesday, Jan. 23, President George Bush gave his State of the Union message, which is his annual address to Congress of his agenda.

For certain, any changes or modifications in the No Child Left Behind Act will impact tribal schools which are already struggling with its mandates. Dr. Richard Bordeaux of Todd County Schools was recently quoted as saying that even for those bigger schools that are achieving adequate yearly progress, the standards could get tougher for them. At that point there may be an outcry to modify the legislation.

Bush called for expanding and continuation of the NCLB Act, however, past criticism of the law includes the fact that funding was never fully committed to the states as had been anticipated.

The president is also calling for a tax to fund health care costs, but some say that it would not reach the underinsured that really need it.

In fact, it might discourage young workers from seeking work if they had to pay too many taxes. Universal health care is always desirable especially among the underpaid and underinsured.

However, in reality it has never been seriously considered for all Americans, much like they do in Canada and other foreign countries.

The United States is such a rich nation even with us having to pay for a war, that everyone family could have adequate shelter and there would be no homelessness.

For some reason it just never happens even with rising health care costs and the tremendous housing needs right here at home.

The cost of the Iraq war and the fact that it is becoming increasingly unpopular according to American public opinion will be interesting to see what long term goals continue to be put forth.

The fear used to be that Iraq might become our next "Vietnam" but perhaps a Democratically controlled Congress will alter that view in the next year or so.

Lakota people will continue to send their young men and women to war as we also strive to protect our homeland, but somewhere down the road the end must be in sight.

Congress to act on meth legislation

Meth use is a very big problem in Indian country, we doubt any reservation or community has escaped the terribly consequences this home made drug does to families and to the strength of tribes.

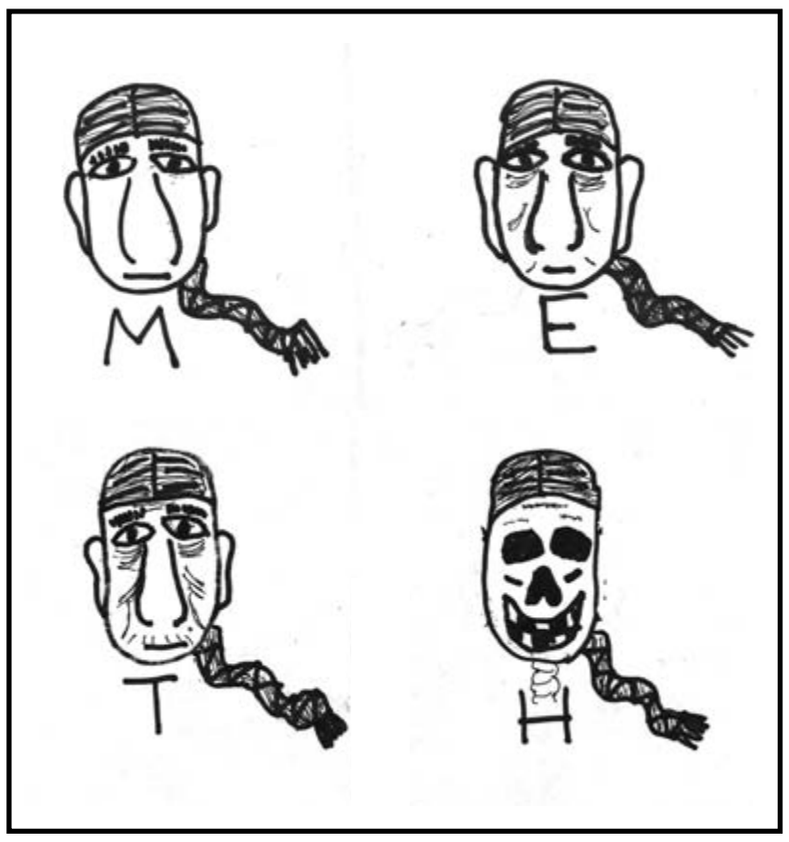
Congress has been addressing this issue this past year on the national level and this month has been looking at four bills aimed at the growing problem in Indian country. Two measures have been designed for tribes and the other two has provisions related to the tribes.

The Native American Methamphetamine Enforcement and Treatment Act is a bill that was introduced this month that will help tribal governments receive federal funding for programs that are already open to states.

The Indian Tribes Methamphetamine Reduction Grants Act is legislation that is sponsored by Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.). McCain has been vocal about meth abuse and the rising rates of crime on reservations on the national level.

Another legislation calls for the Department of Justice to report on the drug in Indian country. And still yet another measure will require the Department of Health and Human Service to report on numbers of pregnant and parenting women in need of meth treatment. But the big issue will be finding money to so these pieces of legislations can be funded.

It's a problem that will not go away and our legislators within our tribes need to take the bull by the horns and support the people who are crafting laws to protect our children.



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Empowering Yourself

'This ain't no restaurant'



By Patty Pourier

It is not hard for me to make a New Years resolution. I usually have the same ones every year.

Lose 25 pounds, get in shape, eat healthier, take more time to read spiritual books, and get a better prayer life. It is not hard to make them, but it is a bugger to keep them. From statistics, I am not unique. Most of you are just like me.

It is the fourth week of January, and I have exercised one time. You see I wanted to do more, but, I have been busy, plus it was almost 0 degrees all last week, and that is just too cold to walk. Plus I think I have a little arthritis in my right knee, and heel spurs. Plus I am really busy. There is my income tax that is really stressing me. I am really busy at work and one of the people in the office that does a lot of things just quit, so I will be having to cover her job in three weeks. By the time I leave work, I am too tired to go exercise, and promise myself I will rest tonight, and get up early tomorrow to hit it!

Because I have worked hard all day, I am way to tired to stop and get the healthy groceries I have on my "healthy eating grocery list" I printed off the Internet. Besides its cold outside.

I get home; pop a chicken potpie into the microwave for my husband and I. Then we plop down on the couch, flip on the set and scan with the remote. I pick up my "spiritual book and settle in. I read a couple lines, get interested in a TV. Show and before I know it, I have dozed off, and its bedtime.

As I trudge upstairs to bed, I resolve to set my alarm clock early, telling myself that I will start tomorrow on my healthy living plan. I will get up early and exercise, pack fruits and veggies to snack on and my new life will be on its way. I will have new resolve tomorrow morning, when I am rested. I set the alarm for 5:30 a.m. and go to sleep.

BEEP, BEEP, BEEP, its still dark. My groggy mind musters a thought, "Why is that thing going off already". I hit doze and roll over …repeating the scenario six more times. I finally look at the neon digits, and its 6:30 a.m.! I crawl out of bed knowing I have no time to exercise this morning and resolve to do it after work tonight. I will have to pray while I drive to work.

This scenario has repeated itself. as described, day after day now for 24 days in January.

This may not seem that bad, but in the long run, it could kill me. The more stress I have the higher my chances of high blood pressure. The more I weigh, the less energy I have, and the harder it is on the arthritis in my knees and my chances for diabetes increases. The more fatty foods I eat the chances of some cancers are raised. Not to mention the low self-esteem that comes from not being able to fit into my clothes every morning and having my pants hurt by afternoon.

I heard a spiritual person explain the above desire and failure to achieve results This world is instant in so many ways, with internet, microwaves and credit cards, we get used to wanting it one minute and getting it the next.

Life changes take discipline and commitment. They usually come slowly. They take effort, this ain't no restaurant where we can order something up and have it served to us.

In both my spiritual and physical life I want to eat right, exercise and stay focused on the goal, not the immediate, shallow, gratification of some TV show or an extra half hour of sleep.

That show or half hour of sleep will make not difference in the scheme of my life, but an hour of prayer or growth through literature, or a half hour of exercise a day could make me actually live longer, with a higher quality of life.

Other Views

Clemency for Tim Caffrey

Dear Editor:

I have been searching for the right words to comment on the Tim Caffrey case and to address the question of whether clemency after 26 years served in the South Dakota State Penitentiary for the shooting death of his adoptive father, is deserved. There are no perfect words. All I can do is respectfully explain why I believe Tim Caffrey did not receive justice at his trial in 1981; why he is not receiving it now; and why the people of South Dakota are not provided justice if Tim Caffrey is kept behind bars for life.

Taking a life is a brutal, abominable act. It warrants strong discouragement through severe punishment. Tim has received that strong punishment as he continues to serve a life sentence for manslaughter, a sentence that is now going into its 27th year.

While a long prison sentence is an appropriate strong deterrent to the crime of taking a life, what also seems to result in cases like this is that we stop at the door of the act itself. We seldom give any time or thought to the root cause or to real equity in meting out prison sentences to the guilty. South Dakota Attorney General Larry Long, who tried the case in 1981 as a first time prosecuting attorney, said in an article in the Sioux Falls Argus Leader on Jan. 7, 2007, "Part of the reason we send people to the penitentiary for life is to make a statement about what they did. Part of it is simply punishment. We don't let everybody out who has been rehabilitated."

I say, "Then why call it rehabilitation?"

Tim Caffrey is Oglala Lakota. Born on the Pine Ridge Reservation and adopted by a non Indian couple, when he was 11 months old, he was raised in Martin and lived there his entire life until being found guilty for the crime of killing his father when he was just 17.

Since 1981, he has been imprisoned in a state that is one of only two to hand out life sentences for manslaughter. Caffrey received a life sentence, in great part, because the judge who tried his case did not realize that the life sentence he was handing down was NOT mandatory. Caffrey was tried and incarcerated as an adult even though he was only 17 at the time of the crime - for which he should have been tried as a minor.

Tim was not a hardened criminal. He was a troubled, confused, and abused teenage boy. This tragic event was his first and only criminal offense.

What is also tragic is that Caffrey has had virtually no contact with his own people or culture. According to people who knew him and knew the Caffrey family, Tim was not allowed contact with blood relatives. He was told he had to "choose between his white family and his Lakota ancestry." This same person recalls the peculiar habits of the Caffrey family and how, as a 14 year old teenager, Tim had an 8 p.m. bedtime. It was said he was commonly slapped, insulted, humiliated, bullied and intimidated. He did not grow up in a normal, loving, nurturing home. What he did experience was a distorted and brutal relationship, particularly with his alcoholic non Indian father. Eye witnesses say Tim was often hit and said have abusive things like "The biggest mistake we ever made was when we adopted you, you stupid Indian."

In every instance where I've been in contact with people who knew Tim and his father, Lakota or non Indian, said Tim's father was "an ignorant bully," and that Tim was a smart, sweet, and good kid. Many of these people still live in Martin. Some live half a nation away but feel just as strongly today about Tim's case as they did in 1981.

They say Tim was a good kid. Some, who haven't lived in South Dakota in decades but who were told of the Argus Leader story about Tim, have vivid, personal memories of Tim and of how his father treated him.

They feel strongly, as many of us do, that enough time has been served.

Let us not forget; Tim Caffrey was also victimized.

An abusive, alcoholic father victimized him. He was victimized by racial prejudice expressed by the one person whom he should have been able to trust and rely on most. He was victimized by a pitifully inadequate, ambivalent defense. Even today, he is victimized by an Attorney General who uses inflammatory language when discussing the case.

For some strange reason, Larry Long has a powerful chokehold on this case and a tragically dated, distorted belief that he is saving South Dakota from a cold-blooded killer. Fact: In 25 years, Larry Long

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Northern Perspectives

Border towns have been a bittersweet experience for Lakota, horror stories or good stories



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

I and my son traveled to the reservation border town of Valentine, Neb. last Friday to conduct some business and do a little shopping before we returned home "up on the reservation" as the white folks are fond of saying. My son was actually born at the Cherry Country hospital, so he calls it his hometown.

On the way home my son counted 105 cars in a stretch of 30 minutes. It was after work around 6:30 p.m. and maybe some of that traffic was headed for the casino to play bingo. I couldn't figure out what the occasion was, but it made me think of what that kind of traffic flow may have been about. I guess I will never know.

Over the years, we have been guilty of patronizing the town's businesses for many of our insurance, dental or shopping needs. We are like most Lakota families, in that we combine our business and personal shopping with some leisure time. We occasionally go to the movies or spend time in the park, especially during the autumn and late summers. In Lakota, when speaking of movies, the word is "wa'bazo" and it makes reference to the act of something being shown. I remember my mom saying that to me when I was a teen and headed up town in the evening. I used to interpret her as meaning that I was cleaned up and was going to show myself off. It's hilarious to think I was wrong all those years

Valentine and the Rosebud reservation didn't always get along the way we do now. During the "sixties" there were times when the high school football and basketball teams had conflicts which spilled over the respective communities. There was a rumor that the two towns quit playing each other for a time in sports, but it was one that I never checked out.

There were also stories of folks drinking in the bars until the wee hours of the night and other rowdy behavior. We all have relatives who may have had other experiences in Valentine; one of my brothers recounted a time when he was chased by the county sheriff to the state line. What a hilarious image. This past summer I saw a tourist with a big SUV pulling a new trailer and it pulled onto the street just ahead of an oncoming sheriff's car. Despite the closeness, the tourist was not pulled over and I thought he should have been. In my view, it is a little risky and wreckless to pull into a street when the law is coming and especially if they might have to slow down to accommodate you.

I drove around looking for the sheriff's car that was on the roadway and when he returned to his office, I stopped in and asked him about the incident which perhaps he didn't see and maybe it was not an incident at all. I may have seen something from a perspective that didn't border on illegal at all. I was willing to concede that. Anyway, I don't know if the officer in the office was the one in the car, but I asked him if that car had "67" plates on it and the driver was a Lakota man, would he have pulled him over. He said no and he didn't see anything illegal.

I was willing to settle for that explanation, but I simply wanted to hear it from the officer as to whether or not I would be treated any different if I were to have pulled onto the road way like that.

Valentine as a border town, I have to admit, has been relatively free of racial incidences and any kind of widespread tensions with Sicangu people. I think the business and community people had to have sat down together years ago, maybe in the 1970s and decided that they needed Lakota patrons to thrive.

There's no way to estimate reliably the economic impact of the Rosebud reservation community on the city of Valentine. I don't believe that our presence has caused the social fabric of the community to suffer. I do believe that we have spent millions of personal income and tribal government finances to support the creation of new business and the improvement of others.

I guess the whole scenario as it evolved is good for the city, but not necessarily good for Rosebud. We have been discussing the idea for years of building a tribal strip mall or perhaps attracting more enterprises such as Walmart or other big names businesses. We still have that need, so that we can offer our own people the opportunity to spend at home and use the money to reinvest in small business development. We have the critical mass of people to support new enterprises by our young entrepreneurs who may want to start a new business.

Actually, I am looking forward to shopping at our new tribal grocery store when it becomes reality next summer. Reportedly, it will offer more healthy food alternatives and fresh produce. That will be a great service for our young families as they learn to realign their thinking processes as to what healthy eating is. Being healthy is a learned process that could take years to adjust to.

Border towns have been a bittersweet experience for Lakota people as our experiences have ranged from horror stories to those who have acted civil to our people. I see a need for such towns to give back to Lakota people if they are to continue to see our patronage. They could contribute more to our youth and elderly projects and even do more advertising with us. I noticed that some will advertise with us and some will not and, yet, others simply take it for granted that we will stop in and continue to eat their food or purchase their vehicles without giving back as we are taught in the Lakota community.

Dr. Archie Beauvais (Sicangu) resides on the Rosebud with his son, Beaux. He earned a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) from Harvard University and is a 2006 Harvard AOCC Award recipient. A decorated Vietnam Veteran, he is functionally literate in Lakota and worked at Sinte Gleska University for 20 years as Dean/Chair of Tribal and Graduate Studies.

Notes From Indian Country

'Which one was it,' a mother asked



By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji)

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Perhaps there should be a new recruitment motto for the military personnel that are about to become George W's "new surge army." It might be "This is not just a job, it's an occupation."

When President Bush proclaimed "Mission Accomplished" he was partly correct because the actual ground war, the invasion, was over. Something new happened after that and it should have been classified immediately as a "guerilla war," not as an insurgency. It was a guerilla war in every sense of the word.

Iraq has become a country occupied by a foreign army that is under siege by an independent group of guerillas intent on forcing it to abandon their country. But the twist is that the guerillas are also intent on killing each other in what has become a sectarian war. If the guerillas would stop fighting each other and turn a united front against the army they consider to be the occupiers, things would be much worse for the American army.

The American soldiers and marines are caught in the middle of not only a guerilla war, but also a sectarian civil war. They are situated on the lands of a people who do not want them to be there. They are also considered to be infidels and crusaders by the Muslim insurgents. If they are to bring democracy to a people yearning for a theocracy after years of living under a dictatorship, their stay in Iraq will be a long one and will, in all likelihood, end in failure.

Nineteen young Americans lost their lives to this futility only last week.

Sunday, a one-year anniversary memorial service was held at Kyle on the Pine Ridge Reservation for a young Lakota Marine named Brett Lundstrom who lost his life to a sniper in Iraq.

Brett was young and did not consider the politics or the sectarianism of the fighting in Iraq. He was a warrior sent to Iraq to bring a new democracy to a country that did not want it. Did he die in vain? We would hope that a life lost in a cause, whether it is noble or ignoble, is not a death to be disrespected. After all, the intent of the soldier or marine sent into combat is to carry out the orders of the president of the United States of America. If the orders are wrongful, it is not the fault of the soldier.

Hundreds of Lakota turned out for the memorial because they do honor their heroes. A Lakota memorial service means many things. It is first a time to honor a fallen warrior. It is second, a time to remember. And third, it is a time to release the spirit of the warrior so that it may continue its journey to the Spirit World.

In the traditional Lakota way of life a family had a small, leather pouch in which a lock of hair from the fallen was kept so that the spirit of the dead would be with the family to help it through its year of mourning. At the end of that year the pouch is opened and the spirit is freed to continue its journey.

The chart of those who died in Iraq places South Dakota second in the number of deaths in combat per capita. Vermont leads the list. Three Lakota have died in Iraq. The first woman to die there was a Hopi Indian woman from Arizona. Among the dead you will find several Navajo Indians and several from the Indian nations of Oklahoma. The people of Indian country have always considered themselves one, so this brings the war a little closer for all of us.

Brett Lundstrom wasn't just a faceless soldier to me. His Lakota mother, Doyla Under Baggage, was my foster daughter and Brett spent many happy hours laughing and playing in my house long before he became a Marine. Death is the final arbiter, and like many others, it has drastically impacted the way I feel about Iraq.

Doyla Under Baggage, a wonderful woman who picked herself up from a life of poverty and despair to become a good human being and a caring and loving mother to Brett, grew up in my home district, Pejuta Haka, on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Perhaps she will never understand the politics behind the "insurgency" in Iraq. She said, "Before Brett left for Iraq he told me he had a dream that he was going to be shot. He was scared. He didn't think he was coming back." He was 22-years-old. Standing in the wings is his brother Army Specialist Eddy Lundstrom, who just turned 22. He has been to Iraq once and is scheduled to head back once more. He also was in Iraq when his brother died.

While driving home on the reservation Doyla got a phone call from a neighbor. Cell phones don't always work in these wide-open spaces. She knew something was wrong so she called her ex-husband in Detroit. When he answered the phone he was crying and she begged him to be calm. She said, "Which one was it?" She said, "That was the worst, not knowing which one it was and knowing that I had just lost a son."

Brett, whose Lakota name was *Wanbli Ishnala*, Lone Eagle, is now free to continue his journey to the Spirit World. The highest award he received was to be honored by his own people.

And several other mothers got that call this week and I am sure that at least one of them asked, "Which one was it?"

How many others will die in the name of an "Occupation?"

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Tim Caffrey *from page A4*

has never spoken directly to Tim Caffrey. Fact: Larry Long does not possess the professional medical credentials to make the claim that Tim is a "psychotic cold-blooded killer". Fact: Larry Long has never had Tim Caffrey evaluated by psychiatric professionals who could make that determination, or likely, once again disprove it, as they did back in 1981. Fact: Disproportionate sentencing is evidenced here. Tim Caffrey received a much stiffer sentence than perpetrators of crimes equal to or even more heinous than Tim's.

In a biography of Cherokee Medicine Man, Rolling Thunder, written by John Boyd in 1973, are the following words from a friend and contemporary of Rolling Thunder, Tuscarora Medicine Man, Mad Bear. His wisdom is timeless and timely. He says,

"If you have a sense of opposition - that is, if you feel contempt for others - you're in a perfect position to receive their contempt. The idea is not to be a receiver. You people have such anger and fear and contempt for your so-called criminals that your crime rate goes up and up. Your society has a high crime rate because it is in a perfect position to receive crime. You should be working WITH these people, not in opposition to them. The idea is to have contempt for crime, not for people. It is a mistake to think of any group or person as an opponent, because when you do, that's what the group or person will become to you. It's more useful to think of every other person as another YOU - to think of every individual as a representative of the universe. Every person is plugged into the whole works. Nobody is outside it or affects it any less than anybody else. Every person is a model of life, so the true nature of a person is the nature of life. I don't care how low you fall or how high you climb, economically or academically or anything else, you still represent the whole thing. Even the worst criminal in life imprisonment sitting in his cell - the center of him is the same seed, the seed of the whole creation." -- Mad Bear

When I read this passage, I thought about Tim Caffrey. It is time for the State of South Dakota to think about Tim too, to show compassion, and to recognize that Tim has already paid his debt to society.

It's time that we recognize that this tragic crime would likely never have occurred if there had not been an abusive and alcoholic parent, but rather, the kind of father figure that Arnie Berkeland has truly become as Tim's nearly sole visitor and mentor during Tim's 26 years in prison. If Arnie Berkeland and two parole boards feel that Tim Caffrey deserves another chance; we should too.

Tim's crime did not go unpunished. He has spent 26 years remembering and repenting for what he did. He grieves for his father. He recognizes the irreparable damage he caused his family. But he has also matured to be a self-reflective, caring, and humble man. He only wants a chance to be a good citizen too.

It's time to heal. It's time to grant Tim Caffrey his freedom.

Mary L. Collins
St Johnsbury, Vt.

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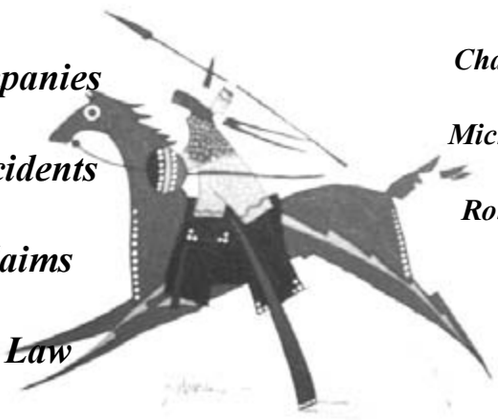
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Mustangs, Lady Thorpes keep rolling, all the way to number one

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

KYLE/PINE RIDGE - It was a tough week for the Lady Thorpes, they had four games in six days including a home game on Friday night and a road game on Saturday on the other side of the state, Pine Ridge kept rolling with easy wins over Little Wound and Lead-Deadwood and tough wins over Custer and Dakota Valley.

On Friday night, Pine Ridge squeaked by Custer 51-47, last year's LNI champ, a team who had just knocked off 5th ranked St. Thomas More earlier in the week. The Lady Thorpes opened with a 16-11 first quarter lead as Christian Janis, Lacey Weston and Robin Webber all hit two baskets each but Custer came right back to lead it 27-25 at the half as Breona Ziolkowski and Megan Turner lit it up. Pine Ridge held a one point lead after three and relied on Janis, Weston and Keisha Brewer in the fourth to get the hard fought win.

Weston finished with 16 points, seven rebounds and four assists, Webber hit two threes and 14 points, Janis helped with 12 points, four rebounds and two steals while Brewer added nine points and 12 rebounds. Ziolkowski knocked down 23 points to lead all scorers and Turner finished with two threes and 10 points.

Pine Ridge survived a long cross state trip and a tenacious Dakota Valley team to pick up their 14th straight win 55-51 at the Dakota Valley Classic on Saturday in North Sioux City. Down 16-8 at one point, the Lady Thorpes scrapped their way back for the win.

"All of our big girls really contributed," said Tiny DeCory, "Keisha Brewer, Lacey Weston and Saudia Tasso all helped us against Dakota Valley's big front line."

Before a standing room only crowd on Thursday night in Kyle, the number two ranked Mustangs shut down the number seven ranked Red Cloud Crusaders 79-63. In an earlier game Red Cloud had taken the lead on the Mustangs in the second and third periods only to have Little Wound come on strong in the fourth period to win at LNI; Thursday, Little Wound started strong going up 16-11 as Rich Big Boy led the way with strong play in the post scoring seven early points. Brice Hornbeck hit 10 first half points to help Little Wound to a 32-18 halftime lead. The teams played even up in the second half with Big Boy's dominating presence in the lane a big factor leading the Mustangs with 24 points and 14 rebounds. Hornbeck chipped in 19 points and eight boards while Shilo Pierce added 15 points and TJ McCajuley 10. Christian McGhee led Red Cloud with 17 points, five rebounds and three assists, Billy Scott added 16 points and seven rebounds while David Giago helped with 14 points and five rebounds.

Little Wound came back on Saturday night and thumped Cheyenne Eagle Butte 87-54 and on Tuesday knocked off Kadoka 119-64 for their 12th win of the season. McCauley hit for 21 while Big Boy and Hornbeck added 12 each as Little Wound turned a 45-19 halftime lead into a 87-54 win.

Tuesday Kadoka stayed close to Little Wound in the first quarter down only 24-22 but the Mustangs opened up a 47-31 halftime lead and scored 40 points in the fourth for a 19-64 win. Hornbeck finished with 22 points and 10 rebounds while McCauley knocked down 37points hitting 15 field goals and going 7 for 7 on the free throw line. Ty Lunderman helped with 14 points and Shilo Pierce who came off the bench Tuesday night finished with 13. Little Wound is 12-0 and hosts St. Francis on Thursday and travels to the Canton Classic on Saturday to play Beresford.

After being out-rebounded 42-27 against Little Wound on Thursday night, Red Cloud bounced back on Saturday against Alliance, a school three times the size of Red Cloud and ran to a 77-61 win for their 10th of the year. Red Cloud spent Friday working on rebounding so when they went up against a front line of 6'5", 6'5" and 6'3" they could hold their own. They not only held their own but out-rebounded the Bulldogs 35-16 and used their usual balanced scoring attack with four players in double figures to knock off the 9-4 larger Alliance team.

Lester Gotheridge, a 6'3" forward led the way for the Crusaders with 22 points and 12 rebounds while Christian McGhee helped with 17 points, seven assists and five rebounds, Scott added 12 points and eight boards and Giago chipped in 11 points. For Red Cloud it was their 10th win of the season against two losses; Red Cloud travels to RC Christian on Thursday and Todd County the following Thursday.

Pine Ridge diabetes prevention plans events

PINE RIDGE - What is Pre-Diabetes? Come and learn what Pre-Diabetes is and how to prevent Diabetes.

There will be a pre-diabetes Health Fair on Wednesday Feb. 7, at the Porcupine Cap Office from 3 to 6 p.m. Fun for the whole family. Everyone is invited!

The Pine Ridge IHS Diabetes Prevention Program, Oyate Wicozani Ocanku "On the Road to Wellness" will be doing pre-diabetes screening at the Porcupine Clinic every Thursday from 8 to 11 a.m.

For more information contact the DPP team. JoAnn Lehner, Acting Director/R.N., 867-3054; Bobette Herman, Health Tech. 867-3261; Sawee Frank, Health Tech. 867-3137 and Daverine Elk, Data Coordinator 867-3259.

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Car buying tips

By David Leftwich
Special to the Times

RAPID CITY - Businesses from across the country have again sent prospectors into Indian Country to relieve unsuspecting natives of their treasures.

As most natives are receiving their income tax returns this time of year, dealerships have descended upon the reservations like the plague, and sent thousands of fliers proclaiming their wishes to help us get into a new vehicle. Like the gold miners of old they have only one intension to relieve you of your possessions, and line their pockets while laughing all the way to the bank.

Be wary of these people who are your friends but once a year and entice you with trinkets and are never heard from again.

Stories abound of persons buying bingo packets, grills, meals, and promises of wanting to help the poor Indian folks. Just fill out this credit application and we'll take care of everything! Sound familiar?

I've been in the sales business for a short time and can't begin to count the number of horror stories of trading posts that have taken Natives for a ride. I would like to again stress that you be wise with your wealth when it comes to purchasing a vehicle.

This same trickery is often practiced on young naïve soldiers, who suddenly find themselves with money and little or no experience on auto matters. My first sergeant, whose job it was to watch over his troops once told us this rule of thumb:

For buying cars outright, fairly and realistically speaking you should get 1,000 miles for every $100 you pay for a car. If you bought a car for $200 dollars you should only expect to get it to last another 2,000 miles. $1500 =15,000 miles.

Anything over and above is gravy and most cars will go above and beyond this.

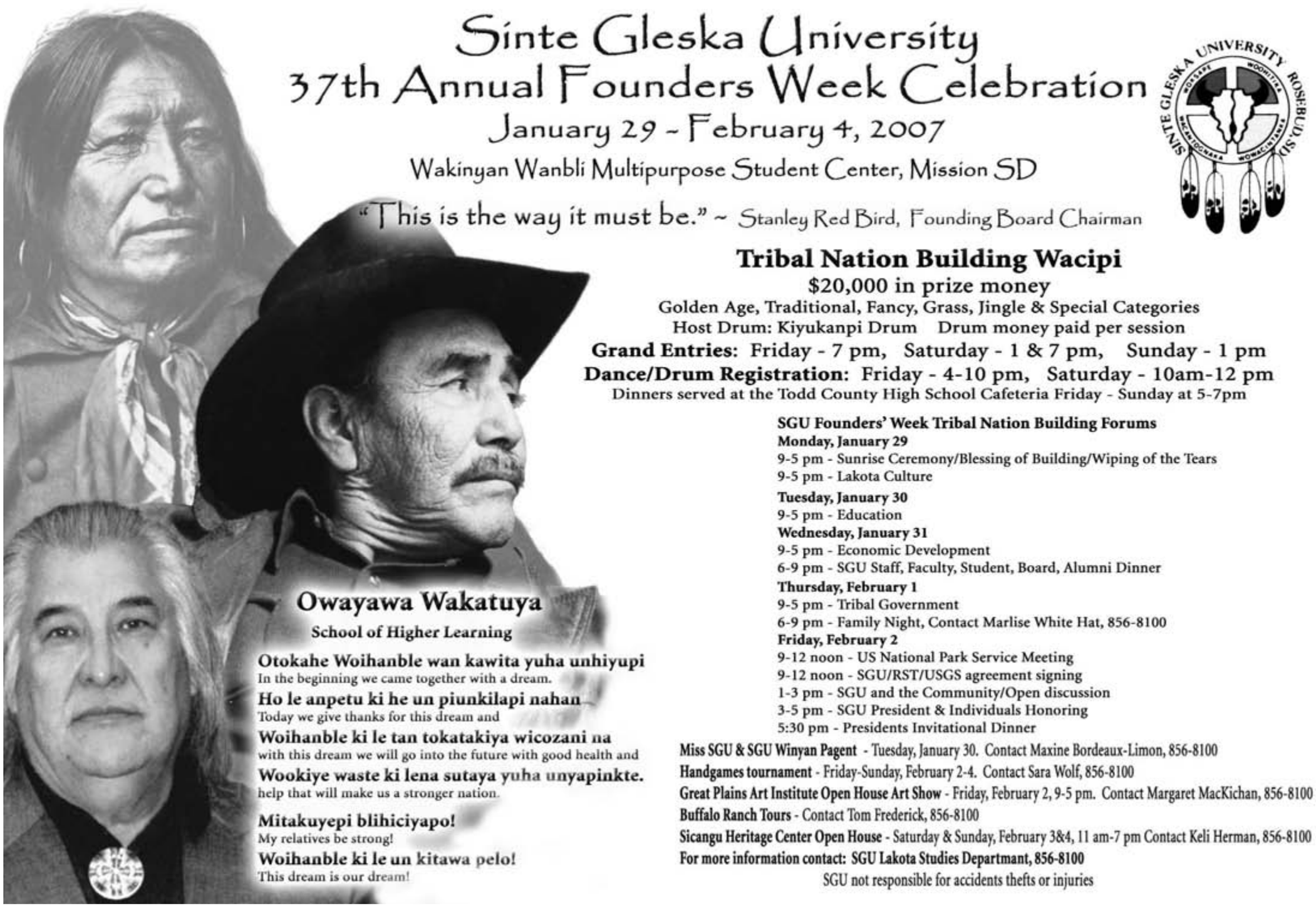
If you finance an auto, it should last longer than the loan. There is nothing worse than paying for a vehicle that doesn't work. Do not over extend your self with payments you can't afford. Remember the longer you finance, the more it will cost you in the end. What happens most often is when people go to trade, they still owe more than the vehicle is worth. Putting more money down and financing over a shorter period will help immensely.

You may want to consider and extended service contract if the factory warranty has run out or near its end. Know your budget and stick to it.

You'll want to deal with a reputable dealer and with a salesman you know and trust. It is your money and most wasicu want to make it theirs. If it sounds to good to be true, it probably is.

I would like to say pilamaya to all who support the Lakota sales representatives.

David Leftwich, Oglala Sioux, is a Gulf war veteran and an entrepreneur.





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Tribal chairmen elect new leadership for the great plains region

ABERDEEN - The Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association held their first quarterly meeting for 2007 in Aberdeen on Jan. 11.

Roger Trudell, secretary for the association, called the meeting to order and a quorume was established with 11 chairman present and five absent.

The following Tribes were represented: Joseph Brings Plenty, Chairman, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe; Lester Thompson, Chairman, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe; Michael Jandreau, Chairman, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe; John Yellow Bird Steele, President, Oglala Sioux Tribe; Robert Cournoyer, Chairman, Yankton Sioux Tribe; Myra Pearson, Chairperson, Spirit Lake Tribe; Ron His Horse Is Thunder, Chairman, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; Mitchell Parker, Chairman, Omaha Tribe; Roger Trudell, Chairman, Santee Sioux Tribe, Alex Taylor, Ponca Tribe and Matthew Pilcher, Chairman, Winnebago Tribe.

The first matter of business was the election of officers. Ron His Horse Is Thunder is the newly elected chairman of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association. The vice chairman is Robert Cournoyer chairman, Yankton Sioux Tribe. Secretary is Chairman Mitchell Parker, Omaha Tribe and Treasurer is Joseph Brings Plenty, chairman of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Roger Trudell, chairman of Santee declined to run again.

The new officers of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association will have a challenging responsibility to protect and advocate for the 16 Sovereign Indian Nations in North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska. The Association was founded on the principles of unity, cooperation and respect for the member Tribes, "to preserve and maintain our homelands, defend our Tribes inherent rights under our Treaties… and to uniformly promote the common welfare, culture and sovereignty of the Indian People of the Tribes of the Great Plains."

Chairman Ron His Horse Is Thunder brings an impressive resume to the position of Chairman of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association. He is a member of the Hunkpapa Band of the Lakota Sioux Nation. His Lakota name is Tasunka Wakinyan-His Horse Is Thunder. He majored in criminal justice at Sitting Bull College before earning a degree in political science at Black Hills State University and a law degree from the University of South Dakota. His Horse Is Thunder has worked in private law practice and with Indian education. Past responsibilities included raising funds for all tribal colleges throughout the United States through the American Indian College Fund and as president of the Sitting Bull College on the Standing Rock Reservation. He was elected chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in September 2005.

In addition to holding elections, the Chairman addressed some priorities for the New Year. They took official action on the 2007 Appropriations and developed a Regional Position Budget to submit to Congress. The budget includes opposing the decrease of program funds with an increase in management funding, especially when the population living on the Reservation in the Great Plains has increased by 8.4 % up to 163,565. According to the BIA Labor Force Report for 2005, over 85% of the Indian population are living below the poverty level. The Tribal Leadership said this is not acceptable and passed a comprehensive Budget for 2007. The Association called for restoring funds for Range management, Irrigation Projects and Water Management funds. Due to the drug infiltration and increased meth production, funding for Law Enforcement, Tribal Courts and Human Resources must be increased.

Resolutions of support for funding for the United Sioux Tribes Development Corporation and United Tribes Technical College were passed. The GPTCA will hold

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OLC to host Wounded Knee exhibit

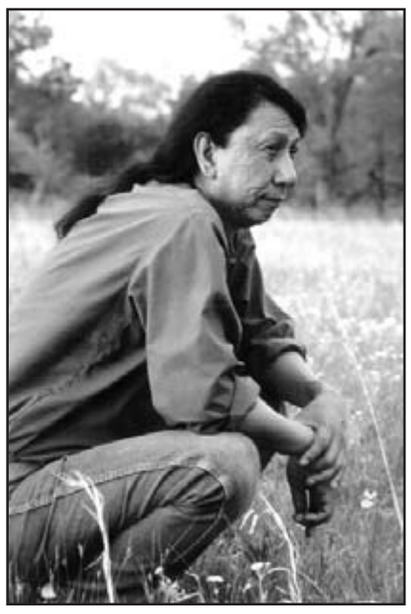
KYLE - Oglala Lakota College will host Arthur Short Bull's "Wounded Knee Exhibit" from Jan. 15 through Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The exhibit will be on display at OLC's Historical Center at the Piya Wiconi administrative center.

Arthur Short Bull's great-grandfather was Grant Short Bull, brother of He Dog and uncle to Amos Bad Heart Bull. In 1930, the last of the old men who rode with Crazy Horse, He Dog and Grant Short Bull were two of Marie Sandoz's sources of her work on the life of the great Lakota leader.

Arthur has long been recognized for an ongoing series on Wounded Knee and images of the Ghost Dance.

Short Bull (Oglala Lakota) is a recipient of the First Peoples Fund 2006 Cultural Capital Grant. Through his grant project he has been able to use his series of paintings and poems as a vehicle to promote Lakota Culture and history.





Arthur Short Bull's exhibit will be featured at Oglala Lakota College's historical center beginning Jan. 15

First Peoples Fund Program Director, Nico Strange Owl recently said that "Arthur Short Bull is a brilliant watercolorist whose vision strives to capture the spirit of his Oglala heritage. His work is a stark contract of beauty and reality that strikes at your heart."

Short Bull hopes to educate and remind us of Native history, especially in regards to Wounded Knee. Short Bull's watercolors focus on mourning or death, sometimes accompanied by brief poems that are a memorial to the nearly 150 Lakotans who fled during the Wounded Knee massacre only to die from exposure to the freezing temperature.

Short Bull grew up on the Pine Ridge Reservation near the site of the mass grave.

Marilyn Pourier, OLC's Development Director stated, "My hope is that this exhibit will attract the attention of the teachers on the reservation and in the surrounding schools and they will bring their students to see the Wounded Knee Exhibit as part of the teaching of the history of the Lakota people. The exhibit is a work of art and Mr. Short Bull has created some very emotional pieces to represent this period of our history."

The Historical Center contains historical photographs and artwork displays that chronicle the history of the Oglala Lakota from the early 1800's through the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890. An audiotape of this history provides greater meaning to the displays that you will see.

KINI FM radio on the Rosebud celebrates 29 years with powwow

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ST. FRANCIS - Last Friday evening marked the "kick-off" of KINI FM's radio's 29th birthday celebration. A Christian concert was scheduled for the evening at Digmann Hall where all of the weekend activities were held, however, it started later than anticipated.

On Saturday evening Richard Iyotte, station manager at KINI FM radio said, "I didn't think there would be that many people there. There were a lot of families at the powwow. I want to thank the singers, Sandra Black Bear and Chris Eagle Hawk among others. We have a whole year to plan the next one." Several people pledged donations to next year's 30th birthday celebration.

"Eyapapa" Pat Bad Hand of Two Strike kept things lively while waiting for the evening session. He was assisted by former KINI deejay Archie Little as the singers sang several warm up songs in anticipation of the evening session. Pat occasionally teased those in the audience and "name dropped" as new people entered the hall. He said, "When you come through that door, leave all your troubles and negative thoughts behind and have good time this evening."



Phillip Little Thunder, Father John Hatcher and Richard Iyotte led the evening grand entry during KINI radio's 29th birthday celebration powwow at Digmann Hall last weekend. The weather could not dampen the enthusiasm and spirit of all as the first annual celebration was a success.

The atmosphere at Digmann Hall was quite informal and as more people arrived by the time dinner was over the crowd was estimated around 100 people.

The evening session was even more fun as it commenced with the grand entry. Richard Iyotte carried the KINI staff, while Father Hatcher, Mike Valandra, Mike Cross, Perry DeCory, Robert Doody and other KINI personnel and former deejays joined in the procession, while also accompanied by the Sicangu royalty in attendance. Brittany Gunhammer, Miss Milk's Camp, Michael Garnieux, Ms. SGU "Wikoskalaka" and Ms. Antelope.

After the invocation was delivered by Father Hatcher, Mike Cross offered a traditional prayer in Lakota and a veteran's song was sung. Pat invited Richard Iyottte to speak and he thanked all of the deejays and station managers over the years that made KINI possible. The crowd was responsive and congratulatory in their response.

RST council representatives Robert Moore of Antelope community and Patsy Valandra of St. Francis community were invited to speak to the crowd and congratulated them on their 29th birthday celebration.

The Ironwood singers arrived and set up their drum and the fun began. Father Hatcher, Richard Iyotte, Mike Valandra and Mike Cross were given women's shawls and they had to dance a fancy shawl dance, much to the delight of the crowd. Upon completion of the song, the fancy dancers were given a wild ovation.

The host drum was Crazy Horse from Oglala, along with Eagle Voice, Eagle Creek, Red Leaf, Lecala Wakan, the Ironwood drum, Leca Wakan, Lakota Tribe, and Kiyukanpi.

Crazy Horse composed a new "KINI Song" and Chad White Feather created a stir with his Randy Wood hand drum song.

Rez Happenings

High School basketball season
Thursday Jan. 25 Pine Ridge girls at Todd County, Red Cloud boys at RC Christian and St. Francis girls and boys at Little Wound ; Friday, Jan. 26 Winner girls and boys at Cheyenne Eagle Butte; Saturday, Jan 27 Little Wound boys vs. Beresford at Canton Classic, Stanley County girls and boys at Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Red Cloud girls at Chadron, Todd County girls at McLaughlin; Tuesday, Jan. 30 Pine Ridge girls and boys at St. Francis, Red Cloud girls at Crazy Horse, Todd County girls at Stanley County; Thursday, Feb. 1, Pine ridge girls at Bennett County, Kadoka girls at Little Wound, Red Cloud boys at Todd County, Todd County girls at Chamberlain, Crow Creek Girls at Cheyenne Eagle Butte.

School board representatives
OST Education Committee is accepting resumes and letters of intent for seats on several school boards including Flandreau Indian, Circle of Nations Indian School, Sherman Indian School, Pierre Indian Learning Center and Oglala Lakota College, submit material to Wanda Two Bulls at Red Cloud Building in Pine Ridge, 867-5821.

Oglala Lakota College Spring Semester
Drop /Add Week, Jan. 15-26 and first day of classes Monday, Jan. 22.

Core Four Business Planning Course
Starts Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 5 p.m. at the Pejuta Haka college center, a six week seminar on transforming your ideas and goals into a successful business, for information call 455-2500.

Hand Drum Contest and Social Dancing
Friday, Jan. 26 at Little Wound School in Kyle at 7 p.m. with an open hand drum competition and a Renzel Last Horse Honoring hand drum contest with three singers $500, $300 and $200 prize money.

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the next meeting on Feb 20 to address the 2008 Appropriations. This will give the Tribes and their staff necessary time to analyze the Presidents Budget which will be released on Feb. 5. Recommendations will be finalized for the next GPTCA meeting and a consensus paper for 2008 will be submitted to Congress.

Other matters of business included directing the Regional Director, Mr. Bill Benjamin, to off-set costs for the GPTCA and the staff. The Association took action to delegate Chairman Mike Jandreau and Chairman Ron His Horse Is Thunder to the National Budget Advisory Council. Alternates are Chairman Robert Cournoyer and Chairman Roger Trudell.

The Tribal Chairman discussed the lack of Consultation by the Department of Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs. The most recent examples were creating the new Division of Justice Services and placing Tribal Courts in with Law Enforcement under a separate line of authority than other BIA funded programs. Tribes were not appropriately consulted about this and the reworking of regulations governing Secretarial elections without including tribal input.

After much discussion of the law suit filed by the firm of McCarter and English and Attorney Daniel Sheehan regarding tribal trust funds and asserting land claims including a demand for dissolution of the trust and return of all lands in fee simple title, the association took action to set up a meeting of the Sioux Nation so it could be discussed with all tribes and people. An official resolution was passed to inform the courts that the tribal nations were unaware of this representation in the law suit and to request it not be advanced.

Appreciation is extended to the former officers of the association who served admirably on behalf of the Great Plains Tribes: Harold Frazier, former Chairman of the GPTCA and Roger Trudell, Secretary of the GPTCA.

The Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association represents the 16 Tribes in the states of North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

Oglala Sioux Tribe
Council Meeting
Monday, January 29
at the new Red Shirt School
at 10:00 a.m.

Holistic Management Workshop

The Holistic Management Workshop has been rescheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 6 and 7 at Club 27 in Kadoka with speaker Wayne Berry, for information call 685-6629.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye

School pow wow on Friday Feb. 9 at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee and Friday Feb. 16 at Wounded Knee district School in Manderson with grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

Indian Business Conference

South Dakota Indian Business Conference, Tuesday, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 22 in Rapid City at the Ramkota Inn, for information call 455-2187 or e-mail them at SDIBC@lakotaexpress.com

Memorial Basketball Tournament

3rd annual Dana Wike Memorial Basketball Tournament, March 22-25 at the Sinte Gleska University Multi Purpose Building in Antelope, for information contact Ken at 208-5672 or Rich at 747-5644.

19th BJ Weston peewee tourney

Monday through Sunday, March 26-April 1, 2007 in Pine Ridge at the Pine Ridge School, four divisions including 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, for information call 867-1429, 867-2640, 685-8253 or 867-5435.

Sicangu leader Seth Big Crow was defender of Crazy Horse name

ROSEBUD - Sicangu leader Seth Big Crow, 68, died last Friday morning of heart failure in his home off of highway 18 in Upper Cut Meat community on the Rosebud. Big Crow will lay in state at the Rosebud Sioux tribal council chambers from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday and tribal employees will be given administrative leave to attend the ceremony as well as the funeral to be held on Friday at 2 p.m..

Big Crow was a former Rosebud Sioux Tribal council representative and in recent years he has been very active in protecting the Crazy Horse name. His great-grandfather was a cousin to Chief Crazy Horse and a couple of businesses have attempted to exploit the famous name in marketing their products. He successfully defended the name in court against the original Crazy Horse Malt Liquor and British Petroleum as succeeded in informing corporate America that the name was not for sale.

Wake and funeral services will be held at the Upper Cut Meat community hall on Friday with burial at the Crazy Horse tiospaye cemetery near Parmelee.

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Application Deadline: January 31, 2007

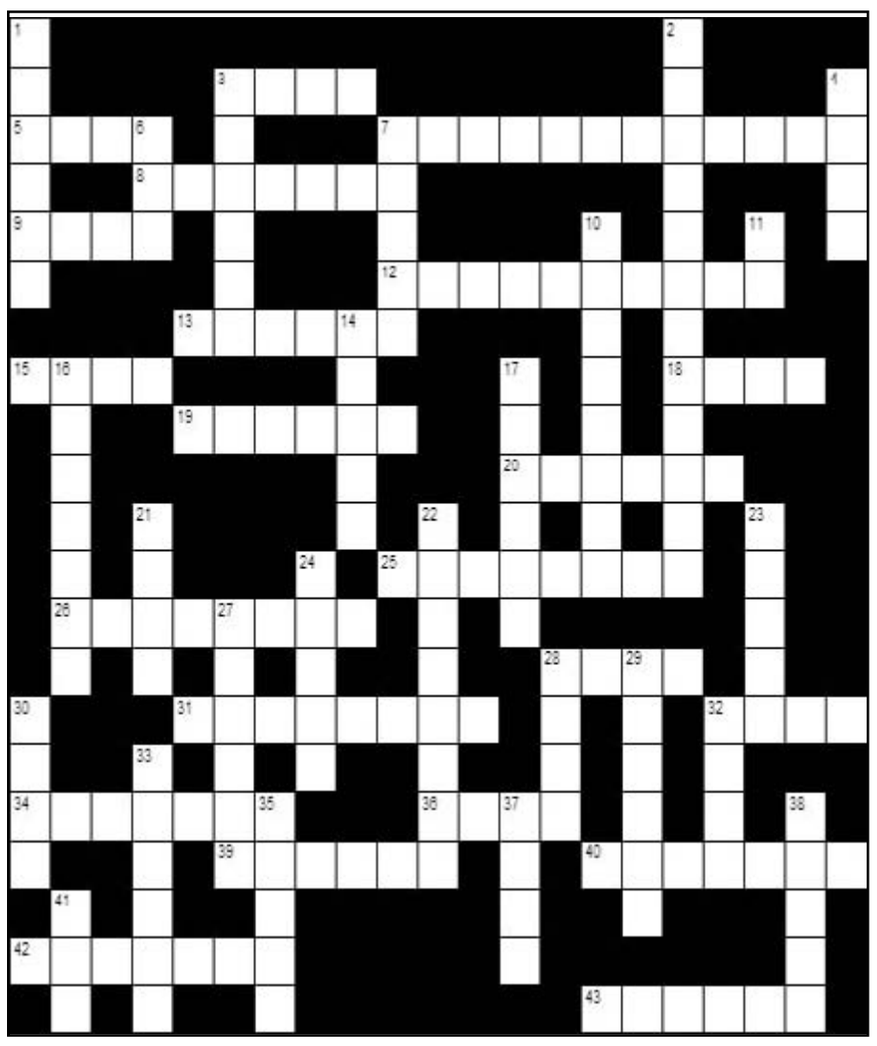
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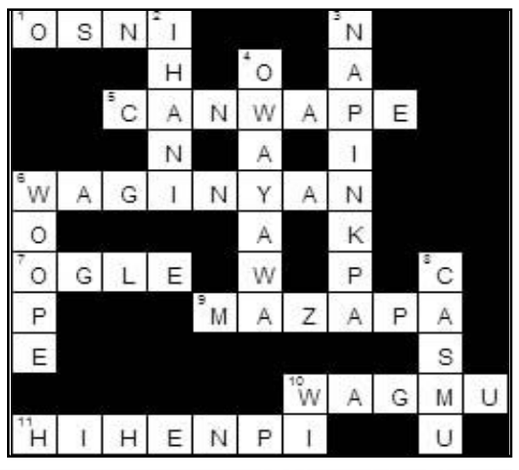
(answers in next week's issue)

Across
3. meat
5. went home
7. lamp
8. boy
9. no
12. Where are you going?
13. knee
15. chest
18. eyes
19. what's wrong?
20. woman
25. turnips
26. blo
28. big sister
31. salt
32. nose
34. I'm hungry
36. throat
39. brain
40. there is light
42. coffee
43. heel

Down
1. family
2. doctor
3. grandchild
4. stomach
6. lips
7. forehead
10. sugar
11. blood
14. hair
16. bread
17. book
21. arms
22. near me
23. eggs
24. uncle
27. aunt
28. big brother
29. washing something
30. knife
32. rice
33. Santa Claus
35. standing
37. neck
38. good
41. yes



Answers from last week's puzzle



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ASK ANNA

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I've been interested in your column for awhile now, it seems all the older women are talking about your articles and the information you gave from your look into their lives and problems.

I don't have a specific question really, I was just wondering if maybe you can tell me a some things about my future? I am very confused and lost at my age, I'm not a good decision maker or anything like that.

I'm only fifteen years old after all and I have the whole life ahead of me but it would be nice to get a heads up before it all comes so fast I can barely catch my breath.

I struggle sometimes with decisions I need to make and the things I need to say and do. I'm hearing one thing from someone and another from someone else about what I should or shouldn't do, how I should or shouldn't be, and whether I want to be the bad person or the good one. I want to make my family happy but not if it costs me what makes me happy. It's nice to see them smile upon me but I'm different from them in many ways they cannot understand.

They are stubborn and very firm about what they think, sometimes they find it hard to embrace my perspective's, if not tolerate them. I am the disappoint-er. But I look around this rez I live on and I know they have me so wrong, I am nothing but an angel compared to what some people do here. I'm not battling drugs, I'm not running with a gang, I myself am not living with abuse, and I do not have a bad reputation for doing anything.

I get good grades in school and I'm not one to start the fights and I'm not disrespectful to my elders. I actually have a lot more respect for things than people may think, and I DO have a good head on my shoulders. I know I do. I maybe be wrong in a sense of what people believe to be wrong. I'll admit I do smoke weed and drink sometimes but that's it, nothing more than a few laughs and giggles with some of my friends.

And I am never in the face of danger or deceit when I'm doing either- I'm perfectly safe among my homies. Back onto the topic, I was just wondering how to handle my ways? I have no idea what to do, I want to be accepted for who I am...weed is a part of my life, my friends are a part of my life, my family is a part of my life, I like drinking with my friends, and on some days I am without weed and some days I am with my mary jane...and either or can be very good days for me. There are a lot of people pointing out what will happen in my future or can happen and I'm just wandering around looking for some words of comfort or a word of advice.

If you can maybe help me out a little and let me know what is going to go on in the future for me please tell me. I imagine things I want to happen but I can't really focus enough, nor do I consciously know, what can happen..whether it's next week, next month, or in a few years. If you can tell me something that provides solace for me then that would really help me out.

I hope you think about what I wrote, it would mean a lot to me...

Pilamaya,
Searching for the answer

Dear Searching:

Many things have happened to you in your young life; your perspective and approach is that of a person much older than the years you tell me you have. You are someone very special, and you have the potential to be anything you want, and the insight to take you to individual greatness.

The responsibility of your life ultimately and always rests with you. Your parents and family members that offer advice and work hard to make sure that you have a good life and come out okay are the guides and the teachers.

They help instill values and protect you from rough outside influence. They desire for you a good life (Wiconi) and so all of their decisions for you and about you are based on their relationship and understanding of what a good life for you would be.

Parents and relatives usually draw on their own experience for the guidance they offer. Many times that is limited in its scope and understanding.

On the earth at this time there are many young ones that are especially gifted, talented, and will sooner or later have great spiritual understanding. They have been given to the earth, or to the people, because we need them to help guide us through the times that are coming.

They are old souls, or grandmas and grandfathers with special potential. Many of these children will make it finally, in understanding and compassion, to be who they really are. Many will be lost along the way; specifically to drugs, alcohol and complete loss of identity within those abuses.

Life is a journey to self-realization. Within that journey there are bumps, challenges, and blocks that provide the individual with opportunities to enhance their understanding of alternative approaches (broadening of perspective) or can shorten or even end the journey. Self realization is not an entirely selfish, self-absorbed journey.

The quest for self is found only one place - and that is inside the relationship with the Creator. Inside of that, each person will find the path for completion through love, compassion, respect and thankfulness. Each person that combines their own God-given talents with the power of the Creator will over come any and all that is presented to them in a good way. They will learn and know of their own responsibility to others; to help enhance all others lives, and to, somehow at the same time, honor the life-force within them-self enough to be tolerant and loving and appreciative to the Creator for the life they have been given.

You are one of the special ones. You have the potential for individual greatness. You are asking the questions at 15 that most people ask at 40. Please understand, you do know yourself better than any family member could ever know you.

Please understand that each family member means well. Please understand that at your age you can only begin to explore the possibilities of self in this lifetime. Please understand that it is very difficult for a prophet to be a prophet in his home town. Everybody has a very hard time understanding that greatness can appear ordinary; and it is not a matter of earning the right, it is a matter of inherent right.

Education is your biggest ally. There are many approaches to education; including both formal and original. I see you choosing first, formal, and then within the happenings of life, original education.

Original education is personally designed, experiential, and arranged by Providence (God's Design). Original is invaluable; formal helps to make a living and broaden perspective.

Drugs and alcohol? You want me to endorse that behavior? Anything that you do to yourself, that does not settle well, is not well nor good. Moderation in all things, some wise man said...but certainly that does not incorporate such things as heroin or rat poison. We are human beings. We become very stressed out within the normal activities of life, we reach out to erase stress, and we use substances to help to do that.

There is not a condemnation from me for moderation in drugs and alcohol; but neither is there approval. You are very young. It is very easy to lose oneself inside the feeling created by drugs and alcohol. It is very easy to lose direction, and realistic ambition within the haze of substances. No person wants you to suffer the losses associated within that framework of substances. Statistically, I could offer good evidence why creative avoidance of that entire road is preferable than the experience of abuse and recovery. Be smart, be responsible and be open to accept your responsibility for creating the way you will live. Right now, your parents and family are sensitive because of what they see and know: A good percentage of the youth are headed right for under the bridge in our big cities across the nation. They are choosing prison and poverty because they are choosing drugs, alcohol and party, party, party. They think, "it won't happen to me...I won't be like that," but it does happen. Many of your friends will spend many years in misery and addiction because they think that drugs and alcohol are cool. They are addictive. They have a personality and intelligence of their own; they are equal opportunity destroyers.

I see you following the law line of education...starting to pursue the line of education and law...

Then I see you including human relations and behavioral sciences. Are you thinking of a criminal forensic pathologist - doing profiles of criminals. This will lead you to advocacy for the youth; to help them avoid the pathologies that are now so rampant, of crime and criminal minds.

Good luck to you. I will pray for you. You are special and you are blessed, and your parents won't understand you for about another twenty years - so accept that, life your life in a good way, never make a decision you have to lie about or feel bad about and you will succeed.

Dear Anna,

Hi how have you been? I hope all is well. Well I just wanted to ask you a couple questions about me. Will my ex-boyfriend and I ever get back together?

I am I going to be strong if we aren't. How is my high school year looking for me? Am I ever going to find some one as special as him? Take care.

Sincerely Heart Broken

Dear Heart Broken:

Ain't that just the way it is. Let me tell you something that I know - in five years the guy that you so love would be an embarrassment to you.

That is to say, you would be embarrassed to admit you ever even liked him, let alone wished to be with him. Let him go.

He parties too much and unless he changes a lot he doesn't have a very good future. You will have a new boyfriend just before school is out.

He is a good young man and your summer can be filled with fun with him as your choice.

This school year looks pretty good.

I see you deciding to study harder and get good grades, and I see basketball.

Keep playing it makes a difference for you next year. Please change your mind - math is not impossible; a lot of it depends on how good your teacher is. A good math teacher can make math understandable; and once you get the basics, math makes sense.

Please get some help with your math.

It allows you to follow your dream in college.

Good Luck!

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

All requests may be subject to publication.

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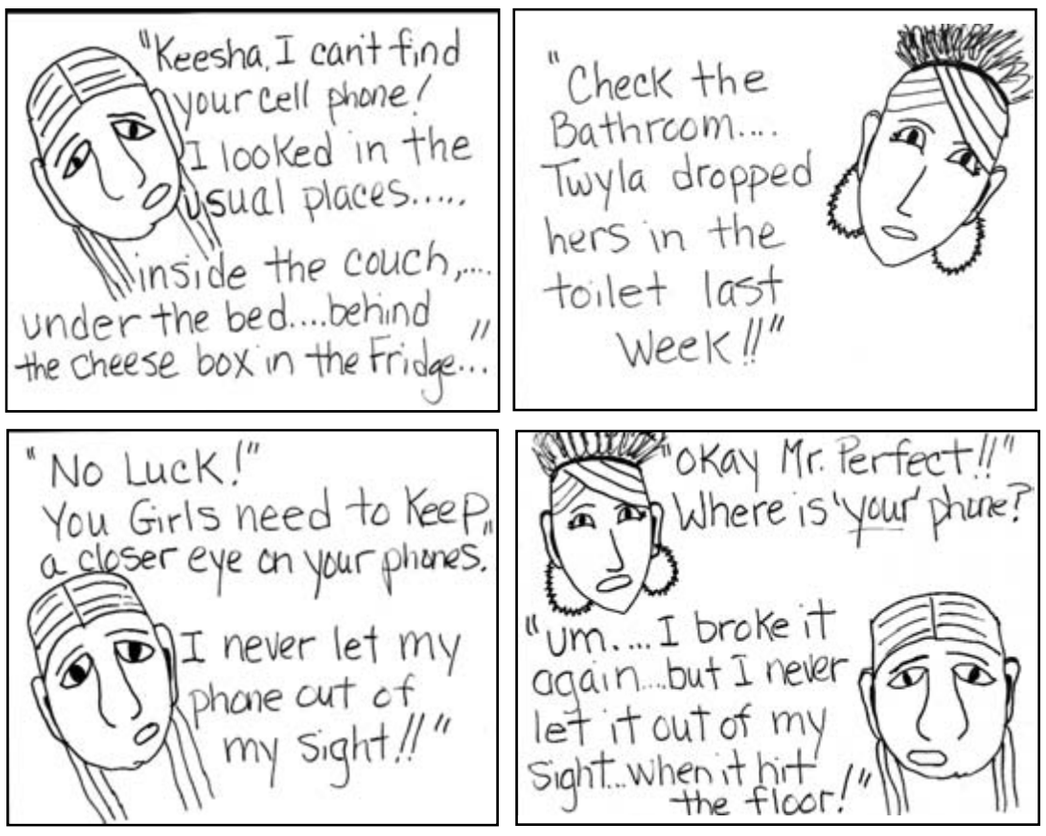
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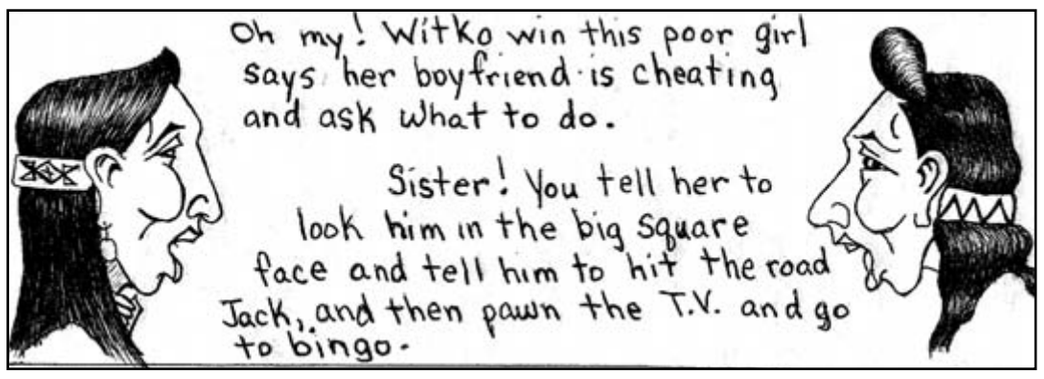
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Lowell C. Broken Nose

MANDERSON - Lowell C. Broken Nose, 42, died Jan. 21 at Ft. Meade VA Medical Center.

He was a veteran. Survivors include parents Tex and Leona Broken Nose, Oglala; brothers Cedric Broken Nose, Rapid City; Ivern Broken Nose, Long Pond, Pa.; a sister Collette Eagle Boy, Rapid City and numerous nieces and nephews.

A one night wake begins 3 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25 at the Br. Rene Catholic Hall at Oglala.

Funeral services will be at Jan. 26 at Br. Rene' Catholic Hall.Officiating will be Rev. Agnes Tyon with traditional Lakota services by Mr. Richard Broken Nose.

Burial will be at 2 p.m. at the Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Frederick Clifford

KYLE - Frederick Clifford, 57, Kyle, died Monday, Jan. 22, at Bennett County Hospital.

Survivors include his wife Devonna Clifford, Kyle; sons Ronald Clifford, Jr., Pine Ridge; Donald Clifford, Ethete, WY; Sean Perkins, Rapid City; Kyle Clifford, Rushville; daughters Lynette Clifford, Ethete, Wyom.; Hannah Clifford, Kyle; Marlena Holiday, Pine Ridge; Angel Figueroa of Nebraska; mother Mae Clifford, Pine Ridge

brothers Raymond Clifford, Kyle; Ronald L. Clifford, Minneapolis, Minn.; sister Sybil Hernandez, Upton, Wyom. And 27 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A one night wake begins will be on Friday, Jan. 26 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall at Kyle.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 27 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall.

Officiating will Rev. Rob Kroll with burial at the Catholic Cemetery north of Kyle.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

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Twyla E. Whipple

GRESHAM, ORE. - Twyla E. Whipple, 62, Gresham and formerly of Rapid City, died Thursday, Jan. 11, at Legacy Emmanuel Hospital in Portland.

Survivors include one brother, Vincent Whipple, Porcupine, and a special friend, MaryAnn Metcalf. Private services will be at a later date.

Scattering of cremains will be at the original family home site near Stirk Table at Rockyford.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge, S.D., is in charge of arrangements.

Bryce Reil Roach

GILLETTE, Wyo. - Bryce Reil Roach (Papa Roach), 58 years old, born Sept. 25, 1948, in Fort Yates, N.D. died Jan. 14, at his home of heart failure.

He graduated from High School in Stephan, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1969 and served two years overseas.

He moved his family from Rapid City, to Gillette, Wyom., where he was employed for Campbell County Concrete, Wyoming Materials, and Croell Concrete. He enjoyed music and started his own band in 1989.

He loved spending time with his stepchildren and children and his 13 grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of many years, Mare Brave Heart, Gillette, WY; children Dawn With Horn (Ron), Gillette, Wyom., and Kirsten Baca (Paul), Pueblo, Colo., and Quentin McBride (Jerilyn), Fort Thompson, and Bryce Roach Jr., Rapid City, and Wendy Roach (Jose), Pasadena, Texas, and Mindy Roach (Aaron), Lacey, Wash., and Kayla Heart Roach, Gillette, Wyom.; mother: Julia Rencountre, Rapid City; sister: Gaylene Rich, Rapid City; brothers: Norman Roach, Galup, N.M., Wesley Roach, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; and grandchildren: Jenna, Krissa, Alissa, Damon, Justin, Arron, Miguel, Jayden, Trevin, Quentin Jr., Kylie, Eliana and Cyphrus. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Roach, and brothers Cecil Roach and Byron Roach Sr., and sisters Georgene Roach and Charlene Roach.

Bryce will be missed dearly by those who knew and loved him.

Wake services were Thursday, Jan. 18, at Mother Butler Center in Rapid City.

Funeral services were on Friday at Mother Butler Center, with burial at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

Emmett Ray Kelly

MANDERSON -Emmett R. Kelly, age 37 of Manderson, died on Jan.18 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

He was born on Jan. 31, 1969 to Anthony and Betty (Janis) Kelly in Pine Ridge. Emmett graduated from high school at Kyle at Little Wound School.

He attended United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, N.D.

He graduated with a degree in business technology. He worked for the Oglala Sioux Tribe Accounts Office prior to being elected in 1998 as Tribal Council Representative for the Wounded Knee District and served three consecutive terms.

Before his death he worked as a data clerk accountant at the Wounded Knee District CAP Office. In 1991 Emmett married Claire Ghost of Manderson.

Emmett is survived by his wife, Claire Kelly of Manderson, sons, Emmett Kelly Jr., Alaric Kelly and Austin Kelly all of Manderson, daughters, Katie Rose Kelly and Minnie Marie Kelly also of Manderson. Father Anthony "Tony" Kelly of Rushville, Neb.; mother Betty O'Rourke of Manderson; brother Gayle Lee Kelly of Rushville, Neb.; sisters Heather Kelly of Manderson and Hannah Kelly of Rushville, Neb. Emmett is preceded in death by his brother Mason Kelly.

A wake service was Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Wounded Knee District School in Manderson.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the Wounded Knee District School with the Rev. Chris Collins officiating.

Burial was at St. Agnes Catholic Cemetery in Manderson.Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

Henry Keester

RAPID CITY - Henry Keester, 79, Ft. Meade died Monday Jan. 22, at Ft. Meade VA Medical Center.

Henry was born Dec. 31, 1927 in Imlay, to Ray and Susie (Harvey) Keester. He served in the US Air Force from Feb. 1946 to Dec. 1948 and was recalled in Sept. 1950 and was honorably discharged in Aug. 1951.

He worked for Buckingham Trucking in Rapid City, the oil fields in Wyoming and later managed gas stations in Rapid City, ranched near Manderson, SD for many years and owned and operated the Longhorn Bar in Scenic, for a short time.

Henry is survived by one brother, Gilbert Keester, Manderson; three sisters, Bernice Maggard, Kathrine Sollid, Grace Hern, all of Rapid City and several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, Susie and Ray Keester, Manderson, SD; sister, Elina Jimenez, Rapid City and brother, Art Keester.

Graveside services will be 1:30 p.m., Friday Jan. 26, 2007 at Black Hills National Cemetery with Chaplain Paul Lupkes officiating. Military honors will be provided by the Ellsworth AFB Honor Guard and Sturgis Honor Guard. Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m., Thursday Jan. 25, at Behrens-Wilson Funeral Home.

Condolences may be conveyed to the family at www.behrenswilson.com

Arrangements are in the care of Behrens-Wilson Funeral Home.

Francis Archambeau

MARTY - Clarence Anthony Archambeau Jr. (Sonny), 57, died, Jan.5, at Hoven. Funeral services were held Tuesday Jan. 9 at St. Pauls Catholic Church, Marty. Donny was buried at the Holy Fellowship Episcopal Cemetery at Greenwood.

Sonny was born on Dec. 22, 1949 to Clarence A. Archambeau Sr., and Ramona H. (Provost) Archambeau at Wagner. He grew up and attended school in Greenwood and Marty Indian School.

He also attended high school at Sioux City Central, Sioux City, IA. He worked for his Grandpa Percy Archambeau on the farm during his teen years, and as a carpenter and mechanic in Sioux City, Iowa, during the 1970s and 1980s.

He worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Aberdeen Area Office, Roads Division as an Equipment Specialist for about 20 years, and retired Dec. 1, 2006. Sonny enjoyed fishing, bowling, pool, horse shoes, cooking out and hanging out with his children and family, and his teasing amongst all of his family, friends and coworkers.

He is survived by a special friend Melody Labatte of Aberdeen, son Brian and daughter Renae of Aberdeen, stepsons Andy and Kelly Labatte of Aberdeen, daughters Tina and husband Sam Sully of Wagner, Sonya and husband Scott Krosch of Kingsley Iowa, and Tonya Archambeau of Sioux City, Iowa,

Michael Stetson of Sioux City, Iowa, and seven grandchildren, four adopted grandchildren, two sisters; Jeanie and Alice Archambeau of Wagner, brothers Francis Archambeau of Langford, and Jim Bruguier of Sioux Falls, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father Clarence (Chuck) Archambeau Sr., grandparents Percy and Helena (Bernie) Archambeau, Everett and Evelyn (LeClaire) Provost; infant brother Alan Archambeau, and infant niece Erica Azure.

Dallas Walking Eagle

ROSEBUD -Dallas Walking Eagle, 66, formerly of Spring Creek, died at his home in Rosebud on Jan. 15.

Wake services were held at the Spring Creek School Gym on Thursday and Friday followed by a funeral service on Saturday, Jan. 20. Burial was at St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery, Spring Creek.

Dallas was preceded by his first wife Adelaide Kills in Water Walking Eagle and second wife Ella Theresa Kills in Sight Walking Eagle; three brothers Lloyd, Thomas and Harlan and sister Eileen Gray Fox.

He is survived by brother Darwin Walking Eagle, Sr and sisters Ruby and Marianne Walking Eagle, all of Spring Creek; two grandkids Philip and Wiyaka Stands; the Walking Eagle and Points At Him grandkids and many nieces and nephews.

Holmes Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Anfernee James High Pipe

ST. FRANCIS - Anfernee James High Pipe, 4, of St. Francis, died at his home on Jan. 12. He was born in Rosebud on Oct. 19, 2002 to Leon High Pipe and LeAnn Farmer.

Wake services were held at Digmann Hall in St. Francis Wednesday and Thursday, followed by a funeral service on Friday, Jan. 19. Burial was at Salt Camp Cemetery near Parmelee.

Anfernee is survived by his parents Leon of Parmelee and LeAnn of St. Francis; brother Jason Poorman and sister Mylene Poorman; paternal grandma Lucinda No Mocassin and paternal grandparents Kenneth Farmer and Theresa Farmer; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather Eli High Pipe, Jr.

Holmes Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Charles Witt III

ROSEBUD - Charles William Witt, III, 44, died Jan. 7. He was born May 10, 1962 to Charles Witt, Jr and Marvelle Louise Clairmont Witt.

Wake services were held at the Veteran's Building in Rosebud on Wednesday and Thursday, followed by a funeral service on Saturday, Jan.12, with burial at St. Charles Cemetery in St. Francis.

Holmes Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, brother Wilbur and sister Annie Ann Witt.

He is survived by brothers: Phillip, Roscoe and Steve Witt and sisters Pamela Witt Giroux, Julia Witt Peneaux, Roberta Witt Jordan and Roxanne Witt.



Eunice Little Thunder

Wahea Ota Win (Many Flower Woman)

RED SCAFFOLD - Eunice Little Thunder, 76, of Red Scaffold, died Monday, January 15, 2 at the Golden Living Meadowbrook Manor in Rapid City.

Funeral services were Jan.22 at the Red Scaffold Gym. Burial was at Black Hills National Cemetery.

Eunice Thunder Hoop was born May 30, 1930 to Harry and Ruth (Yellow Hawk) Thunder Hoop in Cherry Creek.

She was the youngest of seven children.

Eunice had fond memories of attending school at Old Cheyenne Agency.

She also worked with her sister, Rose, as a nurses aide at Mary House in Pierre. She attended many mission meetings with her parents and often spoke about the places she had been. Eunice, along with her husband Gilbert, enjoyed music very much. They would sing at Christmas gatherings and sang gospel songs as well. She played the guitar, piano and the accordian. Eunice's hobbies also included baking and sewing star quilts.

Eunice married Gilbert Little Thunder on Oct. 4, 1959. To this union seven children were born Ken, Harry, Iris, Ida, Delora, Olivia and Julia. Eunice has 13 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister Drucilla Widow.

Eunice is preceded in death by her husband Gilbert Little Thunder; parents Harry and Ruth Thunder Hoop; brothers Harry, Jr., Ernest and Craig Thunder Hoop and Steven Charging Eagle; sisters Eva and Rose Thunder Hoop; nephew Tom Charging Eagle and granddaughter Ruth Blair Marrowbone.

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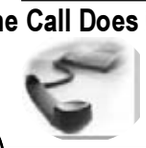


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Aunt Rae

Happy Belated Birthday on 1-12-07 to Kitty Rose Brown Hope your day was special, love, Rose & Jon Little Thunder

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Happy B irthday to our cousin Daryl Yellow Hawk III on 1-24-07. We love you, and wish you the best birthday ever. Love, Aunti Sister babe,Uncle Rick, Noah, Sylviana and Roman thomas

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Happy Birthday to my best "Aunt" on 1-09-07 Carmilita DuBray. I wanted to say Happy Birthday. Your're getting older, but lookin younger. Love, Heather

A Happy Belated Birthday to our little cousin, nephew & grandson, iKie, Isaac John Few Tails in Salt Lake City, from the family in Wanblee, SD We love you!

Happy Belated Birthday to our little girl Shawn-T Brown Love you Mom Rose Brown & Step Dad Jon Little Thunder.

We want to wish our daughter Geneva A. Wilcox a happy 6th birthday Jan. 31, 2007 Love you, Mom & Dad

I would like to say "Happy Birthday" on your 22nd to my sister, Melinda Shangreaux Love you Panua & kids

Happy Birthday Jan. 22 to Grama Flo. Love you. You are the best.Love, Carm & Donald Richards,Breeze Richards, Rayne Richards, Autumn Richards, Carmen Meadow Richards Jesse James Richards

Happy 13th Birthday to JALEN L. LONG CHASE on 1/22/07 from your lil' cousins RYLEE JAYNE & HUNTER JAMES!!!! We love you, Jay man!!!!

We would like to wish our mother Annie R. Means a Happy Birthday on January 24th and a Big Congratulations to Our Mother Annie and Uncle Virgil Randall for being elected as Board Members of the Crazy Horse School Adrienne and Alana

I would like to tell my husband & daughter David & Precious Gay that I love them, from Tiffany.

Happy Birthday to our Grandma Madeline Bull Bear 1-23-07 and our uncle Frank Yellow Hawk on 1-28-07. Love always Noah, Sylviana & Ronan Thomas

Happy 6th Birthday Geneva Wilcox From Beverly & kids

To my daughter in Iraq:

To my youngest daughter LaToya Strong Heart I wish you good luck & I pray for you every night. I pray every evening and morning. I do believe in the Lakota ways Thank you for the cards, I do receive the ones you send. I hope you are doing okay. I hope you have a happy birthday in April when you will be age 21. . I also wish- many blessings to you and your fiance and many years of happiness to come. Love from your mother, Ernestine Strong Heart-Quiver and also from your brothers & Sisters.

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Two Rosebud youth die in one week

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - Last year, there was great concern over the fact that several Rosebud reservation youth had committed suicide, not to mention those who might have died in vehicles accidents.

The deaths prompted several suicide prevention meetings in the tribal building, at the alcohol treatment center and elsewhere and are continuing.

Community residents, tribal officials and several mental health therapists came together to plan strategy to combat the apparent epidemic.

It is a concern that is evident in other reservation communities and each one is creating ways in which to address the problem.

This year has started off in a similar vein, as Rosebud Law Enforcement Services, Chief Charles Red Crow, released information surrounding a stabbing homicide which occurred on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 3:30 a.m.

The incident happened on the Rosebud Fairground field west of the police department.

The victim was a 15 year old female and two juvenile female suspects are in custody. Red Crow said, "The FBI and the Rosebud Law Enforcement Services are actively investigating…We are still doing interviews."

Red Crow also described the death of another Rosebud youth. He said, "A call came in from a female on a cell phone. She wanted an ambulance. She found her boyfriend hanging in the bathroom.

The EMS and Rosebud police responded and the victim was pronounced deceased on the scene."

The incident occurred on Jan. 24 at 12:15 p.m.

Because of the fact that the victims are juveniles their identity was unable to be revealed by Rosebud Law Enforcement Services.

Red Crow however noted that once an indictment is handed down in the homicide, details of the crime and those involved would be released to the public.

Legislation passes to help backlog of tribal funding

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U. S. House of Representatives passed a Continuing Resolution which will continue to fund the government for the next eight months.

It also funds government programs for fiscal year 2007 going back four months.

The office of Representive Stephanie Herseth in a press release noted, "The Continuing Resolution is a lean bill that holds most programs at their FY 2006 funding levels and strips all "earmarks" from the spending bills that were passed by one or more members of Congress.

Funding for some of South Dakota's most important programs, such as the Lewis and Clark water system, Indian Health Services and the recently authorized Cellulosic Ethanol Loan Guarantee Program will continue into the next fiscal year."

According to A. Gaye Kingman of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association, the fact that the previous Continuing Resolution had been passed by the Republican controlled Congress allowed the budgets to be carried over without any action on any spending bill. Presumably, after the 2007 fiscal year had progressed four months into its term, this created a backlog of funding and interrupted funding to some tribal programs.

Some of the highlights which directly impact Lakota people include, Indian Health Service, which will receive an increase of $125 million over last year's level and which will fund patient care and prevent any reductions in clinical services.

Head Start will receive an increase of $103 million to help prevent a decrease in Head Start enrollment. There will be an increase of $615 million to help 5.3 million college students pay their college tuition costs.

There will also be an increase of $200 million to assist school districts which serve children with disabilities and special needs.

Veterans health care will see an increase of $3.6 billion to meeting increased health care costs and an anticipated of 325,000 patients.

$125 million will target

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'Bulldawg' Michaud, a young man for all seasons

Michaud fights through injuries for final go at state wrestling

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - Many people know Dave Michaud as Bulldawg the fierce linebacker or the powerful running back in football or as the tenacious wrestler on the mat or the impenetrable backstop on the ball diamond but few know the quiet Pine Ridge High School senior as the academic and 4.0 student or the potential valedictorian of his senior class.

"It has been a pleasure to have Dave in my English classes during the past two years," said Ronda Neugebauer, a teacher at Pine Ridge high school, "he always goes above and beyond for each class and more so he works with the other students to help them through their difficult times."

Michaud went all the way to the state championship match at 160 pounds as a sophomore two years ago and now for the second year in a row injuries may frustrate his goal of winning a state championship.

Last year a neck injury slowed him down in the middle of the year and made it difficult to be competitive at the state meet; this year a shoulder injury from the wrestling meet at Lyman in early January may derail Michaud's goals again.

"We tried to have Bulldawg wrestle at Winner but it lasted 30 seconds, the pain was too much," said Dave Michaud, Pine Ridge



Dave "Bulldawg" Michaud, a senior at Pine Ridge High School.

wrestling coach and young Dave's father, "after a couple of examinations it looks like he separated his shoulder at Lyman and has a slight tear of his rotator cuff. He'll be able to keep running and lift light weights, we have ordered a shoulder brace for him - he won't wrestle again until regionals in Huron on Feb. 17 and will probably need surgery after state the following week.

Bulldawg will wrestle 189 in Huron even though he has been wrestling at 215 for most of the year. By wrestling at the 215 level, Michaud was able to go up against tougher competition and by moving up other Pine ridge wrestlers were able to participate at the 189 level The most recent wrestling ranking showed Michaud as the number one ranked wrestler at 215 in Class A.

"Injuries are a part of every sport, last year Bulldawg was in the best shape of his life and out of the blue the neck injury derails the season, this year in football and now in wrestling, Bulldawg has overcome a lot," said the elder Michaud.

Bulldawg topped off an outstanding football season with a first team all state award at linebacker and was named 11A All American this year as well.

On the other side of the coin, Bulldawg has carried a 4.0 grade point average through school and is

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TWO SECTIONS

Boxing advocate brings South Dakota Golden Gloves match to Manderson

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor

MANDERSON - Big boxing will soon be coming to the heart of rez in March.

The South Dakota State Golden Gloves Tournament will be held at Manderson at the Wounded Knee School on Saturday, March 10.

Bouts are scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday with weigh ins from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be a junior/novice division, an open men's division and awards will be given to all fighters. All boxers must be registered through the USA Boxing, USA sanctioned.

Chissie Spencer, counselor and activities director at Wounded Knee District School, has been coordinating boxing events in the area for the past ten years. He is currently the regional director for the Golden Gloves for South Dakota and has worked on coordinating the Golden Gloves tournament in March.

Spencer who is Seminole, enjoys coaching and promoting boxing among youth on the reservation. He has helped coordinate the boxing matches during Lakota Nation Invitational in December with teams coming from Sioux Falls, Mclaughlin, Lower Brule, Little Wound School, Hot Springs and Spearfish. There were 26 fights with jackets and t-shirts awarded. Some of the boxing matches were featured on Oglala Lakota College's KOLC television station.

Last year, Spencer's boxing team, Nation of Outlaws made it to the nationals where Josh Steele won Midwest Region Golden Gloves champion for his weight class of 178.

"We have attended junior Olympics, Men's U.S. Open, and also to the Silver Gloves National twice, and for the second year in a row, we made it to the Men's U.S. Open," he said. He averages ten boxers in his team in ages from nine to 25 years old.

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'Bulldawg' Michaud

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the leading candidate to be valedictorian of his class come graduation time. Young Michaud has applied for the Gates Millennium Scholarship and has a good chance to earn one of the top scholarship awards made in Indian Country.

"The Gates would really help me for next year, it would open up the options since it is a full ride," said Bulldawg,"I'll know later on this spring whether they will offer me a scholarship at South Dakota State for football, I'd probably play safety there, I'm not big enough to be a linebacker at the level but the Gates would give me an opportunity to maybe go to the University of Wyoming and walk on with their football team.

Bulldawg has enjoyed journalism and plans to major in journalism in college, he says he likes the news.

"He took a class in journalism and really liked it and is now talking about sports-writing and broadcasting," said Neugebauer, "Dave is partnering with South Dakota Public Broadcasting this spring on a piece, he will be an onsite reporter for a piece to be completed in May."

After 15 years in wrestling, Bulldawg is ready to graduate high school and go to college, to do school and to play football in college, I'm really looking forward to it, he said. I want to play defense, probably safety.

"This year's football season was really frustrating. We had the talent but just couldn't put it together, our team would get intimidated by bigger or off-reservation schools, we really had the talent to do much better than we did," said Bulldawg.

While the rest of the team participates in wrestling meets in Stanley County, Philip and Todd County, Bulldawg will wait for regionals in Huron in mid-February and hopefully state the following week.

"Bulldawg has had the good fortune to have two parents who are involved in education and he has used that support to excel, so many young people fall through the cracks and Dave has been a role model through his willingness to put the hard work into what ever he wants to achieve whether on the playing field or in the classroom," said Melvin Smiley Sierra, Pine Ridge School principal (superintendent), "he is an asset to the school, his family and community and to our nation as a whole."

"Dave is really focused on what he sets as his goals and he makes the teacher want to be a better teacher," added Neugebauer."

Golden Gloves

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"After we made it into the nationals last year, we got notoriety and that notoriety is landing the big match in March."

Spencer grew up in Los Angeles and came to this area in 1994 and has been promoted a sober lifestyle for the past 15 years.

He chose recovery as he didn't want to die or end up in prison. "I watched too many of my family members and what happened to them," he said.

Back in the late 1990s, I put a sign up at the post office and thought I would try it to see the interest and started coaching with one bag hanging from a tree and it took off from there.

His boxing experiences come from his adolescent years and he had a desire to work with kids.

"One of my commitments was to work with kids. Using it as a method to reach them in letting them know that there is some thing else to do," he said.

He said he has never been paid for doing this, he does it to promote the sport and promote alcohol and drug free lifestyles.

Since that time in Kyle, he has coordinated 18 boxing smokers in the areas and more in the Manderson area in the last several years.

He said now they have certified judges and referees that are local. That way they get a fair shot at competing he said.

A smoker comes from the 1930s and 40s, when there would be boxing fights and the arena would be smoke filled, thus smokers. He emphasized a smoker is a boxing match and not a tournament.

"What I am trying to do in promoting boxing is to establish that there is a lot of native guys out there interested in going pro. For them it seems it stops at the amateur level," he said.

He is planning to acquire a South Dakota commission's license to become a professional promoter so for example, when the casino is finished, that could be an event at the casino.

For two years, he coordinated the Danny Garcia Memorial boxing smoker. The money we got from there, we gave to the school as a scholarship in his memory. Danny attended Little Wound School. Danny was a boxer.

Spencer is also known for his radio shows on KILI Radio on Porcupine Butte, where he would promote youth empowerment through interviews by encouraging youth to live a positive lifestyle and be empowered.

"There is a reason why I got into all this and I always think about that. To give kids an outlet of same type, because they walk around with so much anger," he said.

"When I was young, I wish I met someone who took time and worked with me, the way I work with these kids. That way they don't have to go that way of using alcohol and drugs as their outlet. Working in school with youth, helps me to help them," he said.

The proceeds from the concessions from the Golden Gloves will go to help the eigth grade at Wounded Knee District School.

He said recently he travels on the boxing schedule and his companion Angie Apple travels with him, and with most of his time coordinated around boxing, she too is now certified as a judge and as an official.

Of all his travels, he said the loudest fans are right there at home in Manderson. Community members enjoy the bouts and come to watch them.

Spencer is a spiritually connected young man who promotes that with his team and with the youth he works with. He encourages self empowerment through being balanced in one's spirit.

In May, he will be hosting the Regional Junior Olympics with teams from Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota at Lower Brule.

Spencer is also a member of the Two Nations, which is a non profit organization for boxing.

He organized the Wounded Knee District School boxing club which Josh Steele helps coach.

The other two coaches registered are George Apple and Joe Brings Plenty. Apple works at Little Wound School and has a team from there, Brings Plenty was recently elected to the chairmanship of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Brings Plenty team's is Wolf's Den.

Legislation

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assistance to the 6,700 schools which failed to meet the criteria as set forth by the No Child Left Behind Act in the 2005-06 school year.

The money will be used to implement improvement activities, such as tutoring programs, curriculum upgrades and teaching training.

Title I K-12 grant program will see an increase of $125 million for 38, 000 additional low-income students performing below grade level with intensive science and math instruction.

The COPS or community oriented policing services will receive an increase of $70 million to a total of $$542 million.

Kingman who is a consultant with the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association sent a notice out to tribal chairmen informing them that the resolution affects all tribal programs and budgets via the Indian Health Service, HUD, the Veterans Administration, Head Start, etc.

The Continuing Resolution in the new Democratic controlled Congress will allow them to take up the 2008 Appropriations Bill at the end of the year.

The GPTCA will also create a Work Group comprised of tribal attorneys or other representatives who will submit recommendations for the 2008 budget.

The GPTCA will take up the budget on February 20 and a form will be sent out to each tribe for their input.

Todd County Schools considering four day school week, seeking community input

MISSION - Community residents are invited to give input on their opinion of a four-day school week for students of the Todd County School District.

Discussion on a possible four day school week for Todd County schools filled much of the time at the Jan. 22 meeting of the TCSD Board of Education.

The four day concept has been considered for quite some time, but more seriously recently.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Bordeaux said there is not a total consensus on the issue yet, even with administrators, and surveys have not been done with students or community members.

But the bottom line is, a four day week would give teachers one day to do their planning, collaborate to make the time in school more effective, he said. Student/teacher time would still be the same, and it would be up to the administrators to make sure the school days are used for teaching.

He said the district would have to meet the minimum minutes of class required by the state, and one way to do that would be to start school at 8:30 a.m. and get out at 3:50 p.m., or an additional 50 minutes of classes each of the four days.

Currently, of the 36 weeks of school, 27 are already four-day weeks, considering holidays, Rosebud Fair, Inservice Days and Gift of Time Days, so there would only be nine more weeks to change to four days.

One elementary teacher noted that teachers are always being pulled out of class for professional development, and with the four day week, that wouldn¹t happen, and there wouldn¹t have to be so many substitutes hired for those days.

Board Member Troy Heinert said he thinks there are a lot of other issues to look at.

Friday and Monday meals are pretty important to the students, he said.

There are also other community concerns, such as daycare, babysitting. We need more community discussion on the issue.

Dr. Bordeaux said that Head Start and Sinte Gleska University have no classes on Fridays, so the babysitting issue is not so big.

Board Member Charlie Moe asked how it would affect maintenance, bus drivers, cooks, etc.

Dr. Bordeaux said most of the drivers are also maintenance, so would still work five days, custodians would still be on duty. He said the administrators felt the cooks should also be kept on to feed staff, for cleanup etc.

Discussion was also held on early buses, late buses, the breakfast program, how local businesses will be affected.

As far as sports are concerned, Dr. Bordeaux said that those schools who are on a four day week, schedule games on Fridays. Several schools in the state do have a four day week, most recently neighboring Bennett County.

He said that No Child Left Behind was at the center of the discussion about the four day week, and administrators felt that teachers would have more time to do collaborative planning, and therefore, do a better job of teaching on the four days in the classroom

We need to realize that the teachers will have the same amount of minutes in the classroom, and without the interruptions for staff development, etc.

My biggest concern is what to do with the children on Monday or Friday, Board Pres. Marlon Leneaugh said. But statistics show that attendance is better with a four day than a five day school week.

He invited the public to contact members of the board with any opinions regarding the issue.

South Dakota Indian Business Conference Feb. 21

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) - A conference aimed at increasing business development in Indian Country has been scheduled for Feb. 21-22 in Rapid City.

``This is an exciting step in the economic development of Indian Country,'' Richard Benda, Tourism and State Development secretary, said in a statement. ``This is more than a conference. It will provide applicable tools for South Dakota.''

The South Dakota Indian Business Conference will focus on developing tribal legal and governmental systems to create and sustain private businesses, according to the release.

Tribal leaders, economic development officials and people from the tribal judiciary are expected to join state and federal officials, community development groups, educators and others at the gathering.

Bear Butte alcohol ban offered

PIERRE (AP) - An effort is under way again in the South Dakota Legislature to ban the sale of alcoholic beverages and issuance of alcohol licenses within four miles of Bear Butte State Park, with the exception of those businesses within the existing boundaries of Sturgis.

Similar legislation failed last year.

Those who are behind HB1227 say Bear Butte is sacred to American Indians, and they are not happy with biker campgrounds and bars that draw thousands of rowdy people during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally each August.

Family literacy training on 'bullying' Feb. 7

KYLE - There will be a free workshop with refreshments on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at the Little Wound Elementary auditorium.

The topic is 'What families can do to prevent bullying" with presentor Janis Jones from the South Dakota Resource Network.

The workshop will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

For more information contact Edwina Brown Bull at 455-6190 or Shelly Middletent at 455-2512 or Reva High Horse at 455-6196.

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Pine Ridge Elementary student excell in attendance and honor roll

PINE RIDGE - The Pine Ridge Elementary School has recently listed their honorary students who have excelled in perfect attendance, and A and B honor roll.

Kindergarten-Teacher Connie Richard-

Perfect Attendance-Corey Blacksmith, Scott Dreamer

Honor Roll-Mia Bad Yellow Hair, Samantha Richard, Romanus Bissonette, Running Horse Morgan, Austin Crow, Corey Blacksmith, Jared Red Cloud, Sophie Black Bear

Student of the Month-Oct-Sophie Black Bear, Nov-Romanus Bissonette, Dec-Running Horse Morgan

Kindergarten-Teacher Andrea Akers

Perfect Attendance-Griffey Holy Elk, Taylor Holiday, Jodee Mills

Student of the Month-Nov-Trinity Hunter, Shelby Steele Tymes

Honor Roll-Patricia Bad Milk, Rayhen Carlow, Trenton Herman, Taylor Holiday, Griffey Holy Elk, Trinity Hunter, Jodee Mills, C harles Schrader, Leighton Shangreau, Cole Swallow, Shelby Steele-Tymes, Darrell Vitalis, Laura Whirlwind Horse, Mary Wilson

Kindergarten Teacher-Cis Lamont

Perfect Attendance-Kianna Whirlwind Horse, Phillip Jumping Eagle III, Jamie Turning Holy, Keonraad Caldwell

A-Honor Roll-Kiera Bagola, Jamie Turning Holy, Kianna Whirlwind Horse, Keonraad Caldwell, Haylee Cottier

B-Honor Roll-Starla Jumping Eagle, Kaleen Walking Eagle, Devin White Calf, Kylee Red Bear

1st Grade Teacher-Dianne Schrader

Perfect Attendance-Tianna Akers, Albert Brave III, Emerald Mills, Kalup Morrison, Aaliyah Provost, Denish Red Cloud, Tierney Yankton

A-Honor Roll-Tianna Akers, Emerald Mills, Michael Pulliam

B-Honor Roll-Christopher Brown, Teressa ColhoffAaliyah Provost, Lyle Richards, Jr., Jack Whalen, Tierney Yankton

1st Grade Teacher Mary Brown

Perfect Attendance-Gia Apple, Faina Clifford, Millennium Fast Horse, Johna Red Cloud, Marvin Iron Teeth

Student of the Month-Johna Red Cloud

A-Honor Roll-Marvin Iron Teeth, Christian Good Lance,Gabrielle High Hawk, Raina Clifford, John Red Cloud, Millennium Fast Horse, Tyrell Pond, Lessanes Goings

B-Honor Roll-Gia Apple, Terrance Two Bulls, Wiconi Runs Above, Jymie Behan, Wendell Ghost Bear

Student of the Month-Johna Red Cloud

1st Grade Teacher Liz Big Crow

Perfect Attendance-Krystal Bear Robe, Promise Blacksmith, Brianna Goings, Arthur Pulliam, Katlin Rabbit, Richard Smallwood, Duane Stover

A-Honor Roll-Thomas W hite Face, Miracle Spotted Bear, Duane Stover

B-Honor Roll-Tiara Mesteth, Cruz Lopez, Jaydin Peters, Joseph O'Rourke, Katlin Rabbit, Chaz Rodriquez

2nd Grade Teacher Donna McGhee

Perfect Attendance-RoVela Wounded Horse

Student of the Month-Nov-Montel Carlow, Dec-Ramona Goings

A-Honor Roll-Brandon Brewer, Kevin Jack, Wambli Red Cloud

B-Honor Roll-Lane Bacon, Brandon Goings, Lawrence Martin, Jr., Danika Winters, Ramana Goings, Brandon Wounded Arrow

2nd Grade Teacher Dawn Brave Eagle

Perfect Attendance-Kristiene Blue Bird, Brad Goings, Jaden Turning Holy, RoVela Wounded Horse

Student of the Month-Dec-Michael Bettelyoun

Honor Roll-Jaden Turning Holy, Duran Thunder Hawk, Anthony Running Horse, Taten New Holy, Kristiene Blue Bird

2nd Grade Teacher Kittie Woodden

Perfect Attendance-Samual Bear Robe, Kincaid Caldwell, James Yellow Hair, John Yellow Hair

B-Honor Roll-Samual Bear Robe, Keeva Blue Bird, Cheristine Mousseau, Thelma Pond, Stormiee Ted Bow, Amber Red Feather, James Yellow Hair, John Yellow Hair

3rd Grade Teacher Georgine Pourier

Perfect Attendance-Jeanette Jumping Eagle, Chelby Merrival, Adaynia Poor Bear, Shaylene Richard

A-Honor Roll-Mark Cedar Face, Koty Janis, Jeanette Jumping Eagle, Terrell Pulliam, Shaylene Richard, Kordell Shangreaux, Jewel West

B-Honor Roll-Sierra Bagola, Joseph Cournoyer, Shelby Merrival, Misun Rendon, Tiana Walking, Danae Watters, Ferris White Bull

3rd Grade Teacher Delores Red Shirt

Perfect Attendance-Dylan Brave, Angelo Iron Teeth, Shelbi Lame, Cole Mesteth

A-Honor Roll-Britany Backward, Shlbi Lame

B-Honor Roll-Cole Mesteth, Tyrell Audrews, Bryan Harris

3rd Grade Teacher Amy Dolezal

Perfect Attendance-Geena Davis, Trista Merrival, Norman Two Bulls

A-Honor Roll-Deondra Merrival, Trista Merrival, Isnala Roan Eagle, Carly Shott

B-Honor Roll-Kristen Big Crow, Jeffrey Brown, Torianne Little, Marty Richard, Shain Thunder Hawk

4th Grade Incentive Students

Marc Wess-Perfect Attendance-Donald Brave, Carl Janis

Joy Valandra-Perfect Attendance-Janelle Black Elk, Tear Rae Ecoffey

A-Honor Roll-Kristin Bissonette

B-Honor-Delores Janis, Mariah Shangreau, Janelle Black Elk, Tear Ecoffey, Kayanna Janis, Darien Richards, Kristina Walking Elk, Michelle Wounded Elk

Patty Koenigs-

Perfect Attendance-Shi Dawn Hawk Wing, Andrew Johnson, Brandon Mesteth, Easton White Pipe

B-Honor Roll-Shi Dawn Hawk Wing, Andrew Johnson, Rhea Running Hawk, Eston White Pipe

Perfect Attendance-2nd Quarter-Jesse Trueblood, Zaniya White Dress, Sharee Brown, Jesse Brown, Larees Blue Legs

Students of the Month Oct-Cole Reddy-Nov-Sharee Brown-Dec-Larees Blue Legs

A-Honor Roll-Cole Reddy

B-Honor Roll-Zaniya White Dress, Sharee Brown, Jesse Trueblood, Ron Meseth

5th Grade Teacher Linda Yellow Boy-

Perfect Attendance-2nd Quarter-Jesse Trueblood, Zaniya White Dress, Sharee Brown, Jesse Brown, Larees Blue Legs

Students of The Month-Oct.-Cole Reddy-Nov.-Sharee Brown-Dec-Larees Blue Legs

A-Honor Roll-Cole Reddy

B-Honor Roll-Zaniya White Dress, Sharee Brown, Jesse Trueblood, Ron Meseth

5th Grade Teacher Tonia White Bear Claws

Perfect Attendance-Amelia Redfish, Kaitlyn Martin, Michael Walking, Stella Caldwell, Terra Garnier, Ron Martin

Student of The Month-Oct.-Katilyn Martin-Nov-Amelia Refish-Dec-Stella Caldwell

A-Honor Roll-R on Martin, Kaitlyn Martin

B-Honor Roll-Amelia Redfish, Stella Caldwell

5th Grade Teacher-Francine Janis

Perfect Attendance-Joe Morgan, Jacob Brown, Megan Martin, George Yellow Horse, Daisy Martinez

A-Honor Roll-Ida White Dress

B-Honor Roll-Alana Andrews, Maria Harris, Dusty Jumping Eagle

Students of the Month-Oct-Mario Harris-Nov-Maria Harris

2nd Quarter 2006-2007 Grade 6-8-Incentive Trip

6th Grade Teacher Steve Shangreau

Perfect Attendance-Tashina Helper, Juliana Alford, Tevin Plenty Wounds, Brook Pond, Shaniah Richards, Reuben Smallwood, Shelby Black Feather, Robert Martin

A-Honor Roll-Anissa Martin, Brook Pone, January Tabacco, Dalton White Pipe

6th Grade Teacher Dell Big Crow

Perfect Attendance-Ashley Belt

6th Grade Teacher Ruth Pourier

Perfect Attendance-Mystic Gallego, Jerome Piper, LaRae Morgan

Student of the Month-Nov-Brandi Grant-Dec-Mystic Gallego

7th Grade Teacher Aspen Renden

Perfect Attendance-Destiny Yellow Horse, LassandraHoof, Kaylene Colhoff, Cara Whirlwind Horse, Teddy Pedregon, Taylor Jacobs

7th Grade Teacher Lolly Steele

Perfect Attendance-Bert Montileaux, Tianna Yankton, Deanna Little Hawk, Donimic Leftwich-Tre Janis, Jasmine Hoof

7th Grade Teacher Joe Garnette

Perfect Attendance-Daniel Cortier, James McLaughlin

8th Grade Teacher Stolley

Perfect Attendance-Whitney Akers, Vince Martin, Oletha Mousseau, Ty Reddy, Amber Twiss

A-Honor Roll-Orien Brown, Vince Martin, Ty Reddy

8th Grade Teacher Jimmie Good Voice Flute

Perfect Attendance-Jaylyn Helper, Brynda Jumping Eagle

B-Honor Roll- Jason Two Two, Jaylyn Helper, Jade Stone, Brynda Jumping Eagle

SGU to re-enact President Bordeaux's first inauguration

37th Annual Founder's Day in progress

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

MISSION - "Otokahe Woihanble wan kawita yuha unhiyupi" - "In the beginning we came together with a dream..," (SGU Founding Chairman Stanley Red Bird.)

SGU President Lionel R. Bordeaux often recounts that fateful day some 34 years ago when two gentlemen from the Rosebud Sioux reservation knocked on his door at the University of Minnesota where he was successfully pursuing doctoral studies. Stanley Red Bird, SGU's Founding Chairman and Gerald V. Mohatt, Founding President, were looking for someone to lead Sinte Gleska College on the Rosebud as it was called at that time.

In the early 1970's Indian Country was seemingly "abuzz" with talk of self-determination and dreams of other young Lakota people daring to think of a college education. With the Vietnam War quickly winding down, it would mean that other young Sicangu men would be looking to also use their GI Bill to improve their chances of employment. There were very few Native role models with college degrees and that had to change.

President Bordeaux had excelled while working in the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Jicarilla Apache reservation in New Mexico and other places. He could expect a comfortable career in educational administration after catching a ride out of Rosebud due to a lack of work. There had to be work elsewhere. It was a scenario that would repeatedly play out on the Rosebud and provided great impetus and rationale for the tribal college movement.

Instead, Bordeaux accepted the challenge, returned home to stubbornly lead an institution, raised a family and succeeded in being one of the nation's longest running college presidents at 34 years.

Stanley Red Bird was looking for someone who could boldly lead and put into practice many of the dreams he envisioned for the Sicangu Lakota people. He was concerned that too many young people were leaving home and returning after being disillusioned by the allure of off reservation colleges. He reasoned along with other board members that a college created at home could better serve the needs of Sicangu tribal members as they would not have to travel off-reservation. He desired to see the foundations of Lakota language and culture preserved, while examining other models through tribal law and customs, education, bringing economic development, together and a range of education and tribal governance.

Bordeaux, fluent in Lakota having been raised by proud parents, Alex and Mary (Jordan) Bordeaux, accepted the challenge of creating an institution out of a dream that lives on today and continues to touch the lives of many Sicangu people and others, who understand the need to grow their own. There is something to be said for self-determination when crafted by those who will benefit the most.

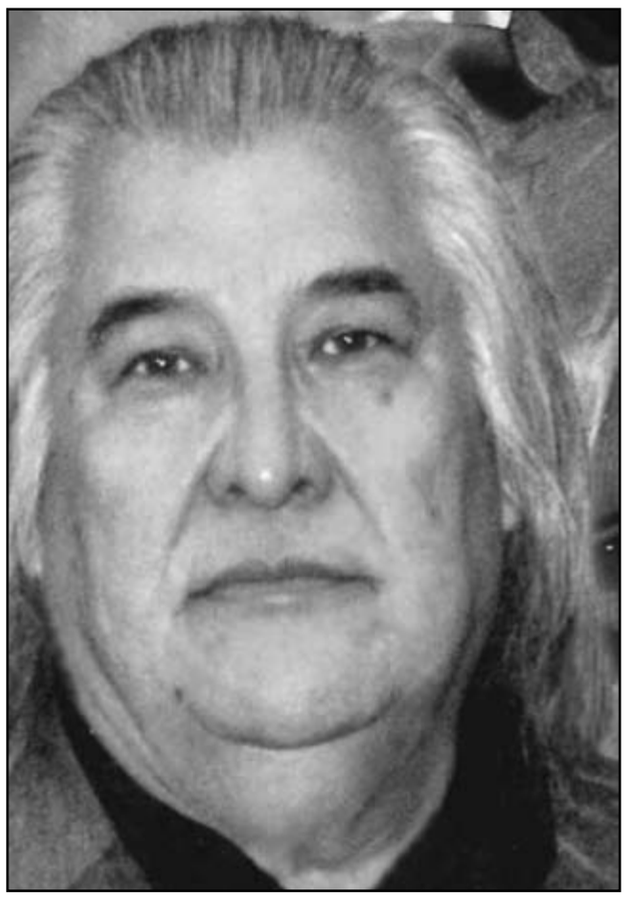
Over the years, Bordeaux worked tirelessly in collaborating with other educators, RST tribal council members and students in guiding the university to its present campus. He is often cited as the guiding force behind the tribal college movement as it is known today nationally, while SGU serves as a model for educational self-determination for other struggling tribal nations.

Tribal colleges have their own data base of educational resources which chronicle the work of tribal colleges, their students and respective tribal communities. The Tribal College Journal is a great resource for interested researchers, educators and students, alike.

The rest is history as they say; SGU was the first tribal college in the nation to be accredited at the bachelor's degree level in 1981 in teacher education and in 1989 it was the first to be accredited by the North Central Association of Chicago, IL to confer a Master of Education (M.Ed.) That first graduate class in 1989 included six Lakota women, many of whom continue to be prominent educators on the Rosebud today.

President Bordeaux has gained national prominence as a great visionary in tribal higher education and is highly sought after as a gifted speaker in both Lakota and English. His advocacy on behalf of tribal colleges has resulted in some powerful networking with congressional delegations and benefactors who have helped to build the university into a leading institution.

As such, he is also promoting a national tribal university with Senator Daniel Inouye to be located in the Black Hills. He also traveled to New Zealand and helped to found an international tribal university called, "World Indigenous Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC) with the Maori tribal nation.



There will be a re-enactment of Lionel Bordeaux's first inauguration ceremonies

During SGU's 37th Annual Founder's Day this week, there will be a re-enactment of the initial inauguration ceremonies when President Bordeaux accepted the sacred pipe from traditional Sicangu leaders and agreed to bring the university into the future.

Many other Sicangu people, traditional leaders and educators have also contributed to the dream that is SGU and they will be remembered this weekend.

"Ho le anpetu ki he un piunkilapi nahan.., Woihanble le ki unkitapo pelo" - "Today we give thanks for this dream.., This dream is our dream." Stanley Red Bird.

Next Week is our Valentine's Day Issue

OPINION PAGE

Our Views

The 'word' can be powerful to Indian country

We are currently in our third year of publishing an independently owned weekly newspaper that is geared to news in Indian country in western South Dakota. In essence, we are known as an Indian newspaper.

Not only do we serve as a community newspaper but we do our best to sustain a watchdog status, not only for current events but for the future of our children.

We have said this before and will say it again, the reservations of South Dakota have access to powerful tools of media with the numerous Indian newspapers, a television station, radio stations and media websites and we need to use those tools to make positive change.

We have a responsibility to understand the profiles of our readers. By looking closely at our readership we can be responsive to the interests, needs, and expectations of our public.

In putting it another way, as tribal media, we need to stand above our readership of tribal citizens and keep an eye out… a truthful vision, not one of misinformation.

If we all took that watchdog status seriously and follow through with that responsibility for the tribal nations we serve, we would not only be serving our readership by keeping them informed on legislation being introduced that will have long-lasting effects on Indian Country, but we would also present more complete information from the Lakota standpoint to mainstream media, and not be afraid to do that.

We need to promote positive information and continuously push the language and cultural values that give identity to our future generations.

Our readership should be informed on issues that are important to us and that affect us, not only in our daily lives, but in developing a better future for our children.

The news we give to our readers should give them the opportunity to get involved in the issues that affect us and serve to unite us as an Indian Nation to the rest of South Dakota, the Nation and the World. We could be a powerful force for change.

Not only should we serve as an E'yapaha, but we also take seriously our role to look after our societies, to look after the people or be on guard for them, wakta icun po

In that sense, we need to be watchdogs.

Just think, if we adhered to that responsibility how much more power we could give our nations in the form of information. Information is power.

The *Lakota Country Times* is a newspaper and we do our best to report the news as accurately as we could can. The opinions of individual people are kept on the editorial and opinion pages. Those pages are for our columnists and letters to the editors, which are personal opinions or opinions about issues that affect our readers.

The *Lakota Country Times* offers those pages to our readership to 'stand on your soapbox' and state your opinion on an issue that you may feel needs to be said. We do reserve the right edit those articles, to protect against libel and slander.

In nearly every newspaper, personal opinions are kept on the editorial or personal opinion pages to separate them from news articles, except for tabloids. But a tabloid is just that, a tabloid of personal opinions and "that" is not a "news paper." Personal opinions should never be allowed to pass themselves off as genuine news stories because they are not.

We encourage letters to the editor but we reserve the right to edit as necessary.



The opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor and Opinion Pages are not necessarily that of the editor or staff of the Lakota Country Times.

Guest Column

Wakan Akiciyapi

Wakan Akiciyapi

(1) Ehanni nitunksila eyasnan wico oyake ki lena oyakapi, (2) yunkan owakpamni oyanke ki lel ehakehci wakan akiciyapi wicohan ki he ecunpi keyapi. (3) Owakpamni wicoti ki hel wihinanpe hecetkiya sunk onanjin tanka wan sa ca he ki hel canku ikowakatanhan hetu ske.

(4) Sahiyela oyate ki wakan wicasa ikimnanpi nan gluha Oglala okikes wicayapi (5) o ca Oglala ki insya wakan wicasala wan atayas wo'imnala sni nan unsikela ca he yucokata ikikcupi, (6) yukan wicala sni keye. (7) Hiya hecamu hantas wakte kte lo eya keyapi. (8) Yunkan sahiyela ihat'api nan heyapi, tuweni le wicasa ki lila wakan ca kte okihi sni eyapinan istelye wacincipi.

(9) Oglala wakan wicasala ki kihunniyapi ca hankeya iyowinya keye. (10) Oglala ki okiciyakapi ca oyate ki ataya ahigeyu. (11) Anpetu wan kapi he iyehantu ca wo'iglu winyeya kcagapi.

(12) Ho, wannan iyehuntu ca wowakan yuha henans akciyuta ewecaglepi yunkan, Oglala ki ceya keyapi. (13) Shihiyela he ins mioglas'in wan ihupa yukan ca gluha nan iwicasasniya iglupsicahan ke. (14) Oglala ki makablu ya nanpe ojula icu nan makinanhtakin nan sahiyela ki kinin, yunkan huwosla hinnan nangwagwakinan, yunkan huwosla kinnan nangwagwakininan t'a keye.

(15) Sahiyela ki ataya gluhaha ceyapi nan Oglala wakan wicasa ki yukini sipi eyas heya eya keye.

(16) Hiya owakii sni yelo, manto sake ca un wakute ca iyopteya iyayelo. O ca sahiyela ki ecekce gluwinyeyapi nan paha wan ekta kihapi nan akiyagla keyapi.

The moral of this story is - you figure it out yourselves.

Ho, hecetuwalo
As'a Kuwapi

Rev. Francis Apple
Kyle, S.D.

Words from the 'trenches'

Together we all light the sky

By Connie Smith-Blanco

There's no need for a formal introduction. My name is Connie Blanco and I'm a green-eyed, blond haired LaCreek District tribal member born and raised in Martin.

Oh, and to keep things honest, although born blonde, I still periodically remain blonde (when I haven't been a redhead and a brunette) with the help of modern hair care products. And the eyes are still green, but you'll never see them without glasses. Oh, and that honesty thing again… I wear bifocals but they're the invisible kind, I think I fool myself with that concept, I figure if you can't see them, then I must not be that old to need them.

This honesty thing is something that hasn't come easy in the last "50-odd" years. I have to admit I have a lot of help from my higher power.

And my reward is this, people can expect me to tell them what "I" perceive to be the truth and sometimes they get the honor of seeing me with not one, but both feet in my mouth.

There were many years when I wished my feet were a few sizes smaller. And there was no sense wishing for a bigger mouth because I was blessed with that already.

I'm thinking my higher power thought giving me a big mouth would balance out my big feet and perhaps I would walk a better, "balanced" life. Nothing could be further from the truth. But who am I to argue. I just keep trying.

Several people I know have wondered when I was going to jump in and "write" something for this paper that Amanda and I labor over every week, after all I've been here two years now.

Well, now I can say I've written something...

For what it's worth, I'm no expert on anything, and every lesson I have learned (or think I've learned) has been very expensive and the cost to me was plenty of embarrassment, laughter, tears, and yes, anger. Did I mention that I was blessed with a large temper? Luckily through the years I have found the "on and off switch" for the temper, but I still struggle with the volume control.

So the editor of this paper, Amanda Takes War Bonnett, and I have decided (by push and shove) to make a go of this paper. Publishing this newspaper every week, means we see each other more than our own families. Ask my new husband and he'll tell you. He may have to come to work for the paper so we can see each other more often.

We've toiled behind the scenes this past two years to publish something we can be proud of and try to make a difference in our reader's lives.

We want to make the difference by telling honest "rez" stories, for "rez" residents with "rez" humor, compassion, and honesty. We try to have the highest goals we can achieve on our "shoe-string budget in our one-room newspaper and computer packed office" (soon to be a "all the way at the top of the stairs 'two' room office.")

Amanda also recommends a "moral" or thought for the day at the end of a column, so here goes.

Be yourself, and once you figure out "who" you are, then work on being the best "you" you can be. No matter what color we are, or what dress or shoe size we wear, we all have the right to be a star in the sky.

Some stars will shine steady, some stars will blink on and off….and on again, and some stars will resemble falling stars, but it doesn't matter, together we all light the sky.

My mouth has already gone over the word limit that Amanda has "recommended" so until and "if" I write again, happy reading from me, "in the trenches."

Connie Smith-Blanco, Oglala Lakota, is co-owner, business manager and marketing director of Lakota Country Times, and has a marketing and fine arts background. She has pursued a music career in Oklahoma, Tennessee and lived near her sister in Texas, and after 30 years moved back to her roots in South Dakota with children.

Finding My Voice

Six little things to remember when moving home



Dana Lone Hill

I was born and raised on the reservation, here in Pine Ridge. I have been gone for the last 16 years and I can say coming home has been wonderful. There are a few expectations to remember when moving home, when you see them, they are comforting and make you feel at home.

1.) Dogs:

I moved into my house and instantly now am the owner of three dogs.

I named one Fugly, the other two are yet unnamed. They eat all the stuff my kids won't, like brussell sprouts, poor dogs. I think I seen it all though, the other day when I was with my mom.

We was in the parking lot at Big Bat's and seen a gang of five dogs, hopping on three legs, with the same leg hurt. My mom's first thought, "Some kind of gang initiation."

My first thought, "I wonder what truck hit all five?"

2.) Gossip:

"They said…" I admit my ears perk up when I hear those words. Sometimes in line at the store or in the hospital parking lot. Don't worry though, I don't repeat gossip, you know, because they said…

3.) Knocking:

Nobody knocks. Everyone pulls up out front and honks.

I noticed the closer I am related to someone, the closer they pull up on my yard to my front door, and honk.

My ex knocks and so did my uncle, just in case they read this. (Mental note to self: fence.)

4.) Commodities:

I don't care who you are, if you get them or not. Everyone has a secret stash.

I can go to anyone I know and ask to borrow a can of corn and get led to a closet I didn't know was there, like magic. T

hen they say help your self. What glory.

I can Iron Chef-"Commod" Style. Last week I made Kung Pau Chicken all with "commods", only the soy sauce was not. Who needs China Buffet?

5.) Relatives:

After living many different places where I knew no one, it's easy to forget you have so many relatives when you come back. Don't try to snag, people will try and figure out a way you are related.

Please turn to
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Other Views

A grandmother's plea for help

Dear Editor:

My name is Henrietta Bedeau, I am the grandmother of Aaliyah Iron Cloud born to my daughter Shalene Iron Cloud whom are both enrolled members of the Oglala Sioux Nation of Pine Ridge.

The father of my granddaughter is non-native and we are presently in a court system in Clearwater County in Bagley, Minn. fighting to keep parental rights for my daughter's child.

When my granddaughter was born, the father denied that the child was his, and did not make an attempt to see the child or sign her birth certificate as her father.

He did not in fact claim the child and DNA test proved he was the father and the court adjudicated him as the father, and ordered him to pay child support.

Since that court order (the child is now two years old) we have been in a constant court battle over custody and he was awarded joint custody of the child even though he and my daughter were never married and he had a prior felony drug conviction.

His family is financially well off and have hired a lawyer. During all court proceeding we have not really had a say in the decisions that are being made by the presiding ninth district court, Judge Rasmussen, who seems to agree to every request made by the lawyer and his clients without hesitation, and without even asking if my daughter has any opinion on the matter; in fact it is as if my daughter is not even present in the court room.

Furthermore, allegations that are made against my daughter the lawyer and his clients are not questioned and are in fact, seemingly taken as the gospel.

When we try to respond with witnesses or answer to the allegations made against my daughter, our statements are dismissed and not taken seriously, even though we have had several witnesses to attest to the lies that are alleged. We feel that our civil rights and our right to equal treatment and due process under the law are being violated and are being racially discriminated against.

We have not been afforded the same equal rights under the judicial system, nor has the judge in this case acknowledged that my granddaughter is an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe whom I think should be represented under the Indian Child Welfare Act even if her father is not a Native American.

I feel that the judge is well aware of the fact that my granddaughter is an enrolled member of a tribe or at least a descendant from prior knowledge of my children in the Clearwater County Courts.

To date the lawyer and his clients have alleged statements from witnesses stating my daughter has deprived his client of his parental rights and has had my granddaughter in his home since Nov. 11, 2006 through Dec. 4, 2006 at which time we went to court over the following charge made against my daughter and without returning the child to her mother for her parental rights and has not been ordered to by the courts and has not been charge with a felony crime as my daughter was for the alleged same offense.

We have filed a compliant with the Bagley Sheriff Department, but apparently we have no case and to date no charges are pending against the father for depriving my daughter of her parental rights from Nov. 11 through Dec. 4, 2006, now is this equal treatment with equal rights under the law with due process.

What might I ask separates our rights to equal access, what is the determining factors, could it be that we are not wealthy or prominent members of the Bagley/Clearwater area or cannot afford a prominent well known lawyer in the Clearwater County Court system or could it be that we are Native Americans? We need answers, we need help!!!!!!!!!!

Of course there are numerous additional facts to this case that are too enormous to continue to address that include reports to the Clearwater County Human Services Agencies, such as child protection reports, photographs and police reports, so we are asking for help to resolve what we feel is an injustice that has caused our family tremendous stress, emotional pain, physical separation from Aaliyah, duress within the justice system and other Clearwater County Agencies, as well as created a hardship and burden on our whole family.

Is there anyone out there interested in our rights, we are open to the media and to the Oglala Sioux Tribe for any additional information about this case.

We need your help! "When will it happen to" not "What If this happens to" your daughter/granddaughter? ARE HAS IT ALREADY OCCURRED? We feel that as Native Americans in this instant, we are still being mistreated by the government whether it is represented by the county, state or other officials in power. We need the help of the Native American Communities and the American Bar Association of Lawyers, to address this unfair, unequal treatment of Native Americans' in the United States Court Systems and the Unethical Practices allowed in the court systems by this state within this county in Minnesota.

Are we not also, American Citizens protected under the United States Constitutional Rights and have we not the same Equal Rights Under the Law and also suppose to be Protected Under Federal Laws as well?

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Food for thought

Dear Editor:

As intellectual thinkers we must learn how to help ourselves and our children.

Indigenous people are the lower and middle classes.

We must begin this new year with new aspirations. We must begin to entertain the complexiity and diversity of this new technological frontier.

How do we accomplish this monumental transformation of our people?

By asking you the reader to form a Venture Club in your community, college, university, job, elementary schools, high school, etc.

What is the Venture Club? A Think Tank if you will.

If we could come together as a united people. Pooling our thoughts, dreams aspirations, and most importantly our individual strenghts.

We the people for the people can begin to approach the 21st century with courage and more importantly, direct our destiny.

"We dont' have recipes, or a checklist." But we do know the ingredients for our transition! Educating our youth, accumulating capital and investing it in ourselves the people of the Lakota Nation.

The only thing we can't do. Is do nothing.

Jesse J. Black Bonnett
Coleman, Fla.

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Notes From Indian Country

Writing can be the salve that heals



By Tim Giago
(Nanwica Kciji)

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Why do some children survive abuse by growing stronger while others whither and die as the result of alcoholism, drugs, suicide or even as murderers at the hands of an executioner?

And why do many of those abused as children become abusers themselves in adulthood? These are questions I was asked last week by a reporter from the Albuquerque Journal and I don't think I answered them to the best of my ability.

The writer was doing an interview for my new book "Children Left Behind," a book that is a partial biography of the horrors I observed while growing up at the Holy Rosary Indian Mission on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

The press release by the publisher the reporter read goes, "Tim Giago weaves a memoir, commentary, reflection and poetry together to boldly illustrate hi often-horrific experiences as a child at a Catholic Indian Mission boarding school where Indian children were forcefully molded to fit into mainstream America. This unholy experiment contributed to many of today's modern problems in an entire generation of Native Americans."

When she asked me how it was that I survived the experience and came out stronger my reply was that I attributed to my parents. I believe this was not the complete answer.

Make no mistake that I loved my parents, but after giving it much thought, I do not believe they were the only reason I made some success of my life after the boarding school experience.

I think it was because I loved to write. When I was seventeen and on my way by ship to Korea in 1952, I started to write poems about my school days, the good, the bad, and the very ugly. I continued to write these poems for nearly 19 years and one day I mailed them to a Cahuilla Indian man named Rupert Costo, the publisher of the Indian Historian Press in San Francisco.

Costo, a victim of the boarding school system himself, called me a few weeks later and said, "Tim, these poems must be published." And his publishing house named the book of poetry, "The Aboriginal Sin."

It was published in 1978. Many of these poems are included in my new and expanded book on the Indian mission boarding schools, "Children Left Behind."

From the day the book of poetry was published the Catholic Church hierarchy and the Jesuit priests at the mission school went into denial.

They denied that I ever went to school at the mission and they attempted to erase any evidence of it.

I had to get affidavits from my former classmates to prove I attended school there. It seems that my small book of poetry was hurting the school's ability to solicit money.

By writing about my life, and the lives of my friends at the mission school, it was a cathartic experience for me. By putting my thoughts down on paper I was able to see my life's experiences for what they were, to analyze them, and to put them behind me. Many Indian people who read my book, then and now, write to me and say how much this has helped them to understand their own fears and anxieties.

You must understand that America's "Cultural Genocide" against the Indian people encompassed more than three generations beginning in the mid-1880s and lasting until the 1960s.

When I read the reviews of the movie "Freedom Writers" in the New York Times I thought about my own life and how writing proved to be the catharsis that lifted me out of my pain and sorrow.

When I was in the sixth grade I was writing down everything that was important to me.

One day I handed in a composition assignment to my teacher, a Catholic prefect who would later become a Jesuit priest, and he read it, slammed it down on my desk, and accused me of plagiarism. I had no idea of what he was talking about. He said, "As a writer you will never amount to a hill of beans." His critical comments made me work all the harder to improve my writing skills.

Many years later I was given the Distinguished Achievement Award in Journalism by the University of Missouri School of Journalism. When I was asked at the banquet that night, "If you could name anyone in the world, who would you like to have sitting at your side tonight?" I replied, "A Father Fagan from the Holy Rosary Indian Mission boarding school who told me that as a writer, I would never amount to a hill of beans."

Anna Quindlen, writing a review on "Freedom Writers" in her weekly column for Newsweek quoted novelist Don DeLillo when he wrote, "Writing is a form of personal freedom. It frees us from the mass identity we see in making all around us. In the end, writers will write not to be outlaw heroes of some underculture but mainly to save themselves, to survive as individuals.

I say amen to that. Writing was my salvation and it was writing that took me all of the way from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to Harvard Yard. It was writing that helped me to see past the horrors of rape, psychological and physical abuse, and the sanctimonious religious indoctrination of the Catholic Church and enabled me to write a book that would remind all Americans that there is a portion of their history that has been swept under the rug and buried because of the shame it not only brought to the Church but to the Nation.

Too many Indians have been sacrificial victims of the boarding schools for me to ever let America forget.

And I encourage all teachers worth their salt to take their students to see "Freedom Writers."

It could change their lives.

(McClatchy News Service in Washington, DC distributes Tim Giago's weekly column. He can be reached at najournalists@rushmore.com. Giago was also the founder and former editor and publisher of the Lakota Times and Indian Country Today newspapers and the founder and first president of the Native American Journalists Association. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in the class of 1990 - 1991. Clear Light Books of Santa Fe, NM (harmon@clearlightbooks.com) published his latest book, "Children Left Behind")

Finding my voice *from page A4*

Someone might be looking good to you, but they might be the same person you were banned from in high school for being cousins. (Josh)

6.) Slang:

It's not that I forgot, it just conveniently faded from my life for lack of use.

Now my kids tell me I talk on the phone-with my hands, I started saying Z in place of no, haaa at jokes that really aren't that funny, eez when I am disappointed, josh when I am joking, and e'net when I want someone to agree with me.

I suspect pointing with my lips is next, e'net?

These are a few of the things I noticed from moving home, and you know what?

There is no place else I would rather be.

The whole essence of someone is their spirit

The night my step dad passed away I spent almost all night drinking coffee and talking with her. She told me something that night that really made me think

The doctor had let her and my little brother, age 15, and my two little sisters, ages 12 and 13, go in and say good bye to him.

My mom had a hard enough time herself, but also she had to comfort them.

She said his hand fell to the side and she put it back up because in life he didn't like his hand hanging off the bed.

When she touched him to put his hand back, she told me he was still soft and warm.

It was at this point she realized how much our bodies are shells.

She said we go through our whole lives in this shell when really the spirit of a person is what makes that person who they are.

In death when that spirit leaves the body, all that is left is that shell that was occupied by that spirit.

The whole essence of who someone is, is their spirit.

It is what makes someone wonderful, giving, strong, determined, and beautiful.

Too bad nobody ever judges anybody by how beautiful their spirit is, because that really is who they are.

Dana Lone Hill is a 34-year old mother of 4, who recently moved back to the reservation, after an eternity on the housing waiting list. Although currently self-employed, she plans on continuing her education at the Oglala Lakota Community College.

Dana has two websites, her "Welcome to the Middle of Nowhere" blog can be found here: http://danasvoice.blogspot.com.

A View From the West

Constitutional analysis available for Oglala district voters

By Ivan Star
Oglala Lakota
Oglala, S.D.

Another election has come and gone. This time around, though, we did not hear any campaign speeches or the usual radio interviews.

We simply went to the polls and performed the only democratic principle granted to us under the Wheeler-Howard Act. We voted for whomever we thought would do us some good. There was no elaborate inauguration ceremony either.

As the new Tribal Council and Executive Committee members go about their business, several questions continue to bother me. Will we see a Separation of Powers amendment during this administration? Is our standard of living going to improve? Are we going to see a land audit?

My contention is that most of us will be feeling disappointment and frustration again in a very short time.

As a distinct group of people, we have been repeating this particular phenomenon for more than seventy years - seven decades with this system and still no evolution. It seems this going-nowhere cycle has a solid hold on us.

We should have realized by now that this system of government is a detriment. The only ones to have benefited from it are a select few politicians and of course their families, relatives and friends.

The rest of us continue struggling to make ends meet. Our unusually high unemployment rate embodies this system's ineptness.

For whatever it is worth, I may have found a way out of this powerful vortex. It is not an easy way out; rather it will require some determined and carefully planned labor. I am sharing my finding with Oglala District members, especially the younger ones - those eighteen to fifty years young.

First, as commonly known, younger generations hold the future in their hands. Thus, as a young adult (18-50), you will certainly benefit by understanding your local government.

Your children and grandchildren, as well as my own grandchildren, will benefit from it.

Second, you have to go beyond your right to vote. For instance, if you want a house for your family in your home community, use your community government.

If you are in disagreement with this system of government, you can change it to your liking through active participation in your community meetings.

Yes, your community is a governmental entity recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Department of Interior and US Congress. The only entities that do not recognize your community government is your own community's voting majority and our own Tribal Council. I would mention Oglala District Council but, in a contradictory sense, we do not have one.

Third, you must reconsider the common practice of going directly to your elected Tribal Council Representatives, OST and District Executive Committee members with your needs. The way out of this mess is for you to revive and use your community government. This is a long, slow and tiresome process, but it is the only way out.

Fourth, we currently have ten communities; however, most members have been inactive.

Only select groups of community members have been involved over the years. You must acknowledge this situation in not entirely their doing.

It came about because a majority of the community does not acknowledge their own community government.

Fifth, each community is responsible for appointing two representatives to the Oglala District Council.

In turn, this legislature is to elect its executive officers, a president, a vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. This is a constitutional requirement that has not been complied with for many years.

In effect, our district executive committee's legality remains questionable.

For many years now, we have been operating via Tribal Council authority. In view of our predicament, I strongly suggest we not point fingers and instead make an earnest effort to get our local government back on track.

Back in January of 2006, I gave copies of a booklet to seven of our community presidents, our two Tribal Council Representatives and our district executive officers.

The document was my analysis of our district constitution and by-laws. It clearly illustrates how our government ought to be operating.

I was hoping our elected officials would take action and organize the communities according to our constitutional requirements. Although no initiatives were taken, I am not surprised because our officials face a challenging situation.

Actually, they are helpless when voters refuse to acknowledge this system of government, especially at the community level.

At that time, I had asked for volunteers from the district who would be willing to help organize the communities.

I received only two responses and both were women. Six of those community presidents were also women. I am not sure what that means, but it leaves me wondering as to where the men stand regarding our district government.

I will have revised and updated copies of that booklet available to the voters of Oglala District by Feb. 9.

I will be distributing them personally to deter destruction of the booklets and to ensure distribution. Government censorship is a major no-no but here on the reservation, it is common practice.

We have 1,150 registered voters in the district; however, not all of them live here. Some are away attending school or working. Others simply left the reservation to take advantage of opportunities and to provide a better life for their families.

That leaves about one-half to two thirds of our registered voters physically residing in the district, about 500 to 600 voters.

This suggested effort urgently needs people who are willing to go that extra mile, so to speak.

I have learned that this task of organizing people requires enormous amounts of resiliency, fortitude, purpose, and consistency. Overall, it requires some common sense. Above all else, the job requires people, and the more the better.

I am asking all of you to read the book and discuss it with your friends, neighbors and anyone affected by it. We must never forget that our constitution - a set of written laws - is only as good as the paper if the people are not aware of it. In addition, it can be amended via equitable procedures and proper channels.

My sincere hope rests with the younger people. I hope to see the most able and enthusiastic organized into a core group to work with organizing our communities and eventually our government.

This is the only viable way to make your home a better place, maybe not for yourselves, but for your children.

Also needed is an advisory group comprised of older experienced community members. Oglala District has people who have experience and knowledge of tribal government and can be of tremendous assistance in this effort.

Please, leave your personal gripes, objections, and hostilities at home; this is not the time to raise 100-year old family feuds. Do your thing elsewhere.

Oglala is in a serious situation. To influence a positive change, we need tons of good sense, teamwork, and spirit. Similar to a house, a solid foundation is essential; otherwise, all efforts are wasted.

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Northern Perspectives

Mastering the language is a long and interesting process



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

Ta'hansi Ned Metcalf stopped by yesterday and complimented me on the commercial I did in Lakota for the Lakota Country Times over KINI radio. He said that even with your doctoral credentials you have not forgotten about your Lakota heritage and that is quite commendable and unique. Actually, I added the "unique." I love the joke where one guy says, "we have a strange and unique relationship"; "I'm unique and you're strange."

Ned was somewhat disturbed when he recently heard some Lakota youngsters singing in a hand drum contest and they sang it using English words. He is adamant that we retain our language and wants to do something about it.

I guess since they were using a Lakota melody they might have gone ahead and learned the Lakota.

Anyway, there is much to be done among those who sincerely want to retain the Lakota language.

Even with the federal government the preservation, protection and desire to retain indigenous languages is still very much alive.

The Senate approved the Martinez Language Preservation Act not long ago and hopefully there will be funds available for all types of language activities locally and throughout Indian Country.

I am excited to see what kinds of grant proposals we might put together here on the Rosebud as the program makes funding available from ANA or the Administration for Native Americans. I served as a standing evaluator for one of the previous grant activities.

I was honored that Ned would want me to join him, Pat Bad Hand, Sammy and Richard Iyotte in a round table discussion over KINI on this very pressing topic. There are so many other issues in Lakota country that need to be addressed.

Some are political, others are economic and yet, others are cultural like the need to retain our rather unique and beautiful language. There are others who will want to contribute to such a round table discussion such as my former colleagues at SGU, Russell, Duane, Francis, Ione, Sylvan, Sandra and leksi Albert and my kola Archie Little.

I did not grow up with Lakota as my primary language, but I gradually learned it by listening closely and when it came my time to use it, I sure gave it my all.

Now, I can understand a lot of it and even carry on basic conversations. My main obstacle is using different time references and switching from the past, present and the future. Also, I do not use kinship terms regularly as the list is long and I simply have not learned them.

Mastering the language is a long and interesting process and therefore, I know that children are somewhat challenged by the complexity and subtle nuances of the language. However, I do know for a fact that children are much more adept at learning languages at a young age.

I have always been impressed by tahansi Lionel Bordeaux as he has a great command of Lakota. I was at the last rally for Stephanie Herseth, Tim Johnson, Larry Lucas and Julie Bartling and Larry asked Lionel to say a few words.

He got up and did a great job of encouraging people in Lakota to get out and vote. I was impressed as he seemed as comfortable in Lakota as he was in English and that is no easy task.

I'm getting kind of up in years to really worry about being that at ease in using the language, but it is something for our young adults to think about.

Congratulations to SGU as they celebrate their 37th Annual Founder's Day.

I helped along the way with my credentials, leading the undergraduate education program and the graduate program to be the first tribal college in the nation to be accredited at both the bachelors and the master's level under the direction and through the vision of President Lionel Bordeaux.

I am proud of that accomplishment and apparently there were others who shared in that early vision.

It is always interesting to visit with Sherry Red Owl, or tahansi Victor Douville as they were the first staff members at the college and can tell you how the classes were taught here and there and who were some of the early instructors.

Dr. Archie Beauvais (Sicangu) resides on the Rosebud with his son, Beaux. He earned a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) from Harvard University and is a 2006 Harvard AOCC Award recipient. A decorated Vietnam Veteran, he is functionally literate in Lakota and worked at Sinte Gleska University for 20 years as Dean/Chair of Tribal and Graduate Studies.

Legislative Report

Gear Up education program request is $6.2 million

Larry Lucas
State Representative
District 26A - Mellette & Todd Counties

The activity at the State Capitol picked up considerably during the third week of the legislative session.

One bill important to our area that passed out of the House was HB 1028 that seeks to modernize and update tasks and supervision requirements related to physician assistants. Physician assistants work under a practice agreement with a physician and deliver most of the primary health care in rural communities.

PA's have long been utilized to extend a physician's ability to care for patients in rural areas of our state where health care providers are in short supply.

As usual the Joint Appropriations Committee is very busy.

All of the funding requests of the departments in state government go before this committee.

One significant request was for $6.5 million federal program dollars for the Gear Up education program. This program aims to improve high school performance, graduation rates and college entry for Native American students in South Dakota.

Gear Up involves an intense summer course of study for students seventh grade through high school.

Mentors follow the participating students through the school year to help keep them on track in their classes.

Property taxes are always a big issue during the Legislative Session.

It appears this year there is broad support to change the way agriculture land is valued for taxation purposes.

The proposal, which has been discussed and studied, will value ag land based on its production rather than the selling price. Production will be determined largely from cash rent values.

Major events in Pierre this past week included the Arts in Education Awards Banquet.

Receiving awards from our area were Jack Herman of Mission as an outstanding support of the Arts by an individual and Albert White Hat as the recipient of the 2007 Living Indian Treasure Award. Also, the Community Health Care Providers of South Dakota hosted a legislative reception. The Horizon health care clinics in Martin, Mission, and White River are a member of the Community Health Care Association.

Two area student groups that visited the Capitol last Wednesday were the senior government class from White River with their teacher Steve Schumacher and the Klein, Littleburg, and O'Kreek elementary schools with teachers Jan Epke, Gweneth Hofelt, Lindsey Lucas, and Melissa Kelly.

There have been numerous questions into the hearings of the alleged misconduct regarding Senator Dan Sutton of Flandreau. While this is a matter that is in the hands of the Senate, it could ultimately affect how legislators are judged by their peers.

Most of my colleagues on the House side supported a fair and expedient resolution to the matter.

You can contact me or leave a message for me by calling the State House Lobby at 773-3851.

Legislative Bills and other business can be easily followed on the internet. The web site for the Legislative Research Council is: http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2007/index.aspx.



Mustangs remain undefeated against Warriors 90-70

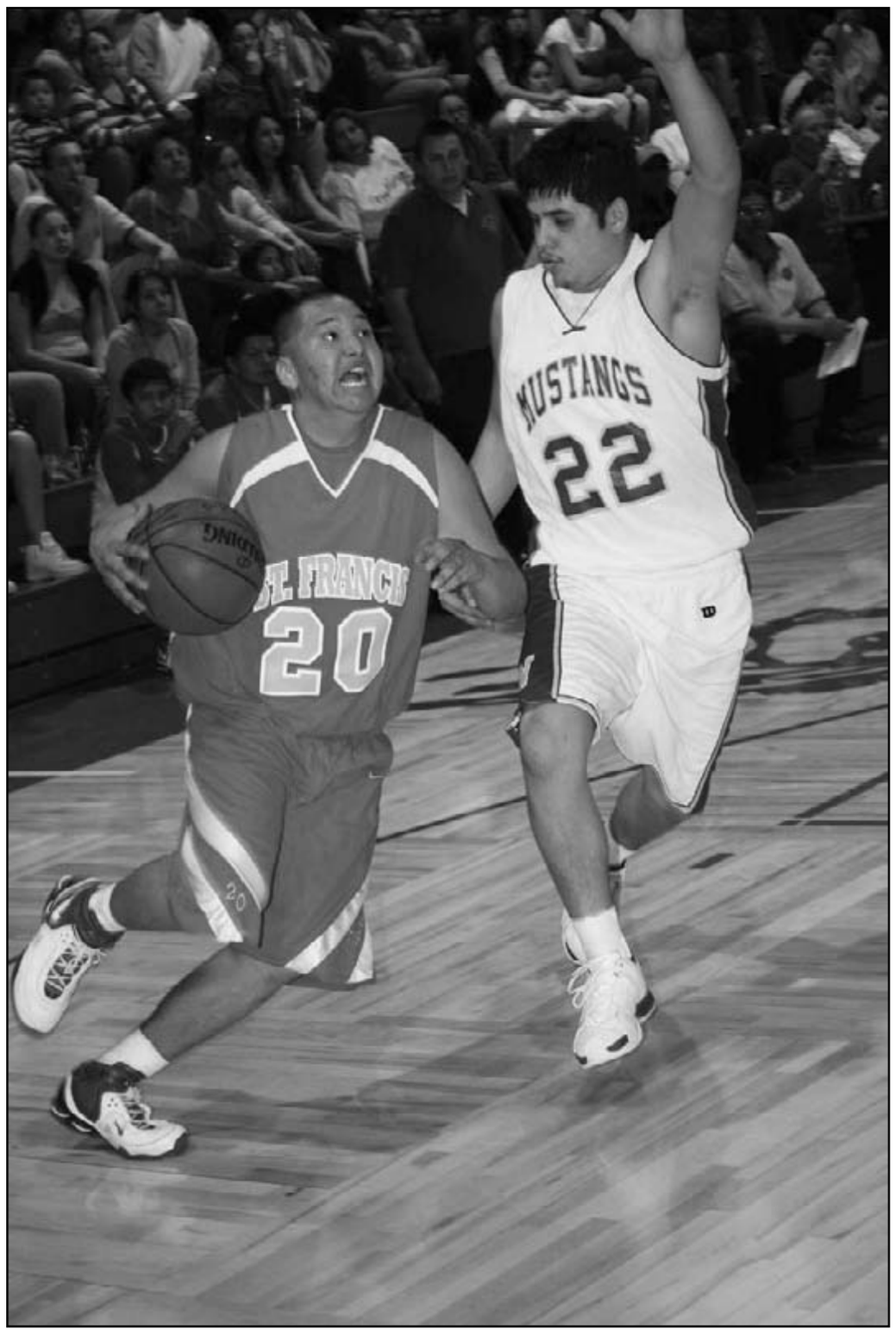
Rich Big Boy (30) pulls down a rebound for Little Wound with TJ McCauley (22) providing backup and Taylor Brushbreaker (20), St. Francis, drives down the baseline for the basket cutting around Little Wound's TJ McCauley(22) during Thursday night's game in Kyle. Little Wound pushed their undefeated record to 14-0 this past week with wins over St. Francis 90-70 at home and Beresford 58-50 at the Canton Classic on Saturday. Ranked number one in the state, Little Wound hosts Heart of the Earth on Friday and McLaughlin on Saturday.

Red Cloud took out Rapid City Christian on the road on Thursday 105-24 as Christian McGhee hit for 28, Billy Scott helped with 17 and Henry Crow chipped in 13; Red Cloud is 11-2 on the season, moved up to seventh from ninth in the top ten poll and travel to Todd County on Thursday and Chadron on Tuesday.

Todd County improved their season record to 9-6 Tuesday with a 74-57 win over Stanley County, their fourth win in a row, the Falcons host Red Cloud Thursday and travel to Mobridge on Saturday.

St. Francis evened their record at 7-7 with a 78-73 win over Pine Ridge Tuesday night as Travis Spotted War Bonnet hit for 25 points and grabbed nine rebounds, JJ Arcoren helped with 13 points and seven assists, Tim Little Shield added 13 and Taylor Brushbreaker chipped in 11. The Warriors travel to Flandreau Indian on Friday night and play Madison in Sioux Falls on Saturday. Pine Ridge lost their fourth straight game, evened their record at 7-7 and travel to Eagle butte on Friday and host Heart of the Earth on Saturday. Michael Jack hit 27 points for Pine Ridge, Jon Provost added 18 and Oris Morrison helped with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

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White Hat, Herman among state award winners



Albert White Hat



Jack Herman



Virginia Driving Hawk-Sneve

PIERRE - Albert White Hat, Sr. of St. Francis and an SGU faculty member in the Lakota Studies Department received the South Dakota Living Indian Treasure Award. White Hat, Sr. is being honored for his life-long work in preserving Lakota traditions and his dedication to Lakota song and music.

Recipients of this year's awards are: Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve, Rapid City, for Distinction in Creative Achievement; Jack Herman, Mission, Outstanding Support of the Arts by an Individual; Lloyd Menard, Beresford, Outstanding Service to Arts Education; and the Siouxland Heritage Museums, Sioux Falls, for Outstanding Support of the Arts by an Organization. The 2007 Living Indian Treasure Award will be presented to Albert White Hat, Sr., St. Francis, SD.

The artists were honored on Jan. 22 at Pierre. The event also celebrates the 40th anniversary of the South Dakota Arts Council.

White Hat is a Lakota language teacher and is recognized for being versed in all aspects of Lakota language, spirituality, philosophy and the Lakota way of life. Along with the late John Around Him, Sr. he authored a Lakota language text and accompanying tape which is used in college and high schools classrooms today as a valuable resource tool.

White Hat, Sr. is also the author of a text entitled, "Reading, and Writing the Lakota Language." In Lakota it translates to, "Lakota Iyapi un Wowapi hanhan Yawapi." It was published in 1999 and contains a forward by the late Vine DeLoria, Jr.

Leksi Albert, as many in the Lakota community call him, has achieved recognition as a well known educator and past Rosebud Sioux Tribal council representative. He was formerly on the SGU Board of Directors and represents the Sicangu on the Board of Trustees at Proctor Academy in Andover, NH.

Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve received the Distinction in Creative Achievement Award in recognition of her fiction portraying 20th century Lakota life. Sneve is the author of 23 books and numerous short stories, articles and poems. An enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, she has lived and worked in South Dakota all her life. She has been a teacher, counselor, television producer and writer, and editor and the recipient of many awards, including the National Endowment of Humanities Medal.

The Governor's Award for Outstanding Support of the Arts by an Individual will be presented to Jack Herman, who is being honored for his many years of work and dedication to the success of the Northern Plains Tribal Art Show/Northern Plains Indian Art Market in Sioux Falls, and for his leadership and guidance in helping to make it a world class showcase event for South Dakota.

Past recipients of the South Dakota Living Indian Treasure Award include, Calvin Jumping Bull, Alice New Holy Blue Legs, Bessie Trimble Cornelius, Anna Firethunder, Geraldine Sherman, Ollie Napesni, Matt and Nellie Two Bulls, Emma Amiotte, Nellie Menard and Virginia Driving Hawk-Sneve.

Santa Ana Pueblo marine dies in Iraq

SANTA FE (AP) - Gov. Bill Richardson has ordered flags around New Mexico to fly at half-staff through sundown last Wednesday in honor of a New Mexico infantryman who was killed while serving in Iraq.

Marine Lance Cpl. Emilian Sanchez, 20, the son of David and Jennie Sanchez of Santa Ana Pueblo, died Jan. 21 in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, stationed in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sanchez, who joined the Marines in July 2005, is survived by his parents, three brothers, three sisters, his fiancee and other relatives from Santa Ana and Sandia pueblos.

Sanchez had served in Iraq for nearly two months before his death Sunday, Jan. 22.

Sanchez, 20, died of wounds he suffered while conducting operations in Anbar province, Iraq, according to the U.S. Department of Defense.

Sanchez joined the Marines in July 2005, said Gunnery Sgt. William Amass, public affairs representative, D Company 4th Reconnaissance Battalion.

"They are still taking it pretty hard," Amass said of the family. ".

It is Santa Ana Pueblo custom to observe a four-day grieving period, Amass said.

"Right now, they are in that grieving period and not doing anything else," he added.

Sanchez 's funeral was this week.

A Pre-diabetes Health Fair

Wednesday, Feb. 7 at the Porcupine CAP Office from 3-6 p.m., everyone is invited.

Bull Selection Clinic

Thursday, Feb. 8 hosted by Bennett County Extension at the Library Community Room in Martin from 10:30am until 12 noon with a Forage Production Clinic to follow at 1pm, for information or to pre-register call Sandy at 685-6972

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye

School pow wow on Friday Feb. 9 at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee and Friday Feb. 16 at Wounded Knee District School in Manderson with grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

Indian Business Conference

South Dakota Indian Business Conference, Tuesday, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 22 in Rapid City at the Ramkota Inn, for information call 455-2187 or e-mail them at SDIBC@lakota-express.com.

Memorial Basketball Tournament

3rd annual Dana Wike Memorial Basketball Tournament, March 22-25 at the Sinte Gleska University Multi Purpose Building in Antelope, for information contact Ken at 208-5672 or Rich at 747-5644.

19th BJ Weston peewee tourney

Monday through Sunday, March 26-April 1, 2007 in Pine Ridge at the Pine Ridge School, four divisions including 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, for information call 867-1429, 867-2640, 685-8253 or 867-5435.

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Pine Ridge wins 16th straight, prepares for State's 1-2 showdown Thursday against Bennett County

Shorthanded Red Cloud knocks off Chadron on road

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

ST. FRANCIS/CHADRON Lacey Weston stepped up with her best game of the year on Tuesday in St. Francis as the Lady Thorpes knocked on the Lady Warriors 75-53 for their 16th straight win of the year as Weston hit for 29 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, blocked four shots and handed out four assists.

"It was a real team effort as St. Francis kept coming back and pulling within six points," said head coach Bill Mendoza, "Keisha Brewer is out with a strained knee so Weston stepped up, Nichelle Red Owl threw in 20 points and finished with nine steals while Christian Janis helped with 11 points."

Pine Ridge finished strong as Weston hit 11 points in the fourth quarter while Kalli Brave-Jenkins who finished with 15 points and 11 rebounds and Marcie Rodriguez who helped with 16 points were held to two free throws between them in the fourth quarter.

Thursday, Pine Ridge used their full court press to open up the game with a 27-7 first quarter lead and a 45-18 halftime lead as the Lady Thorpes defeated Todd County 75-63 as Weston hit for 24 points, Red Owl helped with 17 and Janis added 10 points and 10 assists.

With or without Keisha Brewer, Pine Ridge now gets ready for Bennett County on Thursday night in Martin. The Lady Warriors are 14-0, ranked number two in the top ten poll, right behind Pine Ridge, and feature one of the most athletic basketball players in the state, senior Maggie O'Neill and the top scoring guard in the region, junior Keely Krolikowski, averaging over 20 points a game. Without much doubt, this game will be a preview of the District 14A championship game and the winner will be the favorite to move on to the State A tournament in Spearfish. Bennett County went to state last year and is looking to use that experience in a return engagement; Abby Kratovil, a senior center last year for Bennett County, is now playing for South Dakota State University.





Above: Red Cloud's Ida Clarke (24) drives to the hoop on her way to a game high 19 points during the Red cloud 44-35 win over Chadron Saturday night in Chadron.

Right: Kristy Boltz comes in off the bench and lets it fly against Chadron during Red Cloud's eighth win of the season on Saturday night in Chadron; Photo courtesy of Double M Photography, Hay Springs, Neb.

Red Cloud went to Chadron Saturday night to play the Lady Cardinals, they did not have the services of their two starting guards, Marque Lunderman and Shaina Clifford and were not able to play their next guard, Desiree Blacksmith.

Although no one gave them a chance against a team they lost to earlier in the season 51-45 on their home floor, no one told Ida Clarke and the Lady Crusaders who made the trip. Using a full court press the entire game, Red Cloud took Chadron out of their normal game plan and beat Chadron 44-35 for their eighth win of the season.

Red Cloud went up 22-11 at the half as Clarke scored 11 of her team's 22 points. Chadron pulled within three by the end of the third quarter but Clarke hit for six more points in the fourth on the way to a game high 19 and Bobbi White hit a three and two free throws and Casara Pine helped with a three to give Red Cloud the win.

Red Cloud added a 72-36 win Tuesday night for their ninth win against six losses on the season. Ida Clarke knocked down 23 points and Marque Lunderman helped with 19 points. Hannah Red Willow led Crazy Horse with 11 points. Red Cloud travels to McLaughlin on Friday

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Mustangs give more than just basketball fever, they mentor from the heart

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor

KYLE - The Little Wound Mustangs team has been giving more than basketball entertainment to their fans, they have been sharing their skill with elementary boys in a mentoring program designed to enhance self esteem.

January is National Mentoring month and the varsity Mustang team and some of the junior varsity are taking part in an elementary mentoring program designed to help young boys with team building, leadership and other life skills.

Shelly Middletent, Little Wound elementary student assistant program, said a group of young men were selected from grades kindergarten to fourth grade to participate in a mentoring program with the high school basketball team.

They were selected on academic achievement and attendance from the elementary teachers.

The mentoring program is designed to bring the elementary students and high school students together in activities that promote team building, leadership, anger management, role modeling positive behavior and enhance academic awareness along with having a sense of belonging. Each elementary student is linked with one of the basketball players and that player mentors the student in those areas.



TJ McCauley, Little Wound Mustang varsity player, reads with Bricee Red Owl and Terry Middletent as part of the elementary mentoring program. Photo by Jerry Matthew.

They meet several times a week with the student they are mentoring in a 20 minute interaction such as reading, working on their academics or just practicing spelling.

Middletent said the Little Wound High School varsity team and the some of the junior varsity team have agreed to participate in the mentoring program, making time available to link with their student.

"The reason we targeted K-4 students, is they hardly have any male activities except for wrestling and track," she said. Being able to participate in the program gives the young boys a sense of pride in belonging in the connection they have with the team.

She applauded the basketball team for being cooperative and supportive of the program, including Jamie Feather Earring, the head basketball coach for being supportive of the program.

"I encouraged them to do it, it gives the kids a chance to meet their heroes and have someone to look up to. Our boys like it, they had no problem with it. I told them they could be the future Mustangs one day," said Feather Earring. He added "it teaches responsibility".

The 20 elementary students involved in the program sport a 'Lil Mustang' jersey with the same number as their mentor. And at that at several games have been allowed to lead the undefeated Mustangs on to the floor.

Middletent said mentoring is a powerful tool in helping children succeed in life and along with participation from the high school students, the parents have been involved intensely by providing transportation and being at games and being involved in the classroom setting.

The mentors realize their role is to pass on knowledge and experience and to provide support and guidance and they work at it.

Team members Casey Montileaux mentors Adam Lays Hard, first grade; Devon Lebeau mentors Terry Middletent Jr., kindergarten; Brice Hornbeck mentors Trenton Old Horse, first grade; TJ McCaulley mentors Bricie Red Owl, second grade; Ty Lunderman mentors Les Cuny, second grade; Rchard Big Boy mentors Rudy Ceron, third grade; Micheal Apple mentors Verlin Old Horse, kindergarten; Shilo Pierce mentors Ethan Davis, fourth grade; Napoleon Lays Bad; Kayshawn Long Soldier, kindergarten; Derek Puckett mentors Chris Mousseau, fourth grade; Vern Marshall mentors Paul Cuny, second grade; Dustin Shangreaux mentors Dante Shangreaux, fourth grade; Josh Mousseau

Mentors Albert Marshall, first grade; Brett Thunder Hawk mentors Joe Arpan, kindergarten; Trin In the Woods mentors Mark Morgan, second grade;

The mentors will have the opportunity to attend training in the near future.

Youth Band to headline Family Fun Night on Founder's Week

Little Bird Blues Band makes music a family affair

ANTELOPE - With only a dozen or so performances under their belt and their first CD in the works, The Little Bird Blues Band is made up of five 8-to-12 year-old cousins that already have a long history of rock and blues flowing through their veins.

The entire band is made up of the grandchildren of Gordon and JoAnn Bird of Brookings. Gordon has long worked in the music industry and has raised his daughters, Jackie, Lori and Sherri in the music industry as well. Jackie Bird was a renowned singer of Native American blues music.

While both Gordon and Jackie have done well in music, it seems it is the next generation of the Bird family's turn to take the limelight - and they are doing so with flair. The youngsters have a passion for music which they take seriously.



The band members are: Gordon Bird II, Sheldon Bird, Dayton Bird, Shaylynn Bird, and Jodeci Bird,

The relatively new band will headline the 2007 Sinte Gleska University Founder's Week Family Fun Night at the Multipurpose Building on Thursday, February 1. The Family night will begin at 5 p.m. and the band will perform at 7 p.m.

Lori Bird, mother and aunt to the band members said the youth are excited to play for the Family Fun Night.

"They love playing. They practice in the garage everyday," said Lorie Bird, mother of, Jodeci and Dayton.

The band has been playing together since August 2006 - barely six months! But their sound is right on and their vocals are impressive. They are not just good "for a bunch of kids" they're good and their sound is sweet.

Their grandfather recognized their potential one day when he and his wife were babysitting all the grandchildren.

"Joann and I were babysitting one day and they were all out there in the garage. I just put them on different instruments and started teaching them songs," Gordon said.

He said the chemistry and enthusiasm were instant.

Since then they have been practicing pretty seriously and have booked several shows including the inauguration for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribal Chair and Council.

Their selection of blues and classic rock has managed to impress and inspire audiences everywhere they go. But their hard work and dedication is what impresses their grandfather.

"They practice every chance they get," said the proud grandfather.

Gordon is very proud that his grandchildren have followed in his

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Vandals paint gangster signs on billboard

KYLE - Last fall during Red Ribbon week Little Wound School elementary students crafted roadside billboards to remind community of the abuse of alcohol and drugs. Each sign was designed with a message to the community about how they felt about alcohol, drugs and domestic violence in their homes.

Recently, to the dismay of the students, there has been vandalism to one of the billboards.

The billboard project was an effort by the school and the Oglala (Sioux) Lakota Housing Authority to generate awareness of the problem to students and to the community.

The students designed and painted the billboards and housing maintenance workers provided the material that was needed, the boards and the poles for the billboards. Housing workers also set up the billboards on the three roads leading in Medicine Root District. In all, there were 13 signs that have been erected up on roadsides so far, said Shelly Middletent, elementary student assistant counselor.



The sign that was vandalized recently near Kyle.

Middletent said they are publicly asking for the vandals' identity and should have to repaint the signs. "The vandalism has affected the children who painted the sign," she said. "We are requesting our community members or any one who knows who is vandalizing these billboards to stop tagging our community." Any information of the vandalism can be given to police or to the school.

What is pre-diabetes?
Walk and health fair Feb. 7

PORCUPINE - What is Pre-Diabetes? Come and learn what pre-diabetes is and how to prevent diabetes.

The Indian Health Service Diabetes Prevention Program-Oyate Wicozani Ocanku and the Oglala Sioux Tribe Oyate Blihelya is hosting a Pre-Diabetes Walk/Run and Health Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Porcupine Cap Office with the walk starting at 1 p.m..and the health fair to follow until 5 p.m. t-shirts will be given.

It will be fun for the whole family. Everyone is invited! For more information please contact the DPP team: JoAnn Lehner, acting director, 867-3054; Bobette Herman, Health techician. 867-3261; Sawee Frank, health techician 867-3137 and Daverine Elk, data coordinator 867-3259.

First annual Sicangu Owayawa Oti Pow Wow

MISSION - The Sicangu Owayawa Oti or Rosebud Dorm will host a First Annual S.O.O. Powwow on the evening of Thursday, March 1.

It will be held in the TCHS cafeteria and supper will be served at 5:30 p.m.

Dancers and singers will receive day money. The host drum will be Eagle Creek.

For information contact Steve Plank or Sage Fast Dog at the Rosebud Dorm.

Little Bird Blues

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footsteps as musicians.

"You know music hasn't been a very easy business. If they choose to do music it's a hard road. But if they are sincere and work hard they will do well. It's a good feeling to work with them and help them along. I have been blessed with a fantastic lifestyle and blessed with great children and grandchildren."

Gordon does not look upon himself as a mentor to his grandchildren but rather he feels he is doing his family duty to encourage and support them.

"It's better to encourage than criticize. It is easy to criticize and harder to uplift people," Gordon said.

The Little Bird Blues Band was named by their grandparents after booking their first gig. "We're regular size birds and they're little bitty birds," said Gordon. He said the name came naturally.

The band is currently in the process of putting a CD together on the family recording label which was formerly Featherstone, and is now changed to Bird!

The band members are: Gordon Bird II, 12 years-old, the Lead Guitar Player; Sheldon Bird, 10-years old, the drummer; Dayton Bird, 10 years-old, the Bass Guitar player; Shaylynn Bird, 10 years-old, vocals; and Jodeci Bird, 8 years-old, vocals. Gordon and Sheldon are Jackie's children and Shaylynn is Sherry's daughter. Gordon II and Sheldon are Jackie's sons, Shaylynn is the daughter of Sherry and Dayton and Jodeci are the son and daughter of Lori.

Veterans Affairs office holds housing forum

Situations that occur in veterans home loan program

ROSEBUD - A whole year seemed to pass so quickly when the RST Veterans Affairs Office last held a housing forum for tribal veterans.

This year the forum was again held at the RST Veterans Affairs building. It was planned by Director, Orlando Morrison, Bilie Thunder and Troy Lynn Peneaux. Ronald "Jock" Gassman is the VA shuttle van driver.

The meeting was Tuesday, Jan. 30 with several representatives present from the Indian Health Service hospital, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tribal Land Enterprise, and the Sicangu Wicoti Awanyakapi. Three representatives from the Veteran's Affairs St. Paul Regional Loan Center were also there to explain the process for veterans to secure a Native American Direct Loan.

Some of the presenters said privately that they learned something new and interesting about Native veterans from the questions which were posed during the forum. Future meetings which are deemed important and target veterans will most likely have to be paired with other activities or some incentives to get veterans to attend.

Carol Scribner, Sam Johnson, and Ryan Eisele, loan specialist with the VA regional office discussed a PowerPoint presentation that described the Native American Direct Loan program. Basically, it is a program which enables Native American veterans to purchase, build, refinance or improve their home on tribal trust land.

There are five easy steps to the loan process. First, the tribal organization must have a signed memorandum of understanding with the VA, a veteran must apply for a certificate of eligibility if he does not have one, a veteran must decide on a home to buy and sign a purchase agreement with a builder, an appraisal must be done on the property and then the veteran can close the loan and move into his new home.

The entire process sounds easy and efficient; however, locally there does not appear to be a rush to purchase homes by veterans for several reasons. There a number of fees, closing cost down payments, interest fees and appraisal fees that can potentially discourage a veteran from fully moving forward on the loan process and successfully closing on it.

In fact, veteran Joe Moore, who works in the RST finance office, said that it has taken him two and a half years to get his tribal home site on trust land and now he is able to go forward with the loan process.

It is likely that other veterans have interrupted their loan process for a number of other reasons and that is another reason that the VA loan specialist are doing their outreach work. They also work with tribal nations in North Dakota, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Scribner also said that a veteran must have good credit and pay a VA funding fee which amounts to 1.25 percent of the total loan and which goes to funding the loan program. The veteran can either pay the fee up front or have it included in the loan. She also said that the monthly premium that veterans end up paying is based upon a "residual income" calculation which is the amount of money that is left over after expenses.

Calvin Waln, Director of the RST Tribal Land Enterprise office said that he would ask the RST tribal council if TLE could underwrite the cost of the appraisal fee which amounts to approximately $500.00 and which would be a great help to veterans.

The Indian Health Service noted that the waiting period for them to install water and sewer on home sites once a loan is approved is anywhere from 3-6 months.

There are several required document that veterans need to attend to in the process of acquiring a loan. There must be proof of tribal membership, a title status report from the BIA, copy of the lease, a BIA archeological survey, and an I.H.S. water and sewer report.

An evening of Lakota social dancing at TCSD South Elementary

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent



South Elementary teachers and Lakota students join in a final 'round dance' of the evening during "Family Night." It was an evening of Lakota "social dancing" with Pat Bad Hand and the Red Leaf singers providing the music and Sandra Black Bear prompting the students to get out on the floor.

MISSION - Pat Bad Hand and Sandra Black Bear both come from a traditional Lakota background in which the art of Lakota song and dance has been kept alive in their tiospaye. Pat envisioned the idea of using "social dances and social singing" as part of a modern day intervention and prevention model.

They approached Leta Brandis, Indian Studies Coordinator, for the Todd County School District last year and discussed the idea of offering social dances and singing for many of the schools in the district. Brandis led the way in getting the project approved and so far, "Family Fun Night" has been held at He Dog School, Todd Middle School and South Elementary. It will be held in Spring Creek Community, next, and Brandis said at least two schools each month will play host.

Sandra noted that in early times when the Lakota people found themselves in the dead of winter or other times when not a whole lot was happening, the people would get together in someone's home and socialize. Obviously, there was not a whole lot of room, but the people would come together and share a meal and sing social songs.

When Lakota people engaged in social dancing, it was a way in which such things as respect, generosity, responsibility and interaction were taught. When a rabbit dance, for example, brought the opposite sex together in a social dance it was a time of socialization and fun. Such things as jealousy and competition were not apart of the activity said, Black Bear.

Pat said that such socializing is meant to make one feel good; after all when you use up all your energy and creativity one is less likely to have a lot of negativity. In the traditional sense, there was no need for such prevention and intervention since social gatherings were meant to address that need. People felt a sense of cohesion and community through learning the round dance, rabbit dance, and owl dance.

Bad Hand is employed at the Wanbli Wiconi Tipi detention center, and his purpose is two-fold in encouraging the use of music, language and dance to perpetuate Lakota culture. He has a vested interest in teaching young Lakota people that there is a side to Lakota life that can be fun and lead to a sense of togetherness, while preserving the culture.

Many of the songs he teaches others originated from the middle 1900's, yet they continue to be kept alive through the youth who desire to learn to sing. Bad Hand often instructs his own children and nephews in reviving older songs.

Black Bear comes from the Ironwood Singers and is the daughter of the late Ben and Iva Black Bear. Ben was a great teacher who worked hard to pass on many of the social songs as he would get up in front of a crowd and explain the meaning of a song.

The fun night at South Elementary was held for several hours and just when it looked like no one would show up, the dorm kids showed and soon Sandra was out in the middle teaching them the rabbit dance.

When ten or more teachers showed up with their principal, they got out in the middle and danced to a round dance song as the evening wrapped up. All in all, with close to 30 people in attendance, the informal event was a success and it was exactly what Pat and Sandra had hoped to accomplish.

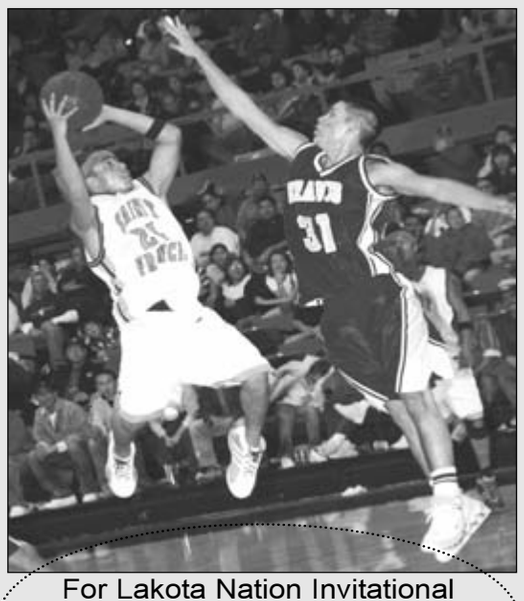


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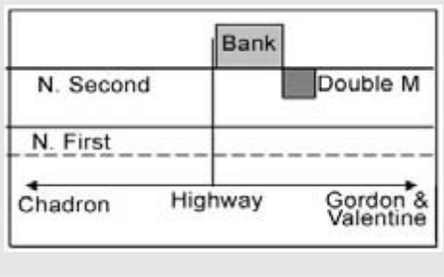


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ASK ANNA

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I am writing in regards to a letter you responded to in Dec. 28 issue. Anyway I can only admit this is the first time I am reading this paper and I can honestly say that I really like this paper. I wish I can afford to get issues of it. Anyway, I am writing from the pen. I am not a bad kid, I've just made a few mistakes down the road. I am however finishing my sentence this year.

I am writing in regards to a person who wrote a heartfelt letter to you. First off, I would like to tell this person that I know how she feels about life without her partner and being young with a child.

You see I am in my late 20s and have two daughters. Understand some of us make mistakes, it's nobody's fault or is done intentionally to hurt anyone. You see I was a good kid, raised in a good home, went to Job Corps, have two trades, have one year in college and now this, I've been serving this since 2003, ever since life has been the same. Just that there are some people that need family and loved ones in here, because without that we are nothing. And that makes us wonder who really cares. Anyway some of us look forward to coming home to our loved ones, not to make lost time up, but to start a better future and be what we can be.

Sometimes I feel I have no one because I never hear from my family. I just tell myself they are too busy to write or send a card. You know what though? I don't give up, I still write even though I get no response. I still hope and pray for the best. I will be something in the near future.

Some of us still have dreams in reach with this I'd like to say thank you and hope to come across your paper again soon. Please don't give up on some of us!

Sincerely High Hopes

Dear Sincerely High Hopes:

I know your heart is good and your regrets are huge. I know that you have no intention of ever going back to the pen when you get out. I know that life will be so much harder for you because you are there.

I know that even finding a job is hard when you have a record. I know that the world does not open its arms to ex-cons; and sometimes that makes it very hard for men and women with records to succeed.

I know that you are human and that you need love and approval. I know that every con has a mother that loves him/her. I know that every con has friends and family that have cried for him/her.

I also know that almost every one within the criminal justice system needs counseling. I know they do not have interpersonal skills to sustain good relationships. I know that they are jealous and sometimes violent. I know that most have histories of drug and alcohol use and abuse. I know that most have felt great depression and separation from life and the Creator.

I know that our men and women in the penitentiaries need treatment and restoration of self. I know that most have low life skills and vast impatience with themselves and the world.

I know when they are released that there is no easy path to success and that usually drugs and alcohol are easy to reach; and usually begin the cycle of abuse and mis-treatment, anger, separation and depression again.

I know that for every human being; intimate relationships do not solve problems. I know that it takes two healthy balanced people to have a good relationship and a good life.

I know that each one of us should heal ourselves first, then seek to find a mate; rather than torturing a mate that we love with our problems and insecurities. I know that people right out of prison, divorce, drug and alcohol treatment, bouts of abuse, etc. need time to themselves to recover before they drag someone else into their mess. I know that healing is a journey - not an aspirin.

I know needy people consume each other. They are vampires of energy and consume their mates self-esteem. Needy people need so much affirmation that they are loved and worthy they exhaust other people. Neediness is an illness. It will consume without conscience, because of need, all that it touches. A needy mate will not allow the person they are involved with to have any separate life with others, including family, employment, etc. without destroying with complaint and jealousy the one they love.

That is why I don't recommend promises of true love with prisoners - especially ones met on the Internet, through correspondence, or through other means. Relationships that are already established where one mate goes to prison usually do not work either - because of obvious reasons, and sometimes because of not so obvious reasons.

One of those is that the mate that is still in society is often still involved with the crimes that pushed their mate into prison in the first place.

One is because perhaps when we make bad decisions to involve ourselves in crime (usually drugs), we invite in the reality that we will lose everything; including our families.

I know your family loves you. I have friends in prisons, and relatives too. I do like to correspond with them but I do not have the time to read the epistles that they write to me (letters sometimes 40 pages long). I also find the philosophy expressed in the letters draining. It is hard for us on the outside to take ourselves into the suffering of the ones we love in prison.

Usually, it is easier not to think about it. Instead, I find that I need to concentrate on prevention. I perceive that as a warning and education about partying as youths. No more drugs and alcohol, and we will see crime and assault almost disappear.

You are a good person. You will be free soon. You will be able to find work. You will learn to stay away from drugs and alcohol. Remember, if you need a reason to drink, the Creator will give you one everyday. There is always a reason to drink or do drugs; but there are many more reasons why not to. Prison is a pretty good reason why not to.

You will find balance in your life - but it will consume the next twenty or so years. My heart is with you, and someday, in a better world, you would not have ever found yourself in prison - but instead, in a successful, culturally restorative, spiritually strengthening treatment center with after treatment including employment placement with a good income.

This is the world I advocate. If we can find treatment instead of imprisonment; and thorough education of the youth; and healing of the oppressed; then your experience would become something that only happened in the dark ages; not in the age of Aquarius, also known as the age of enlightenment. That is the age we are supposed to live in. Perhaps you can help, when you get out, by educating the youth, to create that age right here and right now. Good Luck and God Bless you.

Dear Anna,

I read your column all the time. I'm wondering if I will ever 'find true love.' I've had my share of 'hook ups' and a couple of guys seemed interested, but I've never been interested in them. How much longer will I be alone?

Does True Love Exist

Dear Does True Love Exist:

Every soul on the earth has a destiny of love. Every soul has a partner to experience life with in accordance with the highest good. Now, what we don't have is a guarantee that you will meet that person at the age of fifteen, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, or even sixty. Sometimes we just have to wait. Everybody is in such a hurry to make the one in front of them their "soul mate," or "the one," that many zillions of mistakes happen.

Sometimes people are together for other reasons, karmic or soul agreements, or to procreate another life (genetically speaking each of us has certain attributes or characteristics that are hereditary which influence the soul's journey).

You are not an exception. You have true love on this earth, you are entitled to experience what life is really about: love. We, as human beings, have the inherent right to experience love in all aspects. Be patient. You love will come.

A mate is headed in your direction in about two and a half years. It is a wonderful union, and this person comes from far away. There is much in common, including your journey in education - which is one reason why it is not happening now.

Many times, until we truly heal ourselves and prepare for love, by being healthy and balanced our true loves are held away.

This is because if they came in before we are healthy we could ruin the relationship with our dependencies, co-dependencies, insane and petty jealousies and general romantic but unrealistic versions of what our mates should be.

No mate should be a rescuer. No mate should be required to be a knight in shining armor - because that makes us needing to be rescued, or needy.

Needy is destructive and destruction personified.

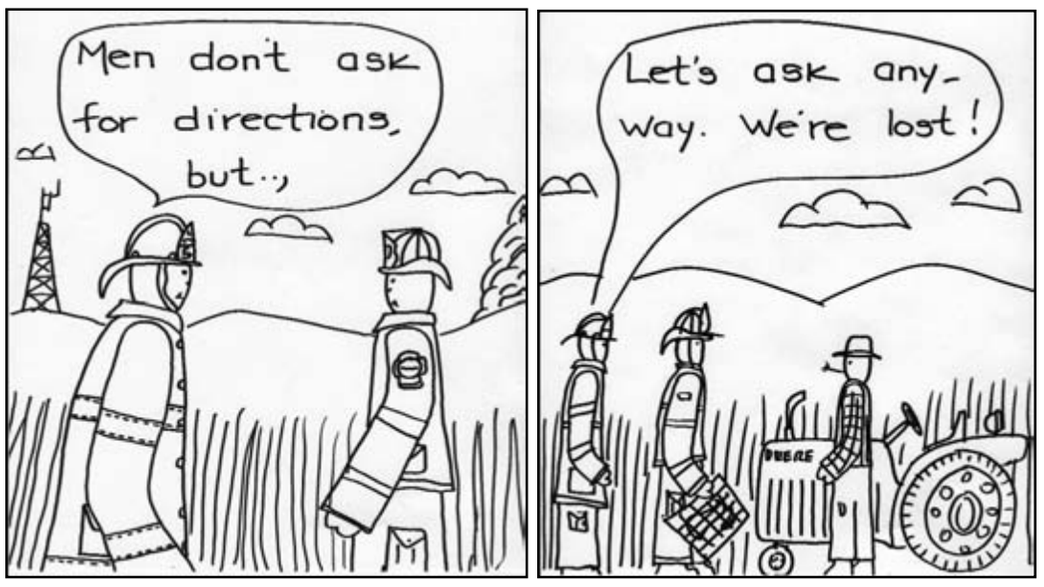
Balance and equality in understanding and presentation of our lives will birth the best of all that is possible in love.

When you are mentally, physically, spiritually, emotionally and energetically balanced then you offer the best of yourself to your mate.

Use that as your target in time and seek and be open to your equal.

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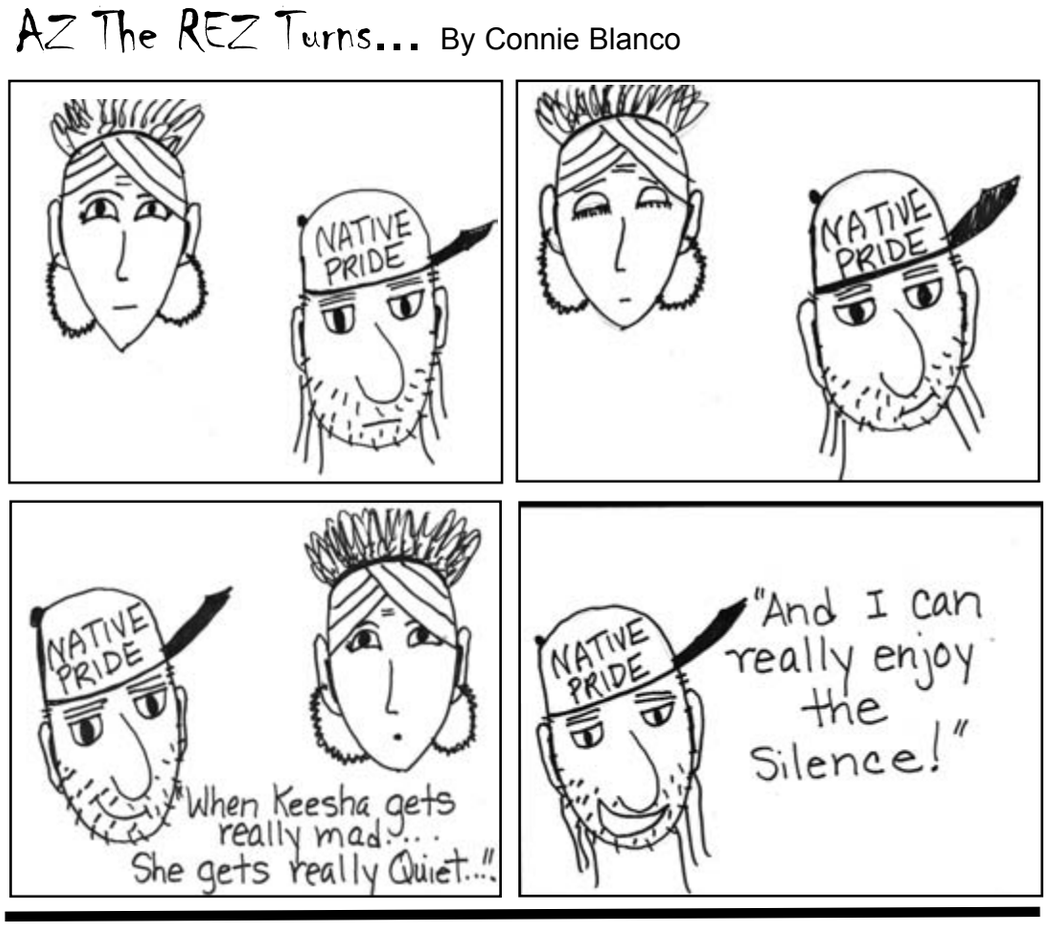
Snowman

By Thom Little Moon



AZ The REZ Turns...

By Connie Blanco



Dear Anna:

I have several big pock marks on my face and my skin makes me so embarrassed. I want to have plastic surgery and my parents tell me no. We are not poor; both my parents work, we have an okay house, but they don't understand. Can you help them to understand so that I won't hate going to school and out of the house where kids say cruel things to me?

Just has zits and no life

Dear Needs Help:

I'll tell you what. I don't understand Indian Health Services. I don't understand why the quality of treatment available with IHS is less than comparable with private health insurance. Do the treaties state: health care that is less than the average working class American has? What is the deal?

That said.

I do see your family taking you to a dermatologist; where the treatment offered will far lessen the severity of this affliction. I do see a need to change your diet, and the dermatologist will talk with your family about that. I do see dermabrasion treatment in the future that also helps you. There is also light treatment that I see being effective.

The tendency of acne is hereditary. It is also an energetic and sometimes allergic reaction to diet and environment.

Good luck to you.

Dear Anna,

I have been suspended from my position within a program because of gossip. There was not any investigation as far as I know, just accusations and dismissal by the Tribal Council. How can this go on? What do you see? Will I be reinstated?

Mad and Dismissed

Dear M & D:

This is a pet peeve of mine. You are about the hundredth person that I know this has happened to in the last few years. Usually, everyone is reinstated, but the council (no matter which one) never seems to learn to investigate - they are big into assumptions.

The level of emotional response that we all see at the council level is juvenile at best. The reactionary feeling that "action must happen now," is not prudent.

One persons word or description should never be taken without a thorough investigation. The emotional and monetary damage, as well as damage to reputations is devastational.

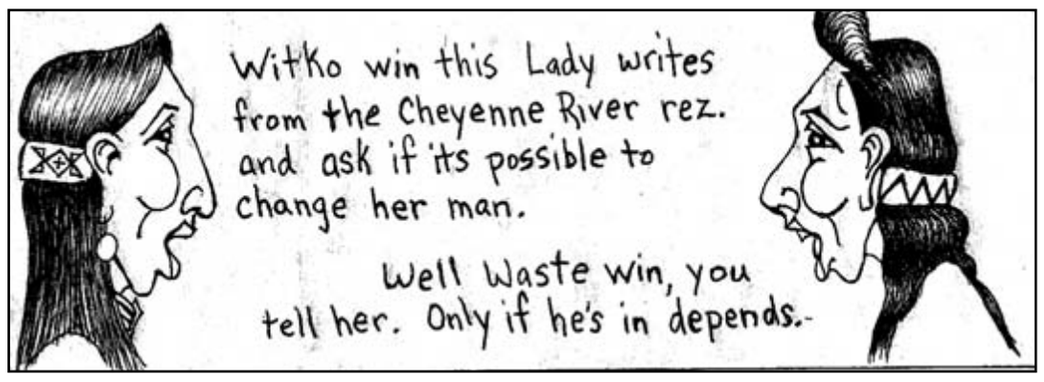
Perhaps the councils do not understand the impact of the bats that they swing.

Everything should be taken "under advisement," with decisions occurring after independent investigation and the testimony of the person(s) being investigated or accused.

Unfortunately, and in your case too, I see someone with an alternative motive. They

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Ask Waste Win & Witko Win By Stacey Makes Good



Takoja By Thom Little Moon



want your job for a friend, so they have manufactured, with prejudice and innuendo, a scenario which is built to show that you are not effective in your job.

The truth is that you are well liked, do a very good job, and that they changed your job description without due process and outside of regulations. Also, the person that dismissed you does not have the authority to do so.

Of course, this should not be allowed. The consequence for such action should be dismissal of the people that have manufactured the evidence and created such a terrific problem for you. I'm saying fired their damn butts. Anyone that schemes to deprive someone else of their right of livelihood deserves no livelihood themselves.

I am not saying that people that are not doing their jobs deserve or need to be in those jobs. I am saying that general performance reviews reflect ineptness, and that is criteria for dismissal - but even that needs a review process.

I also believe that the council should have little if no say-so in the micro management of programs. There are Directors, committees, etc. in place to do that.

Honesty and efficiency are not bedfellows with politics.

By the way - you will get your job back. And, unfortunately, the two women that concocted this scheme will not be fired - they are sleeping with council members (in one way or the other). I pray that the councils of the reservations find the strength to be good representatives to and for their children, using honesty, and integrity rather than their shallow, jealous, and manipulative motives. Enuf Said.

Dear Anna,

Hi There! I have written to you before back in 2005 and I have decided to try and get some answers again. When I wrote to you I asked you if an ex-boyfriend loved me as much as he said he did.

You told me that he did but he had some anger issues that he had to get take care of. Well, I married the man and now I regret it. Although, I haven't been with him since 2005 because he was picked up on a federal warrant and was sent back to prison.

He was sent back because he violated his probation.

He was caught having intimate relations with a girl in a treatment facility, which wasn't his first time.

I do know that he did love me but not the way a husband and wife is supposed to love each other or because he doesn't know how to love, show love or to be in love.

His family life wasn't all that great to begin with and he probably wasn't given the love that he needed growing up.

Anyway, now that I think about it I guess I really didn't love him that way either. I know that I will always have some feelings for him because he is the father of my children and we will always have that bond.

However, I am finally ready to move on with my life. I am filing for divorce and I am now a separated single mother with children of all ages to raise.

Some days I wonder if I will ever find the man of my dreams.

Will I ever find true love?

Will I ever find someone who will love me as much as I am capable of loving them?

I know that I will never truly be lonely because I have my children, but when they all grow up, where will I be?

Can you please tell me if there is hope and love in my future?

Oh, and another thing I just want you to know that I will not settle for just anyone.

I know what I want and what I deserve. Is there anyone out there for me?

From, Lonely and hopeful

Dear Lonely and Hopeful:

Whew! Boy, just like the rest of us, we all seem to need to marry the wrong guy before we ever even find the right one. That is known as desperation and a decision that being alone is not good.

Better to know that alone is a lot better than living in hell with someone else.

You will find the right man for you. However, there is quite a bit of time before you find him and he finds you.

Please don't make all the men you meet, date and get to know candidates for "happily ever after." Most women can't even have lunch with a guy without making him a candidate for marriage.

Remember that 90 percent of relationships (not marriages - the key word here is relationships) do not work out.

Thusly, God invented Dating.

And it was good.

Date.

Get to know and see a man for who he is, and see yourself as you are.

Wash out your eyes. The fairy-tale, perfect, knight in shining armor man lives in your mind, not in your reality.

You will get to meet him as soon as you become his "dream, fantasy woman": Ready to have fun twenty-four seven, loves to wait on him hand and foot, laugh at his cute little ways including his burping and farting, be ecstatic to clean up after him, cater to his relatives, buy his beer, work and support him, while he reflects on your cute little ass, love his politics, believe that women don't have brains, let him rule every decision, buys him his sports car and his pick-up truck, love his sexist jokes, never be crabby, emotional or hormonal, always look your best, never raise your voice or criticize him, be a better cook than his mother, don't have a life or friends of your own, and agree with everything he says. When you are that way, then the man of your dreams will be made available to you.

Please revamp who you are waiting for. Basically, philosophical and spiritual alignment are primary, secondarily, cultural alignment, and thirdly, genuinely liking each other and having similar senses of humor really help.

Alignment with family views, decisions about responsibility to relatives, geographical and career alignment, and appreciation for each others differences are important.

Beyond that, everything is negotiable if there is agreement to live in a conscious relationship.

In a conscious relationship both of you agree to be in a relationship, take care of each other, support each other and not to deliberately take away from each other emotionally, financially, physically, mentally and spiritually will help make things work.

Successful relationships are based on the mutual efforts and true decisions of two people to be together and to love compromise for the highest good of both people.

It ain't easy finding two healthy people with healthy minds, bodies and spirits, who are in alignment for success together. Mostly, the odds work against you - 90 percent of the time.

That's why you have to wait, and date!

Good Luck!

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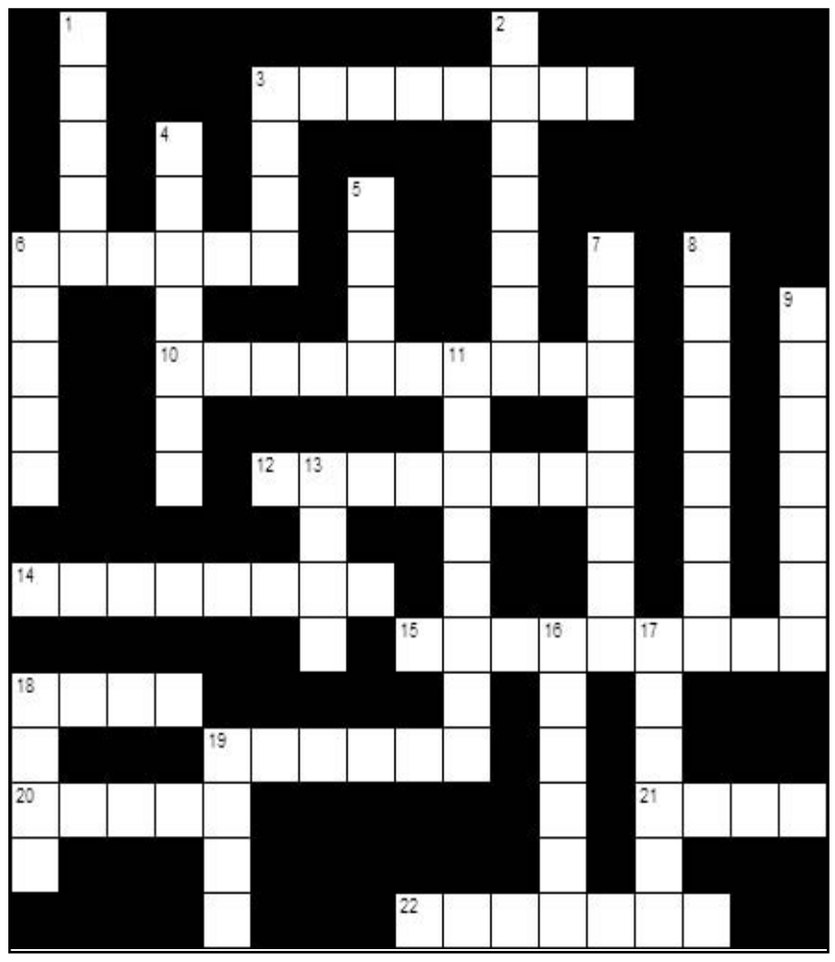
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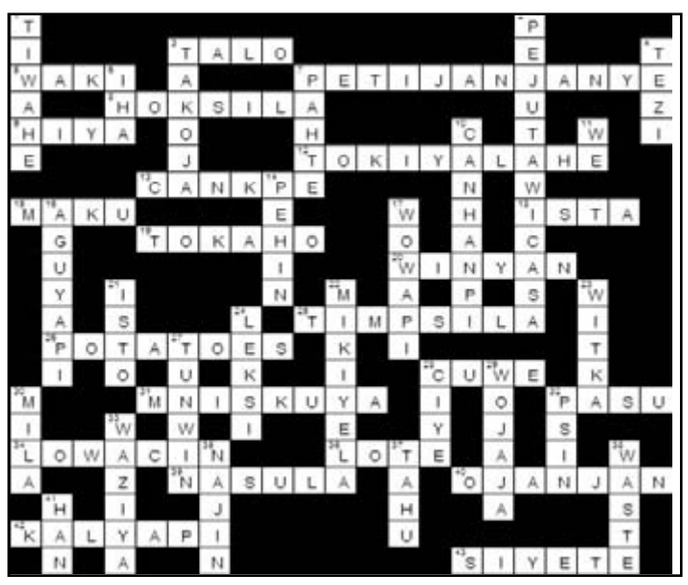
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6. knee
10. nine
12. bed
14. bring your hand here
15. they are good
18. chest
19. the young
20. cut
21. it is black
22. light

Down

1. egg
2. I am standing
3. cooking
4. chair
5. chapped
6. tobacco
7. one hundred
8. I have a need
9. question
11. we are all sick
13. reading or counting
16. niece
17. nephew
18. me
19. stomach

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Mamie Livermont, 76..... Pine Ridge
Maude Menard, 92.....Rosebud
Terri Ann Dubray, infant.....Pine Ridge
Seth Big Crow Sr., 68.....Rosebud
Clarence Archambeau Jr., 57.....Hoven
Alice Sherman, 90.....Rapid City
Tanayla Shay Clifford, 4 mos.. Manderson
Robert Hernandez Sr., 35..... Manderson
Franco Dean Johnson, 24.....Eagle Butte

William Mesteth, Sr.
Cante Wasaka

PINE RIDGE - William Mesteth Sr., 60, died Jan. 28 at Hot Springs of natural causes.

He is survived by his wife Suzie Mesteth of Toppenish, Wash.; a son William Mesteth, Jr. of Wickenburg, Ariz.; a step son Christopher Lockwood of Bismarck, N.D.; daughters Bonita Chapman and Marcie Mesteth both of Wickenburg, Ariz.; a step daughter Desiree Lockwood of Chadron, Neb.; brothers Nate Witt and Sidney Witt of Pine Ridge,; Lawrence Witt of Tahaka, Texas; Nelson Witt of Newport, Ore., Patrick Witt of Spearfish; Wayne Witt of Loneman; Lyle Witt of Hot Springs and Russell Antoine of Rapid City; sisters Eugenia Bettelyoun of Wanblee; Floretta Harter of Hot Springs; Sandy Witt of Rapid City; Becky Benton of Pine Ridge.

A wake vigil service begins Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pine Ridge.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 2 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Pine Ridge.

Officiating will Rev. Tom O'Neill with burial at Evergreen Cemetery, Hot Springs,.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

George W. Condon

MOBRIDGE - George W. Condon, 74, Mobridge, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, at Golden Living Center at Mobridge.

Wake services were Jan. 30, at the Gym in Cherry Creek. Funeral services were Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Gym, with Mother Marian Rectenwald and Dora Bruguier officiating. Burial was at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

Terri Ann DuBray

PINE RIDGE - Terri Ann DuBray, infant, Pine Ridge, was stillborn Friday, Jan. 26, in Pine Ridge.

Survivors include her parents, Larissa Garnette, Pine Ridge, and Terrance DuBray, Oglala; her paternal grandmother, Debra Mousseau, Oglala; and her maternal grandparents, Letoy Eagle Bull, Pine Ridge, and Anthony Garnette, Rosebud.

A wake service was Wednesday, Jan. 31, at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge.

Funeral service was Thursday, Feb. 1, at Billy Mills Hall, with the Rev. Robert Two Bulls officiating. Burial was at St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery in Wolf Creek.

Funeral arrangements were placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Mamie Livermont

PINE RIDGE - Mamie Livermont, 76, died Jan. 28 at the Bennett County Health Care Center in Martin.

She is survived by a best friend Josephine Chief of Pine Ridge.

A wake vigil service begins Jan. 31 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pine Ridge. Funeral services were Thursday, Feb. 1 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Pine Ridge, SD.

Officiating was Rev. Tom O'Neill with burial at Gordon City Cemetery in Gordon, Neb.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Maude Menard

ROSEBUD - Maude Menard, 92, died Jan. 24 at the Rosebud Hospital. Menard was born Dec. 20, 1914 in Rosebud to Paul Bear Heels and Mary Dora Pretty Boy.

Wake services were held at St. Thomas Hall in Mission on Jan.29, followed by memorial service on Jan. 30 and burial of cremains at Holy Family Cemetery in North Antelope.

Maude is survived by her grandson Fred Menard of Kyle and granddaughter Mercedes Menard of Mission; 11 great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren.

Holmes Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Seth Big Crow, Sr.

ROSEBUD - Seth Henry Big Crow, Sr., 68, died on Jan. 19 on Rosebud.

Big Crow was born Feb. 14, 1938 in Rosebud to Lloyd and Madeline (Red Shirt) Big Crow, Sr.

He leaves to mourn his wife Darlene (Spotted War Bonnett) Big Crow of Upper Cut Meat; seven daughters: Stephanie Big Crow of Upper Cut Meat, Theresa Jimenez of Upper Cut Meat, Pam Big Crow of Parmelee, Deb Big Crow of Sioux Falls, Olowan Big Crow of Pierre, Heidi Big Crow of Mission, Tia Big Crow of Upper Cut Meat; 2 sons: Seth Big Crow, Jr and Lamont Big Crow, both of Upper Cut Meat. Also 14 siblings: Pauline Whirlwind of Upper Cut Meat, Ione Miller of Sioux Falls, Wayne Big Crow of Rosebud, Tony LaDeaux of Minnesota, Noah White Lance of St. Francis, Theresa Farmer of Rapid City, Sylvan Big Crow of St. Francis, Rita Big Crow of St. Francis, Wendell Big Crow of St. Francis, Tyrone Big Crow of St. Francis, Levi Big Crow of St. Francis, Mona Big Crow Defender of Rapid City, Lupi Big Crow of Rosebud and Lloyd Big Crow, Jr. of Rapid City; many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sons Ronald Big Crow and Conrad Spotted War Bonnett; sister Delores White Lance and three brothers Moses Big Crow and Leonard and Fillmore White Lance.

Wake services were held at the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Council Chambers on Jan. 24 and then at Upper Cut Meat Community Hall Wednesday and Thursday. Funeral services were on Friday, Jan. 26 with burial at Crazy Horse Tiospaye Cemetery near Parmelee. Holmes Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Clarence Anthony Archambeau Jr.

HOVEN - Clarence Anthony Archambeau Jr. (Sonny), 57, died Jan. 5 at Hoven. Funeral services were held Jan. 9 at St. Pauls Catholic Church, Marty. Donny was laid to rest at the Holy Fellowship Episcopal Cemetary at Greenwood.

Sonny was born on Dec. 22, 1949 to Clarence A. Archambeau Sr., and Ramona H. (Provost) Archambeau at Wagner.

He grew up and attended school in Greenwood and Marty Indian School. He also attended high school at Sioux City Central, Sioux City, Iowa.

He worked for his Grandpa Percy Archambeau on the farm during his teen years, and as a carpenter and mechanic in Sioux City, Iowa, during the 1970s and 1980s. He worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Aberdeen Area Office, Roads Division as an Equipment Specialist for about 20 years, and retired Dec. 1, 2006. Sonny enjoyed fishing, bowling, pool, horse shoes, cooking out and hanging out with his children and family, and his teasing amongst all of his family, friends and coworkers.

He is survived by a special friend Melody Labatte of Aberdeen, son Brian and daughter Renae of Aberdeen, stepsons Andy and Kelly Labatte of Aberdeen, daughters Tina and husband Sam Sully of Wagner, Sonya and husband Scott Krosch of Kingsley Iowa, and Tonya Archambeau of Sioux City, Iowa, Michael Stetson of Sioux City, IA, and seven grandchildren, four adopted grandchildren, two sisters; Jeanie and Alice Archambeau of Wagner, brothers Francis Archambeau of Langford, and Jim Bruguier of Sioux Falls, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father Clarence (Chuck) Archambeau Sr., grandparents Percy and Helena (Bernie) Archambeau, Everett and Evelyn (LeClaire) Provost; infant brother Alan Archambeau, and infant niece Erica Azure.



Alice M. Sherman

RAPID CITY - Alice M. Sherman, 90, died peacefully Jan, 23, at the Golden Living Center of the Black Hills Nursing Home in Rapid City after a long and fulfilling life.

Alice was born on the Cheyenne River Agency on May 3, 1916, daughter of Ben and Emma Horn, and was educated at the Santa Fe Indian School in the 1920s.

As a mature student and full-time mother, Alice later earned a bachelor of arts degree at Black Hills State Teachers College in Spearfish and became a teacher by profession, specializing in elementary education and art on the Pine Ridge Reservation and at Oglala Lakota College.

Her family and hundreds of students will fondly remember her gentle and patient teaching manner and her ability to instill in them a sense of purpose and direction and a strong set of values.

As a woman of faith and one of Jehovah's witnesses, she also devoted a significant portion of her life to helping others understand Bible truths, and she touched many people's lives by her acts of kindness.

Alice will be fondly and lovingly remembered by her large extended family and all those who had the pleasure of knowing her. She is survived by her eight children and their spouses, Mayda, Ben, Marilyn, Richard, Amy (Gary), Mark (Ann), Gerald (Jael) and Marlon (Dale), along with 25 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren, and 10 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Serenity Springs funeral chapel in Rapid City on Friday, Jan. 26, followed by burial at the family plot in Kyle.

Tanayla Shay Clifford

MANDERSON - Tanayla Shay Clifford, 4 months, Manderson, died Monday, Jan. 22, in Sioux Falls.

Survivors include her parents, Daniel Clifford and Tanisha General, Sioux Falls; one brother, Kane Clifford, Sioux Falls; one sister, Alurena General, Sioux Falls; her paternal grandparents, C.J. Clifford Sr., Manderson, and Joyce Wheeler, Rapid City; and her maternal grandparents, Aaron and Gloria General, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Wake services were Jan. 26 at Wounded Knee District School in Manderson.

Funeral services were Saturday, Jan. 27, at the school, with the Rev. Chris Collins officiating. Burial was at St. Agnes Catholic Cemetery in Manderson.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Hernandez Sr.

MANDERSON - Robert M. Hernandez Sr., 35, Manderson, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, in Kyle.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Hernandez Jr., Manderson, and Nathaniel Hernandez and Emmanuel Hernandez, both of Rushville, Neb.; his father, Antonio Hernandez Sr., Abilene, Texas; five brothers, Antonio Hernandez Jr., Kyle, and Roy Jumping Eagle, Billy Jumping Eagle Jr., Frank Jumping Eagle and Lenny Jumping Eagle, all of Manderson; and seven sisters, Trinette Hernandez, Kyle, Francine Jumping Eagle, Sarita Jumping Eagle, Irene Jumping Eagle, Elizabeth Jumping Eagle and Rebecca Jumping Eagle, all of Manderson, and April Shoulders, Scottsbluff, Neb.

Wake services were Sunday, Jan. 28, at St. Agnes Catholic Hall in Manderson.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Jan. 30, at St. Agnes Catholic Hall, with the Rev. Chris Collins officiating.

Burial was at St. Agnes Catholic Cemetery in Manderson.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

Franco Dean Johnson

EAGLE BUTTE - Franco Dean Johnson, 24, Eagle Butte, died Saturday, Jan. 20, at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Wake services were Jan. 26, at H.V. Johnston Cultural Center in Eagle Butte.

Funeral services were Saturday, Jan. 27, at the cultural center with the Rev. Norman Blue Coat and Jedidiah Jezek officiating. Burial was at Bear Creek Cemetery. Oster

Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial dinner and stone blessing

Henry Clyde Red Shirt
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Waksica Tanka
June 24, 1935 to Jan. 22, 2006

Will be at Red Shirt Table on Sunday June 24, 2007

Time and Place will announced at a later time

This is due to the unpredictable weather conditions this time of the year

In loving memory of our daddy, uncle, grandpa and great grandpa

When Wakan Tanka saw that you were tiring and called you home on that cold wintery night, it broke our hearts to let you go and watch you slip away into heaven's welcoming light. But even so, we couldn't watch you suffer as you struggled to 'Not' leave us without a fight. Oh, how we wished you could have stayed.

All the memories we shared in this lifetime. The happy times… all the memories of a life you generously shared has helped us through grief, through the toughest time of our lives when we had to say goodbye. You, your words of comfort and guidance has carried us through our tears and through our heartache missing you and wishing that you didn't have to leave us this way. And yes, we didn't forget to pray for the lonely souls along the way, because it was what you would have us to do. That was just your way. Your memories come flooding back from time to time and hearts reach for the love we shared, only to find that all we have is each other. You gave us so much in the life you lived, the time you so generously gave us.

As you journeyed on without us, you left a part of you that we will always cherish. The memories, the part of you that makes us who we are, because you were such a big part of our lives. You wiped away our tears and encouraged us to go on time after time and now as the year of grieving comes near, we wish to thank the people who took time to help us through our grief in losing you.

We invite everyone to a memorial dinner and stone blessing on June 24 at Red Shirt Table.

Love you always,
Misty Dawn and Lynette, Rosalyn Mesteth family, Clara Lamont family, Mabel Poor Bear family, Edith Cedar Face family, and stepchildren Barbara (Jerry), Janet, Shelly/Rainbow families.

Memorials
and Memorial Pictures
are
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MINUTES

-Unapproved-
Shannon County School Board Meeting,
January 22, 2007
Batesland, S.D.

The Shannon County School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 22, 2007 at Batesland, South Dakota. President Eagle Bull called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Board members present: Angie Eagle Bull, Ruth Cummings, Melvin Cummings, Chuck Conroy.

Members absent: Todd O'Bryan.

Others present: Dr. Margo Heinert, Superintendent, Maurice Twiss, Special Services Director, MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager, Vickie Grant, Assessment Coordinator, Ted Hanson, Special Education Director, Robert Two Crow, Lakota Studies Director, Bob Hall, Rockyford Principal, Monica Whirlwind Horse, Rockyford Asst. Principal, Marlene Stout, Red Shirt Principal, J. Wayne Goff, Batesland Principal, Darrell Eagle Bull, Wolf Creek Dean of Students, Dana Christensen, Technology Coordinator, Patti Nelson, Administrative Secretary, Norma Cummings, Devona Pourier, Jim Bradford, Rob Rosane, George Cummings.

All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

7150 Approval of Agenda: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.

7151 Approval of Minutes: Motion by R. Cummings seconded by Conroy to approve minutes of the 12/27/06 regular meeting and the 1/04/07 special meeting. Motion carried.

7152 Executive Session: Motion by M. Cummings seconded by R. Cummings to go into executive session at 5:13 p.m. to discuss personnel. President Eagle Bull declared executive session ended at 6:37 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

7153 Personnel: Motion by Conroy, seconded by R. Cummings to approve all personnel recommendations, as listed, including a medical retirement. Motion carried.

Resignation: Rose Gordon-Rockyford School Aide effective 1-3-07, Ryan Ross-Wolf Creek Special Education Aide effective 1-18-07, Jonathan Derby-Rockyford School Aide effective 1-18-07, Leah Brown Bear-Batesland Custodian effective 1-17-07.

Classified Terminations: Wolf Creek Special Education Aide effective 1-12-07, Rockyford School Mechanic effective 1-22-07.

Ettamae Runnels Batesland School Teacher, Medical Retirement effective 6/07.

Administrative Request for Early Retirement: Wayne Goff-Batesland School Principal effective end of school year 2006-2007.

Contracts for Approval: Dawn Dugan-Rockyford School Secretary from 12-22-06 to 6-15-07 $9,288, Wilmer Youngman-Wolf Creek School Bus driver from 1-2-07 to 5-22-07 $3,680, Tyrell Pierce Rockyford School Special Education Aide from 1-2-07 to 5-23-07 $6,615, Stephanie Wince-Wolf Creek School Bilingual Trainees from 1-2-07 to 5-23-07 $7,575, Leticia Martin-Rockyford School Special Education Aide from 1-2-07 to 5-23-07 $7,350.

Bilingual Trainee recommendations: Tracy Fortin-Batesland School, Cindy Lakota-Red Shirt School, Valentina Makes Him First-Rockyford School, Deborah Shedeed-Wolf Creek School.

Wolf Creek School Recommendations: John Briggs-School Resource Security, No Alternate, Tammy Ghost Bear-Special Education Aide, Alternate Owen Black Elk, Naomi Condon-Special Education Aide, Alternate Helen Buckman, Angela Nelson-Librarian Aide, Alternate Mike Joebejen.

Extra Curricular Assignments: Tim Emery Rockyford School boys basketball coach 1/2007 to 3/2007, Jonathan Long Soldier-Rockyford boys basketball coach 1/2007 to 3/2007.

45 Day Probationary Completions: Jovita Seda-Wolf Creek School Special Education Aide (prorate through August 23), Anthony Rowland-Wolf Creek School Special Education Aide (prorate through August 23), Tim Villa-Rockyford School Special Education Aide (prorate through May 23).

7153 Financials: Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to approve the financial and payroll report, receipts and disbursements, as well as the supplemental budget. Motion carried. SPED Parent $283.84, Golden West $41.55, Greg Steele $30.00, Sped Parent $140.80, Sped Parent $94.08. Total: $590.27.

General Fund

A&B Welding Supply supplies $21.60, AT&T long distance $721.29, A&B Business Equipment rental $150.00, Abourezk & Zephier fees $275.76, Albers Terry reimbursement $261.96, Allco Store $21.95, All Season Sports $750.00, $24.00, $74.50, Vendor total $848.50, Alltel cell phones $1,179.14, Amsterdam Printing & Litho $371.12, Apple Computer wksh $8,265.00, Atlas Industrial Products supplies $519.70, Barden, Twyla fee $100.00, Basler Printing Co supplies $1496.00, Bear Runner Sonia mtg RC $93.60, Bennett County Booster II Bus Forms $250.00, Black Hills Electric $3,005.42, Blacksmith Sandra Kay supplies $38.00, BP gasoline $271.55, Business Office Systems $28.68, Byhre Susan reimb $13.44, CDW Government Inc supplies $300.00, $150.00, $162.50, $60.00, $1,082.00, $240.00, $145.00, $240.00, $40.00, $490.00, $105.00, $406.50, Vendor total $3,421.00, Chris Supply Co Inc repairs $277.42, $14.92, $51.24, $553.64, $368.90, $60.64, $50.78, $203.46, Vendor Total $1,581.00, Christensen Dana mileage $140.80, Clifford Jamie training $150.00, Cole Pest Control $200.00, $364.00, $138.00, $303.00, Vendor total $1005.00, Common Cents supplies $31.22, Computer Village repairs $99.00, $535.00, $89.95, $99.00, $99.00, $99.00, Vendor total $1,020.95, Conaco gasoline $26.22, Conroy Charles mileage $16.00, Corporate Card $6,722.66, Crescent Electrical supplies $648.58, $42.34, $184.08, vendor total $875.00, Culligan Water Conditioning $525.30, Cummings Melvin mileage $21.12, Custer School District tuition $9,000.00, Dakota Supply Group supplies $73.88, Dakota West Books supplies $162.00, Data Management Inc supplies $99.00, Data Computer Production supplies $499.50, Days Inn travel $6,788.31, Debbies Cake and Floral supplies $35.00 $95.00, $44.00, Vendor total $174.00, Decker Equipment boards $1,165.50, $374.09, vendor total $1,539.59, Dell Marketing repairs $116.31, $271.00, Vendor total $387.31, Donovan Mark mtg Rc $122.40, Double M Studios repairs $635.00, Eagle Bull Andrea $180.00, Eagle Bull Darrell mtg $116.00, $289.00, vendor total $405.00, ECOLAB supplies $172.55, Eddies Truck and Sales Inc $375.12, Environmental Products Co supplies $363.94, ETS Educations testing supplies $400.00, Evergreen Office supplies $60.00, $368.00, $90.96, $45.48, $37.78, $21.48, $72.27, $60.64, $131.55, $78.53, $26.73, $16.68, Vendor total $1,017.10, Fairfield Inn LNI $425.40, Family Thrift Center supplies $29.99, $30.00, $49.40, $29.45, $60.00, $30.00, $30.00, $18.22, $33.52, vendor total $310.58, Fedex shipping $14.84., Fence Connection Inc supplies $1,633.14, Filemaker Inc license $799.00, Florida Micro supplies $138.10, $519.19, vendor total $657.29, Foreman Sales and Service $1,597.28, Fortin Tracey expense $150.00, Fred Pryor registration $79.00, French Flowers supplies $25.00, Gibbons Terri Jo $122.40, $82.66, $295.68, Vendor total $500.74, Golden Corral Family Steakhouse $79.10, Golden West Technologies $485.10, $1,500.00, $166.60, $485.10, $485.10, $485.10, vendor total $3,607.00, Golden West Telephone $2,124.05, Gordon Super Foods supplies $1,915.42, Grant Vickie travel $268.80, Great Plains Communication telephone $687.39, Great Western Tire Company $39.95, $39.95, $29.95, $29.95, $39.95, $39.95, $39.95, $1,356.45, $17.00, Vendor total $1,633.10, Grimms Pump Service $44.35, Grocery Mart supplies $13.24, Harlows Bus Sales $122.97, Hauff Mid America Sports $67.50, $23.00, Vendor total $90.50, Heartland Paper Company $90.56, $1,215.39, $1,318.78 Vendor total $2,624.73, Heesacker Jerene $25.00, Hernandez Lynn $93.60, $266.60, Vendor total $360.20, Hillyard supplies $235.76, $13.90, $123.72, $146.25, $361.87, vendor total $881.50, Hinn's Gordon Auto supply $30.00, Holiday Vina mtg $75.04, Homestead building supplies $167.54, House of Vacuums repairs $121.77, Howard Johnson $4,436.00, Husker Auto Parts $3,240.30, $399.59, Vendor total $3,639.89, Industrial Electric Supply $306.93, $116.20, vendor total $423.13, International Laser Group supplies $1256.54, $59.00, $483.32, $488.80, $439.60, $357.60, $299.70, $579.00, $194.90, $297.00, Vendor total $4,455.46, Johnson Machine supplies $1260.07, Kotagraphics repairs $246.00, $75.00, Vendor total $321.00, Lacreek Electric $11,315.70, Laker Team Chemical supplies $1,710.00, Lakota Cindi expense $150.00, Lakota Country Times $150.00, $408.64, Vendor total $558.64, Lawson Products supplies $194.86, LeBeau Connie mileage $17.92, $122.40, $31.36, Vendor total $171.68, Lowes Home Center $73.07, M Lee Smith Publisher $197.00, Mac life $49.95, Makes Him First Valentina expense $150.00, McDonalds trip $250.00, $150.00, Vendor total $400.00, McKie Buick Pontiac GMC Inc supplies $268.80, $8.04, $131.20, $80.68, vendor total $488.72, Medical Technologies $56.18, Menards supplies $203.80, $743.46, $219.27, Vendor total $1,166.53, Minerva RC supplies $396.31, Mitchell Technical Institute training $780.30, Modern Farm Equipment $2.79, Mt Rushmore Telephone Co $399.03, $46.28, Vendor total $445.31, Muddy Creek Oil & Gas $7,236.72, NIEA membership $75.00, National Health Supply $165.00, National Laboratories $431.46, Norm's Carquest auto parts $30.75, OST Water & Sewer $105.00, $489.36, vendor total $594.36, O'Bryan Todd mileage $23.04, Occupational Health Network $1,250.00, $150.00, Vendor total $1,400.00, Oglala Lakota College tuition $638.00, Oliver Press Inc $332.25, Oriental Trading Co $51.60, Parent Teacher Outlet $237.00, Performance Pathways $60.00, Peterson Madonna travel $617.60, Pine Ridge Auto Parts $1.63, Pitney Bowes $411.00, Pizza Hut Gordon $59.59, $88.59, Vendor total $148.18, Pourier Rona mileage $220.48, Quality Inn RC $5,188.55, Quill Corporation $66.19, $306.81, Vendor total $373.00, Ramkota RC $25,529.99, Ramkota-Sioux Falls 414.97, Rapid Chevrolet parts $45.66, Red Cloud Alfred Bernard $116.00, Renaissance Learning $383.52, Roth Jackie $122.40, $82.66, Vendor total $205.06, SASD registr $50.00, SD Dept Revenue license $9.00, Salomon Sanitation $990.00, $1,210.00, $1,155.00, $540.00, Vendor total $3,895.00, Sam's Club supplies $105.00, $235.14, $74.65, $81.74, $963.48, $88.59, $704.61, $65.48, $87.81, $84.52, $107.80, $332.08, $532.45, $83.17, vendor total $3,546.52, School Nurse Supply $47.15, SDN Communications $1,870.22, Sears Commercial One Supplies $349.92, $169.58, $577.92, $1,593.70, Vendor total $2,691.12, Servall Towel & Linen Supply $687.17, $1,097.24, $104.78, $191.97, $713.08, Vendor total $2,794.24, Shannon County School Imprest $71.55, Shannon County School Lunch $541.81, $3,399.07, $2,010.13, $2,377.25, Vendor total $8,328.26, Shedeed Deborah expense $150.00, Sioux Nation Shopping Center $73.07, Software Unlimited $150.00, Stern Oil Co propane $12,465.00, Super 8 Motel $4,680.00, Swallow Mary $75.04, TIE travel $1,109.10, Tatonka Capital Corporation $564.00, $275.20, $594.00, Vendor total $1,433.20, Technology for Education license $1,401.00, $396.00, Vendor total $1,797.00, Temperature Technology $87.13, Town of Batesland $500.00, True Value $594.48, Twiss Maurice mtg $122.40, $82.66, $295.40, vendor total $500.46, Villa Tim stipend $25.00, Walmart Community supplies $125.50, Walmed Inc supplies $155.96, Watertree Inc $77.00, Westco propane $14,564.08, Western Communication $660.00, $75.00, Vendor total $735.00, Western Dakota Tech Inst training $790.00, Wince Stephanie expense $150.00, Yankton Debbie mtg $122.40. Fund Total $218,594.79.

Capital Outlay Fund

Apple Computer Inc Ibooks $1,797.00, Best Business Products lease $176.66, $506.69, Vendor total 683.35, Decker Equipment lockers $6,281.84, Harcourt Achieve books $13,430.40, Mari Inc supplies $257.07, North Central Supply $3,510.00, Professional Land Art Associates $62,210.00, SD Federal Property Agency $8,200.00, Tatonka Capital Corporation lease $4,186.00, $4,156.00, Vendor total $8,342.00, Western Document Imaging Company $6,000.00, Fund Total $110,711.66.

Special Education Fund

Black Hills Special Services tuition $2,753.11, Children's Care & Rehab Development Cntr $2,915.00, Children's Care Hospital & School $4,980.85, Children's Home Society tuition $1,241.51, $1,241.51, $1,241.51, Vendor total $3,724.53, Different Roads Inc supplies $140.85, Gulbranson Sandi mileage $64.00, Harcourt Assessment supplies $250.64, Just For Kids Speech Therapy services $4,240.00, Keegan Cindy travel $108.40, $111.36, McDonalds supplies $17.27, $18.96, Vendor Total $36.23, Moon, Jim travel $70.40, Parent Teacher Outlet supplies $88.12, Reinhart Institutional Foods $30.70, Ross Dona Ruth $712.50, Shannon County School Imprest $518.72, Sioux Falls School District $74.82, Sky Ranch for Boys $3,390.00, USD School of Medicine services $1,450.00, $300.00, $773.60, Vendor total $2,523.60, Wellspring Inc tuition $293.88, Fund Total $27,135.23.

Food Service Fund

Bernard Food Industries $3,903.45, Blue Ribbon Maintenance supply $502.97, Child & Adult Nutrition $957.28, Coastal Training Technologies $401.48, Food Services of America $539.85, $822.23, $1,114.06, $2,278.61, Vendor total $4,754.75, Gordon Super Foods supplies $163.50, Harkers food service $79.17, $260.45, $391.95, $883.35, vendor Total $1,614.92, Kemps Gillette Dairy $394.32, $560.07, $900.69, vendor total $1,855.08, Quill Corporation supplies $416.17, Reinhart Institutional foods $2,201.74, $1671.98, $3,123.42, Vendor total $6,997.14, SD Food Service Compliance Center $91.60, Fund total $21,658.34.

Federal Programs Special Service

BHSSC/TIE $19,602.00, Division of Criminal Investigation fingerprinting $572.00, Gordon Super Foods supplies $1,200.00, Heathershaw Designs supplies $1,416.00, NIISA reimb $1,532.92, Occupational Health network drug testing $4,087.50, Sam's Club supplies $243.23, Shannon County School lunch reimb $162.90, Standing Rock Headstart reimb $160.00, Fund total $28,976.55.

BS trust/Agency Account

Gordon Super Foods supplies $29.95, Pizza Hut Gordon $73.89, $156.39, vendor total $230.28, Fund Total $260.23. Checking Account Total $407,336.80.

Supplemental Budget Revenue: Federal Thru State $39,233.88, Professional Services $39,233.89, Total $39,233.89.

7154 High School Tuition Request: Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by M. Cummings to approve a request for high school tuition for a Shannon County student, as listed on file. Motion carried.

7155 Supplemental Educational Services Contract: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to approve a contract for Supplemental Educational Services in accordance with requirements of NCLB. Motion carried.

7156 Public School Exemption: Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by M. Cummings to approve the application for public school exemption, as listed on file. Motion carried.

7157 Dress Code Policy: The Dress Code Policy was presented for the second reading.

7158 Red Shirt Building: Mr. Twiss invited the Board and administration to meet with the Oglala District Representatives on 1/25/07 at 9:30 a.m. at Red Shirt School to further discuss the Red Shirt buildings that are not currently being used.

7159 Oglala Nations Education Coalition Meeting: Shannon County Schools will host the February 10th & 11th ONEC meeting at the Lakota Prairie Resort in Kyle.

7160 Special School Board Meetings: The board will hold a special meeting on 2/05/07 at the Rockyford School, beginning at 6:00 p.m. to listen to a presentation regarding the high school feasibility study. The board will also hold a special meeting on 2/12/07 at Batesland, beginning at 5:00 p.m. for superintendent evaluation purposes.

7161 Adjournment: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed by MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager.

Shannon County School District
Disbursment Report
December 31, 2006

Fund/ Account	Amount
General Fund	$390,727.92
Capital Outlay Fund	$73,284.37
Special Education Fund	$36,498.27
Food Service Fund	$61,839.20
T/A Support Service	$1,265.57
T/A Wolf Creek	$0.00
T/A Batesland School	$52.91
T/A Rockyford School	$0.00
Total of All Funds	**$563,668.24**

Shannon County School District
Payroll Report
December 31, 2006

Types of Services	Salaries	Benefits	Total
1000 Instruction service	$392,280.91	$102,128.20	$494,409.11
2000 Support Service	$199,164.75	$53,359.31	$252,524.06
3000 Other Community serv	$8,053.70	$1,032.87	$9,086.57
6000 Co curricular	$10,006.24	$905.42	$10,911.66
General Fund Total	$609,505.60	$157,425.80	$766,931.40
Special Education	$152,625.94	$41,740.70	$194,366.64
Food Service	$21,386.98	$6,322,29	$27,709.27
Total All Services	**$783,518.52**	**$205,488.79**	**$989,007.31** per month

Shannon County School District 65-1
REVENUE REPORT
December 31, 2006

Revenue Sources	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Education Fund	Pension Fund	Food Service	T/A Service	Impact Aid
Local sources							
Taxes	$18,773.17	$14,505.41	$6,769.11	$1,450.59	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$74,903.02	$10.67	$0.0	$0.00	$3,851.67	$58.00	$0.0
County Sources							
County Apportionment	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
State Sources							
State Aide	$357,611.00	$0.0	$119,325.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$14,096.00	$0.0	$2,193.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Federal Sources						$0.0	$0.0
Other	$144,161.18	$0.0	$51,977.00		$109,773.43		
Operating Transfer In							
Total Revenue For Fund	**$595,448.37**	**$14,516.08**	**$178,071.11**	**$1,450.59**	**$113,625.10**	**$58.00**	**$0.00**

Just want to say whats up 2 Paul ALB2. Wherever your @

Happy B-Day Don Santa

Happy belated b-day to our Auntie Denise Harris whose b-day was on Jan. 3. thanks you for everything you do for us. Hope you had fun. Love you, from Amanda Lane, Charles, and Alexis Iron Rope.

Happy Birthday 2 Jesse Gray-Shang from Adam & Kacena Shangreau

Happy Ads

Happy Belated 34th B-Day to Crystal Red Owl Who's B-Day was on 1-10-07 Hope you had a lot of fun. From: Michelle,Tony &Kids

I would like to say what's up to all my buds lacey, Bobbi, Julie, Heather, Kalee and Keadli. Love you All! By Shiniya B.C.

Happy Valentines Day to: Cinnamon Joseph "Alexander" From: Your Mom Sonia

I want to say I love you lots to my Cuz, Baby Boo dez Love, your baby Cuz Shiniya

Happy B-day to my two baby girls Queana Bissonette 1-25-003 & Jonni Bissonette 2-2-97 & many more to come. Love you girls a lot.

Happy Anniversary to my one and only QT Pie Thanks for being there for me I won't let you down baby!

Happy Birthday to a 5th grade Teacher named Pam from Cece and Eunice

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For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178.
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Updated: January 29, 2007

The Shannon County School District 65-1 is accepting applications for the following non-certified and certified positions.

All positions are OPEN TILL FILLED unless indicated

Rockyford School

1-Busdriver (CDL required)
2-Special Education Aides (48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment)
1-Bus Mechanic (Experience preferred) -Open till filled

Wolf Creek School

1-Permanent Substitute (SD Teacher Certification required)
1-Bilingual Trainee (Must have H.S. diploma or equivalent. Must be currently enrolled in college full-time. Minimum of 25 credits, 2.5 GPA requirement, Resume, Official Transcripts, 5 year time limit in the program or upon completion. Closes 1-31-07
2-Special Education Aides-(48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment)
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1-Custodian (Experience preferred)

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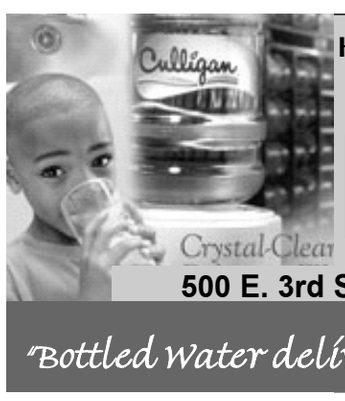
1-Home School Coordinator/Aide-(48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment)
1-Preschool Aide (48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment)
1-Part-time Custodian (experience preferred) Open till filled
1-Cook (experience preferred) 2-16-07

For more information contact:
Ann Red Owl - Human Resources Facilitator
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2 my Beautiful Grandaughter Shai
Dull Knife on Jan. 14, 2007
Love always, Grandma Pearl D.K.

Happy Valentine's Day
to all the Pretty ladies
Dawn Doyle
Charyn D oyle
Doreen Milk
Chardon Doyle
Linda Doyle
Terri Dull Knife
Tanya Dull Knife
Devona C. Bear
Joanette Iron Rope
Kathy Iron Rope

We would like to wish
Marquise Jaden Spotted
Eagle-Traversie a very



HAPPY 3rd Birthday on January 29th. We love you so much! May you have many more!

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to
Bobbie Collette
Spotted Elk,
Happy Birthday "Bobbz" !!!
Your always in my thoughts, and prayers.
luv and miss you sis,
Tamz
ps. I'll celebrate for you!

Happy 2nd birthday to our baby girl Tiara Rose Janis
your getting older every moment and are always in our hearts don't have to much cake.
from mom and dad
Antoinette n Tommy

Happy 2nd Birthday on Feb.1
Tiara (rah rah)Janis
From: grandpa, grandma, Jr, Daniel, Diandra, and Derek

Congratulations to Perry and Cheyenne Thunder Hawk on their marriage. It's about time you two made it official! Here's wishing you many happy years together!
Your family and friends

Happy terrible 2 to my sister Tiara Rose Janis coming from Chings. Talanna Lynn Janis

I want to say hello to the beautiful native ladies across the res!!
David L.T.

Happy Belated Birthday
Devona Good Voice Elk
Sorry this is so late but hey We remembered right?
Hope you had a good one
From,
the Oyate Teca Project Staff

Happy 10th Birthday to our lil' Olivia "Beebles" Whiting-Tovar
We love you a whole bunch and wish you many, many more
Love
Grandma Auntie Beta, Rockin Rod, Tisha,Jesse,Sonny, Christopher, Ben, Jonette and baby, Punky, Woni, Lil'Jun and the babies.

Happy 2nd birthday to our baby girl Tiara Rose Janis your getting older every moment and is always in our hearts don't have to much cake. from mom and dad
Antoinette n Tommy

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to our one & only brother-in-law, Alonzo Standing Bear. No matter what, you'll always be #1. Hope you enjoyed your day way over in Idaho. From your sis-in-laws, Leslie, Charity, & Shauncina. (P.S. Eat your heart out Marv!)

I want to say hello to my beautiful daughters in Manderson, Suann Rose, Nancy Mae,and Nola Jane, Just a few more months to go my girls, I have you girls in my prayers and thoughts. I love you girls with all my heart, always remember that. Love you forever, your dad, David Looks Twice

I would like to say hi to Antonio Hernandez Jr. in Kyle. Just letting you know how much we love you and what you do for us & take care of us, with much love, from: Michelle,Kessa, Kylie Ashley, Ashlyn and your son Antonio III

Just a short note
to my sister Olivia
Times are rough I know weve had our share I just want you to know how special you are to me and my crew, I am so proud to have you for my sister.
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Happy Belated Birthday to myu son Larry Richards, Jr. 1-15-86 and to my daughter Mitzi Richards 1-8-07 From Mom Love you my angels

Happy birthday to my one & only George Bettelyoun on 2-25-07 Enjoy your Day!
Your #1 lady
Glenda

Happy B irthday to Daddy's Girl Chelsea Long Soldier Who is 8 yrs old.
Love, Mom, sister
Grandma FLO

Happy Valkentine's Day to my best friend Sonia Janis, love you like a sis
M. Rooks

To our Auntie Grace & Uncle Reggie
Happy Valentine's Day!
Thanks for always being there for us, we love you.
Katana, Ashton & Brooklyn

Happy Birthday to my love my Valentine
Tony Jo Yellow Elk on 2-13-07 with all our love
The Yellow Elk Family

Happy Valentines Day
To Pejuta Haka Staff
Kennita, Delores, Sloyd,Louis,Cynthia, Lynette
From: Sonia S.,Misty R.

Happy Belated Birthday to Douglas White Feather on Jan, 24, 07. Hope you enjoyed your day I love you, Love Becky

Happy Valentine's Day to my sweethearts Kianna janis, Jacob Ryan, Mykita, Francis, Erica, and especially my mom & Dad Rena & Elmer. I love you all with my heart, Love Becky.

Happy Valentine's Day to Misty, Howal "Brooklyn" "Ashton" "Katana" from yoru best friend, "Sonia" & "kids"

Happy Balentine's Day 2 my 2 Sweethearts. Having you 2 in my life makes it complete. Chance James Milk and DeShane George Doyle. Love you Two with all my heart, Mommy Doreen Milk.

To our 3 wonderful kids, Katana, Ashton, & Brooklyn.
Happy Valentine's Day!! We love you with all our hearts love Mom & Dad

Happy B-day to my two baby sisters
Quean Bissonette 1/25 and Jonni Bissonette 2/2
I love you both so much, remember I am just a phone call away love always, your sis Kimmy R.
Standing Soldier

I would like to say Happy Valentine's Day in heaven to my wonderful husband, Randy M. Bettelyoun. I love you dearly and so do all the kids, Corrie, Kikia, Aaron, Jr., Lauren, Brian and the newborn.
love, Lenae Bettelyoun

Happy Belated Birthday Tanya
1-23-07 Hope you enjoyed your day.
Love, Mom & Dad

Just a Howdy & to say
I love you guys:
Paulette, Toni, Arlen, Will, Son Craci & Mom
From Lynette

Happy Birthday 2 my nephew. The Baller, Carl. Jr. Dull Knife. Hope you have a wonderful day,
love your
Auntie Crystal Rae

I wanted 2 say Wuz up 2 the Bo yz Carlos & Byron Yellow Elk in Wanblee
From a Cuz

Welcome home, Uncle Robert Shaw, we missed you, I am glad you re, finally coming home. It's about time. I hope you leave all your bad habits behind-ha-
Love always, your niece Kimberly Standing Soldier and brothers & sisters

Happy Valentine's Day to Montayne & Caden Quiver
love you from
Grandma Glenda

Happy 2nd Birthday 2-2-07 to Zack Brunsch
from Auntie
Rose & Uncle Grady

Congratulations to Travis Desearsa "Peaches" for making it to the Navy. Good-luck & hang in there your the greatest.
from Glenda.

Happy Valentine's Day. I love yo guys with all of my heart. Corrie, Nikia,Aaron, Richard jr., Brian, Lauren
Lenae Bettelyoun

Happy Valentine's Day to my Dad Leonard Yellow Elk, Sr. Thanks for being there for me love, your daughter, Glenda

I would like to wish our Princess Renabelle Standing Bear a very Hapy Valentine's Day, your the greatest, don'tk now what we'd do without you.
Love your entire family.

Happy Birthday to my #1 Grandson Carl II Dull Knive on Jan. 30, 2007. Love Grandma Pearl D.K.

Happy B-day to Justina One Horn. Hope yo have a great one! from your daughter, Kacena & boyfriend Adam. S.

Congratulations to Travis D. on the Navy. Hey Dude, you made it. So make us proud. From your Girls in the hood.

To my husband
Howard Rooks.
Happy Valentine's Day!
Loving you always, wifee

To our Dad, Howard Rooks. we just wanted to let the world know how much we love our dad, Happy Valentine's Day!
Katana, Ashton & Brooklyn

Happy Valentines Day
To my mom Arlene BB and daughter Katie Sue Shots, from S onia, Joe, Cinnamen, Baby Alex.

I wanted 2 say Wuz up and Happy Birthday 2 my neice, "Shai Dull Knive. Hope yo had a good one.Love Auntie Crystal Rae

KINI FM Radio 96.1 FM "Celebrated" it's 29th Birthday jan. 19-21, 2007."thank You" to our 'Eyapaha' Pat Bad hand, Archie Little, Chris Eagle Hawk,Mike Valandra, Mike Cross, Robert Moore, Patsy Valandra, Alice, Mary I=Lee and Jennifer. Th ank yo to Carmen and all who helped in the kitchen and the Clean up crew. We could not have had a pow-wow without the wonderful drum groups.
"Lila Pilaunyanpi. Omaka teca Hehan ak'e oskate Wan unhakte."

Happy B-Day to my cousin Markita R. Sanchez on 2/25. I love you a lot and have a good day on your day. Love, always your sis, Kimberly S.S.

Happy belated Birthday 2 Amber Cortez 12-10-06.
Happy Birthday Baby gurl
from Gilvern Ferguson

Happy Birthday Chloe & Leah Goings 1-27-78. Love,
Dad Marty & Tre

Happy B irthday to our Uncle David Kills Ree on Jan. 26th and many more to come from Kills Ree, Willow, & Ghost Bear Families, Jr. Wh itney, Whisper & Wyatt Ghost Bear & relatives in Ethete Wyoming.

Happy Belated 5th B-day to Jayson C. Apple on 1-3-07 from Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday to Tyler Reed Ashley on jan. 27. Hope you have a fun day. Love you always yor mom Tamara Ashley & Rich, Michael & Jayson

Happy Belated B-day to Joann Rooks. How old are you now? Hope you enjoyed your day.
From Michelle IC & family

I would like to say Hi to my son Jason Lynn DuBray. You're already 6 months old. It's like I had you yesterday.
I love you son with all my heart & soul. Love Mommy Eva DuBray.

Congratulations to Robert and Melissa Little
3rd Anniversary!!

To my Eddie Babes Have a wonderful weekend!
From the "Cake" Crew @ LWS

Manuel, Happy 2nd Anniversary and Happy 1st Wedding Anniversary to the best husband in the world.
I love you,
Connie

I want to wish my beautiful daughter Amanda Iron Rope a very happy 10th birthday on Jan. 19 I can't believe 10 years have gone by since you came into my life. I'm thankful you're my daughter. I want to tell you I love you more than words can say and thank you for helping me with your sister and brothers. I know our life is difficult since your dad, left but it will get better no matter what anybody tells you you are a beautiful smart girl. I hope you have fun on your b-day, you deserve it. I love you from your mom
Amy Poor Bear

Happy 10th b-day on 1-19 to our big sister Amanda Nicole. We know you get tired of us but we also know you love us so we hope you have fun on your day. We love you a whole bunch.
From your lil bros Lane and Charles and lil sis
Alexis Iron Rope.

Happy Birthday to our baby Jeremy Lee Takes War Bonnett
You are now 20 years old! Feb. 2
We love you so very much and miss you and please come see us!
You have been such a blessing and inspiration with your words of wisdom.
From mom, Vanessa, Roby, Jen, Jason, lil Jason, Wakiyan, Kay, Miya and Brittany Rose.

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Indian country will be impacted by Bush's 2008 budget

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

WASHINGTON - On Feb. 6, the office of Senator Tim Johnson discussed the impact of President Bush's proposed 2008 budget and its impact on South Dakota tribes.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs' Office of Indian Programs will be funded at $2.259 billion for fiscal year 2007 and would see an increase of $18 million in President Bush's 2008 proposed budget. BIA construction programs would be reduced from the 2007 level of $342 million to $241 million, while the Human Services program within OIP is set at $128 million which is $118 less than the 2007 level of $146 million.

Human Services assist in paying for burial and welfare costs and also funds the tribal work experience program (TWEP.) The Johnson O'Malley program will see a decrease of fifty percent from the 2007 budget of $16.4 million.

Sen. Johnson has noted in the past that, "Conditions in Indian Country are less than sufficient. The federal government has a responsibility to Indian tribes and their membership. Assisting tribes to become self-sufficient should be a top priority for the federal government, including fostering an environment that has all tribal and federal agencies working together."

Native American Housing Block Grants will see a decrease of $17 million from the 2007 budget of $624 million, while funding for the American Indian Housing Council which provides technical assistance to tribes was zeroed in the 2008 budget.

The Office of Special Trustee will see an increase of $36 million over

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SGU Founder's Day celebration

MISSION - Mabel Blue Thunder, 90, long time resident of Antelope community enjoying the 37th SGU Founder's Day Week celebration. Mabel said that she has danced all of her life and that has helped her to live so long. She has one son and four grandchildren who also dance. See page A8 for contest results. Photo by Amanda Takes War Bonnett.

Healing project for women uses cultural mapping and focuses on power of self

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor

KYLE - A six week project designed to empower Lakota women and their families through cultural healing will soon be available at Kyle beginning Feb. 19.

The program is available for any woman in the community who is interested in empowering herself and her family through activities designed from Lakota culturally healing methods

The project Winyan Ki Igluonihanipi, which translates to women reclaiming sacredness, is a project of Cangleska, Inc. funded through a $298,000 grant from the Administration for Native Americans.

This project is designed with a healing center that will support Lakota women, their partners, and family in seeking a healthy and a balanced lifestyle. The center will also offer mental health services through a counselor and treatment methods that will help improve the lives of families and community.

The center is located just west of Kyle, on the hilltop, in a blue doublewide near Cangleska's new building, which will house a shelter and the administration offices.

A talented team of women have been organized to

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The staff of Winyan Ki Igluonihanipi are R-L: Clovia Around Him, Amia LeBeaux, Gloria Cournoyer and Rosalie Little Thunder. The sessions will begin Feb. 19.
PHOTO BY AMANDA TAKES WAR BONNETT.

USDA consulting with tribes on changing commodity funds

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - The United State Department of Agriculture is consulting with state agencies and tribes to arrive at a new methodology to allocate funds for the program which distributes commodities on Indian reservations. The old allocation formula has not been changed for decades and apparently creates inequities among Indian tribal organizations and state agencies. The current practice is to negotiate individually with over 100 tribes and a proposed method of funding would standardize the process using a set calculation.

The USDA is planning a multi-year phased in implementation of its new formula when complete and it will begin with a basic grant program that is calculated using past expenditures and number of program participants. It will be designed so that there will be no reduction in funding by any Indian

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TWO SECTIONS

OST executive board asks legal panel to review tribal constitution and election

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - While the new council and administration move ahead establishing goals and priorities for the Steele/Brewer administration, the executive board has passed a resolution appointing a three member legal panel to review both the 2006 tribal election and the OST Constitution.

On the one hand, the tribe is planning an orientation for the new council for Rapid City from Feb. 12 through 15 with special assistant to the president, Eileen Janis, coordinating. On the other hand Dan Naranho, a former chief judge of the Kickapoo traditional tribe of Texas and alternative dispute resolution expert has agreed to serve on the panel and oversee the panel's progress. According to Jeanette Eagle Hawk, OST public relations, John St. Clair, chief judge of the court on Indian Offenses on Wind River and John Thorne, a Native American lawyer and a current court of appeals judge for the State of Utah have been selected for the review panel but have not been notified or have yet to commit to participating on the panel.

With the goal of improving and strengthening the OST election process, the OST secretarie's office, the court of election of appeals and the election board have been asked to give full cooperation to the review panel. According to the executive board resolution passed unanimously Jan. 5 by William Brewer, Elizabeth Waters and Dave Pourier, the review panel has been authorized to review the tribal constitution and election code, to review the roles and functions of the election board and the court of election appeals, review the role of the tribal court and recommend what role the court should play in reviewing violations of civil rights by the election board or the court of election appeals and to review the decisions made by both the election board and the court of election appeals concerning the 2006 tribal election.

"Although the other two panel members have yet to make a commitment," said Kevin Steele, judiciary committee coordinator and the point person for the review panel, "we are hoping they agree to participate and more so, their review and subsequent recommendations will strengthen the tribe's election process for the future and make sure that we do not repeat the difficulties we went through in 2006."

There seems to be a variety

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Funds to be impacted

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the 2007 budget to a total of $186 for trust services. Meanwhile, the Indian Land Consolidation will be seeing a decrease of $21 million.

The Indian Health Services appears to fare well with an increase of $237 in President Bush's budget to $3.991 billion. The I.H.S. Facilities funding request, however, will see a decrease of $25 million at $346 million. Clinical services will also see an increase of $246 million.

The Special Diabetes program for Indians will remain at $150 million, while the Urban Indian Health Program was eliminated from the 2008. It is funded in 2007 at a level of $33 million and in South Dakota there are three urban areas to be affected, including Pierre, Sioux Falls and Rapid City if the 2008 budget becomes reality.

In a related issue, the Navajo-Gallup pipeline planning project was cut from President Bush's budget. The project received $479,000 in 2006 for studies associated with the project. The Department of Justice is also eliminating funding for tribal courts, jails and grants in the amount of $125 billion, according to the Gallup Independent and this will impact tribes all across the nation. The BIA's Safe Indian Communities will receive an increase of $16 million.

As proposed funding to Indian Country may see funding cuts, the cost of the war and defense spending will see an increase and will represent a significant portion of the 2008 budget.

Congress will likely scrutinize the 2008 proposed closely and with the Democratic controlled Congress it will be interesting to see which programs are restored to adequate levels.

Commodity funding

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tribe or state agency.

Rosebud Sioux Tribal council representative from District 3 Antelope, Robert Moore, said, "There is a change as to how they will fund administrative costs. If the proposal is approved, the impact at Rosebud would be the loss of two to three jobs. A lack of employees will diminish services. We spoke out against the new formula."

The bureaucratic jargon contained in the USDA packet which was given to Indian tribal organizations in Rapid City recently took some sorting out, however, it explains the need to change the current inequitable method for calculating funding levels while explaining the work of the Funding Methodology Work Group that has been assembled. The Work Group is comprised of eight representatives from Indian tribal organizations and state agencies that administer the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.

A meeting with the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations work group was held at the Journey Museum in Rapid City on January 24 with RST council representatives, Jo Colombe, Robert Moore Cyril "Whitey" Scott, Patsy Valanda, Stephanie Sully and RST commodity director, Ruth Riefel in attendance.

"Our message to the national administrator is that tribes felt it should be a government to government arrangement. To meet with individual governments and to see what impact this would make. The National Congress of American Indians passed a resolution in support of the formula. The mountain plains tribes are going to NCAI to get the resolution rescinded. We are concerned that FNS interprets the NCAI resolution as endorsed by tribal governments. NCAI is not an organization and because there was no opposition to this. We talked about demographics and the fact that commodities are not a supplemental program, but a subsistence program. We spoke of our growing population and the resources not keeping pace" said Moore.

The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations program groups thirty tribes into the mountain plains region and it includes all of the Lakota tribes in South Dakota in addition to the North Dakota and Montana tribes. The state agencies from Montana and North Dakota are also a part of the grouping. There are five regions in addition to the Food Nutrition Services headquarters office staff.

Each region has two Native representatives on the Work Group list; however, the mountain plains region only has one. Moore said, "The national administrator, Roberto Salazar, is committed to having another voice for our people with tribal representation."

Basically, Food and Nutrition Services attempted to arrive at a new methodology to calculate the distribution of allocated funds to the regional offices based upon fixed percentages that have been in use for years.

In 1994, 1998 and 2000 there were resolutions passed in support of a proposal for several funding models, however, neither progressed very far.

The fixed percentages allocate 28.48 percent of the funding allocation to the mountain plains region, which is the largest, while the smallest region, the southeast division gets an allocation of 0.77 percent.

The system is somewhat inequitable as Indian tribal organizations of the same size may receive significantly different funding amounts.

Apparently many of the Indian tribal organizations also differ in the way in which commodities are dispersed. They range from 23 participants per month to one which has over 10,000 participants. Some offer their program out of one location, while another might allow participants to shop for their commodities much like one sees in a grocery store.

Some Indian tribal organizations deliver to more than one location and these are called tailgate sites.

The proposed model for funding starts with a basic grant of $10,000 dollars and adds in two other components which include past expenditures and average monthly participation.

The expenditures for the last three years are used and 5 percent of the highest one is included in the allocation. Next, the last three levels of participation are averaged and a percentage of the national level is arrived at. This percentage is multiplied by the total funding level for this component. The three figures then make up the total basic grant amount.

At this point, with the new methodology not having been finalized yet, it would seem difficult to calculate each state agency or Indian tribal organization's share as it would be dependent upon the total amount appropriated by Congress. Each regional office would also get a 15 percent set percentage for those who need additional funding beyond the basic grant and this would have to be negotiated. No agency would receive a basic grant amount that is no less than the federal allocation received the prior year.

The Rosebud Sioux tribe received fiscal year 2006 allocations in the amount of $536,766 and they had an average monthly participation of 2, 062 and a per participant amount of $260.32. The Oglala Sioux had a 2006 allocation of $1,073,727 with an average monthly participation of 5,090 and a per participant amount of $210.95.

Somehow, the smaller tribes have a higher per participant amount and perhaps the new methodology is designed to rectify this inequity. For example, the Little River Band has only 70 participants and they received $711.17 per participant in 2006. That figure is considerably higher compared to the amounts at Rosebud and Pine Ridge.

In April the Food and Nutrition Service will meet and review comments and oral testimony which were presented at their regional meetings.

The recommendations will be developed and submitted to the Director of FNS. The regional meetings were held in Green Bay, Wis., Rapid City, Oklahoma City, Okla, and San Francisco, Calif. in January.

Panel and election

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of opinions about just what will come out of the review process. Past president, Alex White Plume sees the need for an entire new election, some feel that just redoing the presidential election will square things up while others feel we are already into a new administration and the best that we can expect from a review is recommendations to strengthen the tribal election process for the future.

Following the OST primary election in October of 2006, the court of election appeals declared the primary election null and void due to a number of discrepancies and misprinted ballots used in polling places across the reservation. The council voted to not accept the decision of the court of election appeals, voted to continue forward with the general election and to remove the court of election appeals. Five days before the general election, the election board decided to remove Alex White Plume from the ballot because of a felony conviction in the early 1980s. White Plume moved into the presidency after Cecelia Fire Thunder was removed as tribal president in June of 2006. White Plume was the top vote getter for president in the primary and immediately filed an appeal with the court of election appeals.

Rather than issuing a decision on White Plume's appeal, the new court of election appeals recommended starting over with a new timeframe. The election board had printed two sets of ballots, one with Steele and Fire Thunder and a set with Steele and White Plume. The election board went with the Steele and Fire Thunder ballots on general election day citing the appeals court's failure to respond to White Plume's appeal. On the day of the general election, the court of election appeals certified White Plume as a candidate who in turn sent the decision onto the chief of police who sent out a memo ordering the confiscation of all of the ballot boxes.

Steele won the presidency by a wide margin and the new tribal government was sworn in on Dec. 5 at Piya Wiconi, Oglala Lakota College's main office outside of Kyle. For a couple of days both Steele and White Plume operated out of the Red Cloud building in Pine Ridge.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs through their regional director recognized the new tribal government right after the Dec. 5 swearing in ceremony and stated that the BIA would honor the decisions made by the tribal courts. The Bureau has also agreed to pay for the costs of the three member review panel supporting the intent of the XB resolution to strengthen the tribe's overall election process.

Healing

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accomplish the healing activities project: Gloria Pourier Cournoyer, program coordinator; Clovia Around Him, project advocate; Amia LeBeaux, intern, Dr. Peg Lesnick, counselor; and Rosalie Little Thunder, cultural consultant.

Cournoyer said the sessions are free of charge, and the staff will help find resources and provide small incentives for childcare. Transportation will also be available if needed.

The healing methods used in the program are based on Cultural Mapping. Cournoyer said, "The activities will help us look at who we are historically. We will focus on the healing of the *nagi*, the 'spirit', the *tawacin*, the consciousness and the will of the individual, and also the relationships within the *tiwahe*, the household. At the end of the six weeks, they will have a good sense of who they are".

In the Lakota language, the term *waableza* means to have good perception and thinking skills; gaining wisdom through life. Activities are planned that will help participating women develop the skill to waableza with more cultural depth and that could help them to apply that skill to everyday decision-making.

Little Thunder, is fluent in Lakota and says that the development of cultural mapping came out of the need to find ways within our own culture to heal the effects of prolonged suffering. Alcohol and drug use are obvious symptoms; the need to sedate the pain.

Cultural mapping works well for the participants of the annual men's re-education program as well. Kiwicasa Camp is also sponsored and staffed by Cangleska.

As with Winyan Igluonihanpi, it takes a team effort of very thoughtful and caring people that must think through the effects of historical oppression and poverty upon Lakota individuals. The hardest part of this work is to consider traditional values and behaviors that are distorted by contemporary misbehaviors.

Little Thunder says, "this model is not an existing Euro model but is original in development. It draws heavily from the Lakota language; the terminology of natural human weaknesses and Lakota disciplines. The instructions for cultural healing are in the language".

"For example, we learn from childhood to waunsila, meaning to have compassion for others. This value alone could be a science within itself. *Waunsila* shaped our culture as a means of survival. However, we are now living in another culture wherein waunsila sometimes make us very vunerable to misbehavior," she said. "As mothers and grandmothers, we do not ableza that we enable misbehavior for those we love. In practicing the habits of compassion, we cater to enabling alcoholism and drug dependence in those we love. Sometimes 'old ways' are not as effective. Of course we should unsila our relatives, but we must be aware when we are helping and when we are enabling. "

"That is the challenge, how do we make adjustments? How do we set up 'cultural triggers for ourselves? "

Cournoyer further adds, "Even "cultural trigger" is coining a new term, but the need for "cultural triggers" is so obvious. When our relatives struggle with today's pressures and misbehave, then as mothers or grandmothers, we question ourselves. We feel the need to respond in a way that is natural and cultural and yet, we must be careful that we aren't contributing to dependencies, that we aren't hurting our relatives. We are Lakota in an American society and that's a tough road."

Cournoyer says that developing healing activities to help participants make healthier cultural transitions has been a challenge, but a good challenge.

"What has been really exciting is to find the answers within the language and the culture," said Cournoyer.

Another example this team offered of cultural conflict is in the term *waas'in ye sni ye*, which means not to cause others to want what you have. This concept is completely contrary to capitalism and individualism.

It's a value that was important to keeping balance. In today's society, we have to make adjustments in order to survive economically.

Little Thunder added that in the *'aic'ibleza*"; the self analysis feature of the model, we examine the factors that influence our personal decision-making and our behavior. In the activity of memory mapping, "we often have significant memories that have impacted us in our lives, and through activities, the participants will process those memories and feel the need to create new positive memories." She said, "so you don't feel icky when you hear that certain song."

She said some people walk around holding a lot of pain, packing bags full of grudges. Learning to let go is essential to healing. Forgiving can be powerful.

But that doesn't mean that people who've hurt us and aren't feeling bad at all about it should be forgiving. We have to learn when to hold people accountable and when to let go and how to do all this. *Wacintanka* is such an important discipline to learn, to strive for."

Another example Little Thunder gave was the behavior of wacinko or what we know as "pouting". Although this is a behavior that is natural to human beings, in today's relationships, it is actively practiced to not only regain personal power, but to manipulate others. In the Kiwicasa Camp, we ask men to be very conscious of this behavior. And again, we need to practice *wacintanka* to discipline this weakness.

"So these are some of the healing pieces, helping the wounded learn how to heal themselves," Little Thunder said.

She said just as the culture has evolved, the disciplines must evolve to respond to the pressing needs of today. "We have different needs now, new factors in today's time, such as alcoholism and drugs. Chemical dependency is relatively new to the last several generations," she said. "And this organization, this project is being very innovative in trying to understand the cultural challenges and to use traditional concepts and practices to help women heal, It's cultural empowerment."

There will be individual and group counseling available and that is where Dr. Lesmick's expertise will enhance the project. In family mapping, if you see a clear imbalance, that's where it takes group therapy or one on one to help balance one's relationships.

Cournoyer emphasized that the activities around the six weeks will help, "How we came to where we are, historically, how do we heal ourselves, in recognizing the effects of oppression, how do we let go of that using rituals that we have culturally. How do we heal that hurt and anger and understand why people use."

The activities will help women to understand who they are, their weaknesses and their strengths and how to use them to become spiritually, physically and emotionally stronger.

In understanding those concepts they can enhance themselves, strengthen their families and that will translate to the community, she said.

She emphasized the activities will be a learning process that designed for fun and for healing with food and celebration.

The center is a place where women can come and it will be a place of support.

The project can be used as an in-patient substance abuse readiness program or as an aftercare activity upon completion of an in-patient program. It is a valuable resource for the court system, social services, or other agencies assisting women in making lifeway changes that will improve the quality of life for families.

"We are excited and honored to be able to offer this service to our community," said Karen Artichoker, Cangleska Inc. director.

Dr. Lesnick will be an asset to the project as will Clovia Around Him. Clovia's role will be valuable as the daughter and translator of her father's (late John Around Him) teachings.

Dr. Lesnick, Ph.D., MFT intern, specializes in domestic violence, grief counseling and healing families and individuals.

Her work has taken her to many countries across many cultural boundaries over the past 25 years.

If you are interested in being a part of the six week women's project, call the center at 455-1526 or Cangleska at 455-2244.

Wouldn't it be a fascinating journey to speak the language of our Lakota heroes?

By Robert Two Crow
Special to the Times

Any Indigenous or Native American Indian language issue specific to "language loss" is often viewed and analyzed from a western scholar's perspective and often discussed using the English language.

The end result of such debate is usually the same:

1) American Indian languages are doomed,

2) somebody needs to do something about it, and

3) there is an immediate need and/or lack of funding if any attempt at "saving the language" is deemed necessary.

In any case, most arguments end with the following consequence: the Native American Indian language in question is typically in dire straits and, at worst, on the verge of extinction.

In other words, will our grandchildren speak Lakota? Will their children - our great grandchildren - speak the language of the Lakota Oyate?

A good answer is not possible at this time from anyone or from anywhere. In fact, reliance on scholarly research is not an option because there is none available that is largely Lakota specific.

Accordingly, I cannot begin to predict whether my grandchildren will speak and comprehend Lakota.

As a Lakota speaker from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, I refuse to accept this final summation regarding the plight of the Lakota language.

Nonetheless, I admit that I cannot offer an explanation or present an overall solution by myself.

I can only hope that Lakota is spoken by the next generations. Therefore, the motive behind this article is to suggest further community-level discussion about language issues that will impact Lakota families throughout Indian reservations.

My relatives, I believe that it is our responsibility, as Lakota speakers, to respond positively to those who want to learn to speak Lakota, especially the youth - our grandchildren.

But, being imperfect, it is naturally easy to worry and feel apprehensive as uncharted matters materialize (and they usually do) and threaten our good intentions.

To list and illustrate more specifically, some possible examples of what I mean: how do I, as a Lakota speaker, accomplish this daunting task?

Who will be willing to help? What steps do I need to take?

Where do I teach Lakota? And, finally, do I develop a curriculum?

Literally, some individuals will think that the only answer is to do nothing hoping someone else will address the issue or think that it is not a problem and it will eventually go away.

And, of course, actually doing nothing deserves a good old Indian explanation. So, for the sake of clarity, it would be better to ponder a view that is befitting basic common sense, personal experience, and Lakota knowledge over continued dependence on a disconnected unfamiliar system to solve Native language problems.

I say this because of my twenty plus years experience as an Indian educator involved conducting language surveys, withstanding a short-lived language teaching career of the Lakota language, mapping school curriculum, actual involvement in Lakota immersion camps, and advocating for people to use the Lakota language. Realistically, none of the strategies have produced practical results with an exception to immersion programs. (More about immersion further on.)

With good intention, language surveys have their place and often reveal interesting results and data. The findings are usually calculated into percentages to reflect how many of the respondents want to speak or learn Lakota or how many just don't want to speak at all.

Another reason for surveys is to show how many speakers are left and so on and so forth. Interestingly, the information gathered never tells what needs to be done as far as language teaching/learning is concerned.

However, information gleaned from surveys is repeatedly an advantage when writing proposals. They are used as statistics to show a need in such areas as training, materials development and information dissemination promises. Other than reasons for grant writing, most survey data ends up tucked away forever or simply disappear until another grant is advertised.

My short-lived career as an instructor began in a classroom at the college level. It really felt good because I was going to teach the Lakota language. I was excited, thrilled and proud. As a matter of fact, it was beautiful. The teaching materials were excellent and I enjoyed the students as they completed the work required for that semester.

We had fun. Later during the same year, I encountered elementary teachers who were using the same materials I used at the college level. I was crushed and dismayed. I decided not to teach any more Lakota language courses at the college level.

Writing curriculum for school systems focused on Lakota language learning is discouraging and, on occasion, disappointing. I personally feel that there is no real support for the endeavor; it is merely done to meet expressed school curriculum obligations and pacify concerned parents. Ironically, some parents and guardians ask why learning Lakota is important. Others ask if there is truly an economic benefit from speaking Lakota since no one speaks it anymore? Other school problems include Orthography and ethnocentric thinking and differences over what a particular word means. School schedules do not allocate enough time for teaching enough Lakota to grasp the very basics of the language. The obstacles and challenges are endless and oftentimes hinder good language teaching/learning instruction. On a slightly brighter side, current Lakota language projects in school systems are commendable and need vigorous support from the home and community if they are to continue.

Lakota immersion camps are relatively new and glowing results linked to language learning proficiency still remains uncertain at this point. As a matter of fact, critical examination from language teachers and language learners is yet to be seen. Based on my experience, most immersion camps start out with a good "game plan" but become advanced bilingual camps midway due to poor teacher-student ratios. Clearly, immersion programs require further study and research as well as more suitable teacher-student configurations if effective language acquisition is to be accomplished. As for now, immersion concepts appear favorable if implementation is carried out with highly trained language instructional teams using appropriate strategies matched with adequate materials.

Wouldn't it be an advantage to the Lakota, if advanced and proficient Lakota speakers gathered for meetings to discuss the status of the Lakota language and its related problems and concerns? Without regards to proper credentials, Lakota speakers have a wealth of information and knowledge about teaching and learning Lakota.

Most of the information is based on custom and is usually oral and unwritten. Moreover, people working in schools as teachers and/or teacher aides assigned to language instructional duties have specific knowledge about what works and what doesn't work in the classroom. Very seldom are these people brought together as a team of consultants for designing a premiere Lakota language teaching/learning model. In my judgment, experts of this caliber should be highly involved in any type of design or plan that involves teaching/learning to speak Lakota.

Their knowledge and experience is an untapped resource and will soon be gone.

The Lakota language is a special gift from the Creator to our ancestors, who've passed the language on to our great grandparents and grandparents.

They in turn passed it on to our parents and so on. At this point, it is today's Lakota speaker who must pass the language on to the next generations. Also, it is vital that schools and other institutions in the community (i.e., government and tribal offices, clinics, hospitals, the business and economic systems, etc.) help create environments conducive to speaking Lakota. Lakol iyapi is a living language and learning it can occur if it is spoken regularly by everybody on a daily basis.

In a closing thought to ponder, when one speaks Lakota proficiently the following statement may conceivably be understood and interpreted without difficulty: "Instead of merely referring to historically famous chiefs by name in English (i.e., Crazy Horse, Red Cloud, Sitting Bull, Little Wound and others) wouldn't it be a more fascinating journey to speak the language of our Lakota heroes?" Other enlightening thoughts to consider should you encounter doubts about learning the Lakota language:

*Not being able to speak Lakota is not your fault nor your family's fault,

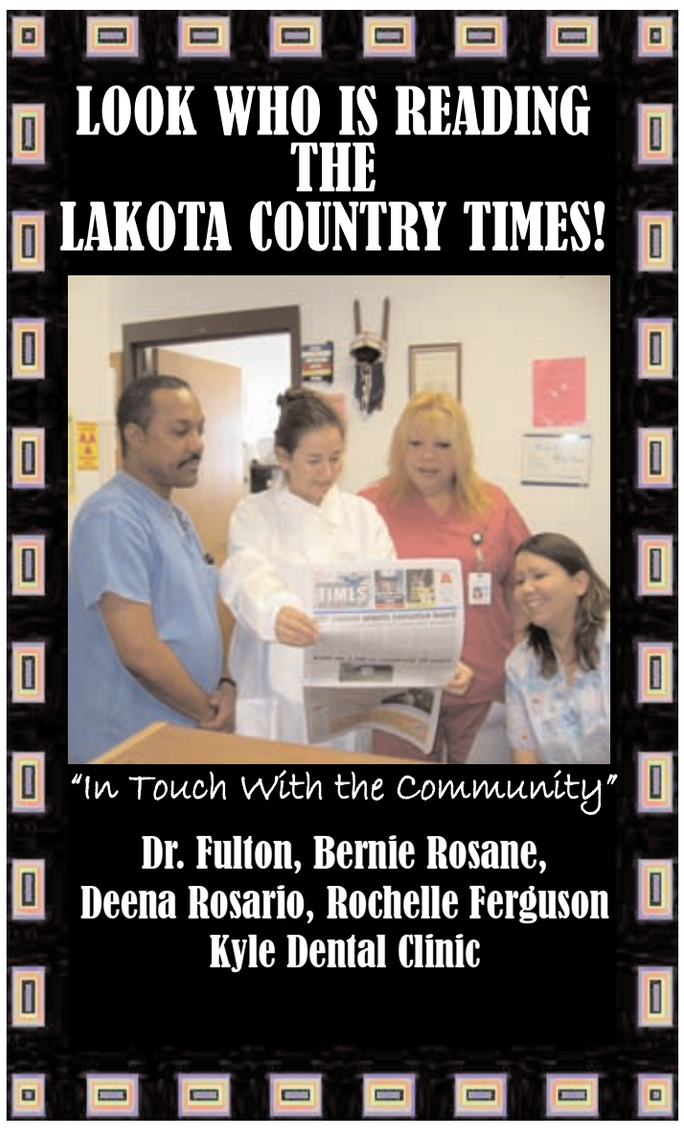
*In a good way, presume or expect to speak Lakota as a second language instead of trying to copy proficient speakers,

*Despite major efforts to eradicate Native languages by U.S federal policy, the Lakota language continues to survive,

*Promote more local roundtable discussions (in Lakota) about language issues, and

*Just talk Lakota and enjoy life's humor.

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CORRECTION

An update story on KILI radio's arrival of their new equipment in Issue 15 reported that Skull Construction provided a boom truck to help off-load the station's new equipment. O'Bryan Construction of Martin was responsible for all equipment used during the equipment move, including a bob cat and a boom truck. We apologize for the error.

OST Council meets in Red Shirt, approves district elections

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

RED SHIRT - With an opportunity to check out Shannon County's new jewel, the Red Shirt Community School, all 18 members of the OST Council met for a special session of the council on Monday, Jan. 29 in Red Shirt community. Past council representative, Robert Two Bulls gave the opening prayer and long time Shannon County employee, Maurice Twiss gave an opening address with words of encouragement.

Approving district elections were foremost on the agenda as the council approved John DuBray as the new Pass Creek District president, approved Eagle Nest district elections including Ron "Beef" Randall/president, Avril Livermont/treasurer, Donna Red Willow/secretary, Marvis Bad Cob/personnel board, Ron Randall/enrollment board and Bob Amiotte/allocation committee.

The council approved Wakpamni District elections including Paul Red Feather/president, roads and gaming commissioner, Estella Rowland/vice president, Joanne Sierra/secretary, Iva Good Voice Flute/treasurer and number four president, Lillian Tobacco/enrollment committee and public safety advisory board, Deb Bluebird/credit board, Faith Tobacco/personnel board, Cheryl Between Lodges/#4 treasurer, George Afraid of Bear/Slim Buttes president, Freda Ten Fingers/vide president, Roxanne Holy Dance/treasurer, Estella Rowland/Wolf Creek president, Gilbert Badwound/vice president, Irene Black Feather/treasurer.

The council approved Pine Ridge Village officers including: Betty Goings/president, Fred Pond/vice president, Margaret Vitalis/secretary, Richard Dean Patton/treasurer, Ella Jon Carlow/5th member, Jerry Bordeaux/gaming commission and Doug Bissonette/enrollment. The council did not approve election results from Medicine Root district with both council representatives from the district talking about the need for a new election.

The council voted not to waive the Indian preference requirement for Pine Ridge School's technology specialist position but did approve the casino providing matching funds of $25,000.00 if available for the Running Strong for American Indian Youth proposal. The council appointed Alberta Iron Cloud Miller as the Attorney General and Joe Cross and Veronica Kills Right as prosecutors by a vote of 13-4. The council tabled the new eviction policy for housing and opposed USDA's formula.

Although the next regular session of the tribal council won't be held until April, many expect a special session by the end of February. The council has scheduled a council orientation in Rapid City for the week of Feb. 12-15.

Community Calendar
Rez Happenings

High School basketball season

Feb. 8 Red Cloud JV boys at Crazy Horse, St. Francis girls at Red Cloud, McLaughlin boys at Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Bennett County girls at Kadoka; Friday, Feb. 9 Crow Creek girls and boys at Pine Ridge, New Underwood girls at Bennett County, Cheyenne Eagle Butte girls at Todd County; Saturday, Feb. 10 Pine Ridge girls and boys vs. Red Cloud at Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City; Monday, Feb. 12 Cheyenne Eagle Butte girls at Mobridge, Bennett County girls at Lyman; Tuesday, Feb. 13 Red Cloud boys at Hot Springs, Pine Ridge boys at Custer, Little Wound girls at St. Francis, South Central girls at Todd County; Thursday, Feb. 15 Little Wound boys at Standing Rock, Faith girls at Cheyenne Eagle butte, Crazy Horse girls at St. Francis.

Tax Preparation

Daily at the Wounded Knee District School Foundation in Manderson from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with instant refunds in 20 minutes, for information call 867-1176.

College Goal Sunday

Money for college, free help on College Goal Sunday, Feb. 11 at 12 sites around South Dakota including Pine Ridge Village College Center and Sinte Gleska University in Mission from 2-4 p.m., for information call 867-5893 or 856-8100.

Flea Market/Indian Taco Sale

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 14, 15, 16 at the Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge, Open to everyone with doors opening at 9:30 a.m., food sales at 11:30am, for more information contact 867-5551.

Co-ed Volleyball Tournament

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24 and 25 at Porcupine School for participants 18 years and older with a diabetes screening as the entry fee, sponsored by the I.H.S. Diabetes Prevention Program-"Oyate Wicozani Ocnnku", for information call; Bobette at 867-3261 or Sawee at 867-3137.

Uranium film and meeting

There will be a special meeting on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 1 to 5 p.m. regarding Uranium development in this region. A film entitled "The River That Harms" will be shown followed by a discussion. The meeting will be at the St. Isaac Jogues Catholic coffee room near the Mother Butler Center. Call 399-1868.

AA Meetings

Every Sunday at 6:30 .p.m. in Kateri Hall at the St. Agnes Church in Manderson, Everyone Welcome, call 867-2267 for information.

OPINION PAGE

Our Views

Sometimes mainstream media sees things differently

Todd County High School was given a "black eye" in a recent USA Today article written by Ledyard King. The article identified Todd County High School as one of the most dangerous schools in the nation. The other schools were located in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Apparently, Gannett News Services got the idea of asking the Education Departments of all fifty states who they would identify as being the most "persistently dangerous" schools out of a total of 90,000 public schools.

Todd County High School just happened to make the list, however, there is such inconsistency in what schools report to their state departments of education, that the distinction needs some clarification. Schools are required by the No Child Left Behind Act to report school safety statistics.

The reasoning is that any child who has been the victim of a violent crime should not get stuck in a persistently dangerous school and should be given the option to transfer.

It cannot be good for a school's public image to be placed on the list and, indeed, there were some problems with defining exactly what "persistently dangerous" means.

Apparently, the schools which are very conscientious and report all incidences, even the minor ones, are in danger of being designated as such. In essence, being candid and open like many schools are, can invite such scrutiny and misinterpretation of what is actually occurring at a school.

On the other hand, many large school districts under report their safety statistics and many experience a large volume of violence, yet they fail to report them and can escape the designation as being persistently dangerous.

Such incidents as fights, hair pulling, pushing and shoving, or perhaps even incidents which happen to and from school are most likely reported by the more conscientious schools like Todd County and then, the intent of the reporting requirement gets obviously misapplied.

Actually, there is no such list that is officially maintained anywhere, but Gannett News Service conducted their own assessment and came up with the idea to create such a list.

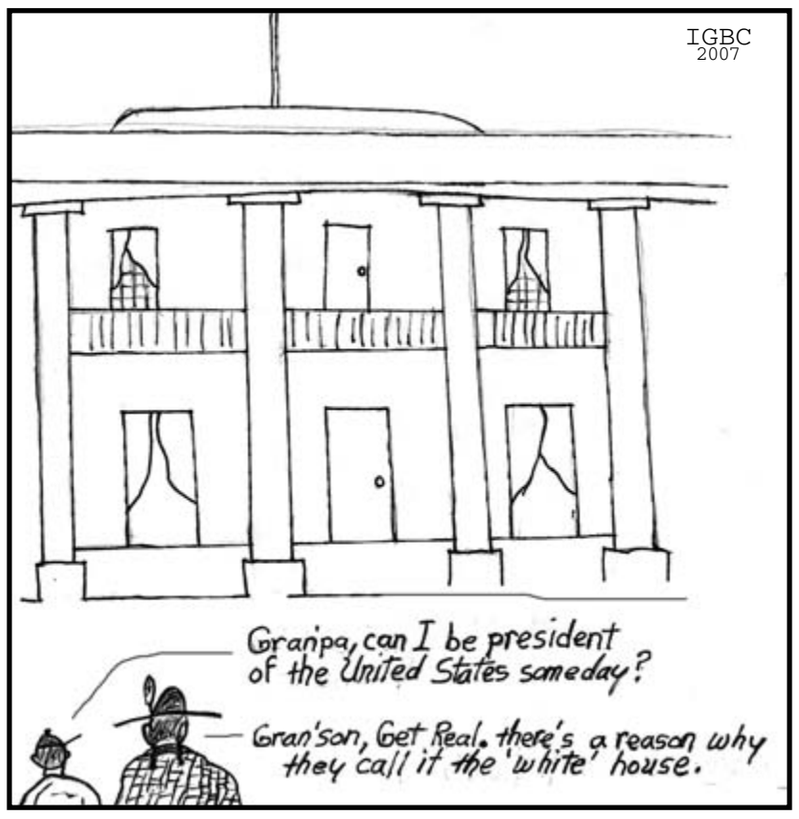
We feel the label was wrongly misapplied to Todd County High School. A couple of attempts to visit with Dr. Bordeaux, superintendent of TCSD were made; however, he was on travel both times.

We are aware that Todd County High School is laboring very hard to comply with the mandates of NCLB and are certain that they will not be on the list next year.

They are a relatively large school district and they have many administrators, teachers and parents who have a strong sense of what is happening on the ground, so to speak.

The school is grounded in the Lakota culture and as such, it is not much different than many other tribal schools on the northern plains.

The mandates of the NCLB Act are necessarily difficult for many schools across the nation and perhaps future funding and a reassessment of NCLB's intent will be assessed.



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Words from the 'trenches'

Mismatched gloves still keep you warm

By Connie Smith-Blanco

Today is a good day. The snow that fell on my car did not turn to ice so I didn't have to scrape the ice off my windshield or dig for my gloves. In our house, we never have to worry about not having gloves to wear.

I realize we are very lucky in that respect. We do have plenty of gloves, it's just that none of them match each other. It would be easy if they were all the same color, like black for instance, but try telling that to my kids.

When it's time for glove buying (I try to do it in the summer, when gloves are cheap) my kids insist on stripes, neon colors, lightning bolts...in other words, anything "but" black. (my daughter calls that a "granny" color…anything that isn't "hip" or "sweet" is "granny" to her) At the end of each winter season we are stuck with only one surviving glove from these "non-granny" gloves, which is then tossed into the "winter glove drawer" with the rest of the non-matching gloves. (I won't allow them to be thrown away…my mother always taught me that you should use, reuse, and reuse "anything" again, if at all possible, and that goes for gloves too)

So today is good. And though I didn't need them, I put on my mismatched pair of black gloves and drove to work. How can black gloves be mismatched you say?

Well, there are a hundred shades of black and each black glove comes in it's own, never to be duplicated again, size. So essentially one glove is large and dark black and one glove is a small light black, or gray and yet they both were sold as size "medium black gloves".

But today is a good day. Amanda and I worked late last night to put the finishing touches on our 12 page Valentine's Day paper.

Last night we discovered we would have to turn it into a 16 page paper. When that happens we are used to jumping to the task…..it's just this month we are bogged down with these mysterious "extra" duties that came about when our CPA quit to go on to greener pastures. We wish her well, she has been a godsend when it came to sending out those important checks that pay our tax bills, rent, the printer, the mailer, the telephone company. Well you get the picture.

Now "I" get to do that and am trying to sandwich those new things into an already "squeezed" work week. And in the meantime our 12 page paper turns into 16 pages and life goes on.

But it's a good day. We're grateful to have jobs, and we're happy when we come to work and there's an envelope under the door with AD money in it. (unfortunately we do have to sell advertising space in our paper, it's what helps keep our creditors happy, the lights on, the water running, and the Rapid City Journal printing our paper! So payment for these ads comes in many forms, and once in awhile that form is even cash.)

The other day Amanda was explaining something to me and she said, "the woman was Iyeska, like you." I wasn't sure how to take that, compliment or otherwise as I didn't know what the word meant. It was a perfect opportunity to find out.

I asked her and she smiled and said it could mean several things but was meant to explain when someone is not "100 percent" Native American and in the old days they would use the term half-breed or refer to the Indian interpreters that traveled with the white men across Indian country as *Iyeska*.

Obviously some were not full blood as that is how they knew the English language to begin with.

So now I know I'm *Iyeska* and proud of it, I don't want to be anything else and I can't be anything else. I think my higher power has put me and Amanda, together to get different perspectives on life in rezland.

Everyday we open each other's eyes to both ways of life…*Iyeska* and Less-*Iyeska*…causing us to both laugh out loud or feel immense sadness at what we learn.

It works. Today's a good day in the trenches.

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Other Views

A call to the Oceti Sakowin Oyate

Dear Editor:

To the Members of the Peta Sakowin Omniciye of the Tituwan Oyate:

The atmosphere in the United States and the attitude of the present Administration is back to the 1820s during the westward migration of immigrants and the Indian removal off their homelands. The expansion of exploratory drilling and the opening up of lands to there resources again is the sign of unresolved historical injustices to the original Peoples.

I have heard through human rights, watchdog and activist groups that this present Administration and Congress is the most corrupt in history. This has created a continuation of desecration to the land, air, water, wildlife and mainly to the health and welfare of the people.

This desecration through the taken of resources by special interests that the present Bush Administration caters to through the presidential appointment of Secretary's to the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Treasury.

These two departments are involved in an 11 year litigation that was brought on by a courageous woman named Elouise Cobell and some elders from her tribe. This lawsuit is now called Cobell v. Kempthorne the newly appointed Secretary of the Interior. This case involves the mismanagement of the historical accounting of 500,000 Individual Indian Monies account holders.

Elouise filed this lawsuit dating back to the illegal Act of 1887, that forced assimilation of the original Peoples and allotted Tribal lands opening so-called surplus land for homesteaders, by the United States President and Congress to the present time.

You can say this was a taken of Tribal land which was placed under a so-called imaginary federal trust responsibility and created fiduciary duty by the United States to the original Peoples and their land.

This expansion continues back in history to another imaginary deal called the Louisiana Purchase which sold for about $11 million the very lands many Tribes call their homelands.

This Louisiana Purchase was a loan made by a President and from whom? The Administration and Congress have a deficit of approximately (this figure is most likely higher) $760 billion and loans of $49 trillion to what persons and/or countries?

The federal trust responsibility that has its roots in the assertion by the federal government that it has the power to control the sale of Indian land to non-Indians.

The policy was first asserted by Great Britain in the Royal Proclamation of 1763, which stated that only the Crown could take lands from the Indians.

The United States adopted this British proclamation during their independence in 1790 calling this proclamation the Indian Trade and Intercourse Act.

The Old Dealers were trying to bring these points out to some people who would listen, to carry and defend the Tribal claim to the land and the resources, but mainly not to forget our identity.

The resources that have been taken (historical accounting) and that are currently being taken have not benefited the original Peoples of the Indigenous territories in the rental monies they are really owed.

Elouise Cobell brought this out in the class action lawsuit she filed. The evidence is all there but the Committee on Indian Affairs and the President continue to manipulate this case in a very dishonorable fashion another case of the many dishonorable dealings with Indians.

Hopefully, the new federal elected officials can make a positive difference for the original Peoples and all immigrants now Americans. I see this issue as a way to eradicate poverty in America. Elouise Cobell's original estimate of $176 billion owed by the federal government through the Department of Interior was torn down to $8 billion by the Bush Administration and McCain's Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. As the good book (the Holy Bible) states in spiritual laws "thou shall not steal", "thou shall not covet", "thou shall not bear false witness" and "thou shall not kill", etc.

These spiritual laws and principles are not being adhered to by the Administration, some congressional members and the presidential appointees to these Departments that are suppose to carry out trust in a responsible way with a fiduciary duty that benefit the original Peoples of this land. It is not happening! There has been NO ACCOUNTING to date!

I am bringing out a very important issue for our People of the Four Bands of the Tituwan. The Tituwan Oyate is made up of the Mnikoju, Siha Sapa, Oohe Numpa, Itazipcola, Oglala, Sicangu, and Hunkpapa whom reside on four concentration camps called Cheyenne River, Rosebud, Pine Ridge and Standing Rock which are agencies controlled by the United State's Administration and Congress.

This is how some Old Dealers (in the spirit world now) talked and some stating that we have no

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Call to oyate

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ties to the United States. Today, I am asking for those that are reading this request to organize representation and spokespersons among the Mnikoju, Siha Sapa, Itazipcola, Oohe Numpa, Oglala, Sicangu and Hunkpapa to prepare for forthcoming meetings.

This is a call to the members of the Tituwan Oyate of the Oceti Sakowin to prepare themselves for meetings that will be sponsored by Mnikoju, Siha Sapa, Itazipcola, and Oohe Numpa members in the Heart of the Nation and Home of the Canumpa Wakan.

These will be open meetings to establish by petition membership and identification for all Tituwan Oyate members of the Oceti Sakowin.

We are calling for representation of all our Tiwahe and Tiospaye members that make up the Tituwan of the Oceti Sakowin.

Currently, under the present IRA Tribal government system on the Cheyenne River Agency, with around 3,500 legal voters and about 2,500 that actually vote this IRA government represents in my estimation about 10% of the People residing on this reservation.

Who represents the 90 percent of the unsika, the homeless, the children, the elders, the families, the poor, the disabled, the ones that are left out and the unemployed?

This system does not represent all of us with the busy schedule and the many legislative issues and business matters that have to be carried out daily by the Tribal Council and Administration.

This burden on the Tribal Council is great and they are in need of help.

Right now, we need an organized National Council that will represent all the families and extended families that reside on and off these diminished boundaries that we are currently living within.

How will we organize? When will we organize? Who will be appointed? Why do we organize? Where do we go from here? These are the questions that will be addressed in upcoming meetings.

There is information that our members need to know now.

When the meeting is set it will be in the newspapers, broadcasted on KLND, KILI, KINI and flyers posted informing you of the time, date, and locations.

The sense of urgency is pressed upon us as original Peoples of these lands to unite in solidarity and unity for our practical survival on this planet.

With a great vision we must pull together under the title of original Allodial titleholders to these lands some illegally and unlawfully taken.

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Northern Perspectives

We all have the legacy of great Lakota people running through our veins



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

I just heard that another Sicangu youngster committed suicide on the Rosebud reservation. I didn't verify that rumor, but it points out an increasing epidemic that used to be other people's problem in some other community. Now it is our problem and we better deal with it.

It seems like we barely heard of the two Rosebud youth that died in the last couple of weeks and we gave a collective sigh of sadness. I know I had to take a deep breath and compose myself after remembering the two whom I never met.

You know as you get older, when we say "Lakota wakanyeja ki wakanpi" we mean that Lakota children are sacred and we believe it. We know that children are precious and will one day represent the teachers, politicians and leaders that will be needed to lead our people in the next generation.

When our children die, it's not supposed to be that way. Our children are not supposed to be leaving us and certainly not as a result of suicide, assault or anything that is too violent for us to understand.

As lay people we don't know how to deal with suicide and most of the time we simply shake our head and try to imagine what went on in that child's mind as he or she made the decision at that moment in time to die. Could it be that the obstacle they were facing at that moment was too great to overcome, was it a spur of the moment thing, or was it a building up of a frustration with any number of issues?

There is really no way to understand what one was confronting before they made the decision to begin their journey to the spirit world and perhaps it was simply a feeling of detachment and emptiness.

If so, how do we fill the void that some feel in their daily affairs? How do we challenge young people to create stimuli and give meaning to their precious lives?

I suggested that we have positive Lakota role models going around to area schools, talking to children, to let them know that we are here because we achieved something positive and we were able to overcome some of the issues which they are confronting now. We have to continue to strategize and come up with ways to give hope to our young.

If nothing else, we need to talk to each one of our students, individually as well as collectively, and to gauge where they are emotionally, if we can.

Beyond that, I suppose that trained professional therapists have some ideas for combating this scourge and I hope that their efforts will be stepped up in view of the recent deaths. Teachers, aides and administrators can be excellent resources to identifying students who may need added encouragement. The environment in which our children find themselves is difficult for just one person to understand, so we need to do it collectively.

I can't even begin to imagine the pain of losing a child and I guess I don't want to start now.

Sandra Black Bear and Pat Bad Hand are promoting the idea of Lakota social dancing and singing in area schools as a way of teaching respect, generosity, and proper social interaction. It is a great start in teaching youngsters that Lakota people traditionally approached life with enthusiasm, fun and sharing as a way to appreciate each other. Pat says, "When you come through that door, leave your negative thoughts at the door and come in and have fun."

Richard Iyotte at KINI FM radio is trying to reach Sicangu youth by producing a 30 minute program which will highlight 10 successful Sicangu people who have faced adversity and managed to be reasonably successful as young and older adults.

We all started out the same, facing the same issues, but some Sicangu ended up overcoming hard times and then some. Our youngsters need to see that life is a challenge and we all have the right stuff to meet challenge. We all have the legacy of the great Lakota people running through our veins and its something that will help us to overcome the greatest challenges that life holds.

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Road wins keep Pine Ridge undefeated with number one ranking intact

Lady Thorpes survive Bennett County with buzzer beater three

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

MARTIN - MARTIN - Pine Ridge's top rebounder Keisha Brewer did not suit up because of her knee and in the fourth quarter the remaining four starters were on the bench with five fouls but no one told the rest of the Lady Thorpes to toss in the towel as Robin Webber put up a three pointer off the glass from just inside the half court line with 1.6 seconds left to give number one ranked Pine Ridge an 81-80 win over number two ranked Bennett County Thursday night in Martin before a standing room only crowd. Alyssa Cottier came in off the bench to grab an offensive rebound and spin and put it in the hoop to cut the Lady Warrior's lead to one 79-78. Cara Kratovil was fouled immediately on the inbounds pass and after she hit one of teo to push Bennett County's lead to 80-78, Webber brought the bll up the court and just inside the half court line let fly a shot she and the entire crowd will remember for a very long time.

Pine Ridge, down almost the entire game overcame an outstanding performance by senior forward Maggie O'Neill who knocked down 36 points and grabbed 17 rebounds. Keely Krolikowski burned Pine ridge with three threes and 125 points but Pine Ridge answered with five ballplayers in double figures led by freshman Cristian Janis who had 18 points five assists and six rebounds before fouling out with 50 secondas to go in the game, Lacey Wesaton with 16 points and seven rebounds bdfore fouling out with 5:L18 to go in the fourth, Nichell Red Owl wqith 14 points, robin Webber with 12 points including the game ending three and Saudia Tasso with 10 points and seven rebounds before fouling out with 2:10 to go in the fourth.

Bennett County led at every quarter break and matched Pine ridge each time the Lady Thorpes mounted a comeback. Pine Ridge just kept coming back and staying close, close enough to pull the win off with five starters out of the game. Pine Ridge won for the 17th straight time this season.

With little or no rest, Pine Ridge hit the road on Friday for Winner. Down 21-17 at he half, the Lady Thorpes found their rhythm in second half to finish up with a 57-43 win for their 18th win of the season.

Lacey Weston led the way with 16 points, Christian Janis added 12 and Nichelle Red Owl helped with 11. Pine Ridge is 18-0, ranked number one, this week getting all nine first place ballots and will host Crow Creek on Friday and play Red Cloud in Rapid City on Saturday.

Red Cloud picked up their fifth straight win on Monday beating Hill City on the road 64-52.

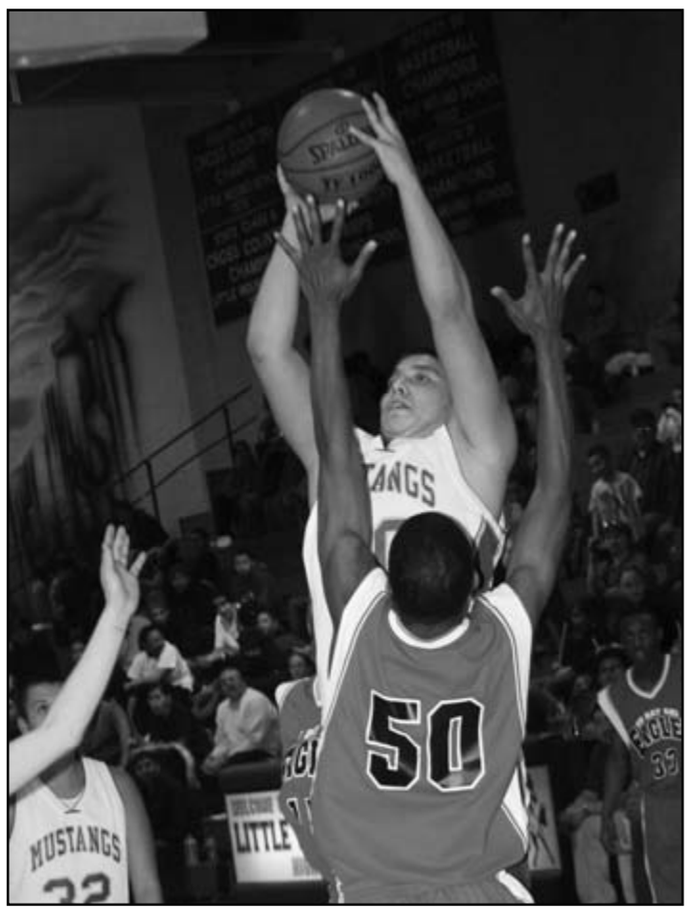
The Lady Crusaders played without Lida Bear robe and Christy Boltz but rode the strong legs of Marque Lunderman who led the way with 20 points and 10 steals.

Ida Clarke added 14 points before fouling out early in the fourth quarter. Shaina Clofford had her best game since returning from two weeks of illness, she hit for 10 points and dissed out six assists/ Red Cloud is 11-6 and hosts St. Francis on Thursday and plays number one ranked Pine Ridge at the Civic Center in Rapid city on Saturday.



Pine Ridge's Robin Webber (14) showed no fear driving and scoring over Bennett County's Maggie O'Neill early on in Pine Ridge's 81-80 win over Bennett County and showed that same no fear attitude putting up a three pointer just inside the half court line with 1.6 seconds left to give the Lady Thorpes a one point win over the number two ranked Lady Warriors.

PHOTO COURTESY OF RANDY BACHELOR, WHITE RIVER.



Little Wound's Rich Big Boy (30) scores over Oh Day Aki's Kareen Chukura (50) on his way to a game high 29 points as Little Wound lost for the first time this year 66-64.

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Mayville State's Laura Big Crow (55) drives around South Dakota Tech's Bethany Holyoak(30) on the way to the basket, Big Crow hit for 15 points with eight rebounds in a 96-71 loss to the Lady Hardrockers on Saturday.

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Mackenzie Casey (3) came off the bench on Saturday to score six points at the end of the firMackenzie Casey (3) came off the bench on Saturday to score six points at the end of the first half including a last second three pointer to cut the deficit against North Dakota State from 11 to five and send the Jacks into halftime with some momentum; Casey finished with 10 points as SDSU ended up losing 78-60. Photo courtesy of Eric Landwehr, South Dakota State University Relations.

Little Wound rebounds with big win over McLaughlin after picking up first loss of the season against Oh Day Aki

KYLE - Brice Hornbeck was still out with a sprained knee and despite Rich Big Boy's 29 points and 11 rebounds Little Wound lost their first game of the year to Minneapolis based Oh Day Aki 66-64 Friday night in Kyle.

The Eagles took the lead midway through the first quarter and never gave it back in a hard fought game. Derek Harvey, a 5'8" guard led the Eagles with 22 points and five steals, Dominic Green a really quick two guard hit for 15 points with five assists to give the Eagle a strong one-two punch. Kareen Chukura grabbed 11 rebounds and Demetrius Martin added 10 boards to help keep the Mustangs off the boards.

Little Wound hit 12 of 12 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter including Ty Lunderman's seven for seven but could get no closer than two points.

Little Wound had the ball with 16 seconds to go and a chance to tie the game up but the pass intended for Big Boy was deflected off Big Boy's hand and out of bounds. TJ McCauley helped with 13 points and five rebounds but Little Wound just could never catch up.

Little Wound bounced back with a 127-76 win over McLaughlin on Saturday night to move their record to 15-1. Tuesday, the top ten poll dropped the Mustangs to number two behind undefeated Parkston.

Little Wound hosts Mobridge on Saturday and travels to Standing Rock on Thursday while Parkston has both Madison and Sioux Falls Christian on their schedule.

Red Cloud beat Todd County in Mission on Thursday 72-56 to run their record to 12-2 and moved up to number six in the rankings but ran into a tough Chadron on the road Tuesday night and lost 78-64.

The Crusaders are now 12-3 and face Pine Ridge in Rapid City on Saturday and travel to Hot Springs on Tuesday.

Lakota Tiwahe family asset building project now recruiting

KYLE - Lakota Funds started the Lakota Tiwahe (Family Savings) Individual Development Account program in 2001.

The first Native IDA in the state of South Dakota. The program was awarded a grant in 2001 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. The funding is used to assist low to moderate income families acquire an asset and build a path towards self-sufficiency.

When potential participants become clients of the Lakota Tiwahe IDA Savings Program they will be provided with financial literacy for personal enrichment and asset specific training to help them understand how to obtain and maintain the asset they have saved towards.

Lakota Tiwahe IDA Savings Program is designed to give clients an incentive to make their IDA experience a positive one. We have offered clients a 2:1 match rate, meaning that the participant will get $2.00 for every $1.00 that they put into their IDA account, (The IDA account is a joint account between the participant and Lakota Funds) for a 24 month savings period. For example, if a client deposits the maximum savings amount of $75.00 for 24 months, they will have $1,800 of personal money invested into their IDA account. Then the program will match that personal investment of $1,800 two times; for a total of $3,600 of incentive program money and a grand total of $5,400 to be used to purchase a home, make a down payment on a home, start a business or expand a current business, or pay for college. That is a 200 percent return on your investment, as well as, being on a path to self sufficiency and becoming a more financially literate individual.

The Lakota Tiwahe IDA program currently has 30 slots available. For more information call (605) 455-2500 or visit our website www.lakotafunds.org.

Indian business conference to focus on infrastructure of reservation economy

RAPID CITY - On Feb. 21, the South Dakota Indian Business Conference will kick off at the Ramkota in Rapid City.

The focus of this year's conference is help create a new approach to building reservation economies. While tribally owned businesses have been an economic engine and have jumpstarted the development process for many tribes, the conference is aiming to boost private business development and entrepreneurship as a vital component of economically flourishing communities.

The focus of the SDIBC is to develop sound tribal legal and governmental systems to create and sustain private business development in Indian Country.

The conference will highlight national experts as well as South Dakota tribal leaders and business owners as they discuss the development of commercial laws, court systems, support systems, and policies needed to stimulate and sustain private business development and entrepreneurship on reservations.

The conference will emphasize partnerships that make economic sense for everyone interested in development in Indian Country.

A unique aspect of the conference is the plan for immediate follow up. When the conference concludes, participants are invited to help build a new coalition dedicated to the growth of thriving Indian businesses in South Dakota.

If you are interested in attending the conference you can log online to www.lakotamall.com/SDIBC or call Lakota Express at 455-2187.

Some of the highlights of the conference is a panel of successful South Dakota Indian business owners; Stephen Cornell, director of the Udall center for Studies in Public Policy, University of Arizona and Co-director, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development will speak on tribal citizen entrepreneurship and what it means for Indian country; a panel to discuss asset building; benefits of a chamber of commerce; and a session on making Indian business finance work for everyone.

Frank Pommersheim, professor at University of South Dakota and Sherman Marshall, chief judge of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe will lead a pane on judicial independence and economic stability through separation of powers.

American Horse School students achieve in attendance

ALLEN - American Horse School has listed their student achievements in Perfect Attendance 2nd Quarter. Students earned a trip to the Sportsmen Lanes in Martin for bowling and pizza.

Armet,Lavera; Ashley, Trey; Attack Him, John; Bear Killer; Rebecca; Brave Heart, Chanda; Brave Heart, Chandler; Cross, Kayla; Deaton, Juanita; Dubray, Eliza; Dubray, Hanna; Dubray, Lamia; Dubray, Vincent; Fast Wolf, Crystal; Fast Wolf, Lucas; Fast Wolf, Natasha; Fast Wolf, Nick; Fast Wolf, Tim; Fast Wolf, Tim; Gay, Kiona; Has No Horse, Jerry; Marshall, Chelsea; Means, Miyah; Means Priscilla; Means, Rueban; Morrison, Vinnie; Mousseaux, Amanda; Mousseaux, Kristy; Poor Bear, Lakota; Reddy, Shayne; Richards, Troy; Salways, Shilo; Spotted Eagle, Noah; Spotted Eagle, Sylvianna; Standing Bear, Mario; Vasquez, Contessa; Walks Out, Antonia; Waters, Sioux Dawn; White Woman, Alexandria; Wilson, Micheael; Yellow Hawk, Star.

American Horse scheduled their annual Language Arts Program for Thursday, Feb. 1 but due to bad weather, rescheduled it for Wednesday, Feb. 7 beginning at 5 with a meal. Pictures from that program will be printed in next week's issue. We invite anyone from Allen or American Horse School to submit stories or pictures for publication. Please call us at 685-1868 or drop off your information to our office in Martin on Main StREET.

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Legislative Reports

Important issues that will impact the state



By Rep. Jim Bradford
District 27-Bennett, Haakon, Jackson, and Shannon Counties

Now in the fourth week of the 82nd Legislative Session, things are in full swing. Over 500 bills have been filed and are awaiting committee hearings. The topics of the bills range from the minimum wage, to the death penalty, to the makeup of the Executive Board of the Legislature.

There are many important issues that will be addressed this month that will have a large impact on the state.

Early in the week, a bill was defeated in the House State Affairs committee that would have raised the minimum wage to $7.25/hour and indexed it with inflation beginning in 2010.

There are now two minimum wage bills remaining and it is unknown at this time when they will appear before committees for hearings. Hopefully, we can get the minimum wage raised and help the people of South Dakota.

Democrats in the Legislature have been crafting some very important legislation that will have an impact on the ethics and openness of our state government.

A bill will be introduced in the Senate by Sen. Nancy Turbak that will require all records without personal privacy interests currently held by the state are to be made open to the public. Moreover, all state offices must make these records accessible during normal business hours. Those state offices that do not have normal business hours are to have clearly posted on their doors the contact information for the person in charge of disbursing public records.

State offices must offer this contact information to county and city auditors so that local government can more readily access this information on the behalf of its citizens.

Next week, we will be tackling our state's most important responsibility-education funding. Though the Democratic proposal (SB 117) was brought out in Senate State Affairs committee this week, not enough time was given to testimony, so the bill will be deferred until next Wednesday.

The Republican funding proposal will be brought out in committee around the same time next week. Currently, Governor Round's funding proposal stands to increase education funding by 3 percent. The Republican legislature's plan stands to increase funding by 4.3 percent, with an added 9 million dollars to deal with teacher pay and other poorly-funded areas of our education system (bringing the total increase in funding up to 6.1 percent). The Democratic plan will increase funding beyond these percentages, bringing state funding into compliance with the Adequacy Study, but we are working with the Republicans to ensure that, above all other considerations, the funding increase chosen will be made consistent so that school administrators can plug these funds into funding teacher salaries and critical-need education programs. Another education issue that made its way to the forefront was the State Library.

Effective Jan. 1, the Library stopped providing normal services to citizens, including no longer checking out books.

A significant portion of the library's holdings are to be dispersed to libraries around the state. Some of the special collections will not be affected by the new policies, but many will.

With Representative Van Norman of Eagle Butte taking the lead on the issue, I have been asking questions in hopes of correcting the flawed change of mission by the State Library in Pierre and hope to remedy the problems caused by it.

As always, I welcome all questions and comments.

Bill focuses legislators to take care of education funding



By Larry Lucas
District 26A Representative

More developments happened this week regarding legislation that would increase the minimum wage. Representative Engels of Hartford proposed a bill to include automatic, annual minimum wage increases indexed to 3 percent growth or the rate of inflation, whichever is least. Setting a precedent like this would help our lowest-paid workers to improve their livelihoods further.

The reasons for minimum raise increases are as plain as day-South Dakota is dead last in the U.S. when it comes to average wages, all while leading the nation in the percentage of two-wage earning households, and nothing has been done to rectify this over the last ten years. Representa-tive's Engels' proposal failed on a party line vote.

Hopefully, we can get all legislators on board with Governor Rounds' bill to raise the minimum wage.

A bill I introduced to allow Independent voters to be able to vote in a political party's Primary Election also failed in committee. Nearly 15 percent of our voters are registered as Independents and I would like to see them to better use their right as a citizen to vote, even in Primary races. One option is to lobby the two major Political Parties in the state asking them to change their by-laws to allow Independents to vote in their Primary Elections.

On the Senate side of things, Sen. Heidepriem has announced the creation of a bill that would demand from our legislators that they take care of education funding, the most important task of state government, earlier in the session instead of waiting until the last day of session to slip funding under the rug. Sen. Heidepriem's legislation, modeled upon similar legislation adopted in neighboring states, would require the passage of a comprehensive education funding bill by both the House and the Senate by the 27th legislative day in a 40-day legislature, and the 22nd legislative day in a 35-day legislature.

The result of this bill is rather simple-education funding will once again take the priority position it has lost in the last five years, and our children will not be cheated by a legislature that excuses itself by bundling funding with numerous other important issues at the very end of session.

More issues will be brought into focus during the next week.

Proposals have been made regarding the hot-button issues pertaining to the death penalty (either revising the procedure, adopting a moratorium, or abolishing it outright), abortion issues (a ban with exceptions, and a bill including "fetus" under the definition of "abused or neglected children"), the valuation of land under the 150 percent rule, and expansion of health care insurance to the uninsured.

Please keep in contact. Legislative Bills and other business can be easily followed on the internet. The web site for the Legislative Research Council is: http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2007/index.aspx.

Midwinter Snowball Dance

Saturday, Feb. 3 at Little Wound Elementary School gym from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. music by Native Diva and Snazzy Boy for information call 455-6209.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye

School pow wow on Friday Feb. 9 at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee, Friday, February 16 at Wounded Knee District School in Manderson and Friday, Feb. 23 in Martin with grand entries at 1 and 6p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

SGU host Founder's Day celebrations

MISSION - MISSION- The 37th Annual SGU Founder's Day week began with a sunrise ceremony on Jan. 29. Each day, staff and students attended a different forum, while the annual staff, board and alumni dinner was held. A family night was held on Thursday, while a reenactment of the inauguration of President Lionel Bordeaux 34 years ago took place.

The "Tribal Nation Building Wacipi" began on Friday and offered contestants prize money totaling $20,000. Two grand entries were held on Saturday, while only one was held on Sunday. Other fun things were going also, including a hand game tournament, an open house at the SGU Heritage Center and the SGU Winyan and Wikoskalaka pageant was held.

Visiting royalty included:

1. Asia "Ista Gi Win" Black Bull, Little Miss Antelope
2. Alexandra Hunter, Miss Pajola Otonwan
3. Fallen Sorbel, Jr. Miss Post #281
4. Whitney Reasoner, Miss Edmonds Community College
5. Britt Gunhammer, Miss Milk's Camp
6. Stacee Pleasant, Miss Oglala Nation
7. Marissa Eagle Thunder, Miss Pass Creek
8. Christina Hambelton, Miss Ikantowan Akicita
9. Sarah Primeaux, Miss Gordon Weston Lodge
10. Danielle Whirlwind Horse, Lil Miss Pahin Sinte
11. Darien Quick Bear, Little Miss Parmelee
12. Rosebud Broken Nose, Miss Wakanyeja Tiospaye
13. Simone Crow Good Voice, Miss Rosebud
14. JaKayla Hesse, Little Miss Rosebud
15. Angel Broken Nose, Jr. Miss Pahin Sinte
16. Toni Tamayo, Miss Teen Rosebud
17. Diana Jones, Miss Wild Horse Butte
18. Elaina Red Shirt, Lil Miss Teca Okolakiciye
19. Davian Gilpin, Lil Miss Isna Wica Owayawa
20. Cante Hemminger, Jr. Miss Healthy Start
21. Chelsea Larvie, Miss Antelope

Host royalty from Sinte Gleska University was:

1. Hattie Dunham, SGU Winyan
2. Neva Rose Stands, SGU Wikoskalaka





Right: The 37th Annual Founder's Day royalty was Neva Rose Stands, SGU Wikoskalaka and Hattie Dunham, SGU Winyan. Each year during the celebration, royalty is chosen to represent the university. Left: Gary Richards, from Allen and Ira Colhoff participate in the Founder's Day wacipi contest. This year $20,000 was available for the wacipi contest.

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SGU Founder's Day Powwow Results

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1 - $400.00 - 2 - $300.00 - 3 - $200.00 - 4 - $100.00 (Teens)

1 - $300.00 - 2 - $200.00 - 3 - $100.00 - 4 - $75.00 (Juniors)

GOLDEN AGE: Women - 1. Mabel Blue Thunder, Antelope, S.D. 2. Sandra Black Bear, Ironwood, SD 3. Millie Black Bear, Allen, S.D. 4. Linda Standing, Cande, SK, Canada.

GOLDEN AGE: Men - 1. Gary Richards, Allen, S.D. 2. Chris Eagle Hawk, Oglala, S.D. 3. Wayne Pushetonequa, Tama, IA 4. Sarge Old Horn, Crow Agency, Mont..

MEN'S FANCY - 1. Shorty Crawford, Sisseton, S.D. 2. Garon Coons, Winnebago, NEB 3. Chaske Hemminger, Prior Lake, Minn. 4. Jerry Cleveland, Wisconsin Dells, WI.

MEN'S GRASS - 1. Mike One Star, Jr. Two Strike, S.D. 2. Julius Not Afraid, Allen, SD 3. Buck Spotted Tail, Rapid City, S.D. 4. Luke Cloud, Sisseton, S.D.

MEN'S TRADITIONAL - 1. Terry Fidler, Eagle Butte, SD 2. Wes New Holy, Oglala, S.D. 3. Chris Eagle Hawk, Jr. Pine Ridge, S.D.

WOMEN'S FANCY - 1. Denelle Stanley, Crockett, Calif. 2. Helene Gaddie, Wanblee, SD 3. Tiffany Weston, Oglala, S.D. 4. Sarah Primeaux.

WOMEN'S JINGLE - 1. Mali Cloud, Sisseton, S.D. 2. December Arrow-White, Ft. Hall, Idaho. 3. Denise One Star, Two Strike, S.D. 4. Anna Diaz, Oglala, S.D.

WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL - 1. Delmarina One Feather, Oglala, S.D. 2. Julie Blue Thunder, Antelope, S.D. 3. Paula Leader Charge, Parmelee, S.D. 4. Della Spotted Tail, Parmelee, S.D.

TEEN BOYS FANCY - 1. Marquel Crawford, Sisseton, S.D. 2. Cactus St. Cyr, Sioux City, IA 3. Marlon Kelly, Porcupine, S.D. 4. Dwight Kelly, Porcupine, S.D.

TEEN BOY'S GRASS - 1. Cante Knight, Thunder Valley, S.D. 2. Gentry St. Cyr, Winnebago, Neb. 3. Joseph Baldwin, Ft. Hall, Idaho 4. John Black Bear, Allen, S.D.

TEEN GIRL'S FANCY - 1. Taylor Spoon Hunter, Oglala, S.D 2. Tia Hoops, Billings, Mont. 3. Nyomi Cleveland, Wisc Dells, Wis. 4. Olowan Win Bad Hand, Two Strike, S.D.

TEEN GIRL'S JINGLE - 1. Lynsey New Holy, Porcupine, S.D. 2. Calsee Has No Horse, Batesland, S.D. 3. Toni Tamayo, Rosebud, S.D. 4. Tara Make Room, Mission, S.D.

TEEN GIRL'S TRADITIONAL - 1. Daisa One Feather, Oglala, S.D. 2. Arianna Uses Arrow, Cannon Ball, N.D. 3. Tyler Makes Room, Mission, S.D. 4. Whitney Reason, Mission, S.D.

JR. BOY'S FANCY - 1. Courage Cleveland, Wis Dells, Wis. 2. Lane Makes Room, Mission, S.D. 3. Cetan Hemminger, Sisseton, S.D. 4. Nathan Bull Bear, Milks Camp, S.D.

JR. BOY'S GRASS - 1. Jai Knight, Thunder Valley, S.D 2. Tre Larvie Rosebud, S.D. 3. Maurice Broken Nose, Pine Ridge, SD 4. Bear Jones, Hot Springs, S.D..

JR. BOY'S TRADITIONAL - 1. Tristan Uses Arrow, Cannon Ball, N.D. 2. Jason Drapeaux, Martin, S.D. 3. Justin Williams, 4. Dustin William.

JR. GIRL'S JINGLE - 1. Tasha Uses Arrow, Cannon Ball, ND 2. Elaina Red Shirt, Allen, S.D. 3. Sunshine Arcoren, Ironwood, SD 4. Fallen Sorbel, Martin, S.D.

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RST secretarial election set for March 20, includes name change, blood degree status for council

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Coorespondent

ROSEBUD - The superintendent of the Rosebud Agency, Cleve Her Many Horses, has been authorized by the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a secretarial election on March 20. Rosebud Sioux tribal members will be asked to accept or reject a total of 27 proposed amendments to the RST constitution.

The election will be held on March 20 and voters may go to designated polling places in 20 communities on the Rosebud reservation. The time frame of 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. has been set for casting ballots. With the exception of North Ideal (Guild Hall), Two Strike (Youth Center) and Upper Cut Meat (Sacred Heart Hall) all other communities will vote at their respective community buildings.

Tribal members who intend to vote in the secretarial election must register to vote by February 20. If one is unable to vote at a designated site and wishes to vote by absentee ballot, it must be requested at the time the registration form is returned to the superintendent's office.

Election results will be posted at the Rosebud Agency office, the BIA Realty Office in Mission, the U. S. post offices on the Rosebud reservation, the respective community buildings and RST tribal offices.

The RST constitutional task force was appointed by the tribal council in February of 2004 and began its work when hearings began approximately a month later. The task force members included, Chairman Ronald Neiss, Ione Quigley, Duane Hollow Horn Bear, Linda Marshall, Ed Valandra, Lynette Marshall and Eric Nixon.

The long and interesting process was sometimes characterized by public hearings which originated from the tribal council chambers. At times, they were carried live on KINI FM radio and it was a great way for the Sicangu tribal membership to keep informed. Not everyone wanted to travel to the council chambers and the listening audience was treated to some rather eloquent Lakota speakers. SGU Lakota Studies instructor, Duane Hollow Horn Bear was often heard providing instruction or facilitating the hearings in Lakota.

Some of the more interesting and dramatics amendments which tribal members will vote on include amendment 1 which would change the name from Rosebud Sioux Tribe to Sicangu Nation. This would also be placed in the preamble to the constitution. Amendment 3 if approved would allow any person born after April 1935 who can provide proof of three generations of lineal descent who were members of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, regardless of residency, will be eligible for enrollment of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

Amendment 5 asks tribal members to vote on a proposed amendment that would require all tribal council members, the president and vice-president of the tribe to be at least ¼ degree of Indian blood. Amendment 6 will require staggered terms for the president, vice-president and council representatives of three years each. All officers and council representatives will be limited to two consecutive terms if the amendment successfully passes.

Amendment 7 would provide for each of the 20 communities on the Rosebud to have one elected representative. At present some have one elected representative, while the larger community of Antelope has four. Amendment 9 if approved would add to the qualifications for the positions of tribal council representatives and the offices of president and vice-president. Basically, an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe must be at least 25 years of age, be at least 1/4 degree of Sicangu blood and not having been convicted of any major crimes in any jurisdiction and not found guilty of any misconduct by the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council may seek and hold office on the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council.

Finally, amendment 26 if passed will require each member of the

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Community Calendar
"Rez Happenings"

Gordon Kiwanis Boxing Smoker
Feb. 17 Gordon High School gym, weigh in are from 12 to 3 p.m., coaches meeting and matchups at 3 p.m., fights begin at 5 p.m., 25 fights maximum. Trophys and medals will be awarded to all fighters, four jackets for best fighters of the evening. Admission fee. For more information call Casey Walton at 308-282-2100 or Chissie Spencer at 455-6364. Sanctioned by USA Boxing Association and the Nebraska Athletic Association.

Diabetes Awareness Volleyball
The Pine Ridge HIS Diabetes Prevention program, Oyate Wicozani Ocanku, 18 and older Co-ed Volleyball tournament on Feb. 24 and 25 at Porcupine School. Entry fee is to be screened for the program. For more information call Bobette Herman, health tech at 867-3261.

Lakota Language Immersion Class
Every Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the Pahin Sinte College Center in Porcupine with Bryan Charging Cloud open to students, community members and programs for male students only, for information call 867-5404.

OST Commodity Issue Schedule
.Friday, Feb. 9 Sunrise Housing in Martin, Tuesday, Feb. 13 Porcupine at Evergreen and CAP office, Thursday, Feb. 15 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni, Friday, Feb. 16 Oglala and Feb. 21 to 28, warehouses closed for inventory.

Lakota Training and Leadership Institute
Classes in carpentry, electrical and automotive work begin on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the LTLI campus west of Pine Ridge at Number four, for information call 867-2287

Indian Business Conference
South Dakota Indian Business Conference, Tuesday, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 22 in Rapid City at the Ramkota Inn, for information call 455-2187 or e-mail them at SDIBC@lakotaexpress.com.

Memorial Basketball Tournament
3rd annual Dana Wike Memorial Basketball Tournament, March 22-25 at the Sinte Gleska University Multi Purpose Building in Antelope, for information contact Ken at 208-5672 or Rich at 747-5644.

19th BJ Weston Peewee tourney
Monday through Sunday, March 26-April 1, 2007 in Pine Ridge at the Pine Ridge School, four divisions including 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, for information call 867-1429, 867-2640, 685-8253 or 867-5435.

Co-dependency Support
Meets on Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. in the basement of the old hospital coordinated by the OST Employee Assistance Program, for info call 867-1841.

12 Step meetings
Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m. at the East Wakpamni College Center in Batesland.

AA Meetings
Every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Kateri Hall at the St. Agnes Church in Manderson, call 867-2267.

Pierre student killed in apparent suicide

By Travis Gulbrandson
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PIERRE - An 18-year-old Pierre resident and senior at T.F. Riggs High School died Saturday night in an incident on Interstate 90 which authorities are calling a suicide.

According to state trooper Kelly Stern, Kevin Jumping Elk began walking on Interstate 90 after a family disturbance occurred at a rest area at approximately 10:10 p.m.

"When we got there we found out an 18-year-old boy had left the scene on foot and walked toward the river there," Stern said.

When Stern and a deputy began looking for Jumping Elk they received a call saying there had been an accident involving a semitruck and a pedestrian approximately a quarter of a mile west of the rest area.

Stern said Jumping Elk initially ran in front of another car, which swerved to avoid him, pulling onto the shoulder of the road and flashing its warning lights in an effort to alert other drivers.

However, Jumping Elk was wearing dark clothes and was not visible on the road, Stern said.

Jumping Elk then ran in front of a semi, whose driver did not see him. Stern said.

"The truck driver didn't even know what he hit," Stern said. "He thought he hit a dog or a bag of garbage or something."

"He didn't know what it was," he said.

The accident occurred at an overpass bridge on Exit 98 near Wasta, Stern said.

Stern said alcohol was involved in the incident.

Riggs principal Mike Fugitt called the incident "devastating," and said Jumping Elk's teachers and friends were informed of what happened that Monday morning.

"He was in our first-period study hall and they made an announcement in class," resource room aide Larra Cutler said.

"We were just shocked. Some of the kids heard what had happened, but they didn't know who it was. We're just shocked."

Jumping Elk transferred to Riggs from Sioux Falls at the beginning of the school year, Fugitt said.

Cutler described Jumping Elk as "very quiet."

"We never had any problems with him," Cutler said. "He was well-behaved and well-mannered. He was a good student."

"He was a nice young man and we enjoyed having him in school," Fugitt said.

"It's obviously devastating when we lose a student like this."

Sicangu lose another youth, community concerned about deaths

By Times Staff

ROSEBUD - On Monday, Feb. 5 an 18-year old unidentified female Sicangu tribal member died at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls.

According to the Rosebud Law Enforcement Services she was found by family members over the weekend. Police officers were apparently able to detect a pulse and heart beat and the individual was able to be maintained in that condition for transport to the Rosebud Hospital.

She was medically evacuated to Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls were she subsequently died.

When asked about the recent deaths on the Rosebud, thus far, in 2007 Rosebud Law Enforcement Services, Chief Charles Red Crow, said, "It is frustrating to encounter events and tragedies such as that. From law enforcement, we would encourage people to speak to someone and deal with the issues which may be bothering them. Small issues can grow into bigger issues. We are working as diligently with all of the social service programs to address all situations on the reservation."

Red Crow noted that he was working closely with Dr. Foster of the Rosebud Hospital to come up with a program to address the recent deaths.

A Suicide Intervention Task Force meeting was held at the CHR building next to the Rosebud Hospital on Friday, Feb. 2 during which representative from the Aberdeen IHS Area Office was present.

The Area Office offered a Critical Incident Stress Debriefing training for survivors, families and friends to help with their loss.

There will also be a collaboration with Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sinte Gleska University, Catholic Social Services, Southern Plains Mental Health and several area churches in presenting a QPR training program which stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer.

It will be a method for referring people who need assistance to Rosebud IHS hospital and other providers.

One professional from the Indian Health Service said, "We need to wake up, inspire and creat a climate where kids want to live. The elder won't be here if a youngster takes his life. We want to emphasize the importance of choosing life. The I.H.S. has someone available available 24/7.

Future suicide task force meetings will be held at SGU on the second Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m.

On the Rosebud reservation the I.H.S. Mental Health department maintains statistics on such attempts as suicide and they average approximately 200 a year.

Red Crow said he is urging not only the Indian Health Service, but mental health agencies, all the schools and the tribe and the White Buffalo Calf Woman Society shelter, to help with the crisis.

Recently there were two other violent deaths involving youth on the Rosebud, a suicide and a stabbing of a 15-year old female. Red Crow said the stabbing incident was gang related and was a pre-arranged meeting in a field near the fairgrounds.

Last year a survey on the Rosebud revealed about 70 gangs.

In a *Rapid City Journal* arti-

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State compulsory attendance law may be changed

By Chet Brokaw
Associated Press Writer

PIERRE (AP) - Students should be required to stay in school until they graduate or turn 18, a South Dakota education official said Tuesday.

Students can now drop out of high school at age 16, but those dropouts frequently face a life of poverty and are more likely to wind up in prison, said Wade Pogany of the state Education Department.

``Our goal is to graduate more students. We can't graduate them if they leave at 16,'' Pogany told the Senate Education Committee.

The bill was left in limbo at the end of Tuesday's committee hearing. A vote to endorse the bill resulted in a 3-3 tie with one committee member absent, so the panel planned to vote on the measure again Thursday.

SB199 is Gov. Mike Rounds' second attempt to raise the compulsory school age to 18. A similar bill was rejected by the Senate last year after opponents said it could be counterproductive because teenagers who do not want to be in school would cause problems for other students.

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Sicangu Council to take an oath of office to support and defend the Constitution and by-laws of the Sicangu Nation and the Treaties entered into with the United States Government or other Governments.

According to Ronald Neiss, task force members often differed in their assessment as to which proposed amendments demonstrated good merit, however, their goal was to act in the best interest of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate. It did not matter how they personally felt about an amendment, they agreed to apply a set of criteria that they developed that was applied to each proposed amendment.

Such considerations as clarity, whether they made sense, and the impact they potentially had on tribal sovereignty and the treaties were deemed important. They also examined how the proposed amendments impacted the contemporary Lakota world view.

An interesting fact is that the oral testimony that was presented at the hearings was not necessarily translated into proposed amendments as task force members could not alter or manipulate the materials that were presented and that presumably included anything verbally presented.

Those who did present oral testimony may have had a paper copy in hand for submission to the task force.

Neiss did note, however, that the oral testimony often clarified a range of issues and was viewed as useful to the task force as discussion ensured on the merits of each proposed amendment. Many Sicangu people were quite knowledgeable on a range of topics, protocol and tribal history and it was a great forum and opportunity for them to share that.

It was obvious that a good cross section of Sicangu "grass roots" people or ikce wicasa were responsible for drafting and submitting the 189 proposed amendments which were pared down to 27 for the final ballot.

The proposed amendments were presented in their final form to the Bureau of Indian Affairs on April 19, 2005.

Two years after the task force was assembled the Sicangu tribal membership is able to go to the polls.

Sicangu community

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cle on Tuesday, Feb. 6, the youth involved in the stabbing were cited as being Todd County High School students.

Vicky Sherman, principal at Todd County High School told the Rapid City Journal that they put their high school on alert and will be using metal detector wands at the door.

Sherman said it was crucial for adults to make positive connections with kids at risk. When someone is hurt by violence, all kids know to do is get even, she said.

On the *Rapid City Journal* online website, many readers offered their comments about the issue. The comments ranged from urging parents to be more involved in their children's lives to suggestions on why the violence is occurring in their community. A teacher wrote, "I have worked in education on the reservation for 12 years. Born and raised on the Pine Ridge Rez. I attended the wake for this young Lakota woman. One of the saddest things I have ever witnessed. None of us should have had to be there for something like that. It should not have happened. Our children are full of talents but need to be taught about all the good things in life and how to deal with the bad days. Pointing fingers is not going to solve our problems. Parents, schools, public safety, politicians, churches, holymen, Pipe carriers, friends all need to come together and plan what the first steps will be to begin a positive change. Culture, history, coaches, activities and prayer were important factors for me growing up on the reservation. Life skills classes on self esteem, decision making and interpersonal communication and planning for the future are some ideas."

Another parent urged parents, "We need to know what our children are doing and who they are doing it with. We need to communicate with them, they need to be told they are loved and cared for every day. Violence starts in the home, we can't blame the schools or the police. We need to take responsibility for our as well as our children's actions!

Most of the comments were pointed at parents, as another gave the comment, "The problem cannot be pinpointed to one thing: rap, schools, police, alcohol, drugs, etc. If it could, then a solution would be simple, it is a multi-layered issue. The lack of parental support, the abuse of alcohol, drugs, gambling. Parents do not want to spend time with their children because they're too wrapped up in their own dysfunctional behavior. Parents are also contributing to the violent behavior, because of the recurring abuse in the homes. Positive conflict resolution is not developed. Instead, through the media, in our homes, and in society, the way to handle conflict is through revenge, eye-for-an-eye mentality. Youth groups, out-reach can begin small, in each community on the reservation. Let's be proactive, and find some solutions."

A former Todd County resident wrote, "The unemployment rate in Todd County is 90 percent, there is a lot of alcoholism, drug abuse, physical, mental, and sexual abuse. That is the kind of environment some of the children have been raised in. For some it has become a normal way of life. There is no after school programs, and barely one youth center for children and teens to go to. So it is left for the parents to watch after their children, and that doesn't happen often. Parent's need to know what there children, and teens are doing at all times. Be involved in your children's lives. Todd County is a beautiful place on earth. It's just sad it is being wasted away by alcohol, drugs, and abuse. The people in Todd County can choose to be sucked in that way of life, or try to be a part of their community events in a positive way, and be a 100 percvent part of there children's lives. Parents of Todd County can put a stop to all this violence in their youth."

A youth wrote, "It ain't about rap, the drugs or the alcohol. its the fact that is the reservation, and everyone down there doesn't care about changing it. Pine Ridge and Rosebud COULD have been a great beautiful town where Lakota culture is everywhere, where the people could have real businesses and stay there to work. Maybe it could have even been a tourist destination. BUT instead it's a third world country, where everyone has something to prove, and there is gangsta wannabes. That's a shame because there is a lot of money that has been available to help build Pine Ridge and Rosebud. The people that live there are the only ones that can change it, otherwise it will get worse."

Another wrote, "I would say parents could do more to help. But I think adults in the tribe could do better too. What do kids see in a lot of our communities? Adults bickering and fighting over money, gossiping, backstabbing, disrespecting one another and even using violence themselves to settle scores. It's all good to say we need to return to traditions but it would have to be a real tradition. Not one with a bunch of adults pretending to act like their ancestors in ceremonies and powwows, but people really living the values and principles of what they preach. Kids recognize hypocrisy just like adults."

State law on attendance

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No one testified against the measure in Tuesday's meeting, but Sen. Kenneth McNenny, R-Sturgis, said he believes some students should be allowed to drop out at age 16 because they are not interested in attending school. Most will later get a high school diploma or the equivalent, he said.

But state Corrections Secretary Tim Reisch said people with high school degrees are more likely to stay out of prison.

He said 54 percent of new prison inmates have not completed high school.

Inmates with high school degrees have a good chance of avoiding trouble after they are released on parole, but those without high school degrees have a high risk of committing new crimes, Reisch said.

Every juvenile committed to a state corrections program is required to complete high school, and every adult inmate must work toward a high school degree, he said.

Sen. Ed Olson, R-Mitchell, chairman of the committee, said the measure would change the way schools handle problem students from the early elementary grades. Schools will use different programs to give students a reason to want to stay, he said.

``Schools across the state will understand you are going to be here until you get your degree or you're 18 years of age,'' he said.

Pogany said tribal schools now require students to stay until they graduate or turn 18, so some Indian students transfer to non-reservation schools that are controlled by state law so they can drop out at 16.

He said schools cannot give up on problem students.

``We would argue there are no expendable students,'' Pogany said.

RST tribal court hears case of St. Francis Mission versus SFIS

$1.5 million at stake as case will go to trial

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - The case of St. Francis Mission versus St. Francis Indian School was heard in Rosebud Sioux tribal court on February 2 at 1:00 p.m. The presiding judge was the honorable B. J. Jones.

The hearing addressed two issues. First, SFIS/Sicangu Oyate Ho, Inc. originally filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit claiming that the doctrine of sovereign immunity prevailed, while the other issue before the court was the request for a preliminary injunction against the school for the money received from the Cerro estate.

SFIS was represented by Stephanie Pochop of Gregory and St. Francis Mission was represented by attorney, Robert Doody, of SFM and the Rosebud Educational Society.

At issue is the fact that Sicangu Oyate Ho, Inc. the corporate arm of St. Francis Indian School had received a bequest from the Delores Cerro Trust of Bakersfield, CA in the amount of $1.5 million.

The bequest was to be limited to student scholarship support and capital improvements.

On Nov. 9, the Rosebud Educational Society/St. Francis Mission filed an injunction in RST tribal court to stop SFIS from utilizing any of the money. Judge Janell Sully issued the injunction based on information which was brought by St. Francis Mission.

SFM said that in existence was an agreement from 25 years ago that governed the fund raising efforts of SFM. Any donations or requests that were realized were to go to SFM.

In 1984 the agreement was reiterated and any requests were to go into the RES account. In all cases, the wishes of the donor were to be honored.

SFM contended that they were not aware of the $1.5 million until it was deposited into the account of SFIS. SFM also said that SFIS did not inform the Cerro Trust that were was an agreement in place.

SFIS superintendent noted that Delores Cerro had called the school before her death and indicated as to how the trust was to be directed.

The RST tribal court was to hear the case on Nov. 22, however it was postponed. Parker said in November that the money had been deposited in a Wells Fargo account at the wishes of the Board of Education.

During Friday's hearing in tribal court, the court upheld the motion to dismiss, in part, and also partially denied it.

The court held that the school is a tribal entity and immune from suit based upon the doctrine of sovereign immunity. However, the case was allowed to proceed under the Civil Rights Act as the "taking of private property." Attorney Doody said, "I argued that if the school is covered by sovereign immunity then its actions amount to a violation of civil rights of my client since they took private property without just compensation in a violation of the Indian Civil Rights Act 25 USC 1302(8)."

The court denied the motion for an injunction as the judge noted that the probability of success was not high based on the merits of the case.

Doody said, "The injunction was denied and we are going to go forward with a trial on the merits of the case under the understanding that this is a possible taking under the ICRA. The trial at this time has not been scheduled."

Young Bear candlelight vigil Feb. 10

PORCUPINE - There will be a prayer and memorial candle light vigil for Janet, Leslie and Lawrence Young Bear Sr. on Saturday, Feb. 10 at noon.

There will be a gathering at the accident site north of Sharp's Corner. Following the prayer services there will be a walk from Our Lady of Lourdes School to the Lakota Gospel Church. In conjunction with the prayer vigil, there will be a Thanksgiving concert with Sister Trevian Scout.

For more information call Eldeene at 455-2867 or Mary at 441-3171.

ASK ANNA

Psychic ~ Clairvoyant

Dear Anna:

I'm writing this letter to you because I'm distraught and just wondering about my employment situation.

I have my degree in early childhood and where I work it's just a complete mess. The Boss is something and so is the one she hired recently; who doesn't have a degree or experience in this field, but has a degree in another area.

Where I work there is a lot of distrust in the administration and with certain others around. It makes me wonder if this program will ever straighten itself out - to the extent that we as teachers can just be teachers! My co-workers all want to just walk out but because they have big hearts for the children they don't go.

It is like everyone is walking on eggshells; and I myself wasn't raised to keep quiet about anything; especially when it's just and for the right reason.

To make matters worse it's always we get picked on for miscellaneous B.S. [sic] that the boss thinks is right to RIF people and check on the workers by using others to spy on us. The list goes on and on and on.....quite frankly I'm on the verge of just quitting but with no income in my home I can't afford to just quit, plus I have relatives and friends whom I always never turn away in their times of need - especially around paydays.

Do so you see any prosperity coming my way as far as employment goes? Do you see the situation getting any better where I work?

And do you see another boss coming our way - who is friendly, kind, understanding, trusting and whom does have experience with children and who does hold a degree in this field?

Stress in the Work Place

Dear Stress in the Workplace:

I am extremely proud of you for having completed your education in early childhood development. It is a magnificent field and given the economic requirements of women to be in the work-place; there is an ever-growing need for the best child care possible. It is a worthy field as it guards and nurtures our most precious commodity - our children.

Within the field you are working there is a large amount of stress concerning adequate standards and pay.

There has been no consistency in management in years. These factors tend to weaken administrative reach into the center and heartbeat of the industry. Administration is so weak as to come from the defensive approach; or the approach of the under-dog which is controlling and frantic with stop-gap measures being continually created and enforced.

This is a very frantic effort to create administrative rules to create administrative flow...which is, in essence new rules created for the sake of the old rules.

It is not only within the child care programs that we find stress and territorial disputes, with shows of undermining and arguing, favoritism and amazing emotionalism, name calling, destruction and accusations used as art to try and consume another person's good reputation and ability through complaining, exaggerating, and otherwise setting each other up with the aim of destroying anothers right to do well.

I do know a solution. It is a simple change in management style, throughout each program...from the current style of management by self to a new system of management by objective.

Each employee has the same objective: whether to sell more items or enroll more students; or educate more people, or heal more people.

So first: each organization must have a statement of goal - thus: THE OBJECTIVE. Then every employee is challenged to perform that objective: Everybody from the filing clerk to the Director and the Board of that organization uses the same objective.

Remember the commercial "California cows are happy cows...and happy cows make better cheese." It is the same for humans.

Everybody working together; understanding that each job is important and an integral part of the whole; and that.

Happy, comfortable, clean, healthy working environments will get everybody more cheese. Everybody has a responsibility to provide that by respecting your work environment.

Management needs to address who they work with. Native People are heart people first and head people second. Personnel decisions need to be in the flow with heart decisions, creating a comfortable environment for people. Rules have to be expanded in terms of absences (in consideration of funerals and wakes, humblaca and Sun Dance, etc.), and elasticity must be incorporated into nepotism rules. Tribes are related. It's a fact. How can they efficiently run if all relatives are excluded from each organization because another relative works there?

Now; as to the hiring of someone with a different degree - I want to point out that sometimes that is more than appropriate. Can you imagine if they had required Christ to have a degree in psychology or a certificate in massage therapy? Sometimes, some people are gifted and belong in certain fields, whether they are "degreed" or not. There is more than one way in this world to be educated. Let us never be so stiff that we overlook self-education, natural talent, and flexibility as equals to formal education.

Now, down to brass tacks. Everybody, just teach the children; fill out the paperwork, keep the classrooms clean and safe, and get along together. It can't be that hard. Objective: THE CHILDREN - HOW WILL THEY BE BEST SERVED?

And, by the way, I do see the administration at your work being less than they could be because of the dissension among the workers.

They keep using old defensive accusations towards others instead of directing energies towards unity.

I hope that they understand they cannot have a meeting and yell at everybody to get along - they need to listen; because this is a disaster for management in the making - and it comes from not listening to the people who do the work; the ones with hands-on experience. They have to listen, but so do the rest of you. If things are not resolved within six months, there will be a change in administration and administrative support - again.

Dear Anna,

I have a question to ask and would appreciate it very much if you can help answer it for me. I broke up with my husband several years ago and he wants to get back together. We had a pretty good relationship but I did something that betrayed his trust and he broke up with me.

I was devastated and did everything to get him to change his mind but nothing worked. I barely made it out of the depression I was in and got over him.

Then he changed his mind and wants me back but now I am the one who doesn't want to. In the meantime, I met this guy who became my friend and now says he loves me.

Now my question for you is:

Do you think it would be a good thing to get back with my ex husband? What do you see about my new "friend"? Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Just asking.

Dear Just asking:

Examine your heart. Don't hang onto somebody for insurance (just in case the other one doesn't work out). Be honest with yourself.

Love isn't about degrees of how much; or about the investment or the return; it's about love. Who do you love?

If you don't know, then know that the current man ain't the one either honey - but neither is the guy from your past.

Good Luck.

Dear Anna:

All life's blessings to you. I had been laid off from work some months ago and am looking for work.

I don't want to go back to what I had been doing for years and years. I am in my 50s and mentally and physically tired and know I need to shake that off and I will, but I need to go back to work as soon as possible before I lose all.

Do you see any immediate employment for me? I really want to have a job I will be happy to get up in the morning for and have a feeling of making a difference and still be able to pay my bills.

Thank you for your help and I do thank God for the advantages I have had through the years that many people haven't, but I still need direction. From Maryland.

Dear Maryland:

Go sign up for school. You are eligible for grants and loans. You can almost afford to live on that - but you can live on that with a part time job. Check the paper, I see something that has to do with automobiles and/or tires.

You are going to be sixty anyway, so you might as well be sixty with a degree. You want to work with children, then follow that - maybe even library sceince?

You are still young, your children should be independent (or mostly anyway), you should be able to make your own decisions, you are the perfect student. Take a chance on yourself -

Otherwise, I see two jobs - one at a resort (restaurant, motel, etc), and one in a shop (mechanics?) of sorts. Given the look of your future, I would chose school and part time work.

Good Luck!

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

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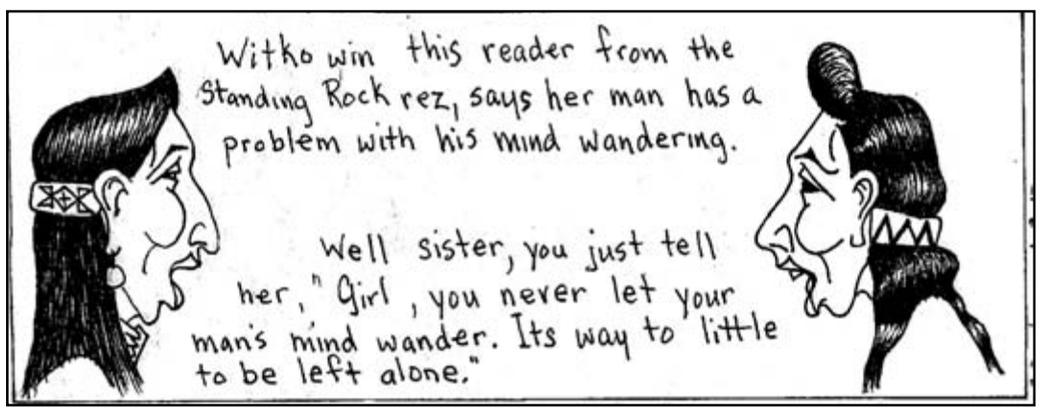
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Kevin Ray Jumping Elk

PIERRE - Kevin "Ray" Jumping Elk, 18, died on Saturday, Feb 3 on Interstate 90 near Wasta.

He is survived by his father, Zachery Pawnee Leggins of Rapid City; his mother, Dana Jumping Elk of Pierre; his grandmother, Ione White Bear/Larvie of Pierre; and his four brothers, Raymond Good Tracks, Halton, Kan.; Billy Guthrie, Shelton, Wash.; Joe Jumping Elk, Rapid City; Tony Guthrie, Shelton, Wash.; and his five sisters, Bethany Guthrie, Shelton, Wash.; Katie Guthrie, Shelton, Wash.; April Jumping Elk, Sioux Falls; Norma Jumping Elk; and Ivana Pawnee Leggins, both of Pierre.

Ray was preceded in death by his aunt, Debora Jumping Elk and his cousin, Bradley Nichols.

A one night wake will be Thursday, Feb. 8, at Mother Butler Center with a Rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral mass will be held on Friday, Feb. 9, at 10 a.m. at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Rapid City with Father Dave Matzko, S.J. officiating. Burial will be at Pine Lawn Memorial Park in Rapid City.

Bailey J. Richards

HASTINGS, NEB. - Bailey J. Richards, 20 months, died Feb. 4 at Mary-Lanning Hospital in Hastings, Neb.

Survivors include parents Damien and Lisa Richards, Hastings, Neb.; brothers Jerome Richards, Antonio Foote, Jesse Adair and Xavier Adair all of Hastings, Neb.; sisters twin sister Bobbi Richards and Tionna Adair both of Hastings.

Maternal grandmother Geneva Richards, Porcupine, and paternal grandparents Rochelle Lone Wolf and David Adair Alliance, Neb.

A first night wake begins Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Church of God, Alliance, Neb.; a second night wake begins Friday, Feb. 9 at the Native American Church, Porcupine.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb.10 at the Native American Church.

Officiating will be Rev. Dominic and Mr. Kirk Fool Bull.

Burial will be in the Native American Church Cemetery, Porcupine.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Duella Jeaneen Two Bulls

PINE RIDGE - Duella Jeaneen Two Bulls was born Aug. 30, 1965, the eighth child to Fred Sr. and Alvina Two Bulls.

She spent her elementary school years at Loneman School in Oglala, her middle school years at Pine Ridge.

She graduated in 1983 from Red Cloud High School. She attended United Tribes Technical College and majored in criminal justice. She returned to Pine Ridge and worked for the Pine Ridge CAP office OST Property and Supply, Jack and Jill Market and Sioux Nation. Duella was known to many as an inspiration to others.

Her encouraging words and sense of humor gave many people hope. She was chosen to be the spokesperson for transplant patients at the Avera McKennan Transplant Institute Hospital in Sioux Falls. She is preceded in death by her father, Fred Two Bulls Sr., and her daughter, Billie Jean. She is survived by three daughters, Tisha Charging Crow and Troylynn Charging Crow, both of Pine Ridge, and Tracy Charging Crow, Omaha, Neb.; one son, Taylor Charging Crow, Pine Ridge; her mother Alvina Two Bulls, brothers Fred Two Bulls Jr., Lancaster Ohio, and L. James Two Bulls in Oglala, Rudy Two Bulls, Meldwin Two Bulls, Oglala, sisters Roxanne Two Bulls, Red Shirt, Annalene Two Bulls, Oglala, and Duwana Two Bulls, Rapid City.

Wake services were Feb. 6 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall in Pine Ridge and Feb. 7 at Brother Rene Catholic Hall in Oglala.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 1 p.m. at Brother Rene Catholic Hall in Oglala, with Rev Steve Sanford and Rev. Robert Two Bulls officiating. Traditional Lakota services by Mr. Wilmer Mesteth and Mr. Sam Two Bulls, Sr. Burial will be at the Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery, Red Shirt, SD.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge.

Marlene Blue Coat

EAGLE BUTTE - Marlene Blue Coat, 64, Eagle Butte, died Jan. 30 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Wake services were Feb. 4, at H.V. Johnston Cultural Center in Eagle Butte.

Funeral services were Monday, Feb. 5, at the cultural center, with the Rev. Norman Blue Coat and the UCC congregation of Green Grass officiating. Burial was at UCC Cemetery in Green Grass.

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ELECTION NOTICE SECRETARIAL ELECTION ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE MARCH 20, 2007

The Great Plains Regional Director, under delegated authority from the Secretary of the Interior, has authorized the Superintendent of the Rosebud Agency to conduct a Secretarial Election under regulations in 25 CFR 81 which allows eligible Tribal members to vote to accept or reject the following proposed amendments to the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Constitution.

AMENDMENT NO. 1:
Title of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Constitution to modify: Constitution and By Laws of the Sicangu Nation. If you vote yes, this will change the name of the tribe from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe to the Sicangu Nation.

If you vote no, the name will remain the same.

AMENDMENT NO. 2:
The Preamble of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Constitution to Modify:
Under and by virtue of the Creator, we, the enrolled members of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the territorial boundaries of the Great Sioux Nation in order to establish justice, to ensure tranquility and enjoy the blessings of freedom and liberty, to conserve and protect our treaty homelands, to develop our common resources, and to promote the best welfare of the present and future generations, in education and industry, and to protect and secure our tribal sovereignty, do hereby adopt and establish this constitution and by-laws.

If you vote yes to this amendment, this will take Rosebud Sioux Tribe from the preamble and replace it with Sicangu Nation.

If you vote no, it will remain the same.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 1. SUBSECTION C: TO MODIFY:
AMENDMENT NO. 3:
c. All persons that can provide three (3) Generations of Lineal Descent born after April 01, 1935 to a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, regardless of the residence of the parent.

If you vote yes for this amendment, this will allow any person born after April 1935 who can provide proof of three generations of lineal descent who were members of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, regardless of residency, will be eligible for enrollment of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

If you vote no on this amendment, Article II-Membership will remain the same.

ARTICLE III - GOVERNING BODY, SECTION 1: TO MODIFY:
AMENDMENT NO. 4:
Section 1. The governance of the Sicangu Nation shall consist of a governing body known as the Sicangu Council.

If you vote yes for this amendment, this will change the name of the Tribal Council to Sicangu Council.

If you vote no on this amendment, Article III-Governing Body, Section 1 will remain the same.

AMENDMENT NO 5:
All council members and the president and vice-president shall be of at least ¼ degree Indian blood.

If you vote yes, this will require all tribal council members, the president and vice-president of the tribe to be at least ¼ degree of Indian blood.

If you vote no, Article III-Governing Body, Section 2 will remain the same.

ARTICLE III -GOVERNING BODY, SECTION 2: TO MODIFY"
AMENDMENT NO. 6:
Section 2. The President and Vice President of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe shall be elected at large for a term of three years. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe shall be elected at large for a term of two years and shall have no vote in matters before the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. The Community Representatives of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe shall be elected for terms of three years. The offices of the President, Vice President, Council Representatives, Secretary and Treasurer shall be subject to limits of two consecutive terms. The terms of Community Representatives shall be staggered terms commencing with the next election. Elections for ten Community Representatives will be for the first three year term, the remaining two Community Representative elections will be for an initial term of two years and then it will revert to a three year term at the next general election in 2009. The decision of which ten communities will hold the first three year and two year terms will be made by the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Election Board. Each community of the reservation, as follows, shall be entitled to representation on the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council as hereinafter provided: 1. Antelope 2. Black Pipe 3. Bull Creek 4. Butte Creek 5. Corn Creek 6. Grass Mountain 7. He Dog 8. Horse Creek 9. Ideal 10. Milks Camp 11.Okreek12.Parmelee 13. Ring Thunder 14. Rosebud 15. St. Francis 16. Soldier Creek 17. Spring Creek 18. Swift Bear 19. Two Strike 20. Upper Cut Meat

If you vote yes for this amendment, this will extend the elected term of office of the Tribal President and Vice President to three years; This will also establish the positions of Secretary and Treasurer as elected at large members with an elected term of office of two years; This will also limit elected terms to two consecutive terms for the position of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Community Representatives; and lastly, this will establish staggered terms for all Community Representatives.

If you vote no on this amendment, Article III-Government Body, Section 2 will remain the same.

ARTICLE III - GOVERNING BODY,SECTION 4: TO MODIFY:
AMENDMENT NO. 7:
Section 4. Each recognized community shall have one community representative to the tribal council. Each community representative of the tribal council shall be elected at large by the registered voters of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe..

If you vote yes to this amendment, this will establish one community representative for each of the 20 recognized communities to be elected at large in the general election.

If you vote no to this amendment, Article III - Governing Body, Section 4 will remain the same.

ARTICLE III-GOVERNING BODY,SECTION 5 TO MODIFY:
AMENDMENT NO. 8:
Section 5. Any member of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate at least 30 years of age, who has not been found guilty by the Tribal Council of misconduct in Tribal affairs, or who has not been found guilty in a court of law of felony offense involving violence and who can provide affidavit(s) that prove some history of leadership shall be qualified to seek and hold membership on the Tribal Council. Candidates for the position of President or Vice President of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate must be at least 45 years of age and meet all requirements of qualification for membership on the Tribal Council.

If you vote yes to this amendment, this will add to the qualifications for the positions of Tribal Council Representatives and the offices of President and Vice-President.

If you vote no, there will be no change.

AMENDMENT NO. 9:
Section 5. Any enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe possessing at least one fourth (1/4) or more Sicangu blood degree and at least twenty five (25) years of age, who has not been found guilty of any major crimes by any jurisdiction, or who has not been found guilty by the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council of misconduct in tribal affairs, or who has not been found by any tribal, state, or federal court of law, or by the tribal ethics commission or by the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council to have performed any ct containing an element of perjury, forgery, bribery, dishonesty or abuse of public office compromising the welfare of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe or any of its members shall be qualified to seek and hold membership on the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council. A candidate for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer must have been living within the boundaries of the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation for at least one year preceding the date of the Primary Election, and a candidate for Community Representative must have been living in the community of candidacy for at least one year next preceding the date of the Primary Election. If for any reason a Community Representative is absent from the Community for a period exceeding 90 days, the position shall become immediately vacant and filled according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

you vote yes to this amendment, this will add to the qualifications for the positions of Tribal Council Representatives and the offices of President and Vice-President.

If you vote no, there will be no change.

AMENDMENT NO. 10:
Section 6. If the office of President becomes vacant before the expiration of the term and one year or more of the term remains, the Tribal Council, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy, shall order a special election. If less than one year of the term remains, the Vice President shall fill the unexpired term: provided, that the tenure of office of any person elected to fill the vacancy shall not extend beyond the term of office of the original incumbent. If the office of Vice President becomes vacant by reason of succession, or any other cause and one year or more remains in the term, the Tribal Council, within (30) days after the vacancy, shall order a special election. If less than one year of the term remains, the Tribal Council shall elect a Vice President from its own number to fill the vacancy until the next general election; provided, that the tenure of office of any person elected to fill the vacancy shall not extend beyond the term of office of the original incumbent.

If the office of any Community Representative becomes vacant before the expiration of the term and one year or more of the term remains, the Tribal Council, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy, shall order a special election to allow all registered voters to vote for the vacant position. If less than one year of the term remains, the Community Council of the affected Community, within thirty (30) days from the date of the vacancy shall appoint a Community Representative for the unexpired term; provided, that the tenure of office of any person elected to fill the vacancy shall not extend beyond the term of office of the original incumbent.

If the office of Secretary becomes vacant before the expiration of the term and one year or more remains in the unexpired term, the Tribal Council shall order a special election to fill the vacancy. If less than one year remains in the term, the Tribal Council shall advertise the vacancy and fill the term from those qualified tribal applicants. The tenure of office of any person elected to fill this vacancy shall not extend beyond the term of office of the original incumbent.

If you vote yes to this amendment, this will add the filling of vacancies to the positions of Secretary and Treasurer.

If you vote no, thee will be no change.

ARTICLE III-GOVERNING BODY, SECTION 7: TO MODIFY:
AMENDMENT NO 11:
Section 7. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe shall be elected at large for a term of two years by the registered voters from within the twenty (20) Communities of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. The Office of Sergeant-at-Arms shall be elected by Tribal Council from within or without its members. The Tribal Secretary and Treasurer officers elected shall have no vote in matters before Tribal Council.

If you vote yes to this amendment, this will change the selection of Secretary and Treasurer positions to voted at large positions on the ballot; and make the selection of the Sergeant-At-Arms from within or without the Tribal Council members.

If you vote no, there will be no change.

ARTICLE III-GOVERNING BODY, SECTION 8: TO MODIFY:
AMENDMENT NO. 13:
Section 8. The Electorate of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe shall determine the qualifications of its officers, council members, and community officers.

If you vote yes to this amendment, this will change the responsibility of setting qualifications of tribal officers, council members and community officers from the Tribal Council to the voters.

If you vote no, there will be no change.

ARTICLE III-GOVERNING BODY, SECTION 10: TO MODIFY:
AMENDMENT NO. 14:
Section 10. There shall be a Primary Election and a General Election for President and Vice-President held every three years, and there shall be a Primary Election and a General Election for Secretary and Treasurer of the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council held every two years, ad there shall be a Primary Election and General Election for Community Representatives to the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council held at the end of three years terms as specified in Article III, Section 2. The Primary Election shall be held on the fourth Thursday in July and the General Election shall be held on the fourth Thursday in August. If the election Thursday is a legal holiday, the election shall be held on the first subsequent day, which is not a holiday. The terms of Council Representatives and officers in office on the effective date of this amendment shall expire three (3) days following certification of results of the General Election.

If you vote yes to this amendment, this will change the Primary Election from the fourth Thursday in August to the fourth Thursday in July and change the General Election from the fourth Thursday in October to the fourth Thursday in August.

If you vote no, there will be no change.

ARTICLE IV-POWER OF THE ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1,SUBSECTION (b) TO MODIFY:
AMENDMENT NO. 16:
(d) There will be no requirements to advise the Secretary of the Interior with regard to all appropriation estimates or Federal projects for the benefit of the tribe prior to the submission of such estimates to any Department of the United States Government, and to Congress.

If you vote yes on this amendment, this will eliminate Subsection (d) of Article IV in its entirety from the Tribal Constitution.

If you vote no, there will be no change.

ARTICLE IV-POWER OF THE ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1, SUBSECTION (P): TO MODIFY:
AMENDMENT NO. 17:
(P) The domestic relations of the Tribe shall be regulated by the Judiciary Department who shall be empowered by the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council for a separation of powers. All laws legislated by the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council shall be enforced by this department to ensure fair and equal justice for all people without the interference of political power or pressure.

If you vote yes to this amendment, this will change the responsibility of regulating domestic relations from the Tribal Council to the Judiciary Department and will require the Judiciary Department to enforce all laws legislated by the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council.

If you vote no, there will be no change.

ARTICLE IV-POWER OF THE ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1, SUBSECTION (q): TO MODIFY:
AMENDMENT NO. 18
(q) To provide for the Protection of all minors, mentally incompetent and any others who need protection or assistance for reason of health, age, or other extenuating circumstances. The Judiciary Department shall provide whatever services are needed to fulfill their needs.

ARTICLE IV-POWER OF THE ROSEBUD DIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1 TO ADD:
AMENDMENT NO. 20:
Section 4. Limitations of Powers-the powers vested in the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council shall not be vested in individual council members, but shall be exercised only by the collective body of the council. Any authority exercised by any member of the council shall be designated by collective decision of the council. Exercising the powers of the council as an individual and without the collective knowledge and approval of the council shall constitute abuse of council powers.

If you vote yes to this amendment, this will add a new section to Article IV which defines the Limitation of Powers of the Tribal Council.

If you vote no there will be no change.

ARTICLE IV-POWER OF THE ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL TO ADD NEW SECTION:
AMENDMENT NO. 19:
(V) The Tribal Council shall develop plans and consider implications of the decisions they make on the next seven generations.

ARTICLE IV-POWER OF THE ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1 TO ADD:
AMENDMENT NO. 19:
(V) The Tribal Council shall develop plans and consider implications of the decisions they make on the next seven generations.

ARTICLE IV-POWER OF THE ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL TO ADD NEW SECTION:
AMENDMENT NO. 20:
Section 4. Limitations of Powers-The powers vested in the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council shall not be vested in individual council members, but shall be exercised only by the collective body of the council. Any authority exercised by any member of the council shall be designated by collective decision of the council. Exercising the powers of the council as an individual and without the collective knowledge and approval of the council shall constitute abuse of council powers.

If you vote yes to this amendment, this will add a new section to Article IV which defines the Limitation of Powers of the Tribal Council

If you vote no there will be no change.

ARTICLE VII-REMOVAL FROM OFFICE TO MODIFY: TO DELETE ALL AND REPLACE WITH NEW ARTICLE:
AMENDMENT NO. 21:
Article VII Initiative, Referendum, Recall and Removal

Section 1. Initiative. Upon receipt and verification by the Tribal Secretary of a petition of thirty (30) percent of the number of persons who voted in the last tribal election., a proposed ordinance or resolution made by the people shall be submitted to a vote of the people at a regular or special election to be held within sixty days of verification of the petition by the Election Board. The vote of a majority of those actually voting shall be conclusive and binding upon the Tribal Council.

Section 2. Referendum. Upon receipt and verification by the Tribal Secretary of a petition of thirty (30) percent of the number of persons who voted in the last Tribal election or upon the request of two-thirds of the total membership of the Tribal Council, any proposed or previously enacted ordinance or resolution of the Tribal Council shall by submitted to a vote of the people at a regular or special election to be held within sixty days of verification of the petition by the Tribal Secretary. The vote of a majority of those actually voting shall be conclusive and binding upon the Tribal Council.

Section 3. Recall. Upon receipt and verification by the Tribal Secretary of a petition of thirty (30) percent of the number of persons who voted in the last tribal election it shall be the duty of Tribal Council to call a special election to consider the recall of the elected tribal official named in the petition. The election shall be held within thirty days of verification of the petition by the Tribal Secretary, provided that if the petition is a submitted within six months of the next annual election the Tribal Council may direct that the matter be placed on the ballot for that election If a majority of those actually voting in favor of the recall of the official, the office shall be declared vacant and filled in accordance with this Constitution.

Section 4. Removal. The Tribal Council may by a two-thirds vote of the total members of the Tribal Council after due notice and an opportunity to be heard, remove any Tribal Council member for neglect of duty or gross misconduct. The decision of the Tribal Council shall be final.

Section 5. Ordinance. Initiative, referendum, recall and removal procedures shall be set by ordinance by the Tribal Council provided that such procedures shall accord with the elections article of this Constitution where appropriate.

If you vote yes, this will define the procedures to remove Elected Officials from office.

If you vote no, there will be no change.

ARTICLE X-BILL OF RIGHTS TO MODIFY: TO DELETE ARTICLE AND REPLACE WITH NEW ARTICLE.
AMENDMENT NO. 22
Article X-Bill of Rights
Section 1. Bill of Rights. The government of the Tribe including the Community shall not
(a) infringe upon religious beliefs or prohibit the free exercise thereof;
(b) Abridge the freedom of speech, press, expression, conscience, association, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government.
(c) Violate the right of the People to be secure in the privacy of their persons, houses, papers, vehicles, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, nor issue warrants but upon probably cause, supported by oath or affirmation signed by a Judge and particularly describing the place, person, house, papers, vehicle, or effects to be searched, the object and scope of such search, and the person or thing to be seized, and any search or seuqure taken in violation of this provision shall be excluded:
(d) Search or arrest any person without informing them of their right to remain silent, to have access to an attorney, to be informed that anything they say can be held against them in a court of law, to have these right explained at the time of the search or arrest, and to ask them if they understand these rights;
(e) Take any private property or possessor interest in private property for public use, without due process and just compensation; deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection, application, or opportunity of the laws.
(f) Deny to any person in a criminal or civil proceeding the right to speedy and public trial which shall be initiated no more than six months from the filing of criminal charges or a civil complaint and which shall be decided by the Courts within one year, and in a criminal proceeding to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, to be presumed innocent until proven guilty, to be confronted with the witnesses against him or her, to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his or her favor, to have the assistance of counsel for his or her defense including the right to have counsel provided subject to income guidelines; nor deprive any person of liberty or property without due process of law:
(g) Require excessive bail, impose excessive fines, or inflict cruel and unusual methods of interrogation or punishment.
(h) Pass any bill or attainder or a law, which punishes conduct after the fact.
(i) Deny to any person the access to his or her own personal information maintained by the Tribe, or to public information, which shall include but not be limited to financial records maintained by the Tribe.

Section 2. Retained Powers. Powers not granted to the government shall be reserved to the People

If you vote yes to this amendment, this will further define the sections of the Bill of Rights and delete the "double jeopardy clause" from this Article.

If you vote no, thee will be no change.

TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE:
AMENDMENT NO. 23
Article XI-Tribal Court

Section 1. The Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court shall be separate and distinct from the Legislative and Executive Branches of Tribal government. No person, including any tribal official or person acting in behalf of a tribal official, shall induce or attempt to induce a favorable decision, or interfere in any manner whatsoever with any decision of any judge of the Tribal or Supreme Court. The Tribal Council shall pass legislation which shall denote sanctions for the violation of this section.

Section 2. The Tribal Court shall consist of one Chief Judge and such Associate Judges and staff as are deemed necessary by the Chief Judge, with the advice and consent of Tribal Council. All Tribal Court personnel shall be subject to the supervision of the Chief Judge. The Chief Judge shall establish such staff positions within the tribal court as may be necessary for efficient operation. The Chief Judge shall have the authority to establish qualifications for court staff and shall made the final selection of said staff.

Section 3. The authority of the Tribal Court shall include but is not limited to the power to review and overturn tribal legislative and executive actions for violations of this Constitution or the Federal Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 as well as to perform all other judicial and court functions.

Section 4. The Chief judge shall promulgate rules of pleading, practice, and procedure applicable to any and all proceedings of the Tribal Court, consistent with the provisions of this Constitution and requirements of the Federal Law. In case of failure of the Chief Judge to establish such rules, the Tribal Council shall have the authority to establish them.

Section 5. The Tribal Council shall set forth qualifications for Tribal Court Chief Judge, Associate Judges and staff positions by ordinance. The Tribal Council shall appoint a Chief Judge for a term of not less than four years and Associates for terms not less than two years.

Section 6. There is hereby established the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Supreme Court. The Supreme Court shall take appeals from the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court that are deemed meritorious under rules and standards set by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Council by ordinance. The authority of the court shall include the power to review and overturn tribal legislative and executive actions for violations of this Constitution or of the Federal Indian: Civil Rights Act of 1968 as well as to perform all other appellate court functions. The Tribal Council shall determine the number of Supreme Court Justices a well as their qualifications and tenure. No Supreme Court Justice may be removed before the end of their tenure, except for cause.

If you vote yes to this amendment, this will add a new section to this Article which will define the Tribal Court Services processes.

If you vote no, there will be no change.

BY LAWS OF THE ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE ARTICLE i-DUTIES OF OFFICERS, SECTION 1 TO MODIFY:
AMENDMENT NO. 24
Section 1. The President shall manage and administer the affairs of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Including the supervision of Tribal employees, subject to the resolutions, ordinances and instructions of the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council. No tribal employee or tribal member shall be subject to unfair and political repercussions and/or retaliation by the Present or any of his/her representatives in any matter. Such action will be documented and referred to the Ethics Commission of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Tribal Council. The President shall vote only in case of a tie.

If you vote yes to this amendment, this will define and outline the duties of the elected officers and outlines the process for reporting violations.

If you vote no, there will be no change.

BY-LAWS OF THE ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE ARTICLE I-DUTIES OF OFFICERS, SECTION 4 TO MODIFY:
AMENDMENT NO. 25:
Section 4. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all moneys which come under the jurisdiction or in control of the Sicangu Council. He shall pay out money in accordance with the orders and resolutions of the Sicangu Council. He shall keep account of all receipts and disbursements and shall report the same to the Sicangu Council. The books of the Treasurer shall be subject to audit or inspection at the discretion of the Sicangu Council. The Treasurer shall cause the financial statements of the Sicangu Nation to be published in a manner that is available to all members within thirty (30) days after a Sicangu Council has reviewed and approved them.

If you vote yes to this amendment, this will require the Tribal Treasurer to submit the bond to the Tribal Council and no the Commissioner of Indian affairs and will require the Tribal Treasurer to publish to the tribal members the financial statements of the tribe within 30 days after the review and approval of the Tribal Council.

AMENDMENT NO. 26:
Each member of the Sicangu Council and each officer or subordinate officer, elected or appointed here under shall take an oath of office prior to assuming the duties thereof; by which oath, he shall pledge himself to support and defend the Constitution and By-Laws of the Sicangu Nation and the Treaties entered into with United States Government or other Governments.
(Oath) I,___,do hereby solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Sicangu Nation against all enemies as identified in treaties or by the Sicangu People and by, will carry out faithfully, and impartially, the duties of my office to the best of my ability; and will cooperate, promote and protect the best interests of my tribe, the Sicangu Nation, in accordance with this constitution and by-laws.

If you vote yes to this amendment, this will strike all reference to the Constitution of the united States and replaces it with the Constitution of the tribe; and establishes the treaties as the agreements with the United States Government.

BY LAWS OF THE ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE ARTICLE L;V, SALARIES, SECTION 2 TO MODIFY:
AMENDMENT NO 27:
Section 2. No compensation shall be paid to any councilman, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, tribal council, or any officer out of the tribal funds obtained from the Federal Government, except upon a resolution stating the amount of compensation and the nature of services rendered, and said resolution shall be of no effect until published as a public notice in a publication for a period of 30 days.

If you vote yes to this amendment defines the process for compensation of the elected officials.

If you vote no, there will be no change.

The date of the Secretarial Election is march 20, 2007 and will be conducted under regulations in 25 CFR 81. The Election Board has chosen to use the following places identified for voting purposes listed below from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on March 20, 2007 to cast your ballots:Antelope-Community Building ;Black Pipe-Community Building; Bull Creek-Gregory Auditorium; Butte Creek-Wood School Gym;Corn Creek-Community Building;Grass Mountain-Community Building;HeDog-Community Building;Horse Creek-Community Building;North Ideal-Guild Hall; South Ideal-Community Building;Milks Camp-Community Building;Parmelee-Community Building;Okreek-Community Building;Rosebud-Community Building;Soldier Creek-Community Building;Spring Creek-Community Building;St. Francis-Community Building ;Swift Bear-Community Building;Two Strike-Youth Center;Upper Cut Meat-Youth Center;Ring Thunder-Bristow Ranch

To be entitled to vote you must register with the Election Board at the Superintendent's Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, in Rosebud, South Dakota, or at the Superintendent's Office in Mission, South Dakota, provided that you are a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before march 20, 2007. You may register in person or by mailing Registration Form 8302.

YOU MUST REGISTER ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 20, 2007 IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE IN THE MARCH 20, 2007 ELECTION!

/S/ CLEVE J. HER MANY HORSES, Superintendent

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NOTICES

Porcupine School
Porcupine, S.D.
SECTION 00030 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Project: Porcupine Replacement School
BIA Project No. 06A1N

The Porcupine School Board, Porcupine, South Dakota will be accepting bids from General Contractors for construction of the new Porcupine Replacement School, Porcupine, South Dakota, BIA Project No. 06A1N. The approximate scope of work includes all general, site, mechanical and electrical work, as described in the Bidding Documents. The building includes educational, administrative, and support spaces including: gymnasium, locker rooms, food services, media center, building support and other spaces. The project is required to obtain certification under the LEED NC 2.2 program administered by the United States Green Building Council.

Bids shall be submitted on the Bid Form included in the Project Manual and shall be in a sealed envelope, with all other required information, and marked "Porcupine Replacement School Construction Bid." Bids will be received until 2:00 pm, March 6, 2007. Bids shall be submitted until 10:00 am to Abourezk Law Firm, 2020 W. Omaha Street, Rapid City, South Dakota, 57702. After 10:00 am and before 2 pm, Bids shall be delivered to the Ramkota Inn, 2111 N. LaCrosse Street, Rapid City, South Dakota, 57701. The Bidder is responsible for the timely and proper delivery of Bids. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened. The Bid opening shall occur at the Ramkota Inn referenced above, immediately after 2:00 pm. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A pre-bid conference will be held February 13, 2007, 2:00 pm, at the Porcupine School, Porcupine, South Dakota. All interested Bidders are encouraged to attend. A presentation and discussion will be conducted regarding the gen-eral design intent, general conditions and requirements of the project, and the LEED program requirements. All questions or other issues raised at the pre-bid conference will be addressed by written addenda following the confer-ence. Bids received from Bidders who did not attend this conference will be returned unopened.

Each Bidder is required to include with their Bid, Bid Security as outlined in the Instruction to Bidders and else-where in the Bidding Documents. In addition to the Bid and Bid Security, other forms, certifications, information, etc. as required in the Bidding Documents shall be included with the Bid Submittal. The Contractor awarded the project will be required to provide a performance and payment bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract price. See the Bidding and General Requirements in the Bidding Documents for additional information. This project will be subject to the Oglala Sioux Tribe TERO Ordinance requirements, Tribal business licensing, and other Tribal re-quirements.

The Bid Documents will be available on approximately February 2. 2007. Plans are available from A&D Technical Supply Company, 1301 L Street, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68509, 402-474-5454 (telephone), 402-474-5779 (fax), 800-228-2753 (toll free), www.adtechnicalsup-plyco.com. A security deposit of $250.00 per set is required. The security deposit is refundable if the complete set is returned within 15 calendar days of the Bid Opening in good condition. A non-refundable shipping and handling charge of $50 is required for all sets to be mailed. The security deposit and shipping charge shall be submitted to A&D Technical Supply Company as SEPARATE checks, made payable to Encompass Architects. A set of Bidding Documents is available for review at the Porcupine School, the office of the Architect, and the following Plan Review Services:

Construction Industry Center
2771 Plant Street
Rapid City, SD
605-343-5252 - phone
605-343-4591 - fax

Sioux Falls Builders Exchange
1418 C Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
605-357-8687 -phone
605-357-8655 - fax

Plains Builders Exchange, Inc.
220 N. Kiwanis Ave.
P.O. Box 1396
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
605-334-8886 - phone
605-334-0112 - fax

Bismark-Mandan Builders Exchange
805 Adobe Trail SE
P.O. Box 550
Mandan, ND 58554
701-667-4322 -phone
701-667-5217 - fax

McGraw Hill Construction Co., F W Dodge Planroom
3059 Huntington Ave.
Omaha, Nebraska 68112
402-496-0577 - phone
402-453-0666 - fax

Rosebud Economic Development Corporation (REDCO)
Box 236
Mission, S.D.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Rosebud Economic Development Corporation (REDCO)

A chartered entity of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe

REDCO is requesting proposals for a feasibility study for an RST-Cellulosic Ethanol production project. The goal of this project is to perform a detailed economic per-forma and to conduct an analysis that will assist REDCO in understanding the costs involved in the infrastructure, and potential land commitment required for the potential development of a ligno cellulosic ethanol plant, using biomass, such as wheat straw, corn stover, paper waste, but with the major emphasis on the financial costs involved int he implementation and development of an energy crop such as switch grass, miscanthus or other woody biomass.

REDCO is currently seeking a qualified consultant(s) or firm to carry out the scope of work for this project.

Proposal Deadline February 23, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

For more information and a detailed RFP, contact: Eileen Masquat Little Thunder, Executive Director for REDCO. Email: redco1@gwtc.net. Rosebud Economic Development Corporation , PO Box 236, Mission, SD, 57555 (605-856-5090 or Fax (605) 856-5105.

Oglala Sioux Tribe
Pine Ridge, S.D.

SECTION 1.1

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE TRANSIT FACILITY
PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Oglala Sioux Tribe of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, will receive bids until February 28, 2007 at the hour of 4:00 PM (MT) at the office of Dakota Engineering - a Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson Partner, 330 Knollwood Drive, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701 for the furnishing of materials, labor, equipment and skill required for the purpose of construction of a Oglala Sioux Tribe Transit Facility and in-cidental items in and for said Pine Ridge, South Dakota, as is more fully described and set forth in the plans and specifications therefore, which are now on file in the office of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Bids shall be publicly opened and read on the March 1, 2007 at the hour of 10:00 AM (MT) at the Oglala Sioux Tribe Property and Supply Office in Pine Ridge.

Bids will be received on the following approximate quantities and types of work:

Transit Facility Building - General, Mechanical, & Electrical, 1 LS; Site Grading - Including 1674 CY Borrow Fill Material, 1 LS; Landscape Grading - Including Topsoil Borrow, 1 LS; 4" Cleanout, 2 EA; 4" SDR 35 Sewer Main, 215 LF; 6" Gate Valve & Box, 1 EA; 3" Curb Stop & Box, 1 EA; 6" PVC C-900 Water Main, 50 LF; 3" PVC SDR 21 Water Main, 110 LF; Standard Hydrant, 1 EA; Water System Connections (3"), 1 EA; Sanitary Sewer Service Connection (4"), 1 EA; Ductile Iron Fittings, 238 LBS; Hot Bituminous Pavement - Cl. G Type 1 (4"), 1710 TON; Asphalt Cement (6.5%), 111 TON; Emulsion Asphalt, 775 GAL; Aggregate Base Course - (4") Compacted In-Place, 911 CY; Subgrade Preparation - (6"), 7750 SY; Sidewalk Concrete - 4" Unreinforced, 100 SY; Sidewalk Concrete - 4" Reinforced, 371 SY; Sidewalk Concrete w/ Header Curb - 4" Reinforced, 71 SY; Driveway Concrete - 6" Reinforced, 634 SY; Trench Drain, 5 EA; Curb & Gutter - Concrete, 2053 LF; Chain Link Fence, 970 LF; 24' Chain Link Rolling Cantilevered Gate - 2 Leaf, 2 EA; 4' Chain Link Walk Gate, 1 EA; Pave-ment Marking - 4" Painted Line, 1291 LF; Pavement Marking - 24" Painted Line, 60 LF; Pavement Marking - Painted Handicap Message Symbol, 2 EA; Trees, 23 EA; Seeding, 0.87 AC; Drain Pan - Reinforced, 21 SY; Rip Rap - Class C, 12 CY; Erosion Control Reinforced Silt Fence, 1360 LF.

Alternate No. 1 - Maintenance Shop Equipment, 1 LS.

Alternate No. 2 - Custom Casework, 1 LS.

Alternate No. 3 - Office Furniture, 1 LS.

Copies of the plans and specifications and other bidding and contract documents may be obtained from Dakota Engineering, 330 Knollwood Drive, PO Box 3416, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701 upon deposit of $135 for each set of documents so obtained, which deposit will not be refunded.

All bids are to be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the work and materials, and each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or cashier's check or draft for five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, such check to be certified or issued by either a state or national bank and payable to the Oglala Sioux Tribe or in lieu thereof, a bidder's bond in a sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the full amount of the bid, executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to him, he, within ten (10) days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his bid and a contractor's bond as required by the laws of the State of South Dakota and the regulations and determinations of the Oglala Sioux Tribe of Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

The successful Bidder will be required to comply with all applicable federal labor laws including minimum wage rates decisions of the United States Department of Labor (Davis-Bacon Act) and the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The Contractor shall be required to comply with the terms and conditions of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, including Ordinance No. 92-13 of the Tribal Rights Employment Office (TERO), as contained in the speci-fication. The TERO Information sheets and Compliance Plan are included in the Specifications only for the Vendor's convenience, with all TERO documentation to be submitted to the proper TERO authorities listed in the documents. The Contractor must submit a letter stating proof of compliance to the Owner, copied to the Engineer, prior to commencing work. The Tribal Employment Rights Office can be contacted for ques-tions at (605) 867-5167.

Bidders are responsible for contacting the Tribe with regard to tribal taxes laws and the business license fee and other requirements. The taxes include contractor's excise, sales and use taxes, additional information is included in the specifications. For more information, contact the Oglala Sioux Tribe Revenue Department, PO Box 363, Pine Ridge, SD 57770 and (605) 867-5821.

The overall goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation for this project is 1.85 percent.

A single contract shall be awarded on the basis of the low bid submitted by a responsible and responsive bid-der for the aggregate sum of all bid items.

This contract includes a Native American Preference. If a Native American contractor's bid is less than five percent higher than a non-native American contractor's bid, the contract may be awarded to the Native Ameri-can Contractor. Firms or individuals seeking such preference must submit evidence of Indian ownership and control in the sealed bid envelope.

All bids will be contained in a sealed envelope, as above provided, plainly marked showing that such envelope contains a bid for the above project. In addition, the bidder shall place upon the exterior of such envelope the following information:

1.The work covered by the bidder
2.The name of the bidder
3.Acknowledgement of all Addenda.

The work will be completed by March 1, 2008.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids to waive any informality in any bid, to hold all bids for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of opening bids, and to accept the bid deemed most favorable to the interest of the Tribe.

Should the Contractor fail to complete the work within the time required herein or within such extra time as may have been granted by formal extensions of time approved by the Owner, there will be deducted from any amount due the Contractor the sum of $250 per day for each day and every day that the completion of the work is delayed. The Contractor and his surety will be liable for any excess. Such payment will be as and for liquidated damages and not as a penalty.

All bidders are invited to be present at the public opening of the bids.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2006.
OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE
s/ John Yellow Bird Steele
Oglala Sioux Tribe President.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Court,
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe,
Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in Civil Court
General Session
Order for Publication
Case No: D-099-06

Margo E. Running Shield-Plaintiff
vs. Jacob W. Running Shield-Defendant

Greetings to the Above named Defendant: This matter having come on for publication pursuant to the fact that the Court has been unable to serve the Defendant with Summons, Divorce Complaint, and Notice of Civil Action either by personal service or by certified mail.

It is therefore ordered that the Defendant shall be served the Summons, Divorce Complaint and Notice of Civil Action with the Divorce hearing scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at the hour of 09:00 a.m. by publication in the Lakota Country Times in Martin, South Dakota for a period of four (4) weeks.

Dated this 02nd day of February, 2007. By the Court of Brenda Claymore, Chief Judge Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Attest: Jenny R. Halfred, Clerk, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

Jenny R. Halfred, Clerk of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of the Instrument herewith as appears on file and of record in my said office. Dated this 22nd day of February, 2007, Jenny R. Halfred, Clerk, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Court.

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Would enjoy having a nice Lakota woman as a pen pal. Please write to this address:
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PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY

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Red Cloud Indian School

Accepting applications for the position of
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To assume duties on August 6, 2007. Both religious and lay persons are welcome to apply. Red Cloud High School is a private Lakota Catholic school administered collaboratively by the Lakota people and the Jesuits of the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus. RCHS educates young Lakota men and women in Lakota Catholic values for leadership and service. There are approximately 220 students and 30 faculty and staff that are part of the Red Cloud experience. Founded in 1888, Red Cloud has a proud tradition of being a leader in the education of Lakota youth on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The Principal reports directly to the Superintendent. Together they are primary collaborators in the administration of the school. As the educational leader of the school, the principal is responsible for the academic and spiritual formation of the students, faculty and staff; and supervises all areas of co-curricular school life.

Preferred Qualifications:
*a Masters degree in education or equivalent
*experience in Catholic and/or Jesuit education
*commitment to the principles of Jesuit education
*an appreciation and understanding of Catholicism, Lakota culture and spirituality, and life structures within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Please submit your letter of interest, resume with references, copy of transcripts, and copy of state certificate, on or before April 4, 2007. Applications are also required, and will be sent to you upon request.

Please send all materials to: Robert Brave Heart
Red Cloud Indian School
100 Mission Drive
Pine Ridge, S.D. 57770
605-867-5888

Little Wound School
Kyle, South Dakota
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(01-23-07)

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2006-2007 school term:

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Middle School: 42)FB Coach 43)FB Assist. 44)Football Assist. 45)FB Cheerleading 46)Boys BBall Coach 47)Boys BBall Assist 48)Boys BB Bo-Assist. 49)Girls BBall Coach 50)Girl's BB Assist 51)Girls BBall Assist 52)Volleyball Coach 53)Volleyball Assist. 54)Volleyball Assist "C" Coach 55) CrossCountry Coach 560CrpssCpimtru Assost 57)Track Coach 58)Track Assist 59)MS/Elem Boxing Club Sponsor 60)Boys BB Cheerleading 61)Girls BB Cheerleading 62)Wrestling Coach 63)Wrestling Assist. 64)Softball C oach 55) Softball Assist 66) Student Council 67)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 68)K-12 Indian Dance Cl ub Sponsor 69)K-8 Rodeo Club Sponsor 70)MS/Elem Hand Game Sponsor 71)8th Grade Sponsor 72)Competative Dance Sponsor

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HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178.
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It is the policy of the Little Wound School to provide an alcohol and drug-free workplace. All appointments for employment are contingent upon receipt of a verified negative drug test through pre-employment drug testing, receipt of a favorable background investigation and the availability of federal funds. The legal policy of Indian preference will be followed to qualified applicants. Veteran's preference shall be applied to qualified Veteran applicants.
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We would like to wish Alice Star Boy a very happy birthday on February 14th. We love you very much and hope you have a good birthday, from her fmaily-her mom Ila Zais, Brothers Clement and Quentin, and her Sister Angel.

We would also like to wish Alice Star B oy a very happy birthday on February 14th, from her husband Wayne Star Boy Jr. and her baby girl Kyla Star Boy. We love you very much and hope you have a good day.

I would like to wish my loving wife Connie A Happy Valentine's Day and let her know that I love her very much! And to my kids Brandon & Roseanna, A Happy Valentine's Day, too.
Love, Manuel

Congratulations to Jason Jr. for competing and placing at Founder's Day. You are fantastic with your talent in dancing and really, really great with your gift of song.
Grandma Amanda

Happy 1st Bi rthday to our lovable grandson Duane "Smiley" Reddest on Feb. 9th. We love you and hope you have fun on your day eating your 1st cake. Hugs & Kisses from grandpa Melvin & Grandma Eula

Happy Valentine's Day to my wonderful grandchildren Brittany Rose, Jason Jr., Wakinyan, Kay Kay, Miya, Kevin, Jaden and to the two babies that will be arriving in June. I love your songs and am so proud of you and what you do.
Love you much,
Grandma Amanda

Happy Valentine's Day to Adam Brown &
Happy B-day
Andy Brown

I 'd like to wish Happy 1st Birthday to "baby Girl" Maechaun Featherman on Feb. 21, 2007
From Tressa Featherman

Happy Valentine's Day to my daughters Vanessa and Jennifer and to my sons Lon and Jeremy. You are truly a blessing.
Amanda

Happy 1st Anniversary
Momma & Manuel
"The Blancos"
I Love You & Wish
you the Best
Jenni,Sara & Mike

Happy 1st Birthday to my crazy cousin Duane Reddest
You're my best friend can I help you open your gifts?
Love, Katelyn "Honeygirl"

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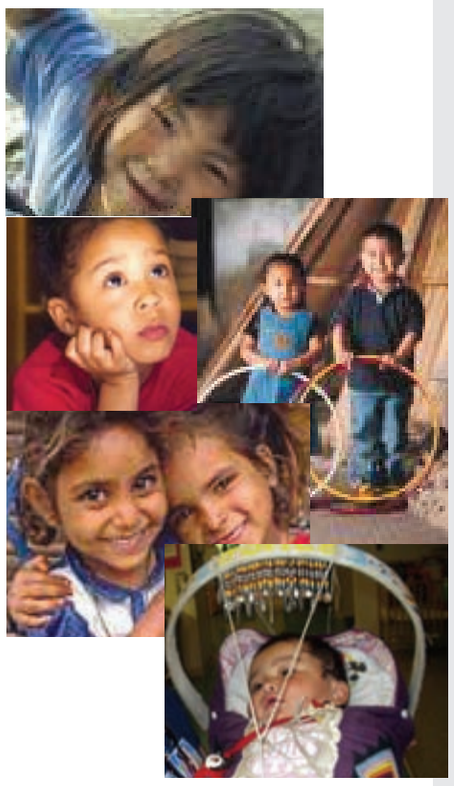
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Happy 7th Birthday to our brother Trenton Old Horse who's B-day is on 2-13. Don't worry we won't eat up all your cake & ice-cream Love, your brother Jared,sisters Say Eva & Timory



I would like to say Congratulations to Woniya Bear Runner and Stanley Good Voice Elk Jr. on the birth of their twins Laila Rose born at 9:49 am 6lbs 9ozs and Lainna Grace born at 9:50 am 7lbs 4ozs on January 30,2007. This comes from their very proud Grandma Carmelita and Grandpa Rod and uncle Ben,Punky,Christopher and Sonny and Auntie LaTisha.

Happy Birthday on February 5th to Burnell Tools. Have a wonderful day, Love always your wife Marlene & Son Warren

Happy 18th Birthday to my Baby Girl LaTisha Rae Mousseau on February 8,2007
I can't believe you are already 18, I feel like the years just flew by one day your a baby next day your a young beautiful woman I am so proud of you Remember I will always be here for you. I love you my girl we have been through alot together but we always managed to get by and I just want you to know You are my sunshine I Love you with all my heart and I am so proud to have a daughter like you.
Love your MOM Carmelita Mesteth

Happy 18th Birthday to our SISTER & AUNTIE LaTisha Rae Mousseau
Hope you enjoy your day
Love Ben,Jonette,and baby,Sonny,Chris,Punky,Woni, Lil'Jun and your nieces Laila and Lainna

Happy Birthday to our very special aunt Jeanette Rena Bettelyoun on February 14th! May you celebrate many more! We love you! From your neices and nephews in Hot Springs, Trina, Mya, Latonna, Quentin, Nancy and all the way from Yankton SD- Hobe

Happy Birthday
Snot Dot
You know who you are
Love Rockin Rod and Mom

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to Auntie Rena Bettelyoun
May you always be blessed with years of happiness!
Sending our love from across the miles, Tamera Rae, Baby Tanya, and Akicita Hoksila

Happy Birthday
Cyanna Cortier
Feb 9,2007
Hope you have a good one
Love your Papa Rockin Rod and Carmelita

Happy Birthday to our big sister Catalina Richards!!
We love and miss you!
xoxo Tanya and Kica xoxoxo

Happy 15th Birthday Son Morgan Peyton Howard
02/04/92
Your Tiospaye on Cheyenne River & Oglala are all very proud of all your hard work & dedication in your Lakota Singing with Wankiya Maza. Grandma Maxine is looking down from the Heavens sooo Proud of her Great-Grandson. Just remember babe, you'll always be Mom's "Angel Eyes" Your Tiospaye,
Mom, Shawn, Sis Shai Max, High Elk, Lakota, Noisy Hawk, Red Bird, Pretty Weasel, Weston, and Bobtail Bears

Happy Birthday to our crazy big sister Benita on February 12th
How old are you now? 40? Just kiddin! Be safe, behave, be happy!
We love you,
Mom, Trina, Mya, Latonna, Quentin, and Hobe
Tam, Tan, and Kica

Hihanni Waste,

I am sending these 2 happy ad requests all the way from Iraq. I was so happy when my mother sent me her old Lakota Country Times newspapers., For a moment I felt like I was back home. But here goes the happy ads.

I would like to wish my best friend Gypsy Kills Warrior a very happy birthday from Iraq! I'll have the fire dept on stand by. Hope you have the best! Miss you girl.
From Robyn

Happy Birthday to my Big Brother Dave Crow. Wish you all the best and many more to come all the way from Iraq.
Love your lil sis, Angel

Happy 8th Birthday Melvin C. Swallow
Hope you had a blast in Rapid!!
From: Laqael, Chantee, Leslie, Tristen and T.J.

Happy Birthday to the following family members in February:
Pheobe M. Tallman
Lynore Longman
Anthony "Buck" Tallman
Enoch Plenty Arrows
Darwin Plenty Arrows

Hope you all get spanked!!

Happy 9th Birthday to my beautiful daughter Pauline Faye Shangreaux on Feb 28 2007.
Baby you're growing up so fast but you will always be my little girl, I love you with all my heart. Have fun at your birthday party.
Love your mom (Vanessa) Lil brother (Jeremiah)

Happy Birthday to all the beautiful ladies in Kyle and one handsome little man in Kyle.
Lenora F.H-Feb 10
Jeremiah S.-Feb 11
JoAnna & Susie F.H-Feb 12
Celena -Feb 20
Rita-Feb 21
Paulina S.-Feb 28
Wishing many more to come love Vanessa and Lynn

Happy Valentine's Day to Mom, Ann,Toni,Em-Jay,& my baby girl Alivia. I love you girls!
Mickie

Happy Valentine's day to my baby sister Cherly Cross
I love you. From: your big sister and best friend Michelle Cross

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY !!!!!

Congratulations to Duanna Reddest on her graduation on 1-29-07
We're proud of ya
From Grands Jo & Gwen

Happy Valentines Day to:
Roger Red Elk Sr & family
Lydia White Feather & family
Ernest & Marvia
Calvin & Martha
Howard & Mary Red Elk
Rose Little Thunder & family
James & Andrea Bull Bear
Beverly Red Elk & family
Tony & Marilyn Wounded Head & family
Carla Tools & family
From: Tools Family

Momma
I love you soooo much! Thanx for being my Rock! Through thick & thin! I can't thank you enough!
Love, Jenni
(the middle child)

Happy Valentine's Day to Two sack of Goodies
Mikayla & Sereno
Ghost Bear
From Bonnie & Michael

Happy Birthday to Tatiana Ashley on 2/8 and Jamie Cross on 2/14
"Enjoy your day sweethearts."
Love Auntie & Uncle Jonz

Happy Birthday Jesse Stover
Feb 13
Love Randi & Walker

Happy Birthday to my No #1 traditional Dancer "Antwan Bull Bear" on Feb 22, 2007.
Enjoy your day Grand-son. We laove you very much your Grandma "Marlene" Grand-pa "Burnell" and Uncle Warren Tools of Wanblee.

To my daughter:
Amber Has No Horse I love you, be strong, we're still praying for you. I'll always be here for you
Love you,
Mom, Emily, Gabriel & Breyanni

Congratulations to our daughter & sister Elaina Red Shirt for winning second place in Juniorr. Girls Jingle dt Founders Day Pow Wow. We are very proud of you
Dad, Mom & Brad

Happy Valentine's Day to the sweetest little girls in A-town
Mikayla & Serena
Ghost Bear
Love you,
Mom and Dad

Happy B-day to the best grandma in the whole world. We love you with all of our hearts on Feb. 20th.
from Aubizzmia Canku and Zuya
Thank you for everything you do for us.

To my children
Harlee & Demitria,
I love you with all my heart
From Mom & Dad

I wanna say Happy Birthday to Jodie R. Waters on Feb. 11th, 2007
You know Papi loves you & will always be there for you baby.
From Ira J. Brown Bull

I would like to wish my kids a Happy Valentine's Day
Reilly Collins Milk &
Caitlin Mackenzie Joyce Milk
From your Dad
Sam Milk Jr.

Happy Valentine's Day to Jaime Wirlwind Horse
from S.R. M. Jr.

Happy Valentine's Day to Louis
From
Michelle

Happy 1st Birthday to my handsome son
Jeremiah Ray Shangreaux on Feb 11th. Son I love you so much and I thank God everyday for giving you to me. This has been the best year we had and we will have many many more to come. Have fun at your 1st birthday party Son. Love your mom, Vanessa and big Sis Paulina

Happy 2nd Birthday
Serena Ghost Bear
we wish you all the best int he world. Hope you have many many more. You keep getting cuter every year.
Love
The Ghost Bears
(Mom,Dad & Mikayla)

Happy Valentines Day to our precious Grandchildren
Kaylee Reddest
Katelyn Vocu
Keisha Hornbeck
Cleveland Reddest
Duane Reddest
Love grandpa Melvin & Grandma Eula

Happy Birthday to my Papa George Apple
on Jan. 22
Wishig you many more to come with lots & lots of love from
Jamie Helper

I want to tell my husband Harry Young
I love you Honey, you are the love of my life.
XOXO Lynelle

Happy 1st Birthday to my precious little rugrat nephew
Duane Reddest
I'm going to love watching you make a mess with your cake...and your mom cleaning it.

Happy Birthday to my Papa George Apple
on Jan. 22
Wishig you many more to come with lots & lots of love from
Jamie Helper

Happy Birthday this month to these special people in our family
Everett "Chief" Yellow Boy
Felix "Rocky" DuBray
Victoria DuBray-Radbi
Don't party to hard enjoy your day
From Aunt Edda and the girls

Happy Valentine's day to my baby sister Cherly Cross
I love you. From: your big sister and best friend Michelle Cross

Happy Valentine's Day to my Two sack of Goodies
Mikayla & Sereno
Ghost Bear
From Bonnie & Michael

Happy Valentine's Day
to Lorraine Fast Horse
and Jimmy Lucero

Happy Valentine's Day
To Grandpa Jr. and Grandma
Bonnie Fast Horse

Happy Valentine's Day
To Lola, Mesu,Daniel, PHyllis, Jess and Johnny
The Hess Family

Happy Valentine's Day
To my love of my life
Joe Fast Horse Sr.
XOXOXOOX

I 'd like to say Happiest B-Day to
Paulette M. Apple
Hope you have a good one!

Happy Valentine's Day
To Liz, Carmelita,Duane, Nick
Gibbons

Happy Valentine's Day
to J.P. and Dawnique
Fast Horse

Happy Valentine's Day
To Tasha
and Eddie Apple

Happy Valentine's Day
To Liz, Carmelita,Duane, Nick
Gibbons

Happy Valentine's Day
to the crew taken care of the Wounded Knee Community Center withoutcha ladies the walls would fall down. Ha-Ha

Happy Birthday to our handsome bro Dale Sitting Up
on Feb. 16 "don't party withoutus"
Your sister in Wanblee
Melody, Mary, Doris, Donna, LuAnn, Leslie, Stephana, Ella Rae, Charity & Shaunci

Happy Valentine's Day
to my husband
Burnell Tools
and Son Warren Tools
Love you both very much
Marlene

Happy Valentine's Day
to my ever loving Parents
Albert & Claudia
Apple

Happy Valentine's Day
to my lovely sisters
Raven Apple
Paulette Apple

Happy Valentine's Day
to my single Bro's
A.J. Apple
Carlos Apple

Happy Valentine's Day to the boys.
Joseph Fast Horse, jr
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to my honey Row-b
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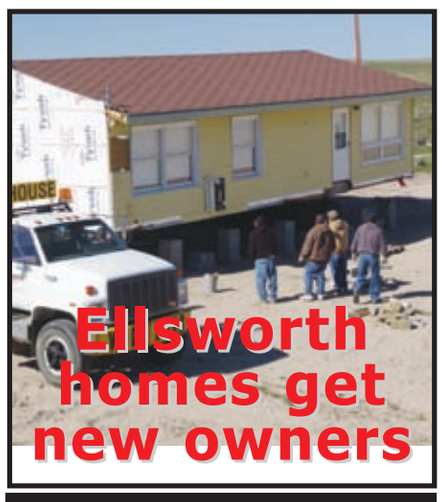
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Family fun



More than 200 people attended SGU's Reclaiming Futures family fun night at the multipurpose building. The event brought together community and families. Oskate Win One Star and Stevie Lone Dog try to balance their "potato" between their foreheads during the potato dance. The last couple to keep their "potato" between them without touching it with their hands or dropping it are the winners of the dance. See story on page A3. Photo by Natasha Bordeaux.

RST secretarial election postponed

ROSEBUD - In a somewhat surprising turn of events the Rosebud Sioux Tribal council voted today to postpone the Secretarial Election until the end of July. The motion was made by District 3 Antelope council representative, Jo Colombe, to postpone the election because there was a need to educate respective tribal communities about the 27 RST tribal constitutional amendments which are being proposed.

The RST council meeting was carried live over KINI FM radio on what is probably the coldest day of the year and many tribal members could not attend. The vote was 9 voting

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Healing day being planned for Wanblee community, suicide prevention needed

WANBLEE - A group of concerned community members and health and tribal officials are working on activities to promote healing in Wanblee community.

Phyllis Wilcox, a community member, became alarmed after there were six attempted suicides in a month's time in the community. She made calls to bring people with resources To the community to coordinate activities for youth.

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Court rejects 'ward system' in favor of 'at-large' voting system

City of Martin ordered to use 'at large' voting method

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

PIERRE - On Feb. 9, Chief Judge, Karen Schrier, signed an order requiring the City of Martin to adopt a new redistricting plan called Remedial Plan C, while enjoining the city from conducting elections pursuant to the current Ordinance 122 as used by the city.

Ordinance 122 puts Native voters in three wards and has the effect of denying the rights of Natives to vote based on race in violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

Schrier earlier wrote, "In formulating a remedial plan, the first and foremost obligation of the district court is to correct the Section 2 violation."

In the case, Cottier and Three Stars v. City of Martin, the city was given the first opportunity to present a re-districting plan that would comply with section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The city, as defendants, refused to present an alternative plan for re-districting and at that point the court could create its own plan as a remedy or use one proposed by the defendants.

The court then proceeded to adopt Plan C as presented by the plaintiffs. The plan involves adopting an at-large voting scheme with cumulative voting. During 2007, the city will still have six council members, but staggered in 3-3 cycles. Elections will be held for three members whose terms end this year and the next three will be held in 2008. Candidates may be from any section of Martin.

In the cumulative voting scheme, each voter will receive three votes. "Each voter can cast one, all, or any whole number of his or her votes for any one or more of more of the candidates" according to the court document. No voter will be required to cast a minimum of votes or a maximum.

Presumably, then, a voter could cast only one or two votes without using all three and not have his or her ballot considered invalid. Voters often wonder if they have to vote on every question on the ballot in any election and that certainly is a question that needs to be clarified prior to voting.

The winner in the cumulative voting will be the three candidates who receive the highest number of votes. Plan C helps to remedy the section 2 violation of the VRA because it gives Lakota people a chance to elect a Lakota during each cycle.

A common political science theory called the "threshold of exclusion" is used to calculate whether or not the Lakota community has the ability to elect a Lakota candidate.

For example, in the case of the

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More than six inches fell this last week, closing schools and the tribes down for one day. Snow covered trees near the new Martin water tower. Snow showers are expected over the weekend and next week's weather will be temperatures in the 40s. Photo by Manual Blanco.

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TWO SECTIONS

California tribes loses sovereignty case

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent



WASHINGTON - Most tribal nations are forever vigilante when it comes to precedent setting court cases that may come back to haunt them and ultimately infringe upon their inherent quasi-sovereignty as defined by previous Supreme Court cases.

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians of California find themselves fully immersed in such a legal place that they never envisioned.

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians casino is located at Highland, Calf.

In the case, the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians v. National Labor Relations Board, argued on Nov. 6 and decided Feb. 9. A panel of three judges for the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled that the tribe was subjected to the National Labor Relations Act. Indian nations are not mentioned anywhere in the law and yet, the courts changed that by reversing many years of precedent setting Supreme Court cases that have re-affirmed tribal sovereignty in favor of tribal nations.

At issue, is an organizing dispute at the San Manuel Band's casino where a union filed a complaint to the National Labor Relations Board when it said another union was getting treated with preference. The tribe disagreed and said that tribal sovereignty prevailed. The NLRB and the state of Connecticut contested the issue.

Nationwide, there are 250,000 workers in tribal casinos and most of them are non-tribal members. The tribal casino industry is estimated to be at $28 billion a year with 28 casinos.

The judges noted that tribes cannot act with total autonomy when it comes to commercial enterprise. The court did recognize. However, that operating a tribal casino is a governmental function.

By making tribes accountable under the NLRA act, the judges were saying that since most casinos employ non-Indians and marketing them to non-Indians, tribes are going beyond simple self-governance.

The problem with the ruling is that it could affect internal tribal affairs, according to Henry Duro, Chairman of the San Manuel Band, and that is scary for most tribes.

The National Indian Gaming Association and the National Congress of American Indians recently argued on behalf of the tribe. Any such contested issue should

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City of Martin, the formula is 1/(1 + number of seats available.) The percentage that comes out of this formula is 1/4 because 1 is added to the three seats and the percentage is 25 percent. According to the formula, the members of a minority community have the opportunity to elect their candidate as long as the "threshold of exclusion" percentage is lower than their percentage of the voting electorate.

In the case of Lakota people in Martin they should be able to elect a member to the Martin city council each election because their voting age population is 36 percent. That exceeds the "threshold of exclusion" number above.

The city argued that it used the common council form of government and that neither cumulative voting nor at-large voting was permitted by the state. They said only Martin voters could change their form of government. The Eighth Circuit Court disagreed and said that the court has the power to adopt Plan C and that the court is bound to follow it. The court said, "In sum, the court exercises its power to implement Plan C as the proper remedy because none of the municipal forms of government permitted by South Dakota would remedy the section 2 violation in this case."

The American Civil Liberties Union has been very active on behalf of Native American voters in South Dakota. In April of 2002 ACLU brought suit against the City of Martin on behalf of two Native American voters who said that the city's redistricting plan diluted the voting strength of Native voters. Even with Native voters representing 45 percent of the voting bloc, Native voters were unable to elect candidates of their choice because white voters controlled all three wards under the re-districting plan.

In addition, voting results according to the court document noted that the results of the June 2003 aldermanic election revealed that Lakota people made up over 31 percent of the voters that actually voted.

The ACLU originally offered three re-districting plans that would have given Native voters an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice. The district court at that time ruled in favor of the City of Martin in 2005, and the Native plaintiffs appealed. The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals then reversed a lower court decision in 2006 and the case was sent back to district court.

The ruling in December 2006 ordered the city to redraw district voting lines so that Native American voters might have a chance to elect a candidate of their choice and participate in the political process.

The decision ordered a "full and complete remedy" and affirmed many of the original claims as brought by the plaintiffs in the case. One of the findings in the federal court decision noted, "One of the most remarkable things about the opinion is the court's finding that a city official intentionally discriminated against Native Americans…this finding serves as a sober reminder that racial discrimination in the voting process still exists in South Dakota, and we should be thankful that the Voting Rights Act is here to guard against it."

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yes to postpone, with three opposed, and 8 council representatives absent.

The concern appeared to be centered around the relatively large number of amendments which tribal members would have to read through, while Milk's Camp community was concerned that a couple of ballot questions appear to conflict with each other. The example that was provided was amendments 8 and 9, having to do with qualifications for office and both had differing age requirements. There was no apparent reason for the disparity.

Another source of confusion related to amendment 22.

It reads, "If you vote yes to this amendment, this will further define the sections of the Bill of Rights and delete the "double jeopardy clause" from this Article. If you vote no, there will be no change."

On its face value, that statement does not make sense unless you read the amendment which has 9 paragraphs to it.

RST council representative, Marion Young-One Star, of Grass Mountain community said that she was aware of many young adults in their late teens and early twenties who were not getting the sample secretarial ballot and registration form.

In its original form, the sample ballot which was mailed to tribal members remind voters to register by February 20 for the March 20 election.

Steve Denoyer, said, "What if you don't meet the guidelines. The changes are too long. Are they going to start over? We need an explanation as to how they will better the tribe. We didn't have a say in it. I thought the Solicitor was going to make changes. A lot of them were just complaining."

Fern Bordeaux said, "Our in-house attorneys should have paid attention. The Lakota Women for Change should have presented them to the public. They were requesting us to stall it, so they could go out and provide education. Why ask for an extension now when it should have been done five months ago. Comments were sent from the Solicitor to the Lakota Women for Change. They should have assisted the proposers to the amendments."

BIA agency superintendent, Cleve Her Many Horses, was present and provided answers to some of the concerns which had arisen. He noted that under CFR 25 that the election could be suspended as there was no specific requirements spelled out under the regulation.

RST representative Mike Boltz from St. Francis said, "The tribal council shouldn't be allowed to be left out of this in the beginning. Our forefathers knew that. We went too far and it's come back to this. I support the motion to suspend. Let's just move it up." Her Many Horses noted that the secretarial election could not be held at the same time as the tribe's general election in the fall.

Finally, Linda Marshall of the original secretarial election committee said, "It is confusing the way it is going. The comments made here make it confusing. The ordinance says that the tribal council cannot make changes. It is the people's initiative. The Secretary of the Interior has the authority to make changes. You have to remember this is the time we have reached this level." Marshall noted a time previously where the tribe suspended a previous secretarial election the night before it was to occur.

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Last Thursday a meeting was held on Thursday at the Crazy Horse School with community members and others to discuss strategies on what resources are available and what can be done for prevention. Others included tribal officials Mel Lone Hill, Mel Young Bear and Mary Tobacco and community members.

Tobacco, tribal health educator, said the initial meeting was a beginning and another meeting is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. at the school. Community members who have concerns are encouraged to attend the meeting on Friday. She said they need to hear from the community and get opinions and ideas.

An initial healing day is being planned for March 17 with activities to involve youth and community and promote community healing.

Wilcox said she has been working on finding out the cost of having a local suicide prevention hotline. She said the nearest one was in Sioux Falls. She said there really isn't a whole lot of resources that can be counted on for suicide prevention.

Tobacco can be reached at the Oglala Sioux Health Education at 867-2067 and Phyllis Wilcox at 462-6452.

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favor tribes as in the past they argued; however, the courts said that such ambiguity only applied in cases that are enacted "for the benefits of Indians or for the regulation of Indian affairs" and not for such issues as contained in the NLRA.

What may be most disturbing in the case is a statement in which the court wrote that tribal sovereignty as it is recognized in American law is not seen as an inherent power, but rather as a way to regulate internal affairs and maintain traditional customs and practices.

The most damaging feature of the ruling, which may be contested to the Supreme Court one day, is that the case seems to ignore case after case in Federal Indian law which has continually upheld a tribe's quasi-sovereign status.

Tribal sovereignty is affirmed in the earliest cases in Indian law known as the "Cherokee Nation" court cases and which define the issue. Tribal sovereignty is something that tribe's possessed from time immemorial and, in fact, it is common knowledge that it was tribal nations who held such status long before America was formed.

For now, the California tribe can ask for a full panel of judges to hear it or request a re-hearing by the three judge panel.

The court now leaves it to the National Labor Relations Board to intervene in such matters and will now apply their mandates to tribes everywhere unless it is contested.

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Cheyenne River youth center is now selling unique print



"The Four Horsemen of the Lakota" by Lynn Burnette Sr. is on sale at the Cheyenne River Center of Life gift shop. Burnette said they represent the Lakota virtues of spirituality, integrity, courage and wisdom, "riding hard and fast as victors in the battle between complacency and achievement."

EAGLE BUTTE - The Cheyenne River Youth Project will be selling prints of Lynn Burnette Sr.'s painting "The Four Horsemen of the Lakota" in the gift shop of Cokata Wiconi "Center of Life" in the Lakota language," the new teen center on the Cheyenne River Reservation.

Burnette, a Sicangu Lakota artist who hails from Cheyenne River, attended the Aug. 14 dedication ceremony for Cokata Wiconi. At the event, he listened to Billy Mills, Oglala Sioux Olympic champion and spokesperson for Running Strong for American Indian Youth, speak about the virtues of the Lakota people and how they are a valuable resource in the struggle toward self-determination and success.

While today's challenges for young people - and for their communities - are present and real, Burnette said he believes that a person can choose to face them with courage and integrity rather than with fear and disillusionment. He commented that this makes him consider the Lakota way of life before the colonial period, one that embraced new challenges with bravery. Lakota men and women did not balk in the face of danger; rather, they drew on the strengths of the community and on spirituality to overcome that which can be overcome and to accept that which cannot. For him, this important lesson from Lakota cultural heritage must be passed on to future generations.

"We never felt that we would ever have to fight these things among our people," Burnette said, referring to the many problems confronting reservation youth, such as alcoholism, poverty and high unemployment levels. "Now we have to help our youth to get through it."

With this in mind, Burnette created "The Four Horsemen of the Lakota" for the Cokata Wiconi. This tea painting depicts the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, dressed in traditional Lakota regalia and riding in tight formation on colorful horses. Yet the horsemen are not harbingers of war, famine, death and pestilence. Burnette said they represent the Lakota virtues of Spirituality, Integrity, Courage and Wisdom, "riding hard and fast as victors in the battle between complacency and achievement." The horsemen have come from the four directions to centralize their power, according to Burnette, and the four horses represent the colors of the four directions.

"The Lakota people never had 'bad' spirits or doom and gloom as an omen for better living," he said. "We asked for guidance from the Creator and thanked him when we received it."

CRYP, whose capital campaign, along with that of Running Strong for American Indian Youth, is raising the necessary funds for the teen center building, was proud to accept the generous donation. The organization also is grateful to Burnette for giving CRYP the copyright for the work, so the youth project was able to produce the prints.

"I am touched beyond belief by Burnette's gift," said Julie Garreau, CRYP's executive director. "Not only is it an amazing work of art, but it has a meaning that runs deeply through our people - a message of survival - that we really need to hear at this moment."

Burnette was born north of Mission on the Rosebud Indian Reservation, and he raised his family on Cheyenne River. Although he sketched whenever he had time, his adult life was devoted to ranching and working as a rodeo cowboy; his artistic calling came much later.

Burnette said he is inspired by stories and history passed down to him from his grandfather, and his artwork is fueled by his passion for creativity and self-expression. He works in a variety of media, from watercolors, oils and acrylics on canvas to bronze sculptures. Most unique, however, are his tea paintings - as the paper soaks up the tea, it leaves distinct markings that help the artist realize his complete vision for the artwork.

"The Four Horsemen of the Lakota" by Lynn Burnette Sr. can be viewed on the CRYP Web site at www.lakotayouth.org. Additional original work by Lynn Burnette Sr., including works for sale, can be found on at www.spiritriderart.com.

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In accordance with requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation as set forth in 49 CFR Part 26, as amended, the OST Transportation Department in Pine Ridge, South Dakota hereby notifies the public that it is recommending the following Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for applicable professional services, construction and procurement contracts during Fiscal Year 2007, beginning October 1, 2006 and ending September 31, 2007. The overall total DBE Goal for Fiscal Year 2007 is 1.85%. Information pertaining to this goal and a description of how it was selected is available for inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M.S.T. at the OST Transportation Department located one mile east of Pine Ridge, SD on State Highway 18 at the Tribal Roads Maintenance Building for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice. Written comments on this goal will be accepted for 45 days from the publication of this notice. The comments are for informational purposes only and may be sent to the DBE Officer, Jeffrey L. Whalen, P.O. Box 335, Pine Ridge, SD, 57770 and the Regional Civil Rights Officer, Federal Transit Administration, Region 8, 12300 West Dakota Avenue, Suite 310, Lakewood, Colorado 80228-2583.

A night of family fun

MISSION - This year's Family Fun Night brought together the community, families and several programs for an evening of good food, good fun, dancing and rock and roll on Feb. 2 at the SGU Multipurpose Building.

The annual fun night was hosted by SGU's Reclaiming Futures and sponsored by numerous local entities. An estimated 200 people attended the vent.

The evening began with a sloppy joe supper with the meat provided by SGU Bison Program. Potato chips, fresh carrots and celery and fresh apples and oragnes were also served.

Information booths and door prizes were provided by SGU Reclaiming Futures, RST Diabetes Prevention Program, Alcohol Treatment Program, Oyate Networking Project, RST Tribal Education, ST. Francis Mission, Piya Mani Otipi, Native American Advocacy Program and the RST CHR.

The public enjoyed a session of traditional Lakota social dancing lead by Pat Bad Hand and Denis One Star. Participants enjoyed the rabbit dance, the owl dance, the potato dance and the round dance. Dancers of all ages participated in the fun.

The highlight of the evening was a delightful performance by the Little Bird Blues Band, a youth rock and roll band made up of 8 to 12-year-old cousins. The band performed such classic and cover hits as "Smoke on the Water," "Stupid Cupid," "House of the Rising Sun," "Beautiful" "Iron Man," and several others.

The local youth were captivated and inspired by the kids as evident by the swarm of youth that gathered to get an autograph and meet the youth rockers.

The evening of fun was completed by a free-throw and three-point competition for both youth and adults.

OST housing plans to move 'Ellsworth' homes to district sites in spring

Commits to build more mutual help units

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent



This is the first house that was brought from Ellsworth Air Force base in May of 2005. The 3-bedroom houses were transported to the Kyle housing yard to help meet housing needs. This project is sponsored by the Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing.

PINE RIDGE - There's light at the end of the tunnel," said Ken Lone Elk, Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing director sitting in the conference room last week, "it has been a battle, we are surviving and now we are moving ahead, the demand for houses continues to grow, the task of maintaining the units we have doesn't get any easier and the challenge of finding additional ways to build more houses is oftentimes overwhelming."

For a year and a half the Ellsworth units have been sitting at the housing yard on the edge of Kyle while decisions on their future swirled like dust on a hot August day on the Pine Ridge.

The hubbub raised at a tribal council meeting in August of 2005 in Pine Ridge about lead paint or asbestos in the floor tiles had dissipated by the late summer of 2006 and the housing administration announced that the 52 units would be available on a first come first serve basis.

Those interested in obtaining an Ellsworth unit agreed to put $2,500.00 down, agreed to pay $166.67 per month for ten years, be responsible for finding a site and take care of the electricity and water development for the sites. Housing would cover the construction of a half basement, move the unit to the site and close up the gable end of the unit created when the double units were cut in half.

By the mid November deadline, 45 of the units had been committed to interested homeowners who had ponied up the down payment money.

At that point there developed a slight wrinkle that the board did not really mean for the units to go out on a first come first serve basis but there would be five units allocated to each district where the housing commissioners would be involved in the decision on who were awarded the unit.

"It really came down to those who met the criteria established by the board," said Frances Sonny Ruff, board chair from LaCreek district, "the board thought it was five per district and then first come first serve for those five with applicants required not to owe any back rent, not to have a housing unit already and to have sufficient income to make the financial commitment required."

Of the original 45 potential homeowners, 60 per cent met the criteria, according to Ruff and Lone Elk and currently all 45 are committed. The remaining seven are to be used administratively maybe as an emergency shelter or to replace a burned unit or to meet a special community need.

"We are waiting for good weather," said Lone Elk, "we need some decent weather to get the half basements in and to start moving the units; we hope to have them all out on site and functioning by the fall of this year."

Reservation residents have been watching the construction of homes across the reservation that appear to be log houses - they are part of an overall commitment by housing to build 180 units, 90 low rent and 90 mutual self help (home ownership) made back in 2000 with a carryover of $10 million from NAHASDA finds. Housing built 45 low rent as the first stage, built by the force account crews. There were to be 45 mutual self help to follow, the 27 log house project units are the first stage of the 45 homeownership homes, according to Lone Elk.

"We are committed to building all 180 units, we just don't know how they all will be built and just where all of the resources will come from but we are going to build them," said Lone Elk.

The current 27 log houses are close to being completed and the goal is May 1 for families to move in but for some of them it may take until the end of May or sometime in June, according to Ruff and Lone Elk.

During the last tribal administration, the tribal council removed the housing's board of directors, replaced them with an interim board and added a council dominated special committee to work with the board.

"This time, I really believe that the council is committed to letting housing do what they need to to get the job done," said Lone Elk, "we have developed a good working relationship with the HHS committee and in particular Sonia Weston, Kim Claussen and Carol O'Rourke, a relationship where we are able to work together to move ahead."

Currently, Oglala Sioux Lakota housing employs about 150 people and maintains or looks over 1,700 units, both low rent and home ownership. The board elected last spring includes Sonny Ruff/ LaCreek as chair, Sandy Two Lance/Wakpamni, Valerie Janis/Oglala, Eleanor Charging Crow/Eagle Nest, Sandra Old Horse/Medicine Root, Rhonda Two Eagle/Porcupine, Eileen Janis/Pine Ridge, Garfield Apple/Wounded Knee and James Cross/Pass Creek.

"We are always asked about how many units we have boarded up and are not being used," said Ruff, "we are working on adding to our maintenance staff and our priority is to get these units back in operation but we need additional maintenance staff."

Instead of apartment houses planned for a couple of districts, housing is looking at two and three bedroom units. Recently, housing took over the Cohen Home, all but two of the 22 units are occupied.

"We are going to make it, we are going to meet the challenge ahead," said Lone Elk, "but we have to work together to do it, housing, the tribe, the districts and communities and families across the reservation."

OLL beats Pine Ridge in battle of Big Foot Conference top spots

Porcupine to host B tourney, Wolf Creek the A

By Tom Crash
Sports Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Our Lady of Lourdes held off the hard charging Pine Ridge Thorpes 58-52 to keep their undefeated record and earn the number one seed in the upcoming Big Foot Conference A boys tournament to be hosted by Wolf Creek starting Feb. 26.

Kiley Weston led the Braves with 25 points and 13 rebounds as OLL led at each quarter break on their way to their eighth straight win. JD Plume chipped in 13 points and 21 rebounds and Truman Rossman added 10 points, four steals and seven rebounds.

Earlier in the season, Pine Ridge hosted OLL and the Braves stormed out to a 19-6 first quarter lead on the way to a 65-55 win. Roger big Crow scored 17 points for Pine Ridge many on drives to the basket as OLL struggled to stop the Thorpe point guard. James Pine added 12 points, Trevor Bettelyoun 10 points and Sonny Red Cloud grabbed 11 rebounds but Pine Ridge could not close the gap during the game.

OLL was led by Kiley Weston with 22 points while JD Plume helped with 10 points and 20 rebounds and Ryan Lays Bad helped with 17 points and eight rebounds.

Wolf Creek School will host the Big Foot Conference A boys tourney starting on Feb. 26 with OLL earning the number one seed, Pine Ridge number two, Wounded Knee District School number three and American Horse number four.

Porcupine School hosts the B tourney as WKDS plays Porcupine on Tuesday, Feb. 20, Red Cloud gets a bye, OLL plays Loneman, Batesland plays Rockyford while Little Wound is seeded number one, Pine Ridge is two, American Horse is three and Wolf Creek is four.

Rosebud high school students learn domestic violence and resources

ROSEBUD - High-school students at Todd County and St. Francis Indian Schools got an earful this week. Not a scathing lecture from a teacher or an administrator at the respective schools, but an hour-long discussion about domestic violence and sexual assault from trained staff members of the White Buffalo Calf Woman's Society in Mission.

'Violence is not a Lakota tradition,' was the theme of the seminars given to every high-school student grades 9-12, at the two local high-schools in Todd County.

Officer Delta Anderson of the Rosebud Police Department offered students a realistic look at some of the excuses perpetrators of Domestic Violence offer when being arrested. "I didn't mean to hit her. If she just wouldn't have made me so mad, and I didn't mean to push her," were a few of the excuses Anderson offered to the young people in attendance.

Anderson explained some of the career limitations someone convicted of domestic violence or sexual assault might encounter in their future. "If you have been convicted of domestic violence, you cannot be a teacher, you cannot work for the government, and you can never keep or bear a firearm," said Anderson.

Public Relations Director for the White Buffalo Calf Woman's Society, Javier Alegree, said the seminars were given because this week is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Week. Alegree said the staff at the White Buffalo Calf Woman's Society wanted to join other organizations around the country that were hosting similar programs for youth nationwide.

During the presentations, a short video was shown to the students. One of the characters in the video exhibited some tell-tale warning signs of physical and mental abuse towards a young lady. After the video, staff members of the WBCWS offered students a chance to comment on what they had just seen. The staff then answered questions about jealousy, possessiveness and physical abuse within the confines of high-school relationships.

Rich Winter, Sports Anchor for KINI radio, talked to the students about making 'good choices.' Winter talked about the increased risk of domestic violence and sexual assault when the presence of drugs and alcohol were added. Officer Anderson of the RST Police Department backed up that idea, saying that 99.9 percent of the cases he responds to regarding domestic violence and sexual assault were fueled by the presence of drugs and alcohol.

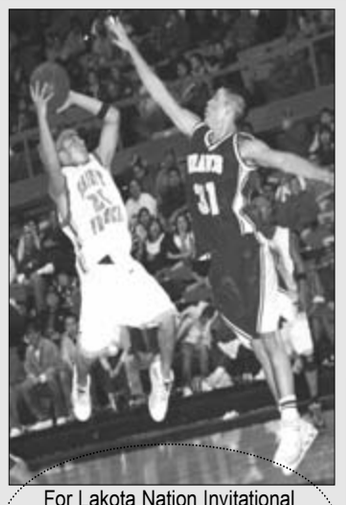
Connie and Dave Brushbreaker spoke to the students at St. Francis Indian School about their 21 years of marriage. The Brushbreakers agreed that the common thread to any successful relationship is honesty, trust and communication.

Every student who attended the seminars was given contact information for the White Buffalo Calf Woman's Society's 'Crisis Hotline.' All students had access to pamphlets and brochures of information regarding Teen-dating-violence, and all were given a T-shirt courtesy of the WBCWS and Jaime Arobba.



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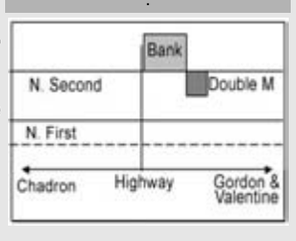


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OPINION PAGE

Our Views

Defeat of Bear Butte bill not the end

House Bill 1227 had its first reading on Jan. 26 and its intent was to "prohibit the issuance of certain alcoholic beverage licenses for establishments located near Bear Butte." The bill was sponsored by Representatives Bradford, Katus, Van Norman and others.

It is regrettable that a geographical marker such as Bear Butte that is presumably protected by the state and set aside as a place for prayer, has become a symbol of racial and economic "tug of war." Meanwhile, as conservationist and local ranchers make a case that the area has its own special habitat; Lakota people continue to insist that the impending noise and alcohol sales will diminish the sacred nature of Mato Paha and detract from its beauty and silence.

Any time commercial enterprise enters the equation the first casualty seems to be those who have less political clout or less money. It is an age old debate that often sees both sides of the argument sometimes degenerate into arguments that hold very little water. One side might say, "When you erect a buffer zone around my church to protect it from alcohol, then you can erect one around Bear Butte." Another one that was heard was, "They should use that money they use to buy beer at White Clay to buy up the land around Bear Butte."

Lakota people have always insisted that the 1868 Ft. Laramie Treaty as a legal document entered into with the federal government serves as the basis for many of the government's treaty obligations. This has been re-affirmed in many subsequent court cases. Bear Butte falls within the confines of the 1868 treaty, yet it may go the way of the rest of the hills, overdeveloped and commercialized. We now have "biker bars" and who knows what is next on the horizon.

It is astounding to think that the almighty dollar has prevailed again as, ironically, individual property rights and increasing land values have come to the forefront as being most critical in the debate. Perhaps, it is the great American way and who knows we may see increased commercialization near Mt. Rushmore after this. After all it is the shrine of Democracy and by that reasoning everyone has a right to make a buck or two.

Today on Tuesday, Feb. 13, HB 1227 was deferred to the 41st legislative day and for legislators that is a not too subtle signal that the bill has been "killed."

Rep. Thom Van Norman of District 28A said that it was an opportunity to educate the legislators and the public about the need to protect Bear Butte. He gave thanks to Sen. Two Bulls on the Senate side for supporting the bill as well as to those who prayed and took action to protect Bear Butte.

Van Norman did sound a bit of optimism for the future. He said, "There was good discussion in committee, and I think the temperament and understanding is beginning to change for the better.

Too bad for the huge financial interests involved opposing protection of Mato Paha." The defeat of the bill is not the end.



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Thoughts that come from the heart

Do we give too much in death?



By Amanda Takes War Bonnett

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It hurts to lose someone you love and care about. There are emotional bonds that are truly difficult to let go in grief recovery.

Symbolic rituals at times help us to let go in that recovery. Not only in traditional Lakota ways, but in other cultures, there are rituals that are practiced to yield to those beliefs of death and spirit.

It is part of tradition and culture that come with years and years of a people. Whatever beliefs we have and the strength of those beliefs help us to understand death and the pain of loss. Through time those rituals were developed because they were needed.

One of those beliefs we have as Lakota people is how we honor those we love that have continued their journey home to the spirit world. We honor them and remember their life on Earth and do the right things for them so their spirit can make the journey.

It's not only for their spirit but for ourselves, we want to show our love and honor them in their death with the four day rituals of wakes and a funeral. It helps us with our grief recovery. We give and honor with gifts and remember with song.

I have been to wakes and funerals where that honor is seen with the many beautiful quilts, gifts, cakes, speeches and songs. I can think of several off reservations, non-Indian owned businesses who make their livelihood by creating cakes and flowers from those Lakota beliefs.

What we do is different from other nearby cultures, it's unique and to us it's an honor to do those things. Yet, it tugs at me when I see this happen, and I wonder, do we give too much in death, more than we did when they were alive?

I think of my mom, her wake and funeral service. Her family is huge, made up of her children, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, sisters and relatives. She made her journey in spirit with the support of so much love and gifts.

When I sat at her wake that first night, I thought of her and how proud she would have been if she received that beautiful silk quilt for her bed or if she got those flowers every day while she was sick. Her family did honor her in life. There were times we had big family celebrations so her family could be with her, honor her and be with her because we knew someday we would lose her.

I saw that happen with another relative that recently died. She was sick for such a long time but yet she was so strong in spirit and faith. I sincerely believe it was that faith that carried her so far in life despite her illness. I truly know that she would have loved to get flowers every day while she was ill and to see and visit all the relatives that came to honor her in death.

The late John Around Him was sick for awhile before he died. I know of three times that he was honored, one by the state and the college at Rapid City and another at Pass Creek.

The honorings were touching and he was proud to be there to accept the honor. That was good for him as he prepared for his journey home and it was good for the people who love and cared about him.

We need to do that more, especially today when times are hard. We need to honor those we love when they are here. We need to honor our children when we can. They need to know they are cared for and give that to them while it is worth something to them in life. Sometimes our children see that big honor that is given in death and maybe they are having a hard time in their life and when they see that occur in death, it makes dying worth something.

Times have changed and do we send the wrong cultural message in death? Do we need to make it more understandable, especially to our youth?

In writing these words, I don't mean to seem like I am being sacrilegious to Lakota spiritual belief but to give some food for thought about what our youth perceive and more to a commitment to myself as a publisher to give praise and honor to those who deserve it.

As the publisher, including the staff of this weekly Indian newspaper, we want to give more space to the achievements of our community members.

It's a good feeling to give praise, and to receive praise and honor. We are humans and we are made up of emotions. It is why we create rituals and honor to cater to those emotions.

I wrote two tributes in this newspaper to two people who journeyed on and who made an impact on my life and lives of others.

I wish I had written those good feeling words for them while their spirit was still here on Earth where they could have read them.

It would have made them feel good and that's where it counts.

Other Views

What are we fighting for in Afghanistan and Iraq?

Dear Editor:

During WWI and WWII, it was proper and patriotic for American families to stand up and support our government's fight against the Nazis, fascists and communists. We fought to defend the United States against its enemies, and when we lost loved ones we honored them for their sacrifices in defending the constitution and our way of life.

It seems all that changed with the end of the cold war. Now we are involved in a war in Afghanistan that I can still personally support because it is directly linked to the attack on the World Trade Center on 9/11.

I don't agree with the manner in which this war is being handled, however. Where is Ben Laden? Why hasn't he been caught? Is he really dead or is he still alive? Does the Bush-Chaney Administration really want to catch him, or will it end their excuse for maintaining this so-called "war on terror." The focus should be on catching Bin Laden and getting our troops out of Afghanistan.

But the Iraqi war is something that I have not been able to support because it has no connection to 9/11. President Bush has even admitted this.

The Iraqi war was based on a lie, that there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and Sadam was not on the verge of making a nuclear bomb. This was all false and was the pretense for the Bush-Chaney Administration to invade Iraq. Then when no weapons were found, the excuse for the invasion was changed to bringing democracy to Iraq. It seems like the real reason for invading Iraq was to control the Iraqis' oil and to create a war to fund monies to the military-industrial complex that President Eisenhower warned us about some many years ago.

So we are getting bogged down in bogus war on Terror in Iraq, which is really a civil war between Sunni and Shia Muslins, and spending billions of dollars so Bush and Cheney can save face.

We are allowing the government to put the interests of certain politicians about the interests and welfare of the American people and our troops.

Now, my 19 year old son is entering the military (Marines), and will probably be deployed to the military conflicts in Afghanistan or Iraq.

If this was WWI or WWII, I would be proud to see him go fight for the American flag and the defense of our country.

So I ask myself, what are we fighting for in Afghanistan and Iraq? The vital interests of the United States? Or the vital interests of the oil companies, defense contractors and Halliburton? The war in Iraq is propagated based on keeping the American people in constant fear of terrorism.

What I fear the most is that this so-called war on terror will continue indefinitely to keep the money flowing to the military-industrial complex while our infrastructure in the United Sates, our roads, our bridges, and our beautiful country deteriorates.

My son and I come from a warrior society. We are of Oglala-Rosebud descent. We are proud of our heritage and proud to be Americans.

My son will go fight for the Star Spangled banner and the republic for which it stands. And I will always be there to support him and to worry about him if he is stationed in Afghanistan or Iraq. Yet, while my son serves in the military and I support him, the state of South Dakota and the United States will be attempting to take away more and more of our tribal sovereignty and homelands, trying to plan us out of existence.

So, I ponder like many mothers as my 19 year old left today to serve his country in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He left to fight for a country that does not support him, does not honor his tribe's treaty rights, and for various other reasons, like just being a Native American. Yet his own values and beliefs stand beyond the mere support of his country; he is willing and brave enough to enlist in the military because he believes in freedom and fighting not only for his own people but for the people of the United States of America.

Everyone has an opinion about the war in Iraq.

When does the war in Iraq come to an end?

When the American people understand and admit that it is based on lies and demand that it is time to demand that Iraq be returned to the Iraqi people, and that the federal government must began the process of bringing our troops home.

So I close with a prayer, as my son leaves to serve his country with honor, that he will one day come home to me and live a full happy life.

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A Lakota Perspective

Proposed amendment supports assimilation



By Lydia Whirlwind Soldier

The Sicangu Lakota Nation is having a Secretarial Election to accept or reject proposed amendments to the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Constitution on March 20, 2007.

We have come a long way in adapting to the changes we have faced in the last century.

Our form of government before the Indian Reorganization Act was in reality integral and very effective to a lifestyle and economy in that period of our history. Our leadership had the wisdom, intelligence, and insight to weigh what was gained and what would be lost by their decisions.

The leadership adapted with the radically changing environment. One example is how we adapted our lifestyle significantly with the coming of the horse centuries earlier. The Lakota accommodated and accepted the challenge whole-heartedly. Consequently Lakota men became renowned as the finest horseman, warriors and hunters.

Throughout our history our ancestors struggled to keep us together as true Lakota people.

When the government offered our leaders a different form of government it was accepted with great reluctance.

At that time they were well aware that IRA was a form of assimilation, however they were desperate to stop the repercussions of the Dawes Act. Their struggle was difficult to say the least because they didn't have many choices or options.

The US government failed miserably in living up to the promises of the treaties which we as a Tribe signed in good faith. We had lost our resources and our land was passing into the hands of the wasicu.

Yet our leaders through discussion and debate made well thought out decisions to preserve our culture and identity as Sicangu Lakota.

Our government and economy became dependent on the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other US government entities for survival. The funding that we receive today, as a treaty tribe is complex and uncertain and most often not sufficient to fulfill our needs.

Now comes a proposed amendment to lower our blood quantum for enrollment into the Sicangu Lakota Nation.

Although it is questionable to some people whether ¼ Sicangu Lakota blood is enough to identify a person as Sicangu; Amendment No. 3 if accepted will allow any person born after April 1935 who can provide proof of three generations of lineal descent who were members of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, regardless of residency, will be eligible for enrollment in the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Amendment 3 is proposing to change our enrollment into the tribe to linear descent. That would mean that some tribal members could be 1/32 Sicangu and still be an enrolled as a Sicangu Lakota member.

The proposed amendment #3 supports assimilation. What the government and churches couldn't do, we will accomplish with amendment #3.

The government and the churches in their attempts to assimilate us have convinced some people that blood quantum is not important, meaning that being Native American is not important. Some people are using the derogatory and racist term "pedigree" to describe our bloodlines.

The concept of bloodlines is not a recent invention by the white man but has always been an important part of our culture. Knowing our own bloodlines was important for many reasons.

Bloodlines illustrate the way the Lakota view relationships. One basic teaching was the dangers of intermarrying within bloodlines. Bloodlines were also used to identify hereditary leader. Although the measure of the quantity of blood degree is different from bloodlines they are interchangeable. Bloodlines actually identify family descent from particular ancestors.

There are also financial concerns if this amendment passes. How will the Sicangu Lakota Nation support the needs of the hundreds or maybe even thousands of new enrollees? Health services, employment, law and order, housing; every aspect of our tribal government will be affected. For the last couple of years the tribe borrowed money to give each Sicangu Lakota child $100 for much needed school clothing. I was happy and proud that our tribe could provide this especially when I saw the happiness new shoes brought to our children. With the added enrollment could our tribe afford this expense?

The perpetuation and preservation of the Sicangu Lakota should be an utmost concern for our tribe.

One solution for those who are not enrolled and who are serious and committed to being Sicangu Lakota would be to marry back into the tribe then their children will be eligible for enrollment into the tribe. Belief in assimilation is what got us into this dilemma. If children were taught to respect and honor their identity lineal descent would not be an issue today.

Felons engaged in influential positions within the tribe and /or are serving as a member of our tribal council is another point of concern. The proposed amendment addressing this concern is quite ambiguous. In our history great men led us. Leadership was acquired as a result of actions and behavior based on moral purpose.

Because of this philosophy leadership was deliberately developed within families. Children were taught to respect the rights of others from the beginning.

Men wearing eagle feathers earned that right through their deeds that had moral purpose, and those deeds were beneficial to the people.

Relationships and kinship were part of that concept and ensured the cohesiveness within families and within the Tribe.

Respect for family and moral teachings ensured the safety of children from sexual predators and kept domestic violence in check. Relationships were so important that adoption became a common practice.

This is a very simple over-view of a well-developed and complex form of leadership, family relationships and traditional mores.

We need to look back at our history, examine our values and culture and decide what made us uniquely Sicangu Lakota and hold those values in honor and respect.

I encourage everyone to take the responsibility in perpetuating our bloodlines and supporting our moral purpose as Sicangu Lakota.

I encourage people who do not understand an amendment to vote "NO" and that will keep the constitution as it is today. Mitakuyepi, I want the best of our people, especially for those who are the rightful descendents of the Sicangu Lakota Nation.

Notes From Indian Country

Traditional Indians buried by new casino Indians



By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji)

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A ruling last Friday by the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia rejected arguments by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians that they should not be subject to federal labor laws.

Judge Janice Rogers Brown said in the ruling by the three-judge panel, "Tribal sovereignty is not absolute autonomy permitting a tribe to operate in a commercial capacity without legal restraint."

The ruling was issued in response to a complaint filed by the Communications Workers of America with the National Labor Relations Board. The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians had appealed that ruling favoring the union by the NLRB.

Indian gaming is now a $22 billion-a-year industry with casinos in 28 states that employs as many as 250,000 workers many of them non-Indians. The industry has taken some of the poorest people in America to the lofty realms of the richest.

There has been a long-time fear by the larger Indian nations calling themselves "Treaty Tribes" that some of the smaller and newer tribes would eventually get them entangled in legal battles they were sure to lose. Sovereignty on reservations like the Pine Ridge and Rosebud in South Dakota is a given.

These tribes have their own law enforcement and judicial system that operates under the auspices of a legally elected tribal government. The State of South Dakota has no jurisdiction on these reservations whereas in many states, including California, the states operate under Public Law 280 that does give them jurisdiction over law enforcement and other legal matters on Indian reservations within their boundaries.

And as usual, this mish-mash of conflicting jurisdictional laws can create widespread confusion.

What impact does this new ruling have on Indian country? First of all it will give unions the right to deal directly with its members outside of any restrictions placed upon it by the tribes. Now the unions will come under the protections of the National Labor Relations Act.

There are some tribes like the Oneida Nation of New York State, the Mashentucket Pequot in Connecticut, and the Shakopee in Minnesota that have become so extremely wealthy that they almost feel they are above any man-made laws. Henry Duro, chairman of the San Manuel Tribe said, "We are disappointed by the ruling today. We believe that these gaming projects help to fulfill essential governmental functions by providing education, health care, housing, senor care and other key programs. Those are basic governmental obligations that could be impacted by this decision."

Does staging multi-million dollar boxing matches and purchasing professional basketball teams and hotel restaurant chains fit in there somewhere?

Now let's take a look at the basic reality of tribal gaming. There are many tribes fortunate enough to be located on or near large metropolitan areas where their casinos can rake in millions of dollars annually. There are other tribes that still rank amongst the poorest people in America by reason of geography or because they have chosen not to get into this mad race to build a gaming casino. The Navajo Nation is still struggling with this decision and the Hopi Nation of Arizona has ruled out the prospects of ever building a casino.

It has been my contention for many years that those Indian nations sitting on top of the extreme wealth afforded them by their casinos should cease taking funds from the federal government that could be better utilized on the poorer Indian reservations.

When the Seminole Nation of Florida can spend a billion dollars to purchase the Hard Rock Café and Hotel enterprises it makes the people of the very poor tribes wonder why they are still getting federal funding for a variety of tribal programs.

These wealthy tribes can afford to build beautiful homes, construct new schools and hospitals, and to totally rebuild the infrastructure on their tribal lands from the profits realized by their lucrative casinos. Some of the larger tribes such as Pine Ridge and Rosebud are struggling to survive. Unemployment on these reservations can be as high as 75 percent and their populations are nearly 10 times that of the smaller and newer tribes that are raking in millions every month.

The wealthy tribes handout per capita payments to their members that often amounts to thousands of dollars every month. To me it is a new dimension in welfare.

I believe it is high time for the Department of the Interior to take a closer look at the financial positions of every Indian nation in America and to come up with a new set of rules, regulations and laws that would drastically decrease federal funding to the wealthy, independent tribes and redistribute those funds to the poorer Indian nations.

Many Native Americans are a little sick and tired of watching wealthy tribes like the Seminole Nation of Florida flaunt their wealth while the majority of Indians continue to live in the worst conditions of poverty ever imaginable.

To suggest that the wealthy tribes give up their federal dollars in favor of the poor tribes is almost sacrilegious in Indian country, but somebody has to say it.

As I have written so many times in the past, it is an unfortunate set of circumstances in this country to see the rich tribes become richer while the poor become poorer. But remember, to be rich in money is much less than to be rich in culture and traditions.

The smaller and newer tribes are now getting involved in legal disputes that will impact all of the tribes in America and they are doing so without consulting the larger and more established and traditional Indian nations. The case just ruled upon with the NLRB is one example and believe me, there will be many more that will be even more damaging to the all of the tribes of Indian country.

The new casino Indian is rapidly supplanting the older and more traditional Indian. Greed is the new Indian God and where it stops, nobody knows.

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Finding My Voice

Anyone can find their inner strength



Dana Lone Hill

There was a comment on the paper's website the other day about my Martin Luther King entry that asked me where I get my inner strength from. It got me thinking.

Where do I get my inner strength?

First off, it surprises me when people think of me as a strong person. I know in my heart that I am, but I feel it doesn't show through...or shine. Yes I think shine sounds better for inner strength.

Is it something you are born with?

Is it something acquired from a hard life, because to be honest my life wasn't that hard....until I took on the role of "single mom."

So did I find my inner strength from that role? Or did it come one day in a dream.

I don't even know what inner strength is...but I do know this is who I am:

*I am honest when I write...with myself especially because why lie?

*I write what I feel at that moment....and from the heart.

*If I feel a need to write about something I see right or wrong I will.

*Even though I am a proud person, I do walk with my head down.

I like to watch my feet where I walk and I don't believe all that hoopla about having to walk with your head held high.

I still have self esteem, which took me years to find but I acquired my style when I walk and I am sticking with it.

*I have children, if I don't show them how to be in this life who will?

God knows we have enough youth in this world that have no direction and end up on a statistic sheet in some government office gathering dust and proving that funding needs to go somewhere, just because of that sheet of paper, gathering dust in the office of some pot bellied guy who could care less about that youth that is a statistic on his desk.

I don't know exactly what inner strength is, other than a need.

I need it for me, my children and my people.

I don't know if I ever really found it, I think it found me as a need to be who I am today. And I think anyone can find their inner strength when they realize it as a need to be who they are or whatever purposes.

I totally didn't make sense, did I?

Dana Lone Hill is a 34-year old mother of 4, who recently moved back to the reservation, after an eternity on the housing waiting list. Although currently self-employed, she plans on continuing her education at the Oglala Lakota Community College.

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Medicine man's contest on oral tradition

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(Editor's Note***The following is the English version of the story of the contest. The Lakota version, which was written in the Lakota language was printed in Volume III Issue 18 on page A4 entitled "Wakan Akiciyapi.")

1. When your grandfathers were alive they would tell stories of long ago.

2. They tell of the last known contest between a Cheyenne and Oglala medicine man to prove who had the stronger medicine (Wowakan).

3. This event took place at what was known as the Herd Camp, across, the road from the big red barn east of Pine Ridge Village.

4. The Northern Cheyenne tribe came to our reservation with their most powerful medicine man by the name of Bull Back Fat to challenge the Oglala to prove who had more power.

5. So the Oglala chose their medicine man by the name of Live Coal who was small in stature and kind of pitiful looking.

6. And here he refused.

7. He said, if I do that I will have to kill him.

8. The Cheyenne people laughed and treated the Oglala holy man scornfully.

9. Finally the Oglala gave in and agreed to the contest.

10. The word got out and many Oglala came to the Herd camp to witness this interesting event.

11. The day of the contest arrived and preparations were made.

12. Contestants took their positions, the Oglala medicine man cried.

13. The Cheyenne medicine man was very arrogant, strutting around with a looking glass in his hand.

14. The Oglala waken wicasa picked up a handful of dirt, stomped one foot on the ground and threw the dirt at the Cheyenne, it looked as though someone picked him up off his feet and slammed him on the ground; with his legs trembling, he died.

15. The Cheyenne delegation clamored around their fallen medicine man and pleaded with the Oglala medicine man to revive him.

16. He told them, I shot a bear claw at him, so it went through his temple and it's gone; I cannot retrieve it.

17. The Cheyenne buried their loved one on a hill and went home. The moral of the story is nobody messes with the Oglala. (josh)

Where is hope?

Dear Editor:

Where is our hope, what are we hoping in? Many people put their hope and trust in things that can not save or help them.

How about putting our hope in the only one who can save us from our sins and help us in our time of need.

He is the creator of the heavens and the earth and all things in both places. He is closer than anyone on earth, he cares what happens to us and is only a prayer away. He is the best friend we can find and will never gossip about us.

When we talk to Him we have to be very honest because he knows what is in our hearts and the motives of our prayers.

When we ask Him to forgive us, he does because His son paid the price for our sins.

He came to give us eternal life in heaven.

"For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ our Lord." Romans 6:33.

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Northern Perspectives

Reflecting on President Bush's 'Blueprint' for the No Child Left Behind Act



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

This "No Child Left Behind" business is something that is not going to go away soon unless the new Democratic controlled Congress decides to "tweak" it dramatically or infuse a lot more funding into it. In that regard, I suppose we need to continue to clarify the intent of the law and understand what educators and policy makers may be doing around the country.

President Bush's plan is called, "Building on Results: A Blueprint for Strengthening the No Child Left Behind Act."

I am on the Todd County Middle School parent committee and I guess I should be consulting with my colleague, Dorothy LeBeau, School Improvement Coordinator at the TCSD district office, as to the specific actions the district is taking this year to comply with the criteria as set forth by NCLB. I am not a practitioner, but as a Sicangu Lakota educator of sorts, much of NCLB applies to the progress that my son will making as he makes his way through the rest of the year and onto high school and I need to know where we are headed as we examine what is called a "standards-based" education and it's emphasis on accountability.

Actually, I simply wanted to provide an overview, nationally, as to what President Bush's new version of the NCLB Act might look like, while offering up what some educators have said about its effectiveness last year.

The President's budget when announced this week will signal whether or not he can work with Democrats as he will hopefully increase spending dramatically to carry out its mandate.

I was surprised to learn that President Bush and Senator Edward M. Kennedy had collaborated in a bi-partisan way to create NCLB when it was signed into law in 2002. I felt that some thought the law was as bit too conservative, but lo' and behold the emphasis has always been on improving the lowest achieving schools in the nation.

The goal is to make all students proficient in science and math by the year 2014. I do not think we can argue with that intent.

Most people know that there have been critics of the federal government who insist that they simply have not provided enough funding to carry out its mandates.

Hanna Bordas and Beverly Carroll at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education wrote an article in the summer of 2006 entitled, "High Standards for All Students." They quote Harvard professor Robert Schwartz who noted, "The federal government, by some counts, is $9 billion short of the amount promised when NCLB was enacted."

NCLB is one way for the federal government to require the collection of test data, which then needs to be interpreted and then studied as it says something about the performance of students so that schools which are, in fact, low performing can ask for additional resources.

Todd County School District assessment coordinator, Robert Magelky, understands the need and importance of "huddling" with teachers.

He explained recently that he will gather a group of teachers to look at test data and survey information and then solicit their opinion as to what the data reveals.

Another Harvard professor, Daniel Koretz was quoted in the Ed. Magazine as noting, "Many people in the policy making world misunderstand testing, and think that once they have a test score, they've captured the most important parts of schooling….Measured student achievement is extremely important, but so are motivation, creativity and many other outcomes of learning."

In President Bush's "Blueprint" the administration wants to see charter and private schools to work to create competition and, thus, motivate other schools that are not doing well to improve. They also want to get around collective bargaining agreements and that may be a sticking point with local schools. The aim is to assign the best teachers to charter and private schools and make them better.

Democrats, according to a recent article would integrate a number of features when the law is re-authorized and this would impact tribal schools. They would provide more teacher incentives for those who work in the most challenging schools, ask states to increase services to those low achieving schools and continue with providing professional development opportunities so they can assist teachers in improving student performance.

Under the President's plan students who are stranded in schools who struggle to make AYP or adequate yearly progress consistently may choose a scholarship of $3,000 for which the Education Department describes as intensive tutoring.

Bush's plan also includes the right of parents to transfer students out of low achieving schools; however, that option seems more viable in municipalities where there may be more than one middle school or high schools. In reservation communities, that option offers only limited opportunity as many are small and do not operate more than one school at any level.

Bordas and Carroll of the Harvard Ed. Magazine noted that NCLB quickly came under scrutiny as child psychologists, parents and teachers worried about the psychological impact of the pressure that comes along with such change. High achievers may suffer at a narrowing of the curriculum, while low achievers may simply give up as the bar is raised.

The President's plan envisions more options when intervening in schools which have performed poorly for five consecutive years. For example, the "Blueprint" discusses charter authority and in rural areas there would be the possibility of "virtual" charter schools.

Ronen Habib, who earned his Ed.M at Harvard is a high school math teacher in Lexington, MA and he believes that students need to have the ability to do math, but they must also be able to explain it and apply it to life applications.

His point is that such skills are not measured on any standardized test.

William Jaeger, who teaches U. S. and world history in Hartford, CT was quoted in the Harvard. Ed. Magazine. He noted, "Consistently, we see that the teacher's knowledge of his or her subject matter and dedication to students is one of the best predictors of student growth.

The moment we stifle teacher creativity, autonomy and ability to design, deliver and assess content, we are going to see a significant dip in teacher quality, motivation, and thus, student achievement."

Finally, a question to test your knowledge as presented by writers Bordas and Carroll; "Which of the following states are considering or have considered opting out of NCLB and returning all Title I funding? (A) Arizona (B) Hawaii (C) Wyoming (D) All of the above.

Dr. Archie Beauvais (Sicangu) resides on the Rosebud with his son, Beaux. He earned a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) from Harvard University and is a 2006 Harvard AOCC Award recipient. A decorated Vietnam Veteran, he is functionally literate in Lakota and worked at Sinte Gleska University for 20 years as Dean/Chair of Tribal and Graduate Studies.

Guest Column

Let us put our minds together

By Ivan Star
Oglala Lakota
Oglala, S.D.

I was reminded again of the fact that learning is a lifelong process: every day is a learning experience. A good portion of the things I learned were real eye-openers, especially where truth was an hidden factor… and there is an abundance of pretense in this world. Therefore, I cannot claim to know everything, because I don't.

Anyway, being inquisitive and having the ability to listen has its advantages. The art of paying attention to newly acquired knowledge and comparing and applying them to established facts has always been rewarding.

The other day, while waiting for the rocks to heat up for Inipi (purification ceremony), my older brother talked about the old way of doing business, so to speak. Our ancestors did not just wander about the Great Plains. For one, he said, people used to gather four times during the year to socialize, celebrate, exchange information, and perform certain ceremonies.

In fact, an impetuous young military officer lost his life and the lives of 268 cavalrymen, including his officers, during one of these gatherings. The U.S. 7th Cavalry Regiment suffered 52 percent casualties when Custer led five detachments blindly into the large encampment on June 25, 1876 in Eastern Montana Territory.

The people did not gather there to plan for war nor was it a random gathering, as most modern-day people believe. Man did not dictate those specific times; rather they are the work of a higher power. The ancient Lakota assembled according to two Solstices and two Equinoxes. Let me explain what my brother was telling me without butchering it to pieces.

First, the longest day of the year happens during the Summer Solstice (June) and the Winter Solstice (December) makes for the shortest day. During an Equinox, the lengths of day and night are equal. This makes four specific times during which ancient Lakota people gathered and conducted certain ceremonies (June 22, Sept. 22, Dec. 22 and March 22).

Approximately 91.5 days separate these four dates equally. Just remember that a Solstice occurs twice a year with an Equinox occurring 91.5 days after each Solstice. This makes for 365 days.

Think of a "medicine wheel", especially how it is divided into quarters and that should help to establish a better idea of what I am trying to convey here.

By the way, familiarity with this kind of cultural knowledge, in a basic sense, differentiates a Lakota person from a non-Lakota. In addition, proficiency in Lakota language and comprehension of other cultural elements is what makes a Lakota. This includes the Lakota account of the creation of the world.

Now, an interesting question my brother threw up in the air was, "Did the framers of the new tribal constitution, under the Wheeler-Howard Act, try to emulate this ancient spiritual system by writing in quarterly meetings for the Tribal Council?" He said that if that was the case, they missed the old system by about ten or eleven days.

My brother then suggested that perhaps this is the reason the IRA is not working. The effort, obviously by government agents and others, was to make it "Lakota friendly" It is not only a foreign system, but it was improperly implemented.

US Congress is to assemble at least once a year beginning at noon on January 3 as ratified under the Lame Duck Amendment of 1933. This means that even Congress had nothing to do with the four described dates, which the Lakota people utilized for centuries.

Deducing from both oral and documented history regarding the 1935 Secretarial election on the Pine Ridge to adopt the new constitution, my brother's contention is not far from the truth. Those 70-year old events certainly reinforce his view today. Again, I will try to explain.

In 1935, the many Lakota tiospaye (Extended family groups) occupied various areas along the creeks and rivers across the sprawling reservation. Government agents must have seen this ancient system and "turned" most of those tiospaye into constitutional communities, perhaps with the idea of enticing Lakota people to accept the new constitution.

Government fervor to get the Lakota to accept this new system of government becomes even more obvious with the institution of the 30% acceptance criterion for the constitution. Incidentally, this particular criterion is far short of the primary principle of democracy, Rule by Majority. Nonetheless, it may have helped to obtain a favorable vote on some reservations.

The Pine Ridge election, however, remains controversial to this day. Government records show that only 28.6 percent voted. Public malcontent prevails as the closest of relatives and friends still discuss, in private, acts of conspiracy and deceit by government agents and the military during the election.

Many an elder has said that 1935 was the year the Oglala people became divided: there were those in favor of the new IRA and those who opposed it - and it remains so today. Tribal government conveniently ignores this significantly obvious and enduring public dissatisfaction. Thus, it goes on and on and on, with no resolution in sight.

This situation fueled an armed confrontation in 1972/73. Another act of frustration is the peaceful takeover of the tribal government building in 2000 by the Grass Roots Oyate. Unfortunately, neither of these events did nothing to ease the overall situation.

Instead, pro-IRA minions used the events to convey the idea that they were divisive and a detriment to the "best interests" of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Let us not forget that fact that we became a divided group of people right at the beginning (1935). These events of protest are merely the symptoms of this long-standing problem.

In line of what Sitting Bull had said, I ponder the prospect of putting two opposing elements together to make a new one. Integrating ancient ways with the new is theoretically doable; it is man that makes it difficult.

My brother suggested, with a chuckle, amending our constitution so that Tribal Council sessions occur on the Solstices and Equinoxes. I tend to agree.

The four times in ancient Lakota way are set apart by a strong atmosphere of spirituality and ceremony and could have an affirmative influence on modern tribal government.

This does not take from the absolute need to divide the absolute power of the Tribal Council with an Executive and Judicial branch. I cannot stress the value of this with words.

Although we vote, that power and authority wielded by the Tribal Council is not really the people's… not under the current power structure.

I know such concepts are a bit too much for many to swallow. Some may view it as bizarre, drastic, or even subversive.

As always, change for the better, or evolution, is disrupting and oftentimes disturbing. We have yet to see when and how such change is going to occur.

Where are we going to be in five years?

Crackerbarrel highlights Bear Butte issue and educational matters

By Vicky Wicks
Special to the Times

RAPID CITY - The proposed alcohol-free buffer zone around Bear Butte will not become law if Rep. Gordon Howie, R-Dist. 30, has his way.

At the Saturday, Feb. 10 Legislative Crackerbarrel in Rapid City, Howie said "the bottom line" to House Bill 1227 is that a "group of people want to seize control of property rights so they can dictate" how the land is used.

Property rights are not received as a gift, but are received with ownership of the land, said Howie, who serves on the House Local Government Committee, the legislative body that heard testimony from both sides of the issue on Thursday, Feb. 8.

Alan Hanks, R-Dist. 32, who also serves on that committee, said the bill addresses a "noise issue" around Bear Butte during the Sturgis Rally and doesn't have a clear-cut answer. "I'm not sure how it will come out," he said.

The committee vote on the issue was continued to Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Also continued to Feb. 13, for hearing in the House Committee on Education, was House Bill 1290, requested by Governor Mike Rounds.

This bill provides that Native American language, history, and culture will be taught to Native and non-Native students and teachers in South Dakota.

The bill also provides for an Indian Education Advisory Council made up of Native American educators and representatives of all nine tribes in South Dakota.

Legislators at the Crackerbarrel said the education bill has a good chance of passing. Rep. Ed McLaughlin, R-Dist. 34, said that because the Governor's office has been pushing the bill, it has been well received.

Sen. Tom Katus, D-Dist. 32, noted that the bill provides for education for all students and instructors regardless of race. "I support it thoroughly," he said.

Rep. Jeffrey Haverly, R-Dist. 35, who sits on the House and Joint Appropriations committees, cited statistics regarding Native American poverty and crime rates and said, "We need to get behind this [HB1290]."

But a woman in the audience pointed out that no money has been set aside to put the program into action, making it "an unfunded mandate."

Katus expressed frustration with the Board of Regents' resistance to two other education bills. Senate Bill 112 would provide money to tribal colleges to offset costs of educating non-tribal students, and Senate Bill 95 would transfer authority over technical schools to a State Board of Technical Institutes.

Regarding tribal colleges, atus said the Senate Appropriations Committee deferred making a decision until it could talk to the regents and see if a deal could be worked out.

"I remain very concerned as a legislator" about the power given to the regents, Katus said. "You've got a fourth arm of government that was elected by no one."

Legislators at Rapid City Crackerbarrels represent districts fully or partially located in Pennington County. The next and last, Crackerbarrel will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the Didier Educational Center located at South Dakota School of Mines.



Bear Butte is a state park and sacred to tribes for spiritual reasons. Recently Lakota people, organizations and other tribes have been struggling to have a buffer zone around the mountain to protect prayer from the noise and alcohol use in nearby developing bars, campgrounds and concerts. The bars and campgrounds cater to the to the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally disturb and disturb the prayer and other spiritual significance of the mountain.

Native comedian, Milo Smith, is perfecting his 'style

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ST. FRANCIS - South Dakota native comedian, Milo Smith of the Crow Creek nation in South Dakota is from the Big Bend community.

He had stopped by KINI FM radio and was visiting with station manager, Richard Iyotte, on Friday, Feb. 9. He now lives in Pierre and was on the Rosebud to touch base with a couple of schools.

Though he has an agent, he admitted that he has been doing some of his own promotion. His agent is Eileen Aberle. As a matter of fact, he was scheduled to do a presentation at Todd County High School on Monday, Feb. 12 but the school district called off school due to poor weather conditions. He is also scheduled to do a presentation at St. Francis Indian School at a later date.

Smith got into the comedy business by "hanging out" with his uncle, J. R. Redwater, who is making a splash in Indian Country and beyond while headlining with his own brand of Indian humor. He said, "J. R. Redwater is my uncle. He has always been an influence. That's how I came to be a comedian. Without him, I wouldn't be where I am today."



Milo Smith recently visited Rosebud and is a developing comedian.

He said, "We worked and lived together and always joked together. He said, 'take your mouth to the stage' and he pushed me. It was in me, he just pushed me. He can be blatantly truthful."

Smith is a clean cut young Lakota man who appears quiet at first, but is fairly articulate once the interview began. What makes him "special" is the fact that he has reportedly experienced the negative things in life which some young people have dabbled in and he is only 20 years old.

His young age makes him a prime candidate to relate to young people and with so many suicides and deaths among the young, there is a need to get a positive message, any message, out to the adolescents that to choose life is better than the alternative.

He said, "I already experienced the stuff that comes along with alcohol. The lifestyle on the 'rez' has become worse and worse. I just decided I wanted to do something and use my skills."

When asked what message he would communicate to area students about suicide he said, "With suicide in the area, it is a tough issue because it kind of looks as if this is it for them. 'Tough times never last, but tough people do.'"

He continued, "My sister contemplated suicide and I sat down and talked to her. Now, she is a straight A student. There is a purpose in life and you don't have to kill yourself."

Milo is appreciative of the help he has received from others. He said he would not be where he is at today without the help of others. He says, "My goal in the next year is to be bigger than J.R. Redwater."

He has dreams of creating a talent agency for Native actors, comedians, and models. He added, "I love my Indian ways. I keep involved in Indian Country and with helping people."

Smith speaks with a high degree of certainty about his future in comedy and it is the kind of confidence one likes to see in young people. He said, "Getting up in front of an audience, now that is a natural rush. It stays with you when you get off stage."

Bear Butte buffer zone rejected by state legislators

PIERRE (AP) - An effort by American Indians to protect a sacred mountain in the Black Hills by making the area off limits to bars failed Tuesday in the South Dakota Legislature.

The House Local Government Committee killed a bill that would have set up a 4-mile buffer zone around Bear Butte in the Sturgis area.

Lakota people and other tribes consider the mountain sacred. They say bars and campgrounds that cater to the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally disturb the special aura near Bear Butte.

The rally draws hundreds of thousands of motorcyclists from around the world each August.

Huge campgrounds have sprung up in the area, and many of them feature nightly concerts with big-name entertainers. Some of the campgrounds are so large that their population during the rally exceeds that of most cities in the state.

Legislators who voted against a buffer zone around Bear Butte say it would interfere with private property rights, but they said the Meade County Commission should consider some form of special zoning in the area. A local official told lawmakers that a special committee will be established to review the idea.

HB1227 was rejected 11-2.

North Dakota tribe cuts 80 jobs, won't affect casino

NEW TOWN, N.D. (AP) - Job cuts announced by the Three Affiliated Tribes this week will not affect the tribal casino.

The 4 Bears Casino and Lodge employs about 400 people. It is owned by the tribe but is a separate entity, said Lawrin Baker, executive officer for federal and tribal programs.

The tribe announced this week that about 80 tribal workers were being laid off Friday because of a money crunch. The positions affected are funded by the tribe's general fund, not by federal dollars.

The tribe has a debt of more than $105 million, according to Chairman Marcus Wells Jr. The 80 layoffs will save the tribe about $2 million per year, Baker said.

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Lady Thorpes wrap up season 20-0

Little Wound's Hornbeck returns, Mustangs trample Tigers

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Pine Ridge scored 34 points in the third period at home Friday night against Crow Creek as Christian Janis knocked down 12 points and Nichelle Red Owl helped with 10 in the quarter as the Lady Thorpes picked up their 19th win of the season 80-43 over the Lady Chieftains.

On Saturday in Rapid City at the civic center, Pine Ridge found themselves down at the half for only the second time during the season; down 32-31 to the Red Cloud Lady Crusaders, Pine Ridge grabbed a 48-46 lead at the end of three quarters and forcing Red Cloud into a number of turnovers finished off their undefeated regular season with a 68-55 win.

Pine Ridge dominated all aspects of the game against Crow Creek as the Lady Thorpes out-rebounded the Lady Chieftains 47-28, Robin Webber led the team with eight rebounds, Saudia Tasso and Lacey Weston helped with six each. Sasha Ross, a 5'8" freshman, led Crow Creek with nine while Lucy Fallis helped with seven.

Webber went to work immediately in the first quarter scoring seven of her 17 points and Christian Janis hit six of her game high 19 points in the first quarter as Pine Ridge went out quickly to a 18-9 first quarter lead. Weston finished with seven points but added six assists and four blocked shots to her six rebounds. Red Owl contributed at both ends of the floor finishing with 17 points, four steals, four assists and four rebounds.

Weston proved unstoppable against Red Cloud on Saturday as time and time again her teammates got her the ball inside and Red Cloud had no answer for the 5'11" sophomore, she had 20 by the half and finished with a game high 34. Despite Weston's dominance in the paint, Red Cloud's defense against the rest of the Lady Thorpes kept them in the game.

Marque Lunderman came out flying in the second scoring 11 of her team high 20 points, Lunderman and freshman forward, Kristy Boltz led Red Cloud with six rebounds each. Ida Clarke helped with 15 points.

Pine Ridge stiffened up their own defense in the fourth to get their 20th straight win, Webber had four of her team's 12 steals, Weston and Sophia Janis each finished with three steals. Red Owl chipped in 13 points and a steal scoring all of her points in the second half. Pine Ridge is off now until they host Little Wound in the first round of District 14A action on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

On Thursday, Red Cloud won their sixth straight game, a 61-43 victory over St. Francis at home as Lunderman knocked down 24 points with eight rebounds and three steals. Ida Clarke hit double figures again with 13 points adding five steals and four assists while Boltz helped with six points and seven rebounds with two steals and three assists. Shaina Clifford chipped in seven points, three assists and four steals.

With one game left in their regular season, Red Cloud is now 12-7 and travels to McLaughlin on Saturday before hosting Hill City in the first round of District 15A on Tuesday.





Above: Pine Ridge's Nichelle Red Owl drives around Red Cloud's Marque Lunderman as Pine Ridge closed out a 20-0 regular season with a 68-55 win over Red Cloud.

Right: Pine Ridge's Christian Janis drives deep into the paint against Red Cloud on Saturday at the civic center.

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Mustangs maul Mobridge, maintain number two ranking

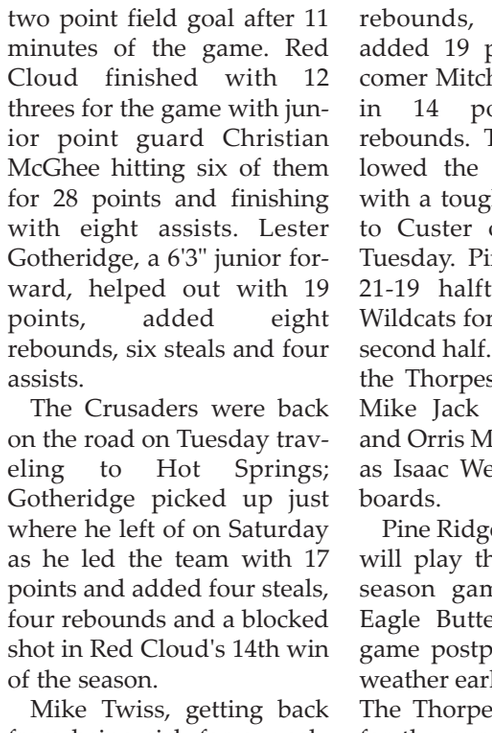
Red Cloud loses to Chadron, knocks off Pine Ridge and Hot Springs

KYLE - After missing three games to a knee injury, junior point guard, Brice Hornbeck was back in the lineup on Saturday in Kyle and Little Wound won their 16th game of the year against one loss 85-54 over Mobridge. TJ McCauley tallied 21 points, Rich Big Boy hit for 20 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, Ty Lunderman helped with 14 points and Hornbeck chipped in 11.

After picking up their first loss of the year, Little Wound has regained some momentum, especially with the return of Hornbeck with big wins over McLaughlin and Mobridge. Little Wound finishes off the regular season with road games at Standing Rock on Thursday, Eagle Butte on Friday and Bennett County on Feb. 23. The Mustangs are ranked number two in the SD sportswriters poll, just behind undefeated Parkston who just beat Sioux Falls Christian 62-60 on the road on Tuesday and are ranked number one in the KWSN/KSFY high school basketball poll in Sioux Falls.

Red Cloud took their number six ranking and 12-2 record to Chadron on Tuesday and struggled against a pumped up Chadron team losing 78-64 before bouncing back with back to back wins over Pine Ridge 86-57 and Hot Springs 67-46.

Red Cloud hit five threes in the first quarter to open up a 16-8 lead over Pine Ridge Saturday at the civic center in Rapid City and ended up hitting seven threes before finally hitting a two point field goal after 11 minutes of the game. Red Cloud finished with 12 threes for the game with junior point guard Christian McGhee hitting six of them for 28 points and finishing with eight assists. Lester Gotheridge, a 6'3" junior forward, helped out with 19 points, added eight rebounds, six steals and four assists.



Christian McGnee (44), Red Cloud's junior point guard, knocked down six threes on the way to 28 points and eight assists in a 86-57 Red Cloud win over Pine Ridge on Saturday in Rapid City at the civic center. Photo courtesy of Double M Photography, Hay Springs, Neb.

The Crusaders were back on the road on Tuesday traveling to Hot Springs; Gotheridge picked up just where he left of on Saturday as he led the team with 17 points and added four steals, four rebounds and a blocked shot in Red Cloud's 14th win of the season.

Mike Twiss, getting back from being sick for a week, led the team in rebounds with 10 and added eight points while McGhee and freshman Brier Iron Cloud both hit for 10 points. Red Cloud takes their 14-3 record to McLaughlin on Saturday and closes out the season hosting St. Francis on Monday and going to Hill City on Friday.

Pine Ridge stopped their five game losing string with a 93-51 win over Bennett County and followed it up with a 72-60 win over Crow Creek on Friday night at home as John Provost hit for a double double with 23 points and 11 rebounds, Michael Jack added 19 points and newcomer Mitch Bagola chipped in 14 points and six rebounds. The Thorpes followed the Red Cloud loss with a tough luck 60-53 loss to Custer on the road on Tuesday. Pine Ridge held a 21-19 halftime before the Wildcats forged ahead in the second half. Shawn Keith led the Thorpes with 18 points, Mike Jack helped with 17 and Orris Morrison added 12 as Isaac Weston grabbed 10 boards.

Pine Ridge is now 9-10 and will play their final regular season game at Cheyenne Eagle Butte on Monday, a game postponed due to the weather earlier in the season. The Thorpes are in a battle for the number two seed in District 14A and the opportunity to host a first round district game; St. Francis has a slim lead in seeding points at this time.

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Gordon Kiwanis Boxing Smoker
Feb. 17 Gordon High School gym, weigh in are from 12 to 3 p.m., coaches meeting and matchups at 3 p.m., fights begin at 5 p.m., 25 fights maximum. Trophys and medals will be awarded to all fighters, four jackets for best fighters of the evening. Admission free, entry fee for participants that screen. For more information call Casey Walton at 308-282-2100 or Chissie Spencer at 455-6364. Sanctioned by USA Boxing Association and the Nebraska Athletic Association.

Diabetes Awareness Volleyball
The Pine Ridge HIS Diabetes Prevention program, Oyate Wicozani Ocanku, 18 and older Co-ed Volleyball tournament on Feb. 24 and 25 at Porcupine School. Entry fee for those that screen, for the program. For more information call Bobette Herman, health tech at 867-3261.

Lakota Language Immersion Class
Every Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the Pahin Sinte College Center in Porcupine with Bryan Charging Cloud open to students, community members and programs for male students only, for information call 867-5404.

OST Commodity Issue Schedule
Thursday, Feb. 15 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni, Friday, Feb. 16 Oglala.

High School basketball season
Thursday, Feb. 15 Little Wound boys at Standing Rock, Faith girls at Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Crazy Horse girls at St. Francis; Friday Feb. 16 Little Wound boys at Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Saturday, Feb. 17 Little Wound girls at Crow Creek, Cheyenne Eagle Butte boys at St. Francis, Red Cloud girls and boys at McLaughlin Monday, Feb. 19 St. Francis boys at Red Cloud, Tuesday, Feb. 20 District 14A Little Wound girls at Pine Ridge, St. Francis girls at Bennett County, District 15A at Red Cloud; Thursday, Feb. 22 district 14A championship RC Stevens high school in Rapid City, District 15A championship Young Center in Spearfish, Friday, Feb. 23 Little Wound boys at Bennett County, St. Francis boys at McLaughlin, Cheyenne Eagle Butte boys at Todd County, Red Cloud boys at Hill City.

School board representatives
OST Education Committee is accepting resumes and letters of intent for seats on several school boards including Flandreau Indian, Circle of Nations Indian School, Sherman Indian School, Pierre Indian Learning Center and Oglala Lakota College, submit material to Wanda Two Bulls at Red Cloud Building in Pine Ridge, 867-5821.

Tax Preparation
Daily at the Wounded Knee District School Foundation in Manderson from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with instant refunds in 20 minutes, for information call 867-1176.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
School pow wow on Friday, February 16 at Wounded Knee District School in Manderson and Friday, Feb. 23 in Martin with grand entries at 1 and 6 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

Flea Market/Indian Taco Sale
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 14, 15, 16 at the Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge, Open to everyone with doors opening at 9:30am, food sales at 11:30 a.m., for more information contact 867-5551.

Sobriety Dance
Friday, Feb. 16 at Loneman School gym from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight with music provided by the Dakota Outlaw Band with Walt Hernandez - come dance with your sweetheart, a drug and alcohol free event.

Kiyaksa Waniyetu Wacipi
Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 17 and 18 in Kyle at the Little Wound School gym with grand entries at 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday, supper at 5 p.m. both days and a Sunday brunch at 11 a.m., for information contact Marcel at 455-2690 or MJ at 454-4494.

Descendants Meeting
Minnesota Mdewankanton Dakota Oyate direct lineal descendants meeting, Saturday, Feb. 17 at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge from 1-3pm with a pot luck dinner, for information contact Marvin Goings 308 862-6029 or Leah at 454-4241.

Indian Business Conference
South Dakota Indian Business Conference, Tuesday, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 22 in Rapid City at the Ramkota Inn, for information call 455-2187 or e-mail them at SDIBC@lakotaexpress.com.

Group protest uranium mining
Will ask tribal governments to declare reservations as nuclear free zones

By Vicky Wicks
Special to the Times

RAPID CITY - Uranium mining in South Dakota, Wyoming, and Nebraska has polluted the air and water in our state, Charmaine White Face says, and she is determined to stop further mining from causing even more damage.

White Face, coordinator of the Defenders of the Black Hills, told the members in Rapid City on Saturday, Feb. 10, "This challenge is one we can't lose. This challenge is huge."

A Canadian company called Powertech Uranium Corporation received permission on Jan. 17 to drill 155 exploratory holes north of Edgemont, White Face told the group of about 25 people, including tribal members from Rosebud, Cheyenne River, Standing Rock, Crow Creek, Lower Brule, Pine Ridge, and Yankton Sioux.

The permit was granted by the South Dakota Board of Minerals and Environment in Pierre in January for testing for in situ leach (ISL) mining, which involves pumping a "poisonous solution" into the ground to extract uranium, White Face said.

The Defenders of the Black Hills group will be asking tribal governments to declare reservations as nuclear free zones, to keep air and water free from uranium and radiation pollution. White Face said the resolutions would give tribal governments power and set an example for the rest of the state to follow.

Harold One Feather of Mobridge told the group that Native American protests against mining can make a difference. Earlier in the week, he said, he flew to Washington, D.C. for a Nuclear Regulatory Commission workshop on new uranium licenses. He said about 100 people representing 40 mining companies were in attendance.

"I showed up, and all of a sudden the attitude changed," he said. "They're scared of what's going on in this room right now. There's a lot of power here."

White Face, who holds a bachelor of science degree from Black Hills State University in biology and physical science, said she contacted the U.S. Forest Service at Billings to get a map showing abandoned uranium mines, some from as far back as 40 years.

From that contact, she learned that there are 89 abandoned mines in Harding County alone, most in the Cave Hills and Slim Buttes areas, where uranium runs off tailings along with rain and snowmelt and flows into the Grand and Moreau Rivers.

White Face and others have gone to Cave Hills for the past three or four

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Marcus dreams of a Sicangu art cooperative on the Rosebud

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - Former RST council representative, Darrell Marcus, is a man of many talents and mediums. Many people do not know that he is a self-taught artists working with acrylics and oil on canvas.

He revealed the fact that his developing artistic skills began when he was in the U. S. Marines and it was a great way to combat the stresses of military life and occupy some of his time.

On a recent trip to one of the major cities in South Dakota, he was able to visit with one firm's sales representatives and he came away feeling remorse over the fact that his work was not taken seriously.

He said that he was not treated very well and, in fact, it was his second attempt to convince the art gallery to purchase his oil paintings. His paintings, by the way, are very reasonably priced.

In recent years, there has been an ongoing debate as to the level of sophistication and style that is inherent in Native art. It is common knowledge that those who consider themselves trained in fine arts tend to erect artificial



Darrell Marcus and one of his paintings.

barriers and set themselves apart from those who may just getting started in the art field.

Marcus says he was discriminated against and feels that those who may evaluate his work in such a casual way really do not want to understand where his inspiration may have arisen from, nor are they able to have a grasp of the merit of each painting. He said, "I was being judged before I had the fortitude to say that this was my impression on canvas."

It is an issue that Marcus is willing to debate and if he is kept out of some higher priced artificial ceiling, he believes he just might have a solution, at least for Sicangu Lakota artists. There was a Brule arts cooperative in the late 1970's on the Rosebud and Marcus thinks he knows what is needed to start another.

He said, "We need to create a website and set out bylaws and create an entity. When one sells something they could give back to the cooperative so others can buy materials. We don't have a Chamber of Commerce here for artists to show their stuff, but we can do it at TCHS or SFIS."

Marcus noted that there are a number of very good artists on the Rosebud that he has spoken with about a cooperative. He says such people as, Lloyd "Sonny" One Star, Darlene Black Spotted Horse, Guy Colombe, Shawn Chosa, Eleanor Black Bear and Denise One Star are some of the artists he has visited with and they are aware of the need for an entity through which their work might

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Teen dating violence, not acceptable!

By Javier Alegree
White Buffalo Calf Woman Society, Inc
Public Relations Specialist

ROSEBUD - Abuse in a dating relationship can be confusing and frightening at any age. But for teenagers, who are just beginning to date and develop romantic relationships, this abuse is especially difficult.

Surveys show dating violence is not uncommon among teens. Statistics show that one in three high school students have been or will be involved in an abusive relationship. Forty percent of teenager's girls ages 14 to 17 say they know someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend. One in five college females will experience some form of dating violence. Six out 10 rapes of young women occur in their own home or a friend's or relatives home, not in a dark alley.

In dating violence, one partner tries to maintain power and control over the other through abuse. Most victims are young women, who are also at greater risk for serious injury. When the abuse is physical or sexual, it can be easy to identify. Emotional abuse is much harder to recognize, but no less damaging.

Teen dating violence often is hidden because teenagers typically are inexperienced. Sometimes peers pressure them to act violently. Some of them want independence from parents or have "romantic" views of love. Teen dating violence is influenced by how teenagers look at themselves and others. Young man and young women may have a distorted view on love and relationships and that may be influenced by a number of reasons.

It is important for teenagers to learn how to identify the early warning signs of an abusive relationship, understand that they do have choices, and believe they are valued people who deserve to be treated with respect.

Help is available, if you are a teenager involved in an abusive relationship, you need to remember that no one deserves to be abused or threatened. Remember you cannot change your batterer, and in time the violence will get worse. You need to take care of yourself. You should think ahead about ways to be safe.

The White Buffalo Calf Woman Society, Inc in partnership with local Schools, parents, teachers, and community organizations are working on reaching out to our youth and helping them identify dating violence and provide support for abuse victims. But teens themselves must also learn how to reach out and help friends who are victims of relationship abuse.

We hope this also will lead to healthier teen-dating relationships.

For additional information on resources and/or assistance, contact the White Buffalo Calf Woman Society crisis line at 605-856-2317. Help is always available.

American Indians have highest diabetes rate, experts say

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - American Indians and Alaska Natives suffer from diabetes more than any ethnic group and the disease is increasingly affecting young Indians, government health experts told Congress on last Thursday.

``In some communities, the prevalence rate is as high as 60 percent among adults,'' Charles Grim, head of the Indian Health Service, told the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

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Rez Happenings

Co-ed Volleyball Tournament
Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24 and 25 at Porcupine School for participants 18 years and older with a diabetes screening as the entry fee, sponsored by the I.H.S. Diabetes Prevention Program-"Oyate Wicozani Ocnnku", for information call; Bobette at 867-3261 or Sawee at 867-3137.

Golden Gloves Tournament
South Dakota State Golden Gloves tournament, Saturday, March 10 at Wounded Knee District School in Manderson with weigh ins at 7 a.m. and bouts to begin at 5 p.m. in junior/novice, open men's division, for information contact Chissie Spencer at 455-6364.

Memorial Basketball Tournament
3rd annual Dana Wike Memorial Basketball Tournament, March 22-25 at the Sinte Gleska University Multi Purpose Building in Antelope, for information contact Ken at 208-5672 or Rich at 747-5644.

19th BJ Weston peewee tourney
Monday through Sunday, March 26-April 1, 2007 in Pine Ridge at the Pine Ridge School, four divisions including 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, for information call 867-1429, 867-2640, 685-8253 or 867-5435.

Marcus: natural artist

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be sold.

His work on canvas to the untrained eye is very good as the themes which he arrives at get their inspiration from a variety of sources. He said, "It is a way to capture culture and tradition so that others may see. It feeds back to the youth so they do not forget about us. A woman cried when I showed her my painting about Wounded Knee."

There are a number of white artists who are very talented and often produce art work with a Lakota motif and Marcus says that their work is accepted by the mainstream as representative of the Lakota. Their work often commands "big bucks" and in Marcus' eyes there is something that is wrong with that picture.

He plans on having a one-man show at Digmann Hall in St. Francis in the future when he is able to create at least 50 paintings. He said, "That tells me that I have a lot of information about my heritage. It is endless."

Whether or not Darrell Marcus wants to be an entrepreneur or someone who simply opens doors for other inspired Sicangu Lakota, the time has arrived to create some venue for struggling artists. He says he has some fundamentals in utilizing the computer and internet, but not in using a digital camera. He said, "They asked me where I went to learn. I didn't need school to teach me that. We Lakota naturally have an artist's perspective."

Marcus often gets his inspiration from dreams or from his uncle, Archie Little, while one painting depicts traditional dancers and he said that Mike and Denise One Star provide the impetus for that particular work.

Diabetes increasing in Indian country

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Grim said that agency statistics show that diabetes increased 128 percent among 15-19 year olds between 1990 and 2004.

The disease increased 77 percent among young people less than 15 years old during the same time frame, he said.

A program that has established diabetes prevention and treatment programs in Indian country is set to expire next year. Two North Dakota doctors testified at the hearing, urging the committee to renew it.

``We don't want history to repeat itself,'' said Dr. James Brosseau, director of the Altru Diabetes Center in Grand Forks, N.D. ``Funding increases for alcohol treatment resulted in decreases in mortality rates, but when the funding was discontinued, mortality rates increased again.''

Dr. Biron Baker, a primary care physician at Med Center One in Bismarck, N.D., asked for improvements within the Indian Health Service.

``Administrative ineptitude within the Indian Health Service is a glaring problem,'' he said.

Committee Chairman Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said the panel will work to find resources to combat the disease.

``Diabetes is a serious problem that affects our American Indian communities more than any other group, and I'll work to make sure we find a way to address it,'' he said.

At least one member of the Senate said that more should be known about efforts to lessen the disease.

Wyoming Sen. Craig Thomas, the top Republican on the committee, said he would like statistics on the disease in Indian country and to know whether government efforts were helping to quell it.

``It's important to have statistics about the diabetes problem facing Indian Country, and to know that there are steps being taken to address the problem, but I am especially interested in knowing whether our efforts and investments are having a measurable impact,'' he said.

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years, usually in April, to do a prayer ceremony, and the last time they were there they found that the road had washed out again, she said. The soil is soft there, she said, and there were deep gullies, some eight feet deep, worn down by runoff from rain or snow.

Runoff from South Dakota and Wyoming mines goes into the Grand, Moreau, Belle Fourche, Yellowstone, and Cheyenne Rivers, which ultimately travel through many Standing Rock and Cheyenne River reservation villages before draining into the Missouri River, White Face said.

And water from the Missouri River is used to water livestock and crops and provide drinking water for Eastern South Dakota, as well as the Mni Wiconi Water Project that serves Western South Dakota, she said.

Frank Sanchez of the Yankton Sioux tribe held up a bottle of water and said, "The next gold is right here" after rivers and aquifers are polluted. "This is top dollar."

Powertech plans to drill its 155 new holes 13 miles north of Edgemont, in the southwest corner of the Black Hills. In that area there already is an abandoned open pit uranium mine covering a square mile, White Face said. She told the group that the wind can pick up uranium dust and radon and carry it over Edgemont and Hot Springs and as far as Pine Ridge and Rosebud.

White Face is hoping for a "Cowboys and Indians coalition" of ranchers, farmers, and Native Americans to fight against further uranium mining in the state. She is particularly interested in involving stock growers and farmers, because radiation pollution is affecting their crops and livestock.

White Face said, "We don't want to alienate anyone in the state. It's not just the Indians who are going to die."

A meeting on uranium mining is set for Saturday, Feb. 24. People are asked to meet at 10 a.m. at the Mueller Center, 801 South Sixth Street, Hot Springs, and then caravan for a prayer gathering to Craven Canyon, where some uranium mining has already been done.

In late March, the American Indian Science and Engineering Society students at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology are holding a uranium summit. The date will be announced later.

For pictures and more information, go to http://groups/myspace.com/defendblackhills.

Baker: A Native voice at Mount Rushmore
'Storytelling helps people to heal'

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent


Gerard Baker

RAPID CITY - Gerard Baker, the first Native American superintendent at Mount Rushmore, said he envisions the monument as a place of healing and storytelling for all cultures, where visitors will learn about the natural resources and sacred places of the Black Hills.

Baker, a Hidatsa-Mandan raised on North Dakota's Fort Berthold Reservation, spoke before a gathering of Pennington County Democrats at their "Champagne and Chocolates" annual fundraiser at Prairie Edge in Rapid City on Friday, Feb. 9.

When he was first offered the post at Mount Rushmore, his first thought was, "This is a tough place when it comes to Native Americans." But he said he talked to elders, and they told him that he had an opportunity "to bring all sides of the story in."

At Mount Rushmore, he said, he watches visitors' faces as they look at the four U.S. Presidents, and "you can see the emotion in their faces." Particularly after Sept. 11, 2001, "You can see the toughest man with tears coming down," Baker said.

Other visitors, however, just see four faces, he said.

Even though the nation is proud of the four presidents - George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt - "each one had extremely negative Indian policies," Baker said. "I don't put those folks on a pedestal." Instead, he said we need to see them as human beings. "Let's think about the rest of the story."

Baker wants to introduce visitors to the natural world surrounding the carvings on the mountain and plans to do that, in part, with an eight-mile nature trail and a short film called "The Wild Side."

Visitors will be invited to "look at the background," he said - the plants and animals that inhabit the forests, the streams, the pine trees, the sacred Black Hills, "everything that's alive."

He wants to bring in tribes to help interpret the natural world around Mount Rushmore, to explain how they used plants and pines in everyday life and healing.

Programs in the past three years have been open to all cultures, and every Sunday's program features music. "That's the culture of America," Baker said.

He said he has talked to the elders of other countries such as Norway and Italy and learned that later immigrants were told the same thing as Native Americans: Forget about your language and your culture.

But people should never lose their language and culture, he said. "We need to be proud of who we are as cultural beings, human beings."

Baker said he wishes he could bring Lewis and Clark back to show them what has happened to the country, the dams blocking rivers and the development where it shouldn't be, and ask them, "Hey, guys, what do you think?"

"Two hundred years later … would they say 'Good' or 'What the hell did we do?'" Baker asked.

The stories he wants told at Mount Rushmore are hard to tell and listen to, Baker said, but storytelling helps people to heal, especially for the younger generation "to understand what happened so we can make a better tomorrow."

GWTC announces 2007 scholarship program

WALL - The Golden West Telecommunications Board of Directors recently approved the ninth year of funding scholarships for college-bound high school seniors. The Company's scholarship program currently makes $1,000 scholarships available at 44 high schools in addition to one "at-large" scholarship for students from its service area who are home-schooled or don't attend one of the qualifying schools.

Selection of the local scholarship recipient remains the responsibility of a committee overseen by each school's superintendent and/or principal whereas the at-large recipient will be selected by a committee of Golden West employees. All committees are responsible for selecting the winning applicant based on SAT or ACT scores, high school transcripts and scholarship award applications.

The selection committees will also take into consideration leadership in school, civic and other extracurricular activities, academic achievement, personal character and the applicant's motivation to serve and succeed. Students interested in applying for a Golden West scholarship can obtain an application by contacting their local high school. While the deadline for both applications is April 1, at-large applications have to be returned to Golden West and all other applications must be returned to the guidance counselor at their respective high school.

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Legislative Reports

Relooking at nursing homes on reservations, meeting planned



By Rep. Jim Bradford
District 27-Bennett, Haakon, Jackson, and Shannon Counties

Week five of the 82nd Legislative Session has come and gone, and the pace sure picked up from previous weeks.

With Feb. 15 being cross-over day, all bills must leave their house of origin or they will die. That means committees will be busy and the daily session will be longer.

In the House Education committee, many bills have come forward that would increase the amount of money the state gives to schools.

Thus far, none have been voted on, but I have heard some good testimony and am optimistic that our children will get the additional money needed for education.

On Friday, Feb. 9, Keith Moore, Indian Education Coordinator at the Department of Education, spoke in favor of HB 1290 which would create an Office of Indian Education and an Indian Education Advisory Council.

The bill will also require new teachers certified after 1993 coming to South Dakota to take a course in South Dakota Indian Studies. The aim of the bill is to enhance Indian education and educate students across the state about Native American culture and history. Hopefully next week we will get the bill out of committee and through the entire House. Regarding the State Library issue discussed last week, the bills brought forth to fix the problem were killed, but I am still working with Rep. Van Norman to remedy the situation.

This week, I met with Governor Rounds about HB 1223, the bill I sponsored that would have reauthorized the construction of nursing facilities on American Indian reservations.

It was decided that a comprehensive study that is going to be conducted in conjunction with the Department of Social Services will examine the "long term care needs" on South Dakota's reservations.

There are also plans for at least one meeting in Pine Ridge to gather input from citizens.

On Feb. 13, HB 1227 will have a hearing in the House Local Government committee. HB 1227 is the bill I sponsored that will prohibit the issuance of alcohol licenses within four miles of Bear Butte State Park, unless the store is within the boundaries of a town.

As for the minimum wage bills, the only remaining bill is that of the governor.

SB 207 passed out of committee and has yet to be brought to the floor. We should see action on the bill this week.

My bill that sought to modify the agreements between the state and tribal governments regarding taxes, HB 1292, was killed in committee.

There was good testimony, so I'm hopeful of making revisions in the future.

As always, I welcome all questions and comments.

Change in state library could cause problems for public



By Larry Lucas
District 26A Representative

The cost of health care continues to be an important issue for legislators to tackle. Health insurance premiums continue to increase with health care costs contributing to suppressing real wages.

The number of uninsured and underinsured continues to increase. South Dakota businesses are also at a competitive disadvantage when they spend a large portion of employee compensation on health care premiums. One new idea is to have the State offer health care insurance for all individuals and have individuals purchase the plan of their choice with monetary support from businesses and the government based on income level. It is unclear at this point what direction this idea will take. It does however highlight the seriousness of the health-care climate as well as show the dedication of this state's Legislature and state agencies' commitment to being part of the health care reform solution. Such reform will likely take a couple of years to implement and may have to be studied more before we embark in this direction.

The House has approved a measure that will allow state prison officials to choose the best available mixture of drugs for lethal injections. The bill was proposed after the execution of convicted murderer Elijah Page was postponed last summer. Rounds stayed the execution because state law calls for the use of two drugs, while the method now commonly accepted for lethal injections calls for three drugs. Page now is scheduled to be executed in July.

House Bill 1140 will lower the general fund levies of a school district by reducing local effort by nine million dollars. Nine million dollars from the tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products will then be deposited into the property tax reduction fund. This nine million will be on top of the three percent increase to State-aid-to-education that is currently in law.

A couple of weeks ago, the Department of Education testified on a bill and an issue was raised regarding the State Library. The Library has been looking at changing its mission effective Jan. 1 of this year, and they did just that.

Per its new mission, the Library is no longer checking out books to the general public. A significant portion of their normal book collection is to be dispersed to local libraries around the state and the Library is to take on a governmental service and training role. As a result, Rep. Van Norman brought forth a bill that would require the Library to continue checking out books to the public. The reason for his bill was the lack of public libraries in both his district and in rural areas of the state. Citizens in those parts of South Dakota currently rely on the State Library for services and the change in mission will cause a lot of problems. In the testimony on Van Norman's bill, the Department of Education was questioned as to who authorized the mission change and the enabling legislation for the Library was cited. Of note, a primary responsibility of the Library, is to "Promote adequate library service for all the people of the state." The Department of Education and the Library were defensive on the issue and Rep. Van Norman's bill, HB 1215, was eventually deferred to the 41st legislative day.

Legislative Bills and other business can be easily followed on the internet. The web site for the Legislative Research Council is: http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2007/index.aspx.

Eldon Marshall named to All Century team

WHITE RIVER - Black Hills State University Men's Basketball celebrated their 100th year of basketball with a selection of an ALL-CENTURY Team.

White River's Eldon Marshall, athletic director and coach was selected to this all-century team at a banquet held at the BHSU campus on Saturday, Feb. 3. One player per year was selected and each recipient received an engraved basketball, and they were also treated to a Alumni Social and tickets to all games that weekend.

While at BHSU, Eldon was an All Conference selection '92-93, was the starting point guard for the '92-93 team that has the record for the most wins in a season (24), and that same team also was the first team to win a Conference Championship since 1946-47!

Marshall, Sicangu Lakota, has been involved with basketball since he can remember. After college Eldon played for Kelly's Sports Bar, an Amateur team, who went on to win the South Dakota State Amateur Tourney "A" title in 1997 and 2001. Eldon was named MVP of South Dakota State Amateur "A" Tourney in 2001 and currently is 2nd on the State Amateur for three pointers! He also traveled to many independent basketball tourneys in and out of state, winning numerous championships and individual awards.

Marshall still plays, and gets on the court most often at practice with his basketball team. He still manages to hit a few independent tourneys, but with coaching and a family his travels have slowed down.

Eldon resides in White River with his wife Marc and their sons.

Sen. Tim Johnson working from Washington hospital

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. Tim Johnson is reading news clippings and starting to do some office work from the hospital, almost two months after suffering a life-threatening brain hemorrhage. "At this point, he has requested more contact with office and is looking for updates from staff," his office said in a statement last Friday.

Spokeswoman Julianne Fisher said the South Dakota Democrat is starting slowly.

"We do not anticipate him back (in the Senate) for several weeks," Fisher said. "We are bringing work to him rather than him coming to us. His first priority still is rehabilitation."

Johnson has been undergoing physical, occupational and speech therapy since he was transferred to rehabilitation from intensive care at George Washington University Hospital last month. He recently began to read and speak in full sentences, according to statements from his doctors.

Part of Johnson's therapy has been to deal with weakness on his right side. Doctors have said Johnson showed that weakness when he arrived at the hospital Dec. 13.

He was rushed to the hospital after becoming disoriented during a phone call with reporters and underwent emergency surgery hours later. He was diagnosed with arteriovenous malformation, a condition that causes arteries and veins to grow abnormally large, become tangled and sometimes burst.

Johnson was sedated and on a ventilator for several weeks, due to fluid that developed in his lungs as a result of the initial hemorrhage. He was upgraded from critical to fair condition on Jan. 9.

The senator is making decisions about his health care and expressing opinions on his daily activities, the hospital's chief of rehabilitation, Dr. Philip Marion, said in a statement released by Johnson's office.

"He continues to initiate more conversations and questions," Marion said. "His therapy now includes computer exercises and problem-solving activities."

Fisher said recovery is still expected to take some time, saying, "This is not going to be full speed yet."

Johnson's wife, Barbara, said the family is impressed with his progress: "Even though there is a long road ahead to complete recovery, we feel that we have gotten 'our Tim' back."

Lawsuits on voting rights trial begins near Wind River nation

CASPER, WYO. (AP) - A federal judge began hearing testimony last week in a lawsuit challenging Fremont County's system of at-large voting as being unfair to American Indians.

The lawsuit brought by county residents Patricia Bergie, Pete Calhoun, Gary Collins, James E. Large and Emma Lucille McAdams - all members of either the Eastern Shoshone or Northern Arapaho tribes - contends the countywide method of electing county commissioners violates the voting rights of residents of the Wind River Reservation.

The at-large method of electing the Board of County Commissioners of Fremont County was enacted or is being maintained with the discriminatory purpose of diluting the voting strength of Native Americans in violation of plaintiffs' rights guaranteed by Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act ... and the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments," according to the complaint filed by attorneys Andrew Baldwin and Berthenia Crocker of Lander.

The American Civil Liberties Union is supporting the lawsuit.

Attorneys for the county have responded that the dispute centers not on race, as required by the Voting Rights Act, but on myriad issues related to the history of American Indians.

``What may appear to be a racial dispute is instead a political, economic, jurisdictional or legal dispute generated by the political structure of tribes and the reservation system,'' wrote J. Scott Detamore of the Denver-based Mountain States Legal Foundation, one of the attorneys for the county, in his trial brief.

The lawsuit seeks to prohibit Fremont County commissioners from using the at-large method, and to not block an election for a redistricting plan for single-member districts, according to the complaint.

If the commissioners don't conduct timely elections for a redistricting plan, the plaintiffs want the court to implement a redistricting plan and schedule the elections so the county complies with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, according to the complaint.

The trial is scheduled to run two weeks.

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And just like the others, I too am a little curious of what's going to happen in my future. First of all, my mother has seen you awhile back, and you told her I would be making a trip towards the south.

Do you know when and with who? Will I ever find someone for me?

I like this guy, who is younger than me and it is already in a relationship, should I leave him alone?

Do you have advice on how I can handle my children's behavior? I mean don't get me wrong, I think I love them but I don't want to take care of them. I am trying hard not to leave like I have in the past and right now the feelings that are going through my head aren't right.

I don't want to hurt my kids any more then I have already. I want them to be happy, but I also don't want to take care of them.

Please Anna, don't hate me like others do alread, but I need some advice.

I can go on and on about his, but I am sure you got the picture. I don't know if this is right but in my head, I think of things like if I only had a man around to take care of us. I even tried it that way, I got married to him but I wasn't happy,

I miss my son's father too much. Do I do the wrong thing and base the relationship on how good the sex is?

Will I ever get back together with my son's dad?

Well, I'm sure I made your head hurt, mine does.God bless and you have a good day.

Feeling lonely

Dear Feeling Lonely:

I do understand, and sometimes the best solution for children that have a parent that is unable to relate and care in a healthy way is for the children to stay with someone else that can be a better parent.

While your children are staying with a grand-parent you would do well to seek counseling to help you determine who you are, how far you can go, and if you can be a good parent.

Sometimes the best and most generous loving parenting is to let the children be where they will parented well.

Not everyone is geared for parenting - but since almost everyone is geared towards child bearing it seems that those who don't feel they can handle and don't want to handle parenting should use the best birth control possible.

Not everyone is a good parent; some people yell and carry on, are unfair, raise their children in unhealthy environments around the influence of people that are absorbed by substance abuse, don't have the money or energy to feed or clothe the children; don't have the patience to listen to children; and don't want to spend their time absorbed by them - and yet these people are considered good parents because they keep their children in their households.

It is a better parenting skill to allow them to live in a peaceful environment, raised by loving people than to subject them to out of balance, crazy adult behaviors.

Your children, however, influenced by their own hearts, and by societal and cultural standards will feel left out, unworthy, and under-loved if they are not assured that you love them very much even if they don't live with you.

You must assume adult responsibility for directing your relationship with your children with assurances of love and respect - even if they are housed elsewhere.

The most alarming thing that I read in your letter is that you can't tell the difference between love and sex.

You also have trouble with "loving" your children.

Love is not external and based on physical sensation within the body. Love is an attraction and combination of deep caring from the heart.

It is felt - totally inside - and not based on orgasms. You need some real help girl - to take down the walls about love, learning to accept love, and being loving without being promiscuous.

Sex and love have a working relationship, but they are not at all the same thing. Men can have sex with a plastic doll, but that does not mean they want to marry it or spend the rest of their lives shared with the plastic, air-filled bubble-like pseudo human.

I could make the same analogy for a woman, but for the sake of good taste I will refrain from doing that.

Please, life is love: Love of being the body, love of nature, love of each other, love of the visual, physical, emotional, spiritual, love of the energy, love of the mind, the love of action, creating, Love of the adventure of life and love of the idea.

God is love. Find it, feel it, be it. You need counseling.

Dear Anna,

What's it like to be in true love?

N**eeding the truth**

Dear Needing the truth:

Funny how the letters seem to run in the same vein.

Being loving is the first step to being in "true" love. "Tue love between life partners is a decision to join together in one life for the highest and best good of each other. True love is a conscious decision by each person to be "with" each other in accordance with honor and respect, for the highest good of all. In a loving relationship you find little jealousy because there is faith and trust that no deliberate harm would ever be done to the other.

It seems to me that each person involved in a relationship of true love wants the best for the other self - the other half (so to speak). True love is a pledge within self to walk with another person, to never betray another person, to protect that person, and to be loving in all ways to that person throughout time.

It starts as just the thought of love and generates itself into a covenant with God.

Love is amazing; it is the adhesion of all good actions and the conqueror of all things. It is always true; because love in any form is God.

Being in love however, is a whole other ball-game. My best advice is to:

1. Accept it,
2. Feel it,
3. Act like it,
4. Enjoy it and
5. Love it. The biggest question always seems to be of the other person - do they really love you? Knowing the answer is the beginning of a true love relationship.

To simplify then, faith that you are well-loved is the best reflection of "true love."

Dear Anna:

My father in law has three children by a former wife. One of his children is my half-sister (we have the same mother). In other words, my husbands father was also with my mother.

Can you see the problem?

We can't get the families together at any body's house without somebody getting mad and it always ends up in a fight.

I just want everybody to get along. What do you see? Can I help them to get along?

Wants my family to love each other

Dear Wants them to get along:

I read this letter to my son. He said what I will say. No. Pick a Side.

In the event that everybody has to be in the same room together at the same time, I suggest that everyone shut up and get through it. I see that can happen - in about the year 2020.

Good Luck!

Dear Anna,

I have read your current and available back log articles and I just want to say that you are one of the most insightful, compassionate, honest, caring and loving spirits that I have come across in my 54 years.

You give people in pain hope along with solid advice instead of just fluffing off their problems with dry inane comments like most advice columnists or even friends.

I have lived a long time and only wish I had a contact like you during all the those years, perhaps then I would have made better decisions and my life would not be so tumultuous now with no light in sight at this time.

You have a lot of young people writing you and this is a very important time of their life when good advice and help can shape their thought processes for the rest of their lives.

You are a gifted soul and I am glad that I was directed to you by the powers that be so I do know there are people like you out there.

Blessings to you and yours.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

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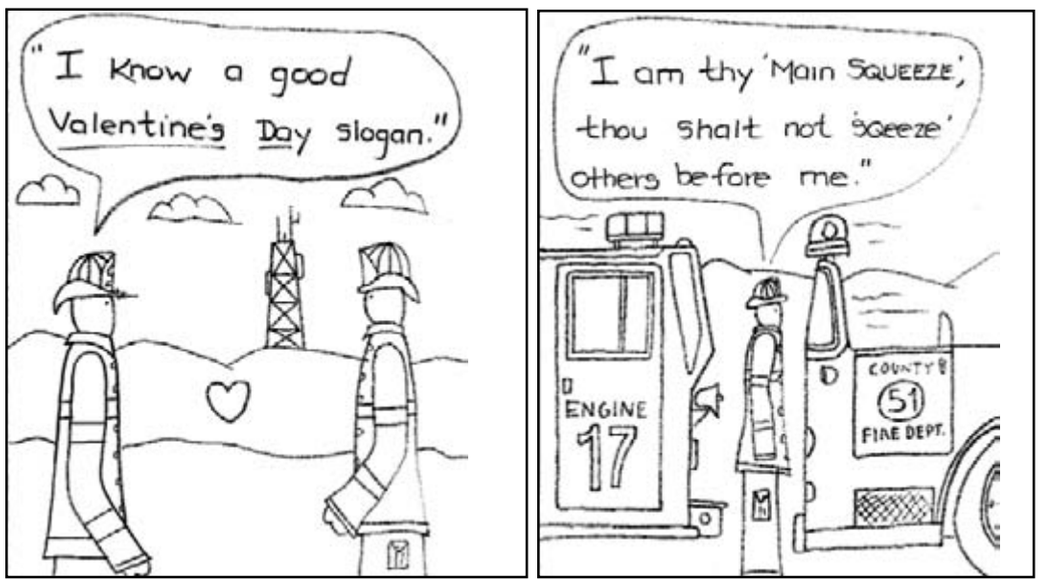
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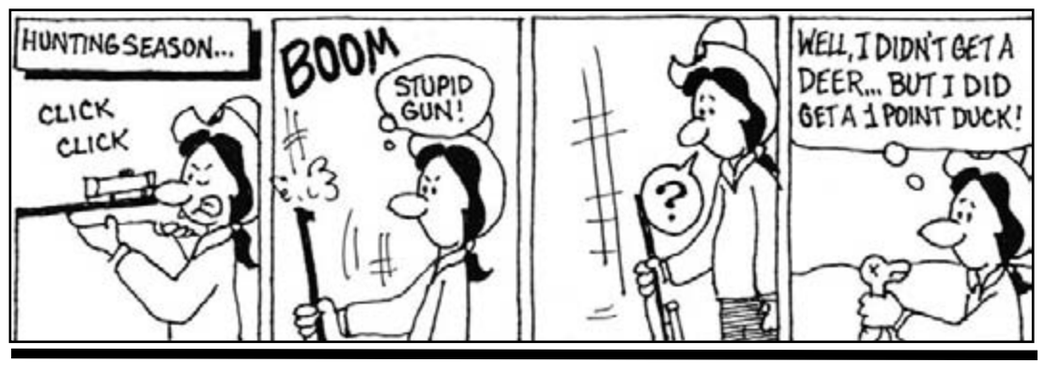
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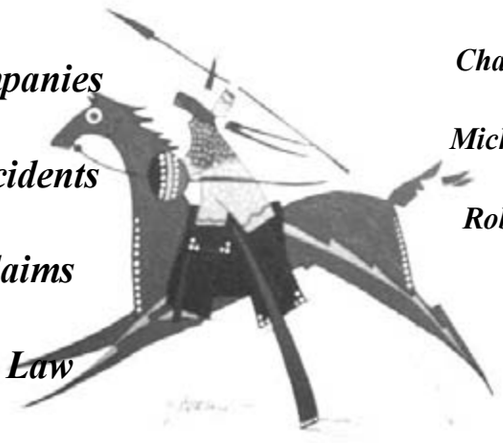
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Daniel G. Iron Cloud Jr.

PORCUPINE - Daniel G. Iron Cloud Jr., 42, died Feb. 10 at Sioux Falls of natural causes.

He is survived by a son Isaac Iron Cloud of Ridgeway, Penn.; sisters Ester Iron Cloud and Danielle Two Eagle both of Porcupine.

A two-night wake begins on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 4 p.m. at the Porcupine School in Porcupine.

Funeral services will Saturday10:30 a.m. Feb. 17, 2007 at the Mediator Episcopal Church in Kyle.

Officiating will be Rev. Lyle Noisy Hawk with traditional Lakota services by Rick Two Dogs.

Interment will be at the Mediator Episcopal Cemetery, Kyle.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Moses Delmar Blindman

SLIM BUTTES - Moses Delmar Blindman, 55, Slim Buttes, died Sunday, Feb. 4, in Fallon, Nev. Survivors include four sons, Jason Blindman, Wounded Knee, Jorma Blindman, Pine Ridge, and Wakan Waci Blindman and Wakinyan Ho Waste Blindman, both of Pyramid Lake, Nev.; one daughter, Tara Garza, Scottsbluff, Neb.; his mother, Rita Afraid of Bear, Slim Buttes; five brothers, Duane Blindman, Nathaniel Blindman and Travis Afraid of Bear, all of Slim Buttes, Stuart Blindman, Pine Ridge, and Stanley Blindman, Chadron, Neb.; one sister, Twila Blindman, Slim Buttes; and 13 grandchildren. Wake services were Feb. 9 at the Rita Afraid of Bear home in Slim Buttes. Funeral services were. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Rita Afraid of Bear home, with Duane Blindman officiating. Burial was at the family cemetery in Slim Buttes. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Natalie Good Shield

ROSEBUD - Natalie Esther Good Shield, 18, died Feb. 5 in Sioux Falls. She was born Dec. 22, 1988 in Rosebud to Eva Little Thunder and Odell Good Shield, Jr.

Wake services were held at the Upper Cut Meat Youth Center on Feb 8 and 9 followed by funeral services Saturday, Feb. 10 with burial at White Horse Cemetery, Upper Cut Meat.

Natalie is survived by her son Wilson Provencial, Jr of Rosebud; mother Eva Little Thunder of Upper Cut Meat; siblings Toni Good Shield of He Dog and Amanda Little Thunder, Tracey Brave Bird, Odell Good Shield, III and Gilbert Brave Bird, all of Upper Cut Meat; and grandparents Cecil and Rose Little Thunder of Upper Cut Meat.

She was preceded in death by her father Odell Good Shield, Jr; grandfather Odell Good Shield, Sr; aunt Tiny Good Shield and uncle Milton Little Thunder.

Holmes Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Douglas Two Elk/Armstrong

MISSION - Douglas Francis Two Elk, 61, died in Mission on Feb. 3. He was born Sept. 2, 1945 in Wanblee to William Phillip Two Elk and Nellie Fire.

Wake services were held at the Veteran's Building in Rosebud on Feb. 7 and 8 followed by funeral services on Friday, Feb. 9. Burial with military honors was at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis.

Doug is survived by his sister Inez Two Elk White of Wanblee and brother Claude Two Elk of Two Strike; and nieces and nephews Melvin, Sheldon and Jackie White Bird, Elton, Lance and LaVonne White, Narcisse Brave, Claude Miles Two Elk, Jr, Nellie Two Elk and Hehaka Numpa. Holmes Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Peter DeNoyer

ROSEBUD - Peter James DeNoyer, 25, died in Rosebud on Jan. 31. He was born in Winner on Sept. 16, 1981.

Wake services were held Feb. 3 at the Joyce Peneaux Watts Residence, east of Mission and Feb. 4 at St. Thomas Hall in Mission. Funeral services were on Monday, Feb. 5, at St. Thomas Hall with burial at Bad Nation Cemetery, northeast of Wood.

Pete is survived by his mother Flora Semmler of Ethan; father Charles DeNoyer of Okreek; brother Shane DeNoyer of Valentine; sister Shannon Roubideaux of Mission and grandmothers Emma High Pipe of Valentine and Joyce Peneaux of Mission.

Holmes Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Laura Faye Swallow

ROSEBUD - Laura Faye (Lafaye) Swallow, 15, died Jan. 27 at Rosebud. She was born in Rosebud, March 12, 1991 to Herbert Lyle Swallow and Jennifer Faye DuBray.

Wake services were held at St. Bridget's Hall in Rosebud on Feb. 1 and 2 followed by funeral mass at St. Bridget's Catholic Church on Saturday, February 3, 2007. Burial was at Clearwater Cemetery, Grass Mountain.

Lafaye is survived by her mother Jenny Swallow of Rosebud; father Lyle Swallow of Virginia; siblings Sheena, Amber, Brigitte, Sarah, Kenneth, Mariah and Melissa, all of Rosebud; and grandmother Lillian Peneaux of Rosebud. She was preceded in death by her half brother Billy.

Paul Left Hand Bull

ST. FRANCIS - Paul Lawrence Left Hand Bull, 50, died in Denver, Colo. on Jan. 24. He was born Oct.15, 1956, to Garfield Left Hand Bull, Sr. and Cecilia Elaine Roubideaux.

Wake services were held at the St. Francis Community Hall on Jan. 27 and 28 followed by funeral services Monday, Jan.29.

Burial was at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery in St. Francis.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Runsabove Sr.

Mom and dad, you've been gone for 23 years. The day you left, Feb. 9, 1984, we thought we would see you again in a few days. We were wrong. We didn't realize that it would be your last journey. On a lonely road, you lost your lives to a big rig. Mom, you left us first instantly. Dad, you hung on long enough to tell us you loved us and your parting message was for us to take care of your grandchildren. You knew mom was gone and had no desire to live, so at last, you left too. Our hearts were never the same. Though the years be long, memories of you will never fade, just like the roses in heaven.

Your Runsabove children, Georgia, Billy, Webby, Maggie, Leroy and Della.

In loving memory of Olive Makes Good, "my mom"

Nov. 19, 1917 - Dec.15, 2007

When tomorrow starts without me and I am not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you would not cry please try to understand that an angel come and called my name and took me by the hand, and said my place was ready in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind all those I truly love. So when tomorrow starts without me don't think we are far apart for every time you think of me I am right her in your heart.

PeeWee Fast Wolf and Stuart Makes Good

Thank you

We would like to thank the Bennett County Health Center, hospital and staff, nursing home and staff for the care they gave Olive Makes Good "our mom -grandma-great grandma."

Thanks to American Horse School, Principal Gloria, staff and school board members, Pass Creak, CAP Office and staff, Pass Creak Elderly Center, Oglala Sioux Burial Insurance Program, Public Safety Mannie Bear Killer, Park and Recreation, Tony Wounded Head for escorting, also "Allen Sobriety Group," Pass Creak Community for flowers and food, and for our special minister Ronda Mesteth for officiating and all relatives who came from near and far.

Thank you all, we will always remember you all. Rev. Daniel and Marcy Makes Good & family, Tom and PeeWee Fast Wolf and family, Joe Makes Good & family, Stuart Makes Good .

In memory of Douglas Francis Two Elk

Sept. 2, 1945 to Feb. 3, 2007

As life comes to a sudden stop, wondering why there were no good byes, hoping time could reverse the universe giving second chances in life…starting over were life ended.

Waking up alive and happy and not feeling sad without any good-bys, cared and deeply loved by family, relatives and friends, who respected him a lot.

A veteran that everybody liked, living his life to the fullest, peaceful and happy, as tunkshila took him away from us; life came to a sudden stop leaving unexpectedly without good-by.

"Reading half of an unfinished letter," "staring at his painted picture half finished," empty promises and unanswered questions, knowing he's gone but thinking he's still around.

As time stopped, *tunkshila* came for him, when the time came guiding him towards the heavenly light, being at peace with tunkshila.

He will be deeply loved and missed by his family, friends, relatives. Amen from Inez, Claude, Lance, Elton, Sally, LaVonne, Jerome, Tuki, Archie, Hehoka Numpa, Alan, all your nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, thank you very much sincerely Inez White & family.

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Mary Youngblood wins second Grammy award

Mary Youngblood just keeps getting better and her second Grammy winning record is certainly a joy to behold.

Stellar flute playing, signature song writing, creative arrangements, and unique instrumentation all combine to make this a superbrecording.

Mary Youngblood has always had the talent to stand out above the crowd, and with this honor she stakes her claim as the number one star of Native American music

Bending tradition, Two-time Grammy Award winner Mary Youngblood, Seminole and Aleut, is often touted as the first Native American woman to professionally record the Native American Flute (traditionally played only by men).

Mary's fifth and latest album "Dance with the Wind" won the 2007 Grammy Award for "Best Native American Music Album."

In an interview after receiving her second Grammy Award, Mary told the print media, "'Dance With the Wind' was created after the 2006 winter storms in Northern California. There was the wind, the rain, the whole kit and caboodle. I looked at the trees in my backyard, I have an affinity for trees, and thought it would be hard to be a tree right now. But it seemed as if the wind was making the trees dance. I thought maybe I can have a new attitude. I was going through stormy times and it was an analogy to see if I can bend and dance with the wind."

Mary's fourth album "Feed the Fire" was nominated for the 2005 Grammy Awards.



Mary Youngblood won her second Grammy on Sunday.

"Best Native American Music Album." Mary's original melodies and lyrics spanned a variety of musical styles and instruments - her wood flutes, piano, alto flute and sweet vocals.

Special guest appearances by Ian Anderson (of Jethro Tull), Bill Miller, and Joanne Shenandoah, all contributed to Mary's album full of energy, warmth and passion. The tribute song 'Feed the Fire' for her birth parents and dedicated to her birth mother will melt your heart.

Mary's third album 'Beneath the Raven Moon', won the 2003 Grammy Award for "Best Native American Music Album."

In addition to Mary's two Grammy Awards and three nominations, she was the first woman to win 'Flutist of the Year' in both 1999 and 2000. She also won 'Best Female Artist' in 2000 at the Native American Music

Mary started piano lessons at age six, violin at eight, classical flute and guitar at ten. As an adult, when Mary received her first wooden Native flute, she was driven to pursue the mastery of this instrument so tied to her own heritage.

Now years later with five unique and accomplished albums under her belt, Mary owns over 250 hand carved Native American Style flutes in her collection and uses a wide variety of them throughout every one of her albums.

Each of her flutes is masterfully crafted from different types of wood, bringing a unique sound and texture to each song.

When Mary performs, it takes only a moment to acknowledge the profound spirituality of the sacred Native American flute and its historical courtship and wooing attributes. Her haunting music is much more than a song ... it's liquid poetry, a prayer.

Mary Youngblood takes little credit for the intense emotions people feel when they listen to her music.

"I am only a vessel between Creator and this instrument. As a sculptor would tell you, the clay has a spirit of its own and decides what it will become; so it is with the flute. These songs came from those who walked before me."

Mary and her family currently reside in Northern California.

Crossword Puzzle

(answers in next week's issue)

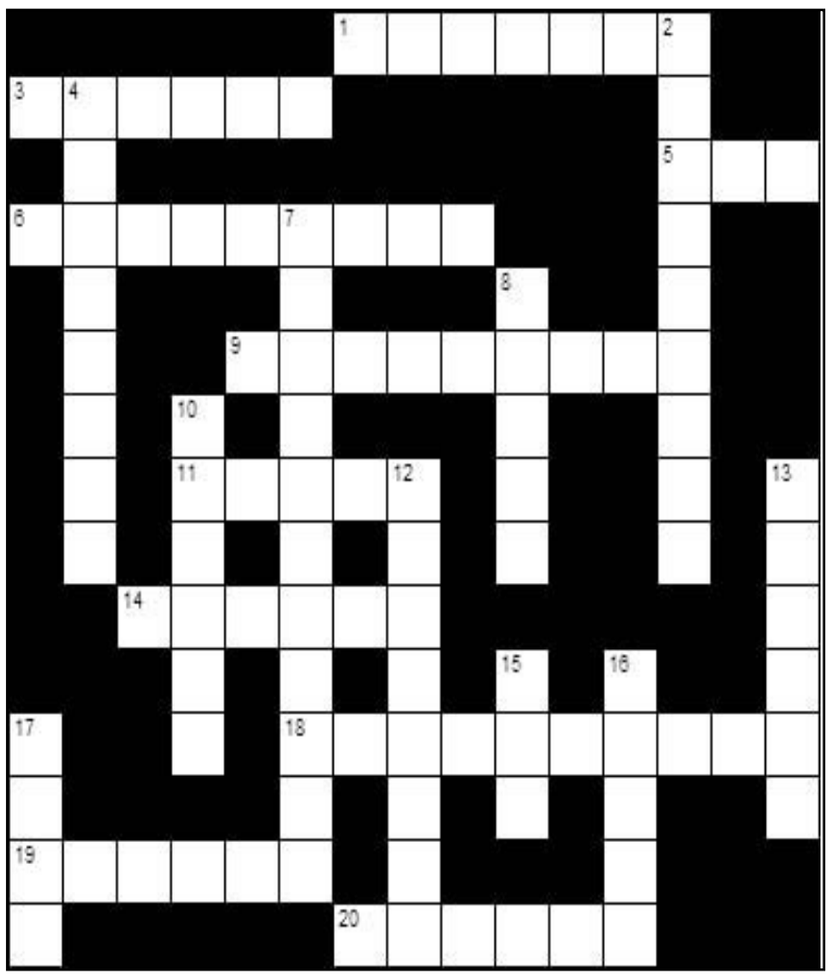
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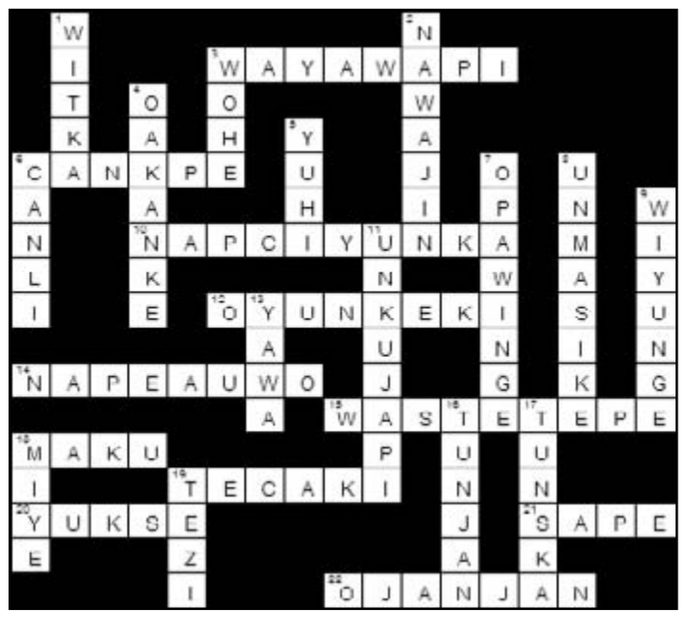
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17. onion



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SECTION 00030 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Project: Porcupine Replacement School
BIA Project No. 06A1N

The Porcupine School Board, Porcupine, South Dakota will be accepting bids from General Contractors for construction of the new Porcupine Replacement School, Porcupine, South Dakota, BIA Project No. 06A1N. The approximate scope of work includes all general, site, mechanical and electrical work, as described in the Bidding Documents. The building includes educational, administrative, and support spaces including: gymnasium, locker rooms, food services, media center, building support and other spaces. The project is required to obtain certification under the LEED NC 2.2 program administered by the United States Green Building Council.

Bids shall be submitted on the Bid Form included in the Project Manual and shall be in a sealed envelope, with all other required information, and marked "Porcupine Replacement School Construction Bid." Bids will be received until 2:00 pm, March 6, 2007. Bids shall be submitted until 10:00 am to Abourezk Law Firm, 2020 W. Omaha Street, Rapid City, South Dakota, 57702. After 10:00 am and before 2 pm, Bids shall be delivered to the Ramkota Inn, 2111 N. LaCrosse Street, Rapid City, South Dakota, 57701. The Bidder is responsible for the timely and proper delivery of Bids. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened. The Bid opening shall occur at the Ramkota Inn referenced above, immediately after 2:00 pm. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A pre-bid conference will be held February 20, 2007, 2:00 pm, at OLL Parish Hall, Porcupine, South Dakota. All interested Bidders are encouraged to attend. A presentation and discussion will be conducted regarding the gen-eral design intent, general conditions and requirements of the project, and the LEED program requirements. All questions or other issues raised at the pre-bid conference will be addressed by written addenda following the confer-ence. Bids received from Bidders who did not attend this conference will be returned unopened.

Each Bidder is required to include with their Bid, Bid Security as outlined in the Instruction to Bidders and else-where in the Bidding Documents. In addition to the Bid and Bid Security, other forms, certifications, information, etc. as required in the Bidding Documents shall be included with the Bid Submittal. The Contractor awarded the project will be required to provide a performance and payment bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract price. See the Bidding and General Requirements in the Bidding Documents for additional information. This project will be subject to the Oglala Sioux Tribe TERO Ordinance requirements, Tribal business licensing, and other Tribal re-quirements.

The Bid Documents will be available on approximately February 2. 2007. Plans are available from A&D Technical Supply Company, 1301 L Street, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68509, 402-474-5454 (telephone), 402-474-5779 (fax), 800-228-2753 (toll free), www.adtechnicalsupplyco.com. A security deposit of $250.00 per set is required. The security deposit is refundable if the complete set is returned within 15 calendar days of the Bid Opening in good condition. A non-refundable shipping and handling charge of $50 is required for all sets to be mailed. The security deposit and shipping charge shall be submitted to A&D Technical Supply Company as SEPARATE checks, made payable to Encompass Architects. A set of Bidding Documents is available for review at the Porcupine School, the office of the Architect, and the following Plan Review Services:

Construction Industry Center
2771 Plant Street
Rapid City, SD
605-343-5252 - phone
605-343-4591 - fax

Sioux Falls Builders Exchange
1418 C Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
605-357-8687 -phone
605-357-8655 - fax

Plains Builders Exchange, Inc.
220 N. Kiwanis Ave.
P.O. Box 1396
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
605-334-8886 - phone
605-334-0112 - fax

Bismark-Mandan Builders Exchange
805 Adobe Trail SE
P.O. Box 550
Mandan, ND 58554
701-667-4322 -phone
701-667-5217 - fax

McGraw Hill Construction Co., F W Dodge Planroom
3059 Huntington Ave.
Omaha, Nebraska 68112
402-496-0577 - phone
402-453-0666 - fax

Rosebud Economic Development Corporation (REDCO)
Box 236
Mission, S.D.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Rosebud Economic Development Corporation (REDCO)

A chartered entity of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe

REDCO is requesting proposals for a feasibility study for an RST-Cellulosic Ethanol production project. The goal of this project is to perform a detailed economic per-forma and to conduct an analysis that will assist REDCO in understanding the costs involved in the infrastructure, and potential land commitment required for the potential development of a ligno cellulosic ethanol plant, using biomass, such as wheat straw, corn stover, paper waste, but with the major emphasis on the financial costs involved int he implementation and development of an energy crop such as switch grass, miscanthus or other woody biomass.

REDCO is currently seeking a qualified consultant(s) or firm to carry out the scope of work for this project.

Proposal Deadline February 23, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

For more information and a detailed RFP, contact: Eileen Masquat Little Thunder, Executive Director for REDCO. Email: redco1@gwtc.net. Rosebud Economic Development Corporation , PO Box 236, Mission, SD, 57555 (605-856-5090 or Fax (605) 856-5105.

Oglala Sioux Tribe
Pine Ridge, S.D.

SECTION 1.1

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE TRANSIT FACILITY
PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Oglala Sioux Tribe of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, will receive bids until February 28, 2007 at the hour of 4:00 PM (MT) at the office of Dakota Engineering - a Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson Partner, 330 Knollwood Drive, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701 for the furnishing of materials, labor, equipment and skill required for the purpose of construction of a Oglala Sioux Tribe Transit Facility and in-cidental items in and for said Pine Ridge, South Dakota, as is more fully described and set forth in the plans and specifications therefore, which are now on file in the office of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Bids shall be publicly opened and read on the March 1, 2007 at the hour of 10:00 AM (MT) at the Oglala Sioux Tribe Property and Supply Office in Pine Ridge.

Bids will be received on the following approximate quantities and types of work:

Transit Facility Building - General, Mechanical, & Electrical, 1 LS; Site Grading - Including 1674 CY Borrow Fill Material, 1 LS; Landscape Grading - Including Topsoil Borrow, 1 LS; 4" Cleanout, 2 EA; 4" SDR 35 Sewer Main, 215 LF; 6" Gate Valve & Box, 1 EA; 3" Curb Stop & Box, 1 EA; 6" PVC C-900 Water Main, 50 LF; 3" PVC SDR 21 Water Main, 110 LF; Standard Hydrant, 1 EA; Water System Connections (3"), 1 EA; Sanitary Sewer Service Connection (4"), 1 EA; Ductile Iron Fittings, 238 LBS; Hot Bituminous Pavement - Cl. G Type 1 (4"), 1710 TON; Asphalt Cement (6.5%), 111 TON; Emulsion Asphalt, 775 GAL; Aggregate Base Course - (4") Compacted In-Place, 911 CY; Subgrade Preparation - (6"), 7750 SY; Sidewalk Concrete - 4" Unreinforced, 100 SY; Sidewalk Concrete - 4" Reinforced, 371 SY; Sidewalk Concrete w/ Header Curb - 4" Reinforced, 71 SY; Driveway Concrete - 6" Reinforced, 634 SY; Trench Drain, 5 EA; Curb & Gutter - Concrete, 2053 LF; Chain Link Fence, 970 LF; 24' Chain Link Rolling Cantilevered Gate - 2 Leaf, 2 EA; 4' Chain Link Walk Gate, 1 EA; Pave-ment Marking - 4" Painted Line, 1291 LF; Pavement Marking - 24" Painted Line, 60 LF; Pavement Marking - Painted Handicap Message Symbol, 2 EA; Trees, 23 EA; Seeding, 0.87 AC; Drain Pan - Reinforced, 21 SY; Rip Rap - Class C, 12 CY; Erosion Control Reinforced Silt Fence, 1360 LF.

Alternate No. 1 - Maintenance Shop Equipment, 1 LS.

Alternate No. 2 - Custom Casework, 1 LS.

Alternate No. 3 - Office Furniture, 1 LS.

Copies of the plans and specifications and other bidding and contract documents may be obtained from Dakota Engineering, 330 Knollwood Drive, PO Box 3416, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701 upon deposit of $135 for each set of documents so obtained, which deposit will not be refunded.

All bids are to be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the work and materials, and each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or cashier's check or draft for five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, such check to be certified or issued by either a state or national bank and payable to the Oglala Sioux Tribe or in lieu thereof, a bidder's bond in a sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the full amount of the bid, executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to him, he, within ten (10) days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his bid and a contractor's bond as required by the laws of the State of South Dakota and the regulations and determinations of the Oglala Sioux Tribe of Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

The successful Bidder will be required to comply with all applicable federal labor laws including minimum wage rates decisions of the United States Department of Labor (Davis-Bacon Act) and the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The Contractor shall be required to comply with the terms and conditions of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, including Ordinance No. 92-13 of the Tribal Rights Employment Office (TERO), as contained in the speci-fication. The TERO Information sheets and Compliance Plan are included in the Specifications only for the Vendor's convenience, with all TERO documentation to be submitted to the proper TERO authorities listed in the documents. The Contractor must submit a letter stating proof of compliance to the Owner, copied to the Engineer, prior to commencing work. The Tribal Employment Rights Office can be contacted for ques-tions at (605) 867-5167.

Bidders are responsible for contacting the Tribe with regard to tribal taxes laws and the business license fee and other requirements. The taxes include contractor's excise, sales and use taxes, additional information is included in the specifications. For more information, contact the Oglala Sioux Tribe Revenue Department, PO Box 363, Pine Ridge, SD 57770 and (605) 867-5821.

The overall goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation for this project is 1.85 percent.

A single contract shall be awarded on the basis of the low bid submitted by a responsible and responsive bid-der for the aggregate sum of all bid items.

This contract includes a Native American Preference. If a Native American contractor's bid is less than five percent higher than a non-native American contractor's bid, the contract may be awarded to the Native Ameri-can Contractor. Firms or individuals seeking such preference must submit evidence of Indian ownership and control in the sealed bid envelope.

All bids will be contained in a sealed envelope, as above provided, plainly marked showing that such envelope contains a bid for the above project. In addition, the bidder shall place upon the exterior of such envelope the following information:

1.The work covered by the bidder
2.The name of the bidder
3.Acknowledgement of all Addenda.

The work will be completed by March 1, 2008.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids to waive any informality in any bid, to hold all bids for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of opening bids, and to accept the bid deemed most favorable to the interest of the Tribe.

Should the Contractor fail to complete the work within the time required herein or within such extra time as may have been granted by formal extensions of time approved by the Owner, there will be deducted from any amount due the Contractor the sum of $250 per day for each day and every day that the completion of the work is delayed. The Contractor and his surety will be liable for any excess. Such payment will be as and for liquidated damages and not as a penalty.

All bidders are invited to be present at the public opening of the bids.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2006.
OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE
s/ John Yellow Bird Steele
Oglala Sioux Tribe President.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Court,
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe,
Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in Civil Court
General Session
Order for Publication
Case No: D-099-06

Margo E. Running Shield-Plaintiff
vs. Jacob W. Running Shield-Defendant

Greetings to the Above named Defendant: This matter having come on for publication pursuant to the fact that the Court has been unable to serve the Defendant with Summons, Divorce Complaint, and Notice of Civil Action either by personal service or by certified mail.

It is therefore ordered that the Defendant shall be served the Summons, Divorce Complaint and Notice of Civil Action with the Divorce hearing scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at the hour of 09:00 a.m. by publication in the Lakota Country Times in Martin, South Dakota for a period of four (4) weeks.

Dated this 02nd day of February, 2007. By the Court of Brenda Claymore, Chief Judge Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Attest: Jenny R. Halfred, Clerk, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

Jenny R. Halfred, Clerk of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of the Instrument herewith as appears on file and of record in my said office. Dated this 22nd day of February, 2007, Jenny R. Halfred, Clerk, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Court.

NOTICES

Lacreek Electric Cooperative
Box 220
Martin, S.D.

BID NOTICE

2007 Annual Meeting Menu
Please submit bid for the menu below.
Menu Hot Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Tossed Salad with dressing and crackers, Ice Cream Cups, Brewed Ice Tea, Coffee, Lemonade.
Served for 500 people on Thursday, May 10th in Martin, from 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Lacreek will supply napkins and cups. Must use sturdy plastic ware or real flatware. We will set up tables and chairs, you will be responsible for clean up.
The meal will be served at the new legion.
We would like to have the food served by you rather than let the people get their own food.
PLEASE SUBMIT BIDS BY MARCH 1ST, 2007 to LaCreek Electric Cooperative, Box 220, Martin, S.D. 57551. Phone (605) 685-6581.

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- Position Open -
Member Services Director

Lacreek Electric Association, Inc. is now accepting applications. Position requires strong communication skills and electrical background. To request an employment application and further information, contact:
Lacreek Electric
PO Box 220
Martin, SD 57551
or call Wayne Sterkel at 605-685-6581
or 1-800-655-9324. Position open until filled.
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The Lakota Funds

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION:
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Submit Resume to:
Mary Mousseau
Oyate Woableza Otipi
Project Coordinator

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-TRACTOR FOR SALE-
1976 International 2500 B Industrial Type Tractor with loader and fork lifts, 3-point hitch, P.T.O., 4 cyl., 239 cu. in. diesel motor. Can be seen at Lacreek Electric.
Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. February 19th, 2007 Bids can be sent to:
Lacreek Electric,
PO Box 220, Martin, SD 57551
or dropped off at the office.

Red Cloud Indian School

Accepting applications for the position of
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To assume duties on August 6, 2007. Both religious and lay persons are welcome to apply. Red Cloud High School is a private Lakota Catholic school administered collaboratively by the Lakota people and the Jesuits of the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus. RCHS educates young Lakota men and women in Lakota Catholic values for leadership and service. There are approximately 220 students and 30 faculty and staff that are part of the Red Cloud experience. Founded in 1888, Red Cloud has a proud tradition of being a leader in the education of Lakota youth on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The Principal reports directly to the Superintendent. Together they are primary collaborators in the administration of the school. As the educational leader of the school, the principal is responsible for the academic and spiritual formation of the students, faculty and staff; and supervises all areas of co-curricular school life.

Preferred Qualifications:
*a Masters degree in education or equivalent
*experience in Catholic and/or Jesuit education
*commitment to the principles of Jesuit education
*an appreciation and understanding of Catholicism, Lakota culture and spirituality, and life structures within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Please submit your letter of interest, resume with references, copy of transcripts, and copy of state certificate, on or before April 4, 2007. Applications are also required, and will be sent to you upon request.

Please send all materials to: Robert Brave Heart
Red Cloud Indian School
100 Mission Drive
Pine Ridge, S.D. 57770
605-867-5888

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR WANBLEE HEALTH CENTER
PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
FOR HOUSEKEEPING DEPARTMENT

OPENING DATE FOR BIDS:
FEBRUARY 12, 2007 THRU FEBRUARY 23, 2007 AT 4:30PM
BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED AT WANBLEE HEALTH CENTER OR PINE RIDGE PURCHASING DEPT. APPLICATION PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WANBLEE HEALTH CENTER
PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WITH APPLICATIONS:

- RESUME OR OF-612-APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT OF-306-DECLARATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT
- CHILD CARE FORM-ADDENDUM TO DECLARATION
- THREE REFERENCES (WORK RELATED) WITH CURRENT PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS
- BID SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION PACKET

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PLEASE CONTRACT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:
LARRY EAGLE BULL- PINE RIDGE PURCHASING- **867-3038**
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Happy Valentines Day
to my husband
Rodney Mesteth
I love you, Thank you for
being here for me
I hope you enjoy your
valentines day
Love your wife
Carmelita

**Happy Valentines Day
to all my chiildren
Ben High Horse,
LaTisha,Chris and Paul
Mousseau Jr, Woniya and
Donald Bear Runner.
I love you all with
ALL MY HEART
Love Mom Carmelita**

HAPPY 1st VALENTINES
DAY to our TWIN
Grandchildren
Laila and Lainna Good
Voice Elk who were born on
Jan 30,2007. We love you
babies, we are so happy
your finally here. Love
Grandma Carmelita &
Papa Rod

**Happy Valentines Day
to
Olivia One Horn
Hope you have a good
one
Love your lil' sis
Carmelita**

Happy Valentines Day
Alberta Mesteth
Love Rodney & Carmelita
Mesteth

Happy Valentines Day
Courtney,Justin,Natalie,
Elijah,Jacinta,Adriano,
Meghan,Cy,Cyanna,Jason,
ZacharyLynelle,Marissa,
Teryelle
Gabe,Taylor, Brandon.
Love your Dad Rodney and
Carmelita

Happy 16th Birthday to our
awesome girl, Crystal Apple.
We love you and are so
very proud of you.
From your family out in
Apple
Universe!

**Happy birthday to our
handsome baby boy
who will be 1 on
February 9th
Duane Reddest, we love
you watching you grow
and learn new things
everyday, but you better
slow down you are
passing up your big
brother. We love you
son have fun on your
special day! Mom
(Raquel) and dad (Joe).**

I would like to say
CONGRATS to my sister
Lacey TwoBulls and Larry
Romero on Thier birth of
thier babyboy Larry James
Twobulls Jr. 7lbz 6oz
19inches 8:12pm
1/29/07.....happy valentines
day to Noreen Two bulls
Adele Brown Bull Eileen
Long Soldier Les Two
Bulls Manuel Two Bulls
Poncho Two Bulls i love
you with all my heart Love
you neice Cathy Two Bulls

**Happy birthday to Colter
Iron Cloud, Paula Iron
Cloud our February
cousins coming from your
crazy cousins in Kyle
Alaunna, Dallas, Memphis,
Kamaira, Lennon, Amya,
Isabella and uncle Tony
aunt Shelly love you guys.**

Happy belated birthday
2/7
Melissa Dawn Iron Cloud
may you have many more
love you lots your sister
Shelly.

**Happy 1st birthday to my
baby brother Duane
Reddest I love you with all
my heart, love and hugs
your big sister
Kaylee
Reddest.**

**To my little brother and
to my sparing partner
Duane Reddest happy
1st birthday I know that
I tune you up, but that's
to get you ready to take
on "Tina." from:
your big bro
Cleveland
Reddest.**

**Happy 18th Birth-
day to: Jon S .C.O
on 2-17 Don't go
breaking too many
hearts have fun!
From
Linda & Kids**

I would like to say
happy Valentine's Day
to my friends at
Little Wound School
Stephanie, Amber,
Alaina, Charlie,
Nadene and my little
sister Georgiann love
you guys coming from
Darian.

*Happy birthday to
grandma Melissa Iron
Cloud on Feb.7,
We love you a lot all
your takojas, Alaunna,
Dallas, Memphis,
Kamaira, Lennon,
Isabella, Amya.*

**Happy Valentine's Day
to
Arthur Has No Horse Jr
from
your one and only love.**

Happy First Birthday to
Xavier L. Two Lance



on Feb. 15, 2007. I
love you grandson.
You are the light of my
life, that I wake up to
everyday. From A
Grandma, Theresa
Red Feather one of
many

**To my oldest
daughter, Juanita**



who is going through the
hardships of life. Yet she
is brave and strong and
the pain she endures will
heal in time. God will
bless her with a lot of joy
which is her middle
name. She is my oldest
and I love her with all my
heart. I love you Juanita.
From your mother,
Theresa Red Feather

Happy 15th Birthday to
my niece & our cousin
"Jhacie Long Soldier"
on Feb. 2n. You're the
best in basketball. We
are very proud of you!
Happy Birthday & we
love you lots! Love
Aunti Crystal, your
cousins: Tashauni,
Tay-Tay &
Taten Red Owl

Congratulations!!!
Britt Swallow &
Brandon Shangreau on
the birth of their
Baby girl
Alaysha Lee hangreau.
D.O.B: January 29,
2007 7 lbs, 14 oz 20
inches

**We would like to wish
our kids: Summer Rain
& girls, Randy, David
John, Marlee Ellen,&
our Baby son Dudes. A
Happy Valentine's Day
We love you much, Hap-
py Valentine's Day, Love
Dad - Mom, Clarence &
Debbie White Horse.**

Happy Birthday on 2-16
to Jasmine Seraya Rayne
Twiss you're 6 years old
today Baby J. have a
good one from Mom
Kelsey Joseph
Peppermint,
Carrie and Angie

**Happy B-day to
Sarah Shangreau.
I hope you have a great
one. Love,
your brother Adem and
sister Kacena
Shangreau.**

**Happy Valentine's
Day to
Grandma Sabrina
Escamilla
Love Todd, Cody,
Trina R oberta**

Happy Valentine's Day
to my babies:
Tashauni, T ay-Tay
& Taten.
Love you lots
(Mommy) Crystal R.O

Happy Birthday on
2-24 to the love of my
life,
Sherman Bear Ribs, Jr..
I love you,
from
Diane Comes

Happy Valentines
Day
Gramma "Mercy"
Thanks for all you
do! We love you
more than words
can say! You mean
the world to us, love
you very much
grams!
Love, Shauni,
Tay-Tay & Taten
Red Owl

Happy B irthday to our
Auntie:
Daenna Red Owl,
you are the best Aunti
anyone could ever
have, we would never,
ever replace you for
anyone. We love you
lots & thanks for all
you do for us. Happy
B-day! Hope you enjoy
your special day! Love,
Shauni, Tay-Tay &
Taten

**Happy Valentine's Day
to my husband
Garland Morrison I Love You.
Love Margaret Swal-
low**

**Happy 15th Birthday
to my 1 and only
girl/teenager,
Tashauni L.S.
I want you to know
mom loves you so
much!!! You were my
baby, my lil girl, now
my teenager, you grew
up to fast, no matter
what you will always
be my sweetheart.
Happy Birthday &
have a very special day
Shauni,
Love (Mom) Crystal**

**Happy Valentine's Day
to my special children
Caral & Seymour,
Robert & Tammi,
Tom jr. & Jerilyn &
Darrye, Twila & Kids,
Tim & Boys
all my grand children
and our special great
grand son. Love grand-
ma " Pee Wee" and
grandpa Tom of
Allen S.D.**

*Happy Birthday
to my Bro Dean
comes on 2-13
From:
your sis Diane*

Happy Birthday
to my oldest son
Ryan Wayne
comes on 2-20
I love you son.
From:
your mom Diane

Happy 18th Birthday!!
To my beautiful
daughter, Breeze Fast
Wolf.
I love you very much!!
From:
your mom:
Diane Comes

Happy Birthday
on Feb 8th.
To:
Charlie Boy Underbaggage
From:
Your mom
Diane Comes.
I love you!

**Happy Birthday
to my niece
Fleurette Comes on 2-9.
Love
Ant Diane**

I would like to say
Happy Birthday to
Jason A. Drapeaux
Jr. on
February 16, 2007
from your family,
Dad, Jen, Wakinya,
Brittany, Kay and
Miya, and the rest of
your family out
there.

*Happy Valentines Day!
To my sweet Heart -
Frank Yellow Hawk and
also out to my angels
Andrew Zack, MaLonnie,
Bobbi, Emily, Arna
I love all of you
Love,Mom-Michelle*

To the lakota Country
Times Thanks for a
great job, have a Happy
Valentine's Day

Happy Valentine's Day
to our Grandma Valenti-
na Janis. We all love you
and care for you. From
House #1466
Sunrise, Martin

**Happy Valentine's Day
to Todd and Cody
Morrison,
Love,
Mommy and Daddy**

Happy Valentine's Day
to our mother
Sabrina Escamilla who we
love a lot! Love, Margaret,
John, Joann, Kelrina and
Sam

**Happy Belated Birthday to
Xavier L. Fogg. Love your
brothers Tom-Tom and
Isaiah and your sister
Thomasina.
And many more to come.
We love you and miss
you lots.**

**Happy Valentine's Day
to X-Man, Tom-Tom,
Thomasina and Isaiah.
Love you all lot's
your mother Carla**

Happy Birthday to the
following in February!
Pheobe M. Tallman,
Lynore Longman, Anthony
"Buck" Tallman, Samara
Blacksmith, Enoch Plenty
Arrows, Darwin Plenty
Arrows, Buddy Longman.
We hope you had a blast
from your big family.

**Happy Valentine's Day
going out to
Heather, Carla, Lori,
Bob and Smit
From U-K-W**

*Happy Birthday 2-20
Antonio Frazier, Jr.
and many more
happy ones to come
From: 391 Spudville*

I would like to give a shout
out to my 2 precious
angels Jaliyah Adisen Bro-
ken Rope and Clarence
Joseph Broken-Rope
Junior and To their and
Clarence Joseph Broken-
Rope Senior. I love all
three of you and I think of
you guys everyday and nite
for you are all my pride
and joy. Thank you Boo for
giving me something to
look forward to everyday of
my life and that's "our
Babies" From Mom Delon-
nie Wounded Head aka
"Boo's Girl"

Happy 1st Birthday to
Maechaun Jenae Feather-
man on 2-21. hey baby girl.
Hope you enjoy your day.
It's your day Princess! We
luv u lots oxoxo
From your Bro Mattlon
Daine & Your mom
Darshan F.

**Happy Birthday to our
cousins Antonio Frazier jr.
on 2-20 & Cadence Frazier
on 2-26 From: Mahlon &
Maechaun**

*Happy Birthday to our Lil'
Princess....Maechaun Feather-
man 2-21- 1 year old! You're
growing too fast baby girl! Love,
Grandma, your Tata, Rainbo and
Terry*



**So Cute ! Happy birth-
day, happy valentines's
day Greg Janis Jr.
2/4/07 Ha!**

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Happy Valentines Day
to my husband
Rodney Mesteth
I love you, Thank you for
being here for me
I hope you enjoy your
valentines day
Love your wife
Carmelita

Happy Valentines Day
to all my chiildren
Ben High Horse,
LaTisha,Chris and Paul
Mousseau Jr, Woniya and
Donald Bear Runner.
I love you all with
ALL MY HEART
Love Mom Carmelita

HAPPY 1st VALENTINES
DAY to our TWIN
Grandchildren
Laila and Lainna Good
Voice Elk who were born on
Jan 30,2007. We love you
babies, we are so happy
your finally here. Love
Grandma Carmelita &
Papa Rod

Happy Valentines Day
to
Olivia One Horn
Hope you have a good
one
Love your lil' sis
Carmelita

Happy Valentines Day
Alberta Mesteth
Love Rodney & Carmelita
Mesteth

Happy Valentines Day
Courtney,Justin,Natalie,
Elijah,Jacinta,Adriano,
Meghan,Cy,Cyanna,Jason,
ZacharyLynelle,Marissa,
Teryelle
Gabe,Taylor, Brandon.
Love your Dad Rodney and
Carmelita

Happy 16th Birthday to our
awesome girl, Crystal Apple.
We love you and are so
very proud of you.
From your family out in
Apple
Universe!

Happy birthday to our
handsome baby boy
who will be 1 on
February 9th
Duane Reddest, we love
you watching you grow
and learn new things
everyday, but you better
slow down you are
passing up your big
brother. We love you
son have fun on your
special day! Mom
(Raquel) and dad (Joe).

I would like to say
CONGRATS to my sister
Lacey TwoBulls and Larry
Romero on Thier birth of
thier babyboy Larry James
Twobulls Jr. 7lbz 6oz
19inches 8:12pm
1/29/07.....happy valentines
day to Noreen Two bulls
Adele Brown Bull Eileen
Long Soldier Les Two
Bulls Manuel Two Bulls
Poncho Two Bulls i love
you with all my heart Love
you neice Cathy Two Bulls

Happy birthday to Colter
Iron Cloud, Paula Iron
Cloud our February
cousins coming from your
crazy cousins in Kyle
Alaunna, Dallas, Memphis,
Kamaira, Lennon, Amya,
Isabella and uncle Tony
aunt Shelly love you guys.

Happy belated birthday
2/7
Melissa Dawn Iron Cloud
may you have many more
love you lots your sister
Shelly.

Happy 1st birthday to my
baby brother Duane
Reddest I love you with all
my heart, love and hugs
your big sister
Kaylee
Reddest.

To my little brother and
to my sparing partner
Duane Reddest happy
1st birthday I know that
I tune you up, but that's
to get you ready to take
on "Tina." from:
your big bro
Cleveland
Reddest.

Happy 18th Birth-
day to: Jon S .C.O
on 2-17 Don't go
breaking too many
hearts have fun!
From
Linda & Kids

I would like to say
happy Valentine's Day
to my friends at
Little Wound School
Stephanie, Amber,
Alaina, Charlie,
Nadene and my little
sister Georgiann love
you guys coming from
Darian.

Happy birthday to grandma Melissa Iron Cloud on Feb.7, We love you a lot all your takojas, Alaunna, Dallas, Memphis, Kamaira, Lennon, Isabella, Amya.

Happy Valentine's Day
to
Arthur Has No Horse Jr
from
your one and only love.

Happy First Birthday to
Xavier L. Two Lance



on Feb. 15, 2007. I
love you grandson.
You are the light of my
life, that I wake up to
everyday. From A
Grandma, Theresa
Red Feather one of
many

To my oldest
daughter, Juanita



who is going through the
hardships of life. Yet she
is brave and strong and
the pain she endures will
heal in time. God will
bless her with a lot of joy
which is her middle
name. She is my oldest
and I love her with all my
heart. I love you Juanita.
From your mother,
Theresa Red Feather

Happy 15th Birthday to
my niece & our cousin
"Jhacie Long Soldier"
on Feb. 2n. You're the
best in basketball. We
are very proud of you!
Happy Birthday & we
love you lots! Love
Aunti Crystal, your
cousins: Tashauni,
Tay-Tay &
Taten Red Owl

Congratulations!!!
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Brandon Shangreau on
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Baby girl
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inches

We would like to wish
our kids: Summer Rain
& girls, Randy, David
John, Marlee Ellen,&
our Baby son Dudes. A
Happy Valentine's Day
We love you much, Hap-
py Valentine's Day, Love
Dad - Mom, Clarence &
Debbie White Horse.

Happy Birthday on 2-16
to Jasmine Seraya Rayne
Twiss you're 6 years old
today Baby J. have a
good one from Mom
Kelsey Joseph
Peppermint,
Carrie and Angie

Happy B-day to
Sarah Shangreau.
I hope you have a great
one. Love,
your brother Adem and
sister Kacena
Shangreau.

Happy Valentine's
Day to
Grandma Sabrina
Escamilla
Love Todd, Cody,
Trina R oberta

Happy Valentine's Day
to my babies:
Tashauni, T ay-Tay
& Taten.
Love you lots
(Mommy) Crystal R.O

Happy Birthday on
2-24 to the love of my
life,
Sherman Bear Ribs, Jr..
I love you,
from
Diane Comes

Happy Valentines
Day
Gramma "Mercy"
Thanks for all you
do! We love you
more than words
can say! You mean
the world to us, love
you very much
grams!
Love, Shauni,
Tay-Tay & Taten
Red Owl

Happy B irthday to our
Auntie:
Daenna Red Owl,
you are the best Aunti
anyone could ever
have, we would never,
ever replace you for
anyone. We love you
lots & thanks for all
you do for us. Happy
B-day! Hope you enjoy
your special day! Love,
Shauni, Tay-Tay &
Taten

Happy Valentine's Day
to my special children
Caral & Seymour,
Robert & Tammi,
Tom jr. & Jerilyn &
Darrye, Twila & Kids,
Tim & Boys
all my grand children
and our special great
grand son. Love grand-
ma " Pee Wee" and
grandpa Tom of
Allen S.D.

Happy Birthday
to my Bro Dean
comes on 2-13
From:
your sis Diane

Happy Birthday
to my oldest son
Ryan Wayne
comes on 2-20
I love you son.
From:
your mom Diane

Happy 18th Birthday!!
To my beautiful
daughter, Breeze Fast
Wolf.
I love you very much!!
From:
your mom:
Diane Comes

Happy Birthday
on Feb 8th.
To:
Charlie Boy Underbaggage
From:
Your mom
Diane Comes.
I love you!

Happy Birthday
to my niece
Fleurette Comes on 2-9.
Love
Ant Diane

I would like to say
Happy Birthday to
Jason A. Drapeaux
Jr. on
February 16, 2007
from your family,
Dad, Jen, Wakinya,
Brittany, Kay and
Miya, and the rest of
your family out
there.

Happy Valentines Day!
To my sweet Heart -
Frank Yellow Hawk and
also out to my angels
Andrew Zack, MaLonnie,
Bobbi, Emily, Arna
I love all of you
Love,Mom-Michelle

To the lakota Country
Times Thanks for a
great job, have a Happy
Valentine's Day

Happy Valentine's Day
to our Grandma Valenti-
na Janis. We all love you
and care for you. From
House #1466
Sunrise, Martin

Happy Valentine's Day
to Todd and Cody
Morrison,
Love,
Mommy and Daddy

Happy Valentine's Day
to our mother
Sabrina Escamilla who we
love a lot! Love, Margaret,
John, Joann, Kelrina and
Sam

Happy Belated Birthday to
Xavier L. Fogg. Love your
brothers Tom-Tom and
Isaiah and your sister
Thomasina.
And many more to come.
We love you and miss
you lots.

Happy Valentine's Day
to X-Man, Tom-Tom,
Thomasina and Isaiah.
Love you all lot's
your mother Carla

Happy Birthday to the
following in February!
Pheobe M. Tallman,
Lynore Longman, Anthony
"Buck" Tallman, Samara
Blacksmith, Enoch Plenty
Arrows, Darwin Plenty
Arrows, Buddy Longman.
We hope you had a blast
from your big family.

Happy Valentine's Day
going out to
Heather, Carla, Lori,
Bob and Smit
From U-K-W

Happy Birthday 2-20
Antonio Frazier, Jr.
and many more
happy ones to come
From: 391 Spudville

I would like to give a shout
out to my 2 precious
angels Jaliyah Adisen Bro-
ken Rope and Clarence
Joseph Broken-Rope
Junior and To their and
Clarence Joseph Broken-
Rope Senior. I love all
three of you and I think of
you guys everyday and nite
for you are all my pride
and joy. Thank you Boo for
giving me something to
look forward to everyday of
my life and that's "our
Babies" From Mom Delon-
nie Wounded Head aka
"Boo's Girl"

Happy 1st Birthday to
Maechaun Jenae Feather-
man on 2-21. hey baby girl.
Hope you enjoy your day.
It's your day Princess! We
luv u lots oxoxo
From your Bro Mattlon
Daine & Your mom
Darshan F.

Happy Birthday to our
cousins Antonio Frazier jr.
on 2-20 & Cadence Frazier
on 2-26 From: Mahlon &
Maechaun

Happy Birthday to our Lil' Princess....Maechaun Feather-man 2-21- 1 year old! You're growing too fast baby girl! Love, Grandma, your Tata, Rainbo and Terry



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day Greg Janis Jr.
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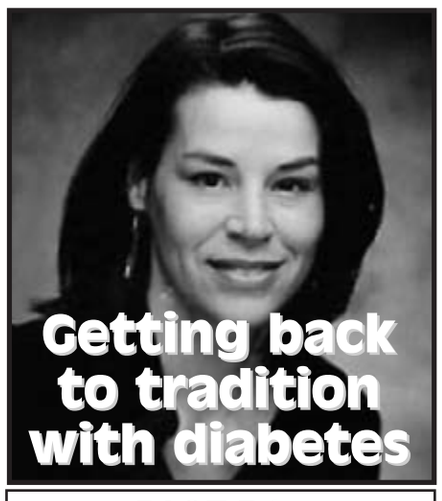
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Nellie Two Bulls leaves a legacy

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent



Nellie Two Bulls, well known singer and educator, left legacy with her songs and knowledge. Photo courtesy of Milt Lee.

PAYABYA - On Sunday at the Rapid City Regional Hospital, Nellie Two Bulls, an elder, a mother and grandmother, a wife, a singer and an educator gave up the fight and passed into the spirit world joining her husband of 54 years, Matt who had passed away several years earlier. Nellie was 81.

"Nellie and her husband Matt were an incredible treasure," said Bob Brave Heart, superintendent at Red Cloud School, "the Oglala Lakota Nation has lost such a valuable resource, an incredible number of groups and organizations looked to both Matt and Nellie for their knowledge of the drum and Lakota music. Matt and Nellie would come up with a song for every occasion - they were living legends here at Red Cloud during the 20 years they were at the school teaching Lakota language and music; all of us have lost a valuable resource. They took a wealth of information with them."

"Matt and Nellie were so very good at singing an appropriate song for someone at a moments notice," said the late Calvin Jumping Bull, a fellow educator and an original member of their drum group, Sons of the Oglalas on the release of their album, Lakota Olowan back in 1992, "each song is supposed to relay an important message, to praise, to honor and these songs and dances have the ability to heal or cure and each song was composed for a reason with the tone of the songs going back for generations with the lyrics changing to match the event or circumstances."

Nellie was born on Jan. 25, 1926 to George Whitehorse and Susan Blacksheep and was raised by her grandmother Bessie Red Breath Bear White Rabbit Whitehorse. She was the last and eldest descendant of Chief Man Afraid of his Horses.

Nellie is survived by her daughters Melvina Winters of Pine Ridge, Cheryl Between Lodges and Linda Two Bulls of Number Four community, adopted daughter Henny Whalen of Pine Ridge, Grandchildren raised by Matt and Nellie, Lynette Two Bulls of Lame Deer, Mont., George Cuny and Autumn Conroy of Number Four and a sister, Gladys Two Bulls of Number Four. She is also survived by a brother in law, Ed Two Bulls of Red Shirt, a sister in law, Marianne High Crane of Rapid City and 34 grandchildren, 70 great grandchildren, one great great grandchild and many adopted daughters, sons, grandchildren and extended family members.

Nellie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 54 years, Matthew, her sons, Sylvestor, Zachary and Enoch, her daughter Doreen and a grandson raised by Matt and Nellie, Tom Cuny.

See Holy Road page for wake and funeral services announcement.

"Nellie and her husband Matt were trailblazers," said Fr. Peter Klink, president of the Red Cloud School Corporation and long time friend, "they valued the richness of the Lakota culture and understood that that richness needed to be an

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Passage of child, family code rests with OST council

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor

PINE RIDGE - For the past five years, many, many people have been involved in developing a child and family code to better serve the needs children who are processed through the Oglala Sioux Tribe court rooms and child protection programs.

This specific code deals with dependent and neglected children and doesn't address juvenile delinquency, which is a different area of law.

The tribal court system currently uses a code that is dated back to 1934, which was a general code used for most tribal courts.

In the early 1990s, concerned people that included not only community members but tribal officials and people who worked in the systems that made decisions regarding children began the process of developing a code to better fit the needs of the children..

Gloria Pourier Cournoyer, who then was a tribal judge and who now works with women at Cangleska, Inc., and Arlana Bettelyoun, a former OST tribal court juvenile officer and current OLCASA director,

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Sicangu youth is third suicide in a month

ST. FRANCIS - Another Sicangu youth has committed suicide just when social service agencies and other mental health professionals are holding suicide task force meetings in order to assist survivors.

A 13-year old Sicangu female was found dead of hanging and it further deepened the dread and sadness of tribal members who are trying to make some sense of what it is that is plaguing the youth.

According to Rosebud Law Enforcement Services Chief, Charles Red Crow, officers responded at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 17 to a location west of St. Francis where the incident occurred.

Three officers responded, while emergency medical personnel were already on scene.

Amid growing concerns about the recent deaths of three other young Sicangu tribal members this past month, the Rosebud reservation is scrambling to create awareness and strategies to combat the recent deaths.

The SGU Circle of Care program has taken on the responsibility of hosting task force meetings, while area schools are also examining their protocol to sensitize teachers and administrators about suicide.

A meeting was held on Jan. 21 at the SGU multipurpose building entitled "A Faith Based" gathering and the purpose presumably to address the growing concerns surrounding the youth.

In Mission, an older non-Indian gentleman committed suicide last Friday at 1 p.m. His funeral was held on Monday, Feb. 19.

A couple of weeks ago at the Rosebud Hospital Indian Health Service the Aberdeen Area Office offered mental health professionals a couple of opportunities to study the topic of suicide while reaching out and assisting survivors in their grief.

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St. Francis Mission drops claim to $1.5 million against SFIS

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - Three weeks ago, the Rosebud Sioux Tribal court heard the case of St. Francis Mission, Inc. vs. Sicangu Oyate Ho, Inc/St. Francis Indian School.

At stake was the substantial bequest from the Dolores Cerro Trust in the amount of $1.5 million to be used for scholarships and capital improvements.

In a decision heard by Honorable Judge, B. J. Jones, the court wrote that SFIS is a tribally-chartered entity and thus, enjoys the same immunity from suit that the Rosebud Sioux tribe does. Sovereign immunity as it applies to tribes is interpreted under federal law and cannot be diminished by state or tribal law.

SFM originally claimed that a 1984 agreement between the two entities should prevail and that the SOH charter did not claim immunity in its corporate charter.

The courts disagreed and noted that nothing in the 1984 agreement claimed an unambiguous waiver of the school's sovereign immunity.

SFM also claimed that Mrs. Cerro as a donor was taken by SFIS and that it had a property right to its donor list.

The court noted that even though Mrs. Cerro gave donations to the plaintiff, SFM, it did not vest the plaintiff with exclusive rights to receive gifts from her.

The courts also ruled that SFM had "not demonstrated much likelihood of succeeding on the merits of its complaint." The court also ruled that despite the apparent inequity both parties are in need of financial resources and that both would likely invest their finances in children of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, St. Francis Indian School/Sicangu Oyate Ho, Inc. issued a press release in which it noted, "The St. Francis Mission has advised the Sicangu Oyate Ho, Inc. that it does not intend to proceed with its claim." Attorney Robert Doody stated on Feb. 16, that after consulting with his client the decision was made not to proceed to trial on this case.

Superintendent, Larry Parker, further noted that, "SOH, Inc./SFM administration extend their most sincere appreciation to Dolores Cerro and her family for this much needed financial support."

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Passage of child code

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were both instrumental in coordinating the efforts to rewrite the code. Both have background experience in child and family systems. Through the five years it took to develop the code, there has been many public meetings and forums for participation and many people involved in developing the code from the actual writing of it to elders in the community who gave input.

Cournoyer said the 1934 code has language that doesn't fit the cultural lifestyles of the current family systems. The existing code had Western European definitions that conflict with traditional Lakota definitions. She said many families believe the current practices deprive them of active participation in the process of resolving problems concerning their children.

The code was completed last year and was presented the Oglala Sioux Tribe's judiciary committee in July for review, where they recommended it go to the districts for review. On Jan. 31 of this year the tribe's judiciary passed the code and now it will go to the full council for approval.

Garfield Little Dog, chairman of the judiciary committee, said the code should go before the council in the April session and if the code is approved it usually takes a 30 day time frame to be implemented. The council members should have the code by now for review.

The new child and family code comes from the grassroots people, with elders and Lakota expertise involved and that he hopes it will be approved.

Cournoyer said the process of developing and writing the code was the work of many dedicated people and organizations. It was a code that wasn't working for the children and the families and it was evident that it would be a long work process to get the code developed.

Wakanyeja Iwicakiyapi Woope, which is a children's advocacy sub-committee called group 7 of Oglala Oyate Iwicakiyapi Okolakiciye (OOIO) This group focused on tribal juvenile code revision and to act as an advocacy for children and families. OOIO was created by community, service providers, and those who wanted to see better for our children and families. The main purpose was to strengthen and empower Wakanyeja (children), Tiwahe (families), and Tiospaye (extended family) through the renewal of the Lakota language and culture and through advocacy , commitment, and collaboration.

The multi disciplinary team of Delores Schrader, Vee Garnier, Kathy Wilson Ecoffey and Connie Pourier are just a few of the people involved in the process. There were public forums and also elder forums to get input from the grassroots level.

"We had a forum in September of 2001 at Porcupine, DPLS, law enforcement, children's programs and many youth. From there was a series of public awareness events to get public input. We went out to the people," Bettelyoun said.

From the public forum, she said they went to the elders with an elder's forum in 2002, who included Gerald One Feather, Ellen Moves Camp and the late Nellie Two Bulls and others. A cultural committee of resource people were developed that included the late John Around Him, Dr. Elgin Bad Wound, Richard Moves Camp, Marie Randall, Elaine Quiver and Pat Catches. Dr. Bad Wound was instrumental in taking the Lakota tiospaye concepts, looking at the families and their strengths and protocols as Lakota and adding those in to fit the laws.

Bettelyoun said, "it was a personal challenge and that came with learning and growth."

Brett Shelton, a graduate of Stanford University Law and a tribal member, wrote the legal portions of the code.

The work dovetailed and resources came available to keep the task of developing the code and analyzing the information gathered and incorporating into a legal working code.

There were lots of prayer and personal journeys that the key players went through in developing the code Cournoyer said.

"As Lakota we had information that represented a circle and it was like trying to fit that circle into a square of the current law. We were told by our elders who were working with us to take the western European law and fit what you can into who we are without compromising who we are as Lakota. Think Lakota and when we did things began to flow." Cournoyer said.

"It is a decolonizing piece of work," she said. "The laws are going to reflect our people's value system. The reason any society has laws is to maintain peace in that society and these laws reflect the value system of that society. "

"In the back of my mind through those years I worked as a Judge I kept thinking that the current code of 1934 didn't come from us, it came from another people who had different values and a different way of life. That code represented oppression and caused confusion in our families facing legal issues," she said.

"We already had a system in place based on tiospaye, so this 1934 code hurt us in the way we dealt with our children," she said.

"This proposed code will go hand in hand with the developing integrated child welfare system on Pine Ridge," she added.

By November of 2005, the group had three parts, the foundation, policy and procedure part and the foster care part and also the input from the grassroots level.

Pat Sekaquaptewa, Hopi and cultural law expert, who was involved in writing many codes was consulted and she took the three parts and her and Shelton came up with one document with many conference calls with the working team.

Bettelyoun emphasized there is a great number of children and families who are affected by the current code in the court systems. In 1999, in the tribe's court system, there were 785 open cases of abuse and neglect.

If approved by council and the new code goes into effect, there will need to be training provided to all service providers as there is a section on compliance. The code will promote empowerment to families, using our value system looking at the families before a child can be taken away. For example to do a search for placement, that is not in law now for the tribe. The code will give grandparents and relatives more rights in a child's placement.

This code will hold programs accountable for the safety of our children.

It will hold perpetrators accountable to child victims.

"What better gift can we give our children who are dependant and neglected and their parents who are hurting and struggling and for our future generations to come. This is the whole intent of this code. It is our hope that it will help them. This proposed code is a small tribute to some of our ancestors who went through boarding school trauma, who went underground with some of our ways because those ways were outlawed, and those who suffered and died so our ways would not be lost. All the efforts that were made to assimilate us didn't work because look at what we are doing. This code is just beginning and opens the door a bit wider to help us once again become a strong nation. If council passes this, it's time to celebrate! " said Cournoyer.

Executive Summary
Wakanyeja na Tiwahe ta Woope

Section 401 lays the groundwork for the remainder of the Code, and sets out the general guiding principles. This code is generally designed to replace Chapter 4 of the current Tribal Law and Order Code.

Section 401.2 repeals this portion of the current code, and other sections of the current code which are covered more appropriately within this new Code. The preamble section places this code within the historical context of our Reservation.

Section 401.5 explicitly requires that, in decisions involving children, seven traditional Lakota values or laws shall govern.

Section 402 is the Definitions section. Traditional mainstream legal definitions as may be necessary are provided in Section 402.3. A major function of this code is the bringing of Lakota concepts to the legal system, and Sections 402.1 and 2 are where Lakota definitions and conceptions are brought in.

Section 403. Lakota children, families, and extended families traditionally have certain rights. This Section describes these rights, and requires that they be considered in decisions impacting the relationships between children and their families.

Section 404. Re-establishes the children and family court, and sets out jurisdiction.

Section 405. Sets out a description of traditional resolution systems for child and family issues, and declares that that is the preferred way for such issues to be worked out.

Section 406. Sets out the procedures for reporting and dealing with emergency cases of children needing care. Who may report, who must report are defined, as well as requirements for investigations of reported abuse and neglect. An innovative incorporation of Lakol wicoh'an here is the requirement that tiyospaye be notified when children are in jeopardy. The section also provides procedures for protection of unborn children and expectant mothers.

Section 407 expresses a preference for removing an abusive parent from a household rather than a child who lives in the household.

Section 408 sets out the procedure to be followed for general, non-emergency cases where children are in need of care. The system set up is designed to fill in when the traditional tiyospaye system isn't able to effectively address a child's needs.

Section 409 contains provisions required for the Tribe to continue to receive federal funding for child protective services. One frequently misunderstood issue about this section is that it incorporates state definitions of crimes. This is not any sort of waiver of sovereignty by the Tribe, or consent to any sort of jurisdiction by the State. Rather, the States definitions are incorporated by reference because they are clear, whereas federal definitions are very ambiguous and problematic. By using the State definitions, the Tribe is acting as a sovereign nation deciding to adopt the best alternative available to it to do what it wants. The tribe remains free to create its own definitions, consistent with the federal funding requirements, but at this time the best-crafted definitions will look almost exactly like the State ones adopted at this time.

Section 410 sets procedures for transfer of jurisdiction for Indian Child Welfare Act purposes.

Section 411 sets the conditions under which the Tribal Courts will afford full faith and credit to the decisions for other courts involving our children.

Section 412 sets up an advisory committee to be a resource to help actors in the system learn and understand Lakota ways in this area, when such learning or expertise is needed.

Part B Section 413-415 Establishes a tribal foster care program, including licensing and plans.

Part C Section 416 requires compliance with this code to be implemented within 120 days or face penalties. Penalties are flexible, up to $1000 per day.

Grand opening for new Pine Ridge jail rescheduled

PINE RIDGE - The grand opening ceremony of the new Pine Ridge jail, "The New Adult Offenders Facility" that was scheduled for Friday, Feb. 23 has been rescheduled to Friday, March 2, for the funeral services of Nellie Two Bulls.

There will be guest speakers, a meal at noon and tours of the facility.

For questions call 867-1234.

CORRECTION

In Volume III, Issue 18, the *Lakota Country Times* incorrectly reported in a story entitled, "SGU to re-enact President Bordeaux's first inauguration" that Bordeaux was raised by "proud parents" Alex and Mary (Jordan) Bordeaux. It should have read "Bordeaux was raised by grandparents, Alex and Mary (Jordan) Bordeaux." Bordeaux's mother is Ella Bordeaux.

Two Bulls

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integral part of building pride in our youth, a foundation that would help our youth succeed in today's world, she showed great compassion, competence and commitment to our youth."

A traditional dancer, Matthew was encouraged by Max Blacksmith and Harry Jumping Bull to start singing in the late 1950s. Matt joined the Oglala Juniors; Nellie started a short time later and both of them sang at Jumping Bull Hall on the weekends and at the annual New Year's celebration before venturing forth to the bigger gatherings like Rosebud, Eagle Butte, Portland and Montana.

Matt and Nellie then formed Sons of the Oglalas with Amos Bad Heart Bull, Calvin Jumping Bull, Leroy Brings Plenty, Max Blacksmith and Harry Jumping Bull. After Calvin left, Matt trained their three sons for the group.

For 26 years, the Two Bulls sang, danced and performed at the Cheyenne Frontier Days. They sang for the movie "Tatanka: Legends of the Sioux" and Nellie and her daughter, Cheryl, sang for the movie "Dances with Wolves."

"Matthew composes most of our songs but when it comes to honoring songs, it is up to me," said Nellie in 1991, "my mother, Bessie Red Breath Bear was a solo singer and I learned most of my songs from her and now I've taken her place." Today, it seems that different drum groups get upset when other people sing their songs but Matt and I have always felt honored when another group chose to sing one of our songs, Nellie added.

"After working with Nellie over the years, I always felt that she had more heart than anyone else I knew," said Milt Lee, a music and video producer, "I remember her talking about Wounded Knee, how sad it made her to even think about what happened there - she was so sweet and her love for Matt, they were like one person."

"Education is the only thing that gives you the courage today to succeed," said Nellie after composing the Education Song back in 1978, a song used for graduation ceremonies from headstart and kindergarten to 12th grade and college and university.

Student speaks out about CHS incident

By Anna Bee
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - On Thursday, Feb. 15, a 17 year old student at Central High School was arrested and taken to the Rapid City Juvenile Detention Center after an altercation at the school.

According to the news report on KOTA television two adult staff members went to Rapid City Regional Hospital for attention after the altercation. The news report cited that the minor male was on probation and implied that the minor involved was guilty of threatening behavior and had caused the altercation.

A teacher, who wishes to remain anonymous because, "I am concerned with retribution," stated that a memo was given out on Friday, Feb. 16, to the staff of Central High School by the administration stating that situation was under control and being handled. According to the teacher the memo was issued as, "an attempt at damage control."

Mandy Standing Bear, a junior at Central High School, along with her mother wanted to tell the media, what Mandy had seen of the incident. Standing Bear said she was one of about 20 eye witnesses present during the incident. She said she took the time to get down 20 names and phone numbers of witnesses who agreed with what she observed, and at that time agreed, if the need should arise, to testify to the police or to the court system.

Standing Bear further stated that after the incident she asked if the boy's mother was being called, as she felt there was great need to inform the boy's mother. Standing Bear is an aunt of the minor involved and wanted to make sure that his mother came to the school to investigate the incident and provide support for her son. She said at first, the school would not allow Standing Bear to call the boy's mother; and in fact did not call the boy's mother either.

She said when the mother was called, "They wouldn't let her see him for 20 minutes," said Standing Bear. "They just closed the door in her face."

Standing Bear reported, "He (the minor student) came into the hallway, and this staff member told him to "pull up your pants." This staff member and my nephew had sort of a thing going," stated Standing Bear, "there is a school policy about those baggy pants the boys wear, and everyday he reminded the boys to pull up their pants. It was kind of a joke-serious approach that seemed to work, and the boys usually pulled up their pants. This time, though, I didn't hear what my nephew said back, but he took a few steps towards the double doors with his back to him, when out of the blue, the dean of students, rushed him (the minor) from the back against the swinging door. My nephew swung back," said Standing Bear, "and two more adult staff members dog piled him."

She said they hurt him and she didn't see any reason for them to do that. "Then they pushed him through the doors and took him into the office and closed the door."

"I went to my counselor, because I was upset and didn't know what to do," Standing Bear said, "she told me she heard about it but didn't want to be involved."

Further investigation into the reasons behind the probation the minor was placed on turns out to be truancy related.

The minor's mother, who has asked that her name be withheld for the protection of her son due to possible legal action, and to protect her son from further harm said, "We are investigating filing a legal complaint and criminal charges. I will not let him return to Central High School as I am afraid of retribution against him. This isn't the first incident of this type at Central," said the boy's mother, "I understand that a committee of citizens is forming and trying to utilize the Mother Butler Center for a meeting of parents and community members who have experienced racial profiling and unfair treatment. We should be meeting later this week." A meeting was to be held Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the Mother Butler Center.

The minor student is still being held at JDC in Rapid City.

The Superintendent's office of the Rapid City School District failed to return calls and did not respond to a phone messages concerning the incident.

Legislative Reports

Bear Butte issue deferred, state library a concern



By Rep. Jim Bradford
District 27- Bennett, Haakon, Jackson, and Shannon Counties

With just twelve legislative days to go, the 82nd Legislative Session is rapidly coming to a close. Session was cancelled on Friday, Feb. 16, due to an impending storm, so the session will be extended by an additional day before veto-day.

Tuesday, Feb. 20, then, is the day all bills must leave their house of origin. The remaining days of the session will be spent examining senate bills and hashing out differences between approved bills in conference committees.

As for my work, on Feb. 13, HB 1227 had a hearing in the House Local Government committee. HB 1227 would have prohibited the issuance of alcohol licenses within four miles of Bear Butte State Park, unless the store is within the boundaries of a town. Unfortunately, the committee deferred the legislation to the 41st day by a vote of 11-2.

As has been mentioned previously, Representative Van Norman and I have been looking into the issue of the elimination of services to the public at the State Library. Dr. Eric Abrahamson, chair of the State Library Board, came to our caucus meeting to discuss the new mission of the library and to answer any questions. While I appreciated Dr. Abrahamson's effort, I still feel it is a major mistake and I am looking for solutions to the problem.

Included in other legislation that passed the House was HB 1293, the abortion bill. The bill passed with a vote of 45-25. It does include exceptions for rape, incest, and the health of the mother, but many of the provisions in the bill including DNA testing to determine if the unborn child is a product of incest, are unreasonable and it is for this reason I voted against the bill. This is a very serious issue and no one takes it lightly. The bill will go before the Senate State Affairs committee this week. The education bills that are still alive will be acted upon soon and everyone is hopeful that more money will make its way to educating our students. With the remaining time here in Pierre, this is going to be a top priority.

As always, I welcome all questions and comments. Until next time.

Excellent testimony given on HB 1290 providing for Indian students



By Larry Lucas
District 26A Representative

Most of you are probably already aware that a bill that will outlaw abortions as a form of birth control passed out of the House this past week by a vote of 45 to 25. The legislation this year will allow exceptions for rape, incest, and the life of the mother. If the Bill passes the Senate it will automatically remain idle until a vote of the people in the 2008 General Election.

It is, however, expected that the abortion Bill will be difficult to pass in the Senate. While it is a very contentious issue, having another state-wide vote on this issue with the exceptions will likely happen either by legislative direction or through an initiated ballot process.

Two bills dealing with the practice of nurse midwifes were also debated in the House last week.

One Bill was defeated in committee and the other failed on the House Floor. HB 1207 would allow for lay midwifes to perform home delivery of babies. There were numerous questions on this issue such as scope of practice in relation to the level of midwife training and who would assume liability for any birth complications. HB 1267 will allow for certified nurse mid-wives to develop independent practices.

Certified nurse mid-wives have education and training in relation to physician assistant and nurse-practioners. The issue with this Bill was, if certified mid-wives should have a practice agreement under a physician similar to what physician assistants and nurse practitioners do.

A Bill that would have let all 10-year-olds hunt also failed to pass as it only received 20 out of a needed 36 votes. Hunters must now be at least 12 unless they turn 11 between September 1 and December 31. Most legislators felt that putting high powered rifles in the hands of 10-year-olds would not be a good idea safety wise.

Excellent testimony was given on HB 1290 which provides for an Office of Indian Education and an Indian Education Advisory Council and to establish certain provisions to enhance Indian education in the state. Representative Jim Bradford amended the Bill to outline the composition of the advisory counsel to addresses to ensure that all tribes are represented fairly. HB 1290 passed out of Education Committee without any dissenting votes.

Education funding was at the forefront of debate in both the House and Senate Education Committees. As has been outlined in the 2005 Alliance Adequacy Study, the state has short funded education by $103 million. The Senate passed out their funding Bill that would give an additional 10 million on top of the 3% state-aid increase.

The Senate's Bill would require that this additional $10 million would be targeted for teacher salaries.

Rosebud Casino has a good showing in January

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - The Rosebud Casino report was delivered by Alma Valandra, acting general manager for the month of January. In contrast to the last several months the casino had a good showing on the profit side.

The net income after expenses was $349,357.62 despite the fact that six of the casino's departments did not make their forecasted budget. Best of all, the payment to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe amounted to $229,965.18 and it comes at a time when tribal members are looking to the tribe for energy assistance. December's payment to RST was especially disappointing at $62, 223.21 and it has created some discussion as to what kinds of strategies would serve to increase profits.

In other matters, there apparently is a list of candidates for the position of general manager and it remains to be seen when the council will act to appoint a new GM. The council also voted for ten different candidates for the gaming commission and, in the end, Rose Cordier and Harold James Fuller were seated. The other members of the commission are Fremont Fallis, Marcella Prue with one vacancy existing.

Finally, the RST council briefly discussed two resolutions originally passed in the late 1990s that sought to designate the casino complex as a chartered entity with an accompanying board of directors. The matter was referred to counsel for RST for an opinion as to what the next course of action should be regarding the resolutions.

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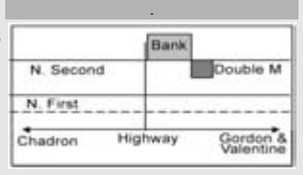


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Oglala Lakota commends decision to retire mascot

SIOUX FALLS (AP) - The Oglala Sioux Tribe has commended a decision by the University of Illinois to soon retire its 81-year-old American Indian mascot, Chief Illiniwek.

The NCAA in 2005 deemed the buckskin-clad mascot an offensive use of American Indian imagery and barred the university from hosting postseason events.

American Indian groups and others complained for years that the mascot, used since 1926, is demeaning. Supporters of the mascot say it honors the contributions of American Indians to Illinois.

The university received a letter from the NCAA dated Thursday that said the school no longer will be banned from hosting postseason events if it ends use of the mascot and related Native American imagery.

In January, the Oglala Sioux Tribe's executive committee declared ``the antics of persons playing 'Chief Illiniwek' perpetuates a degrading racial stereotype that reflects negatively on all American Indian people.''

The executive committee also called on the university to return Lakota buckskin regalia it received from Frank Fools Crow, an Oglala Sioux elder, in 1982 and worn by students portraying Chief Illiniwek since.

``We want to thank them for making that decision (to drop the mascot),'' Eileen Janis said. ``We will get a letter out to them saying that. We will also tell them we still want the regalia back.''

Janis is a former Oglala Sioux Tribe vice president and now is administrative assistant to OST President John Yellow Bird Steele. She brought the UI mascot issue to the executive committee early this year.

The university said it purchased the buckskins and an accompanying headdress and other items from Fools Crow. But Mel Lone Hill, Fools Crow's grandson, says the regalia is actually his, and his grandfather borrowed it and gave it to the university for what he thought would be culturally accurate portrayals of Lakota traditions.

Lone Hill says Fools Crow was dismayed to learn the items were used by an athletic mascot.

``I want to thank them for finally seeing the light,'' Lone Hill said, and he said if the school returns the regalia, ``I will put it away.''

Sen. Johnson moved to rehab center

WASHINGTON (AP) - Two months after his brain hemorrhage, Sen. Tim Johnson has left a Washington hospital and entered a private rehabilitation facility, his office said Tuesday.

A spokeswoman refused to say whether the senator remained in Washington or was moved to a facility in South Dakota, citing family concerns about media scrutiny. "They just want him to focus on getting better and not worried about outside cameras snapping away," said spokeswoman Julianne Fisher.

The Democrat's Dec. 13 brain hemorrhage and subsequent surgery highlighted his party's tenuous one-seat advantage in the Senate.

Johnson was rushed to George Washington University Hospital after becoming disoriented during a phone call with reporters and underwent emergency surgery hours later. He was diagnosed with arteriovenous malformation, a condition that causes arteries and veins to grow abnormally large, become tangled and sometimes burst.

He was sedated and on a ventilator for several weeks due to fluid that developed in his lungs as a result of the initial hemorrhage. He was upgraded from critical to fair condition on Jan. 9.

Johnson will continue undergoing physical, occupational and speech therapy at the private facility. Dr. Philip Marion, the hospital's chief of rehabilitation, said in a statement released by Johnson's office that the senator has made "great progress" and a final test showed no evidence the tangled arteries that triggered the senator's hemorrhage remain.

Part of Johnson's therapy has been to deal with weakness on his right side. Johnson's office has said his recovery is expected to take several months, though he has been doing some work from his bed.

Johnson is up for re-election in 2008 and could face a tough race if he runs again in Republican South Dakota.

OPINION PAGE

Our Views

The pen is mightier than the sword

The "blog" is a fascinating phenomenon created by the wonders of technology. It allows people the opportunity to comment immediately after articles are posted on the Internet on both personal websites and online publications.

Often we see soldiers in Iraq documenting their combat experience through such a medium. Other individuals who create their own space on the net or create their own website often invite such comment.

The idea is envisioned in which organizations who invite "blogs" might receive feedback or constructive criticism about their work. Readers can also comment about the topic at hand and at that point other readers might be educated about the full dimensions of the subject matter. We know that many writers do not provide enough background information on every topic they write about and a comment has potential to clarify a topic or provide more information that makes sense.

We understand, then, that allowing the public to comment on an agencie's website, necessarily brings with it a responsibility to ensure that no "one" culture, people, or sub-segment of our population is "victimized" through vile and hatred.

Local area online editions have the capability, and unfortunately if you examine some of the entries and exchanges between readers, Lakota people are getting all kinds of stereotypical comments directed at them. Some are downright nearsighted and hateful.

For example, when a sensitive issue such as the need to raise funds for low income energy consumers on the Rosebud or Pine Ridge arises, the comments that are posted reflect a deep insensitivity to the root issues which plague many reservation communities. Other examples are education and health issues.

Put very simply, tribal nations in South Dakota are built on treaties which are the supreme law of the land. They are the same legal instruments with which we enter into with foreign nations today. In exchange for the precious hills which many people sit on today, the value of which in incalculable, the trade-off was that Lakota people would be the recipients of certain treaty obligations.

When those obligations are ignored or when the government slides toward the conservative side of the aisle, it is those obligations which are sometimes forgotten.

The issue brings with it a responsibility by the media that permits them, to educate users and readers about the issues at hand. If it takes a history and culture lesson about the Lakota people, then perhaps that needs to be hammered away educating those topics. Lakota people are sophisticated, having survived for centuries, and understand when they are being insulted.

In reading the comments of readers, it is clear that 'racism' exists in our state. Maybe not so much as 'racism' but ignorance. The mass media is a powerful tool in educating their readers and it really doesn't take much to research and make contacts that will help readers to understand the core issues at hand.

For those in power with the media, you have a powerful tool to educate South Dakota about a culture that lives here and has been here many years before it was settled.

Comments about Lakota people that go unchecked are simply indicators of the deep racism, mistrust and misunderstanding that is alive and well in South Dakota.



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Other Views

Incident at Huron

Dear Editor:

It was ten days ago but the memory lingers on. We traveled six hours to get to Huron, South Dakota, for my son's hockey games.

We have played fourteen games this season with half the games in town and the rest on the road. But we travel because my 13 year old loves this sport; he has been playing hockey in Rapid City since he was five years old.

We started out utilizing scholarships, very used, borrowed hockey equipment, and the faith and belief of a six year old that he could do anything.

You know as a parent, when your child feels that way, you want to encourage that kind of thinking, empower him so he can use what he learns here on the ice, in other arenas of his life.

Unfortunately, when bad things are also encountered, these too follow and crossover into other parts of life. Something like that happened when we went to Huron.

As always, we arrived to the opponent's rink an hour early so the boys could suit up, warm up their gear, and get psyched for the game.

This time we got to the ice rink two hours early, so we came in during the middle of another game. We paid and sat down to watch hockey when I heard the sound of a drum….an Indian drum.

It was being played from the announcer's crow's nest by a man with a laptop. Then I started to listen to the words….puerile, immature stories about hockey, with the refrain, "me like hockey, me like hockey". It was definitely demeaning and debasing to American Indian people.

I couldn't believe my ears; I listened for a few minutes to make sure I was really hearing the song correctly.

My husband, my sons, and I are American Indian. I grew up in South Dakota, traveled awhile, but have lived in Rapid City the past 35 years, working in areas of cultural awareness, sensitivity training, child welfare, schools, courts, as a business owner, a consultant, member of Leadership Rapid City, and Recipient of Reconciliation Awards by the Governor.

People tell me constantly, "There is no more prejudice or racism in South Dakota." I wanted to believe that, but am unpleasantly surprised every time it is not true.

As I heard this song, I asked myself:

"What should I do?"

"Why do I have to do something at all?"

"Why is it that I always feel like I have to do something?"

"Why can't someone else complain?"

The answer for myself is what I have taught in classrooms, trainings, and such to others who ask:

"Search inside yourself."

"Is what they are doing wrong?"

"Does it make you feel bad?" "Would it make others feel bad?" "Is it wrong to sit back and do nothing?" "Is it right to stand up and say something?"

So I got up, walked down to the admissions desk and respectfully asked to speak to the manager of the facility. The lady said there is no manager but directed me to the concessions stand. At the concessions stand, I respectfully told the man in the ponytail I needed to speak to the manager of the tournament. He said, "you can tell me".

So I told him I objected to the song the announcer was playing right now. The ponytail man said why. I told him because it is demeaning to Indians; it has an Indian drum beating and a man speaking broken English, saying "me like hockey." Not only does it make fun of American Indian drums, but also of our relatives whose first language was not English.

The ponytail man said he would let Mike (the announcer) know of my objections.

I said thank you, and went back up into the stands. About 5-10 minutes later I saw the ponytail man go up to the crow's nest and speak to the announcer. They both laughed.

The song was not played again, in my presence. But I decided later to make my objection in writing also, as I knew I would be returning the next weekend for the State Hockey Tournament and because I know a few other teams have American Indians on their rosters.

I emailed the president, vice president, and the two coordinators for the Huron Peewees, and my own Association President (so he would be aware) of my objection. The only return email I got (from the Peewee Coordinators) said:

"I am sorry you feel this way - this song is from Canada and I had no idea it had anything to do with American Indians - I have never heard anyone say anything about this song - except that they love the song - its about playing hockey."

As far as I know, there is no action being taken about this song. (I wonder if Indians in Canada think this is funny?)

In my email to Huron I recommended that:

1) their association meet to discuss this as a board,

2) to please stop playing the demeaning "me like hockey" song, and

3) if they truly thought it was funny, to seek some cultural awareness training.

Please let the Huron Hockey Association know your objections by email: redlydmac@santel.net; winny@hur.midco.net; zamboniguy@hur.midco.net; dadux@yahoo.com

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Words from the 'trenches'

Laughter is free and it feels good

By Connie Smith-Blanco



Valentine's Day has come and gone and this year I was blessed with a new husband who actually remembered the day without any extra prodding.

I realize that may change in future years but it's nice that he remembers now.

The week prior to Valentine's Day is both happy and sad for me. It brings back memories of my Uncle Dick Howe who died suddenly during the week of Valentine's Day. For a man who was tall, thin, square danced and played volleyball, we would never have thought we would lose him so soon.

When I was younger I was a little afraid of him but that was because he was so tall and could be a stern disciplinarian in his home. When I would spend the night there, I tried to remember all the rules, such as saying grace before the meal and asking permission to leave the table after I'd eaten my meal. He would never hurt any of his children or the collection of nieces and nephews running under his feet. I know I always did everything he told me to do while I was their guest.

That was only my impression of him when I was young. As an adult, my impression changed drastically. His height never again scared me but that was because I was growing taller myself. What I do remember most is that infectious laugh of his.

When something tickled him, he burst forth with this laugh that just made you start laughing right along with him. I loved hearing Uncle Dick laugh.

His son Craig has that same laugh and when I hear Craig laugh I do a double take. When my brother Troy died in July, 2000 my sister and I came home from Texas to help plan the funeral.

Uncle Dick and Aunt Lois and their children were there every minute to help where they could.

As the family was sitting outside my parent's house reminiscing about Troy and family times we'd all shared, it was then I decided that I wanted to come home.

Here we were, sitting under the star studded, blue July sky and actually laughing out loud at the crazy things our family had experienced. Uncle Dick's laugh was the loudest of all, and I realized I missed these family gatherings.

In 2001, I moved back to Martin with my two girls and the first person to give me a mighty hug (besides my parents of course) was my Uncle Dick.

He actually made me feel like he was happy to see me and that moving back to South Dakota wasn't the bad thing others thought it was.

That's what I will remember, acceptance, warmth, and laughter. I mean who else would mail letters to my kids from Rapid City, just to tell them that he was thinking about them.

And who else would mail my children the toys that he found inside his boxes of cereal knowing my kids would love them? (his nighttime snack was always a bowl of presweetened cereal)

So thank you Uncle Dick for teaching me it is okay to laugh out loud, that it's free and it makes me feel good!

And thank you Aunt Lois for marrying Uncle Dick and bringing him into our family. And thank you both for having three great "kids," my cousins, Dicksy, Craig and Kent.

Uncle Dick, without your encouragement I wouldn't have stayed here long enough to find this great job at the *Lakota Country Times*.

I know you're looking down on me and Amanda and laughing but that's okay..... because I know you're laughing "with" us and not "at" us..... here in the trenches.

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Northern Perspectives

Children are resilient



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

There were some rather grim statistics being reported by Dr. Charles Grim of the Indian Health Service to the Senate Indian Affairs Committee last week relative to the percentage increase in Native children who are getting diabetes.

It's a devastating disease that may cause complications to one's health, especially if it happens to be accompanied by other health issues that may be plaguing one. It is like other health issues we see, it may not bother you today but in the long term it may surface and be cause for concern.

It's especially worrisome for me as a parent, as my son is overweight and with the bitter winter days visiting the northern plains, we have not been able to pick up our walking sticks and strike out for parts unknown.

We do most of our walking at the middle school, so I guess we do know where we are going.

We walk down the street sometimes and my son loves that, but I would prefer the track. We have also walked on the hiking trail in Rosebud about halfway to the top of the old Rosebud Hospital hill and it is challenging. My son, Beaux, is looking forward to being a firefighter one day and he will get plenty of challenges and ultimately the exercise is going to be good for him. I once ran a thousand miles back in 1982 and that was my only claim to fame in the hunt for good cardiovascular fitness.

I was hoping that all that mileage logged would help me in the long run and I think, in fact, that it is.

We are going to continue to persevere at Beaux's exercise routine. We are to the point that he does not crave a whole lot of fat containing foods which we used to love.

It takes a kind of mind shift, if you want to call it that, to accept that the food that tastes so good is probably not good for you.

Oooohh, but I love mashed potatoes and gravy, blueberry muffins and fried chicken so maybe I need to do more work with thinking that through.

A couple of research studies last year seemed to establish the fact that simply walking each day or at least 3-4 times a week is practically a not- so-quite guarantee that diabetes will be kept at bay.

Of course, we know that who our parents and grandparents are and what they handed down to us through our bloodline certainly has a great deal to do with whether or not we may have a pre-disposition for diabetes. That sounds rather ominous, as no matter what we do we may get it anyway, if it is a genetic trait passed down through the ages. I suppose that is why we need to keep our medical history somewhat in the back of our mind.

Yet, another consideration beyond exercise and good genes is our life style. Medical practitioners often say that a change in lifestyle is indicated and sometimes we wonder what that means.

Changing lifestyle could mean eliminating smoking, cutting down on trans fats, soda pop, cutting down on alcohol and getting plenty of rest. We cannot forget drinking plenty of water and getting enough rest.

As I noted earlier, the way our health 'shakes out' so to speak when we get older is an accumulation of the healthy and not so healthy habits we engaged in through out the years. Physicians warn that it took years for our bodies to take on the shape it did and it will take years to transform back itself into a healthy form.

I am hoping that research scientists at the more prestigious and liberal institutions in the country will step up their efforts at stem cell research. I sincerely believe that it shows potential as a way to regenerate damaged tissue and maybe even grow new organs. I am hoping that my life will be extended one day by such research.

I realize that such research is progressing slowly, but nevertheless scientists are moving forward. There apparently is some moral debate about using stem cells, but I don't harbor any such convictions. If it is a matter of extending the quality of life for mankind then I am for it.

Lakota children are resilient no matter what is confronting them.

They continue to be the newly minted foundation of our society and I am forever hopeful that any new scientific developments will contribute to some positive choices and innovations that they can choose from.

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Notes From Indian Country

The last dance of Chief Illiniwek



By Tim Giago

(Nanwica Kciji)

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The news is out that the University of Illinois will drop its Chief Illiniwek mascot. It just goes to show that not all "traditions" are honorable.

It all began in 1926 when an Illinois student named Lester Leutwiler put on a homemade Indian costume and pranced around the football field at halftime. It will come to an end on Wednesday when the current mascot, Dan Maloney, will do the splits and other non-Indian dance steps for the last time.

This time-honored tradition faced its first objection when a young lady of Spokane Indian heritage, a graduate student at the University of Illinois, named Charlene Teters, stood alone and fearful at a football game in Champaign holding a small sign that read, "We are human beings and not mascots."

Many of the fans and alumni of the "Fighting Illini" were at first puzzled and then angered at the audacity of this young Indian lady. Some spat on her as they walked past and others flipped burning cigarettes at her. But she tearfully stood her ground because she had grown increasingly sick and tired of having her people insulted every Saturday for the sake of a football game.

To stand alone in the face of such fury and anger from a supposed educated segment of America's white society took courage and determination, but the constant insults and abuse soon caused Ms. Teters to waiver. Her fear was mostly for that of her children and not herself. But tell me this; why should any person fear for their very lives for protesting the use of Indians as mascots for America's fun and games?

After observing a particular crude presentation at the halftime of a Washington Redskins football game in 1982 I wrote a column questioning the use of human beings as mascots in a fashion that demeaned them. The incident involved a group of fans painting a pig red, placing a feathered bonnet on its head and then chasing it around the fifty-yard line as halftime entertainment. The first thing that struck me was what if these fans had painted a pig black and placed an Afro-wig on its head and did this stunt at halftime? Even 25 years ago this would have gone over about as well as a fart in church.

I was stunned by the hate mail I received for this column. I was asked to be on a national radio call-in show to talk about the use of Indians as mascots. Once again, the hate directed at me spewed from the radio. Mind you, I am Native American, Oglala Lakota, born and raised on an Indian reservation in South Dakota. Some of the callers suggested that, "If I didn't like it, go back to wherever in the hell I came from."

One day I got a call from Charlene Teters. She told me she was hurt and frightened by the attacks upon her for standing up against the use of Chief Illiniwek as her school's mascot. She said she was going to quit school and go home. I said, "That is your choice Char, but if you quit, they win." Well, she didn't quit but instead continued her protests even beyond the day she graduated. Soon hundreds of Native Americans showed up on Homecoming Day at the University of Illinois to join Ms. Teters in her protest.

I joined the protest one year as a newspaper reporter. I walked near the protestors taking pictures as they marched. I was once again overwhelmed by the degree of hatred aimed at these protestors. Profanity such as "F" you squaws" or "Get the hell out of here you drunken Indians," rained down on the protestors on their march to the stadium. My God, what a proud tradition! How can a people exude such hatred for real Indians while honoring a phony chief?

Howard Wakeland, president of the Honor the Chief Society said after the decision to remove Illiniwek as the school's mascot that it was like putting the mascot in a museum. "Put him in a cage and walk by and say that's our symbol. That seriously kills the heart of the chief." There will always be those who just don't get it.

In the minds of most Native Americans it is high time Illiniwek was placed in a museum. I hope the traditional Sioux regalia the University purchased from Chief Fools Crow under false pretenses are returned before their mascot is put on display. Fools Crow believed the University purchased the outfit for historical and educational purposes. When I showed him a photo of how the costume was actually used he was furious. Before his death several years ago he asked, "How can I get them back?" The Oglala Sioux Tribe is now demanding their return thanks to Eileen Janis, the former vice president of the tribe.

The University of Illinois joined Stanford, Marquette, Dartmouth and other colleges and universities that saw their traditional mascots as racist and did away with them. There are still handful Indian tribes that have sold out their heritage and allow colleges to use their images as mascots. And there is still a professional football team that uses the color of a people's skin for its mascot.

I honor Charlene Teters for her courage and determination. She has fought for and helped bring about many changes at colleges like Stanford, Marquette, Dartmouth and more that have dropped their Indian mascots and declared them as racist. I will consider America grown up when it finally determines that to name a professional football team "Redskins" after the color of a people's skin is one of the last bastions of racial prejudice in this country.

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Finding My Voice

It takes courage to leave



Dana Lone Hill

I called the place. It was like a super secret society. Look out for us, she will pull up in a blue van in 20 minutes. Are you ready?

Yes I said. As ready as I will ever be.

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Leave.

The blue van pulled up and my boys and I packed everything that mattered to us in the back.

The lady said hi and smiled. We talked for the 40 minutes that she drove me to another location, where I was picked up by another lady waiting. From there we drove with only one pit stop. She stopped at a gas station and I knew the boys were hungry. I had 5 dollars in my pocket. I bought them some snack and on we went. We finally arrived at our destination.

I knew it was when I seen the building. Set in a residential community but with a huge "fort" looking fence around the back yard. We walked in the office side where I finished my paperwork and then we were led to the other side. There, we was assigned a bedroom, given a tour and told how things ran.

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Please remember when spring cleaning or when the holidays roll around and everyone wants to give, there is a shelter in your community and they do take donations of all types. I have seen some women go to these places with only the clothing they have on.

Dana Lone Hill is a 34-year old mother of 4, who recently moved back to the reservation, after an eternity on the housing waiting list. Although currently self-employed, she plans on continuing her education at the Oglala Lakota Community College.

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Rahn, Michaud win Region 3A

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent





Left: Dave Michaud "Bulldawg" is known as the fierce linebacker or the powerful running back in football or as the tenacious wrestler on the mat or the impenetrable backstop on the ball diamond but few know the quiet Pine Ridge high school senior as the academic and 4.0 student or the potential valedictorian of his senior class. Right: Chris Rahn, a senior at Todd County High School will take a 29-2 record to State A.

HURON - "We just did not know how it would go," said Dave Michaud, Pine Ridge wrestling coach about his son Bulldawg's chances at the Region 3A tournament Saturday in Huron, "earlier in the year, he separated his shoulder during a match at Stanley County, he ended up tearing his rotator cuff and even though he sat out the last four weeks of the season we just didn't know how the shoulder would hold up or how his endurance would be but in the end he pinned all three of his opponents in the first period so it is now onto to state."

Michaud, a senior, took second in the state as a sophomore and hurt his neck as a junior ending up sixth in state at 189. This year, Michaud weighed in at 189, was ranked number two at 189 at the beginning of the season but wrestled at 215 all year to allow a teammate a chance to wrestle at 189 and to wrestle against tougher competition. At the end of the season he was ranked number one at 215 but chose to wrestle at 189 at regions.

Bulldawg opened Regionals on Saturday with a pin in 1:30 over Tyler One Horn of Little Wound, beat Jared Geigle of Pierre in the semis with a pin at 1:00 and knocked off the fourth ranked 189 wrestler in the state, Tucker Ulmer of Winner with a pin in 1:23. Michaud will take an 18-2 record to state and will wrestle Kyle Blake of Belle Fourche in the first round. Michaud lost to Fisher of Gettysburg, ranked number two at 215 in the B, early in the season and took an injury forfeit in the first wound at Winner due to his shoulder.

Chris Rahn, a senior at Todd County pinned all three of his opponents in the heavyweight division in Region 3A and will take a 29-2 record into the State A on Friday in Sioux Falls against Calvin Freed of Sioux Falls Roosevelt. Rahn opened the tournament pinning Stephen Engebretson of Hot Springs, finished off Zach Geigle of Pierre in 2:23 in the semis and pinned number two ranked Jon Strubel of Huron at the 5:49 mark.

Albert "Boo" Her Many Horses, a senior at Todd County, went into the 130 pound championship match in Region 3A with an undefeated 25-0 record but was pinned by Dustin Warnke of Mitchell for his first loss of the year. Her Many Horses will wrestle Alex DeFea of Milbank in the first round of State.

"Bruce "BooBoo" Jacobs has really improved this year," said Michaud, his coach at Pine Ridge," he really felt good qualifying for State as a freshman, something his older brothers did not achieve - Bruce went into Regionals and wrestled the best he has all season and took third at 119."

Jacobs lost his first match to Brady Harkless of Hot Springs but came back to beat Ryan Buck of Mitchell 2-0 in overtime and beat Miles Milius of Winner 10-9 after being down 7-2 earlier in the match. Jacobs will take a 26-4 record into the State A against Tim Waterman of Sioux Falls Lincoln in the first round of the 119 pound division.

Cheyenne Eagle Butte is in a cooperative with Faith and Dupree and they qualified three wrestlers for state. Qualifiers included LD LaPlante, 21-14 at 125 who will wrestle Mike Lappegard of Watertown, Tye Hale, a senior with a record of 27-10 in 135 will wrestle Cody Lowe of West Central in the first round of State and Colby Keegan 24-16 at 145 who will wrestle Cody Wilson of Sturgis.

Preliminary matches for the State A start at 10 a.m. at the Sioux Falls Arena on Friday with the championship matches set for 6:15 p.m. on Saturday evening. The State B has the same schedule at the Barnett Center in Aberdeen.



Above: Pine Ridge's Sophia Janis (24) battles Tawni Shay Hunter (22) for the loose ball during District 14A first round play Tuesday night in Pine Ridge.

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Mustangs roll up road wins, momentum for districts, regionals and state build

FT. YATES/MCLAUGHLIN/EAGLE BUTTE - Rich Big Boy set the tone hitting five straight baskets in the first quarter helping Little Wound to a 16-0 lead over Standing Rock on Thursday night in Ft. Yates as the Mustangs won their 17th game of the season 115-70 over the Warriors. Big Boy finished the night 10-13 from the field with 22 points, 11 rebounds and four steals. Little Wound scored over 30 points in three of the four quarters opening with a 34-10 first quarter lead, up at the half 53-23 as they slowed down for a bit of air then came out in the third pouring in 30 points to go up 83-47 and closing out with 32 points in the fourth to finish up 115-70.

Little Wound out rebounded Standing Rock 52-35 and used balanced scoring to dominate the game each quarter; Shilo Pierce finished up with 20 points, five steals and five rebounds, TJ McCauley helped with 15 points, seven assists, four rebounds, three steals and a blocked shot, Devon LeBeau chipped in 12 points and Ty Lunderman added 11 points, five assists and three rebounds. Brice Hornbeck scored only five points but pulled down eight rebounds, finished with five assists, three blocked shots and two steals.

On Friday night, the Mustangs had the tone set by TJ McCauley who knocked down 11 first quarter points as the Mustangs went up 25-6 over the Braves. Balanced scoring again was the key as Little Wound continued to shrink the court with pin point passing to the open man. Big Boy hit for 22 points for the second night in a row, McCauley finished with 20 points, eight steals, five rebounds, three assists and two blocks, Ty Lunderman hit for 18 points and led the team with six rebounds while Hornbeck and Pierce both hit for 12 points.

Cheyenne Eagle Butte just didn't have any defense for the Mustangs attack. Cory Straighthead led the Braves with 14 points while Tyson Maxon helped with 12 points. The Braves lost to Pine Ridge on Monday at home 59-57 and at 7-11 will close out the regular season at Todd County on Friday.

Little Wound moved their record to 18-1 and will travel to Bennett County Friday night for the last game of the regular season before hosting Bennett County on Tuesday in the first round game of District 14A. The Mustangs continue to be ranked at number two behind undefeated Parkston.

Red Cloud averaged 94 points a game in defeating McLaughlin 86-62 on Saturday and St. Francis 102-65 on Monday. The Crusaders moved their record to 16-3 with the two wins and travel to Hill City on Friday to finish out the regular season before hosting Hot Springs on Tuesday in the first round of District 15A action.

After opening up a 16-5 lead on the Midgets of McLaughlin, Red Cloud cruised through the game adding to the lead each quarter. Christian McGhee, Red Cloud's point guard and top scorer hit six threes on Saturday for 24 points and added six assists and on Monday he finished with five threes, 22 points and eight assists. The Crusaders had six ballplayers in double figures against McLaughlin as Art Vitalis hit for a career high of 13 points with four steals and four assists, Billy Scott hit for 13 also and led the team with 10 rebounds.

McLaughlin was led by Max Schott who hit for 36 points and 14 rebounds. McLaughlin is now 7-12 and will finish the season at Chamberlain on Thursday or Saturday and at St. Francis on Friday.

Balanced scoring and strong board play set the tone for Red Cloud against St. Francis; five Crusaders were in double figures and Red cloud outrebounded St. Francis 39-20. Joe Richards had a career game with 20 points for Red Cloud while Billy Scott hit for 21 points and six rebounds, Giago added 10 points and six rebounds while freshman Carl Swallow hit for a career high of 12 points.

St. Francis was led by Taylor Brushbreaker's 22 points, Gary Whipple added 18 and Travis Spotted War Bonnet helped with 10. The Warriors are now 10-9 and will host McLaughlin on Friday and are battling Pine Ridge for the number two seed in District 14A, the top two seeds host first round games.

Pine Ridge got by Cheyenne Eagle Butte 59-57 on Monday as Michael Jack hit for 22 points, Jon Provost added 11 and Oris Morrison and Mitch Bagola added 10 each as the Thorpes evened their record at 10-10 and wait to see how St. Francis does against McLaughlin on Friday night to see who gets the number two seed in the district.

Pine Ridge, Red Cloud strong in district openers

PINE RIDGE - Pine Ridge quickly knocked the rust off after a 10 day break downing Little Wound 70-50 in the first round of District 14A tournament play while Bennett County defeated St. Francis 69-40 Tuesday night in Martin to set up a rematch between the number one and number two ranked teams in Class A Thursday night in Rapid City at RC Stevens high school.

After a close 18-13 first quarter, Pine Ridge started opening up the margin with a 35-20 halftime lead and a 56-28 three quarter lead for their 21st win of the season against no losses, the only undefeated team left in Class A. Sophia Janis hit for 15 points to lead the Lady Thorpes in scoring, Nichelle Red Owl and Lacey Weston added 12 while Christian Janis chipped in 11. Weston led the team with seven rebounds.

Little Wound's freshman forward, Kirsten Clifford scored 12 points and led the Mustangs with eight rebounds. Tawni Shay Hunter chipped in 11 while Veronica Richards and Kelsey Brave Eagle added 10 each in a strong team effort for the Lady Mustangs who finished the season 6-14. Brave Eagle is the only senior.

Bennett County rolled to their 19th win of the season with just one loss as Maggie O'Neill hit for 25 points and 11 rebounds, Keely Krolikowski added 19 points and Amy O'Neil grabbed 11 rebounds. St. Francis was led by Kali Brave-Jenkins who hit for 16 points and snared six rebounds. The Lady Warriors finished the year 9-11 and will have four starters back for next year.

Bennett County's win sets up a rematch with Pine Ridge, the Lady Thorpes won the regular season game in Martin 81-80 with a last second three pointer by Robin Webber before a standing room only crowd. Pine Ridge, ranked number one, 21-0 will play Bennett County 19-1 ranked number two on Thursday night in Rapid City at RC Stevens high school; doors open at 6pm, game time is 7pm. Bennett County features the best power forward in the state with Maggie O'Neill and a top point guard in Krolikowski while Pine Ridge lost their top rebounder for the year Keisha Brewer to a torn ACL but even with one of the youngest lineups in the state(starting four sophomores and a freshman).

Red Cloud opened their 15A District play hosting Hill City on Tuesday and came out with some real intensity on defense holding Hill City to 31 points in a 61-31 win for their 14th win of the season. Red Cloud held one of Hill City's top scorers, Kati Ginsbach, to three points and no rebounds as they went up 16-5 in the first quarter and held a 32-16 lead at the half.

"We played good defense and had a solid team effort," said Ted Standing Soldier Jr., Red Cloud's first year head coach, "we have a young team, not one senior and they have shown some real improvement over the year."

Red Cloud finished off the regular season on Saturday with a 81-66 win over McLaughlin on the road. Red Cloud is now 14-5 and will play Custer in the District 15a championship game on Thursday night in Spearfish at the Young Center on the campus of Black Hills State University.

Behind Mandi Morrisette's 19 points, Todd County knocked off Platte 60-46 and will play Winner Thursday night in the District 13A championship game in Gregory.

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Diabetes expertise: the challenge is convincing people to change

Symbolism of medicine wheel can create balance

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Loss of tradition has led to an epidemic of diabetes and heart disease in Native Americans, according to two Rapid City professionals who are working to do something about it. But a return to a traditional diet and physical activity could halt the epidemic and restore tribes to good health.

In the normal course of events, diabetes strikes first and heart disease follows.

Kibbe Conti of Northern Plains Nutrition Consulting, a registered dietician in Indian country for 12 years, encourages Native Americans to return to a more traditional diet to fight the epidemic of diabetes.

And Dr. Jeff Henderson, a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe and president and CEO of Black Hills Center for Native American Health, is researching ways of keeping diabetic Native Americans from developing heart disease.

Both Henderson and Conti agree problems with diabetes and heart disease began when tribes underwent a major cultural shift during European colonization in the 19th Century and could no longer observe traditional diet and activities.

Henderson said after the Fort Laramie treaties of 1851 and 1868 were broken, tribes were pushed onto small reservations, kept there "under guard and under gun," and given government rations of "virtually limitless calories" with little nutritional value.

The effect, Henderson said, has been "devastating" and added that about 40 percent of Native Americans in South Dakota are diabetic, and the percentage of diabetes in other tribes, such as the Pima in Arizona, is much higher.

Conti noted that some researchers believe there is a connection between heritage and diet. People of a common heritage are adapted to certain food patterns, and "if you change that, there are consequences," she said. People are not genetically adapted to process a different diet.

Overly processed carbohydrates such as white flour and sugar are particularly problematic for Native Americans, she said. Some races can handle sugars, but Native Americans have to produce "way more insulin to process that same load," and the pancreas works harder. "We just haven't had a chance to adapt to this American food system," Conti said.





Dr. Jeff Henderson and Kibbe Conti have developed theories to challenge diet change with prediabetes and diabetics.

"You'd be pressed to find 30 grams of carbs in a traditional meal," Conti said. A traditional diet used to consist of large game such as buffalo, some small game, and plants found in "quite a variety" because Native people "migrated in a circle," and each season provided them with different plants, she said.

About five years ago, Conti, Oglala Lakota, with the help of Robert Chasing Hawk, former Cheyenne River tribal chairman, adapted the medicine wheel to replace the food pyramid favored by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The Medicine Wheel, a powerful circle, represents balance, and food also "is about balance," Conti said.

The quarters of the Medicine Wheel symbolize many things, including directions, seasons, and elements, Conti said. "It just so happens that a Medicine Wheel does reflect… the four food components," she said, and obesity results from not honoring the four quarters of the Wheel.

The West is associated with water, rain, and clouds, and water "is a food component," she said. "Traditionally we drink water and tea."

Today, people drink too much soda pop and alcohol, not honoring the water part of the food system, Conti said. "Some people don't give their bodies a chance when they're consuming…sweetened drinks," she said. "Sweetened drinks are a big no-no across the board."

A 20-ounce bottle of pop, which according to the label is 2.5 servings, contains 70 grams of sugar.

"That's a lot," she said. In drinking a whole bottle of pop with sugar, "their poor pancreas is working overtime."

The North quarter of the Wheel is associated with the buffalo, which along with other large game was plentiful at one time and provided lean protein.

Today, with processed meats such as hotdogs, people are getting more fat than protein, Conti said.

To get protein without fat, Conti recommends lean meats and other

Please turn to Diabetes challenge: B2

1999 OST audit can be reversed, tribe to recover $1 million

PINE RIDGE - Oglala Sioux Tribal President John Yellow Bird Steele recently traveled to Washington D.C., holding meetings with U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herseth, Sen. John Thune, and Bureau of Indian Affairs Director Pat Ragsdale.

According to Steele, "We made tremendous progress on the two issues I wanted addressed, our 1999 audit findings, and the introduction of legislation to address Angostura Dam."

The tribe had several unresolved audit findings dating to its 1999 audit. In Steele's meeting with BIA Director Ragsdale, BIA officials admitted that the audit findings would be reversed, in response to documentation submitted by the Tribe.



Steele

"This will enable the Tribe to recover $1 million which the BIA wrongfully withheld from the Tribe," Steele stated. "These funds shall be allocated to needed social services, public safety and transportation programs."

The Angostura Dam legislation is a significant success for the Tribe, as well. Stephanie Herseth introduced H.R. 883, which provides funding for improvements at the irrigation project, which will benefit farmers in Oral.

The bill also establishes a trust fund for the Oglala Sioux Tribe, for economic development and environmental projects on the Pine Ridge Reservation, and increases water flows in the Cheyenne River.

"We have been working on this legislation for many years, and we really appreciate Stephanie Herseth's support," Steele stated.

According to President Steele's office, Senator Johnson has supported this legislation and is expected to continue to do so when he returns to the Senate. Senator John Thune is studying the issue, according to Steele. "We are looking forward to receiving funds to address our economic development and infrastructure needs, which is what this legislation provides," Steele stated.

Off-reservation communities received federal projects, such as Angostura, but the tribe has been neglected, Steele said.

The resolution of the past audit issues and the Angostura legislation are major priorities of the Steele administration. "We are getting off to a good start," Steele stated.

Community Calendar
"Rez Happenings"

Diabetes Awareness Volleyball rescheduled
The Pine Ridge HIS Diabetes Prevention program, Oyate Wicozani Ocanku, 18 and older Co-ed Volleyball tournament has been rescheduled to March 17 and 18 at Porcupine School. Entry fee for those that screen, for the program. For more information call Bobette Herman, health tech at 867-3261.

Lakota Language Immersion Class
Every Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the Pahin Sinte College Center in Porcupine with Bryan Charging Cloud open to students, community members and programs for male students only, for information call 867-5404.

School board representatives
OST Education Committee is accepting resumes and letters of intent for seats on several school boards including Flandreau Indian, Circle of Nations Indian School, Sherman Indian School, Pierre Indian Learning Center and Oglala Lakota College, submit material to Wanda Two Bulls at Red Cloud Building in Pine Ridge, 867-5821.

Tax Preparation
Daily at the Wounded Knee District School Foundation in Manderson from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with instant refunds in 20 minutes, for information call 867-1176.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
School pow wow on Friday, March 2 at Martin American Legion in Martin with grand entries at 1 and 6 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

Golden Gloves Tournament
South Dakota State Golden Gloves tournament, Saturday, March 10 at Wounded Knee District School in Manderson with weigh ins at 7 a.m. and bouts to begin at 5 p.m. in junior/novice, open men's division, for information contact Chissie Spencer at 455-6364.

Memorial Basketball Tournament
3rd annual Dana Wike Memorial Basketball Tournament, March 22-25 at the Sinte Gleska University Multi Purpose Building in Antelope, for information contact Ken at 208-5672 or Rich at 747-5644.

19th BJ Weston peewee tourney
Monday through Sunday, March 26-April 1, 2007 in Pine Ridge at the Pine Ridge School, four divisions including 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, for information call 867-1429, 867-2640, 685-8253 or 867-5435.

Rev. Moore celebrates 85th birthday

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

MISSION - More than 100 people attended the open house birthday party for Dr. Marrles Moore on last at the Christian Life Fellowship church. Rev. Moore, wife, Frances and their sons, Robert and Jack have shared a fellowship within their immediate family as well as their church family that continues to grow and create togetherness. Such togetherness and unity is something that Lakota people have always cherished and Rev. Moore's family does very well in that regard.

Rev. and Mrs. Frances Moore were married on July 23, 1942 and have kept their sons fully engaged in their Christian work in the Native community. Rev. Moore received a Lifetime Achievement Award last summer in Hungry Horse, MT for his tireless work on behalf of Native ministries.



Last week, Rev. Marrles Moore and Frances celebrated Moore's 85th birthday with community.

The other member of the Moore family is the late, White Eagle, an operatic tenor who was remembered this day, also, by the family. The White Eagle Christian Academy in Antelope bears his name.

Rev. Moore's life story and service as a pastor is well documented and preserved in pictures. Son, Robert, who is a superb singer in his own right and an RST council representative from District 3 Antelope community served as the official emcee for the birthday party.

Rev. Moore's grandson Marrles sang a beautiful Christian song and was followed by Bob and Theresa Stead of Antelope community who minister at their own church known locally as the Carpenter's Shop. Most people were unaware that Theresa could belt out a Christian song in Lakota, but that is exactly what she did. Both Bob and Stead were endearing in their comments as they referred to Rev. Moore as their "spiritual father" and for any cleric that has to be the ultimate compliment.

A parishioner, Danny Stevens, from the CLF church where the party was being held spoke to Rev.

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Diabetes prevention challenge

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proteins - chicken breast, buffalo, fish, beans, and eggs - prepared in traditional ways: roasted, boiled, dried, or baked. Tribes in the past didn't have an abundance of fat and had no way of frying foods, she said. Today it's easier to cook on the stove top range with frying.

The East, symbolizing springtime, is "a time of renewal," when the gathering of plants begins. And the South symbolizes summertime, a time of cultivation - of corn, beans, squash, starchy roots, and starchy vegetables - for some tribes, she said.

Traditional plants contain, in addition to essential vitamins and minerals, other compounds that have medicinal value, "just as we're learning today," Conti said. "This is a new frontier."

Fruits and vegetables contain phytonutrients such as lycopine and antioxidants that prevent damage to cells and are effective in fighting cancer and aging, Conti said.

"We need to hit the produce section," she said. Melons, berries, lettuce, and other plants contain "really good stuff."

Henderson said one theory of Native American obesity, which leads to diabetes and heart disease, centers around a hypothetical "thrifty gene." People who hunted and gathered food, as indigenous people did, sometimes face feast and sometimes famine; when food was plentiful, the people stored extra calories as fat to be available in times of famine. Then, when food was scarce, the "thrifty gene" turned down the body's metabolism so the stored fat could be burned more slowly and last longer.

No longer the 'hunting and gathering,' but according to theory, their bodies have not yet adapted to having food consistently available and still store fat as if preparing for famine, he said.

To burn the stored fat, Conti recommends exercise for at least 30 minutes at a time. In the first 20 minutes of exercise, the body burns sugar stored in muscle cells and the liver; beyond 20 minutes, the body starts "kicking into fat stores."

Exercise, in addition to eliminating fat, builds muscle, which is metabolically more active than fat, Conti said. Muscle "helps to reverse things," causing the body's own insulin to work more efficiently, she said.

There's a "serious access issue" for fresh food on reservations, Conti said. There are community grants available to address the problem, to assist stores and markets to be equipped with produce coolers to distribute fresh fruits and vegetables. Produce trucks bringing seasonal foods are also a possibility, she said.

On most reservations, gardening has not caught on, possibly because of poor soil or insufficient water supplies, Conti said.

Money is also a problem, she said. Carbohydrates that quickly turn to sugar in the body - white flour, white potatoes, ramen noodles, frybread, donuts - are cheap, taste good, and will stretch to feed a lot of people.

"That's economics," she said. "They're good filler food." But these foods should be treated special, eating small amounts and not very often, she said.

Henderson said the people have undergone a "cultural renaissance" in the past 30 years. "Since the 1970s, it's been okay to be Indian." Now we have many who are involved in strengthening their spirituality by attending sweats and participating in the Sun Dance, and participating and attending pow wows. There has been a "sincere effort" to preserve the Lakota language, he said.

But the switch back to traditional foods - featuring lean protein and fewer carbohydrates, a diet that would improve blood sugars - has been slower to come about.

The challenge, he said, is convincing people to change.

Rev. Moore celebrates 85 years

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Moore and explained the impact that he has had on his life. He also played "Amazing Grace" on his flute.

Robert then showed a slide presentation of Rev. Moore's family, including a picture of a cliff in Okreek where he received his calling as a pastor.

Rev. Moore built a small church in Rapid City in his early years and then moved to Denver with his family and ministered to a parish there. Son, Jack, who is the President of the White Eagle Christian Academy came home from Denver and proceeded to hold church services at the Rosebud Fair grounds and the Mission town hall.

Robert also explained a little about the families history in South Dakota, including a photograph of Rev. Moore's father, Noble Moore with Louie, Paul and David Dorian, son's of Pierre Dorian. Rev. Moore is the great-great grandson of Pierre Dorian.

In the 1980s Rev. Moore leased a building that previously was one of the original buildings on the campus of the old Rosebud boarding school where he attended school. that closed in the late 1950s.

There is only one other structure from that complex that still stands and which many people still recall on the Rosebud.

Later, WEC academy was created by the Moore family and it now offers instruction up to eighth grade.

Bitter cold prompts need for low energy assistance funds at Rosebud, Oglala and Cheyenne River receive some funds

ROSEBUD - The recent bitter cold spell last week on the northern plains saw Lakota people from Pine Ridge to Rosebud and Cheyenne River huddled in their homes, while the cost to heat those homes has crept up ever so slowly.

The issue is not quite a public health concern; however, it has surfaced in many discussions during recent tribal council meetings and in other public venues. It has even attracted the attention of the Rapid City Journal which published a story last week on the increasing plight of some 800 Rosebud homes which are without propane and an additional 500 more low income homes in the same circumstance with less than 10 percent remaining.

A couple of weeks ago RST apparently borrowed $20,000 for energy assistance, however, with 100 gallons of propane costing $158 for in-town delivery that amount would only service 126 low income households. It is difficult to estimate the total number of homes on the Rosebud reservation, however, some estimates of total enrollment put the figure at anywhere from 18,000 to 20,000 tribal members living within reservation boundaries or within close proximity.

One hundred gallons of propane at a cost of $158 can be estimated to last anywhere from 30 to 50 days. It depends on the temperature and the type of household that is being heated.

The RST Low Income Energy Assistance Program or LIHEAP was also cited as having no funds for electricity and 25 homes were facing shut off by Cherry-Todd Electric.

RST President Rodney M. Bordeaux noted that the tribe is waiting on the signing of a continuing resolution by President Bush that would release low income funds. Furthermore, he noted that tribal programs are operating on last year's funding level.

It is most likely that the issue of LIHEAP funding will on the agenda as the RST council meets on Tuesday.

RST council representative from District 3 Antelope, Jo Colombe, said that when the bitter wind chills were blowing last week, many community members sought shelter in the community center. When the Emergency Preparedness Program was "activated" there were over 200 people on the waiting list for propane, electricity or wood. Colombe said, "There were quite a few with lights shut off. The problem this year is that we did not get the $400,000 for energy assistance from Shakopee like we did last year and also casino revenue is down."

Dixie Larvie, Chairman of Antelope community, said that two families were temporarily living in the community center because their pipes had frozen. Larvie said the community wanted to become proactive and do their own fundraising through a flea market.

RST District 3 Antelope, Cyril "Whitey" Scott, also confirmed the activation of the Emergency Preparedness Program by RST President Bordeaux and said that $27,000 was put in the budget. According to the list that Scott referred to, there were 122 names on the list and in order to receive assistance they had to be at a level of 5 percent or less on their propane meter.

On the Cheyenne River Sioux reservation the Nation of Venezuela has donated $376, 379 through the CITGO Petroleum Corporation. The money will be used for fuel to heat 1384 low income houses at a rate of $259 each. An additional $17, 923 under the agreement will be used to heat buildings that are occupied by tribal social services and to offset the cost of administering the much needed project.

Nine tribes in South Dakota and Montana will receive $1.3 to $1.5 million in free heating fuel. The CITGO program is a spin off from a discounted fuel program the corporation initiated to aid low income victims of hurricane Katrina. CITGO set aside 10 percent of its oil production for low-income residents in the United States.

CITGO apparently was the only oil company that responded when Senators made a request to provide discounted fuel to those ravaged by the hurricane.

On the Pine Ridge reservation former Olympic champion, Billy Mills, has matched a tribal fund of $45,000 and his organization Running Strong is donating $90,000 to be used for heating, electricity or wood. The funds are earmarked for the nine districts on the Pine Ridge.

Mills reported that last year's donation assisted some 1,307 people. Running Strong is also donating $30,000 on the Cheyenne River reservation and low income households can request up to $100 for energy assistance and must provide a matching amount.

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Nellie Two Bulls

NO. FOUR COMMUNITY - Nellie Two Bulls, 81, of No. Four Community, died on Feb. 18, at Rapid City Regional Hospital in Rapid City. She was born on Jan. 25, 1926 to George Whitehorse and Susan Blacksheep. She was raised by her grandmother Bessie (White Rabbit) Whitehorse. Nellie was the last and eldest descendent of Chief Man Afraid of Horse.

She is survived by her daughters: Melvina (Louis) Winters of Pine Ridge, SD, Cheryl (Wilbur) Between Lodges and Linda (Rick Red Eagle) Two Bulls both of No. Four Community. Adopted daughter, Henny Whalen of Pine Ridge.

Grandchildren raised by Matt and Nellie; Lynette (Phillip Whiteman, Jr.) Two Bulls of Lame Deer, Mont.; George Cuny and Autumn Conroy both of No. Four Community. A sister, Gladys Two Bulls of No. Four Community, brother in law, Ed (Lovey) Two Bulls of Red Shirt Table; sister in law, Marianne High Crow of Rapid City. 34 grandchildren, 70 great grandchildren, and one great, great grandchild and many adopted daughters, sons, grandchildren and extended family whom were all very important to her. She had a great love of people, everyone knew her as "Grandma Nellie."

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 54 years Matthew Two Bulls, her sons; Sylvester M. "Suba" Two Bulls, Zackery W. "Zach" Two Bulls and Enoch Two Bulls. Daughter, Doreen "Dora" Two Bulls and grandson that she and Matt raised, Tom Cuny.

A two-night wake begins on Wednesday, Febr. 21, at 4 p.m. at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge.

Funeral services will be on Friday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m. at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge with Pastor Charles O'Hare and Rev. Robert Two Bulls officiating. Traditional Lakota services offered by Mr. Wilmer Mesteth and Mr. Richard Broken Nose.

Interment will follow at the Afraid of His Horses Cemetery, No. Four Community.

Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Blue Coat

ON THE TREE - Barbara Blue Coat, 49, On The Tree, died Friday, Feb. 9, at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Wake services were Feb. 15 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Eagle Butte.

Funeral services were Feb. 16, at the church, with the Rev. Norman Blue Coat, Mother Marion Rectenwald, Darlene Traversie and Iva Blue Coat-Traversie officiating.

Burial was at St. Thomas Cemetery in On The Tree. Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

Daniel George Iron Cloud Jr.

PORCUPINE - Daniel George Iron Cloud Jr., He Sapa (Black Horn) was born on May 27, 1964 to Daniel Iron Cloud Sr. and Christina Red Eagle Iron Cloud.

He was affectionately known as "Jr." by his family. He was the youngest of four children and his siblings are: Danielle, Manuel (deceased 2003), and Esther. He lived his life in many towns and cities, but called Porcupine his home.

On his father's side, he was the grandson of Edward Iron Cloud Sr. (Hehaka Wankatuya Najin - Elk Stands High) and Emily Bad Wound.

His ancestors on his father's side include Bad Wound, Peter Iron Cloud, Runs for the Hills, Red Necklace and Knife Chief. On his mother's side, he was the grandson of Jacob White Eyes and Susie F. Apple who was the daughter of Chief American Horse.

He lived in Martin with his parents and made many lifelong friends and met many extended family members. Before moving to Mission, where his parents worked at Bishop Hare Home he lived in Porcupine where he went to school.

In Mission he met many boys and young men who attended Bishop Hare Home from all over the United States.

Although he didn't attend Hare Home as a student he did everything that the boys did, which included going to Washington, D.C. This is where he got his urge to travel to many different places and enjoyed seeing all the many different places. He would always come home with stories of his adventures and his family enjoyed hearing of all his travels.

After graduating high school at Little Wound School, he moved to Seattle, Washington where he lived for a couple of years and upon returning he worked at the Porcupine Day School. This is where he met his son's mother, Kim Jacko, and became a father. But as he loved to explore and travel, he could not stay in one place for very long. Daniel Jr. stayed with his brother in Big Bend National Park, Texas, for some time. In 2000, Daniel flew from the lower 48 to Anchorage, Alaska to see his son Isaac Eugene Iron Cloud being born at the Alaska Native Medical Center on September 10, 2000. Prior to that he fished and camped in the surrounding Matanuska-Susitna area until he moved to the village of Togiag, Alaska near the Bristol Bay area where his son turned 1 year old. Daniel Jr. loved the outdoors and fishing. During his stay in Alaska, he worked as a jail guard for the Yupiik-speaking Eskimo people. Also, during his stay in Alaska, he contracted the debilitating disease - tuberculosis, which would eventually cause complications and subsequently his death. As usual he was traveling at the time of his death and passed away in Sioux Falls, SD on February 9, 2007. He will be missed by his family especially his two sisters and son. Members of his family are: six year old son Isaac Eugene who resides in Ridgeway, Pennsylvania with his mother; sister Danielle Two Eagle, and brother-in-law Archie Two Eagle and their children, Delane, Valerie, Archie, Michael, Tarah and Marshall; his grandchildren Shawn, Christina, Darrell, Jesse and Manuel; sister Esther Iron Cloud and her children Stephanie, Isaiah and Zachary, all of Porcupine, SD. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and brother, Manuel Iron Cloud.

Wake services will began on Thursday, Feb. 15 at the Porcupine Day School. Funeral services were Feb. 17.

Traditional services will be held at the Porcupine school then he will be taken to Mediator Episcopal Church near Kyle, where Christian services will be held and where he will be buried by his mother.

Daniel Jr. will be carried home by his brothers and friends of Jerry Iron Cloud, Jeff Iron Cloud, Ed Iron Cloud III, Orlin Iron Cloud, Bill Tuttle, Mike Iron Cloud, Larry Iron Cloud, Percy Lone Elk, Emmett Steele and Willie Joe Beaudreau. Honorary pallbearers include Paul Iron Cloud family, Eldean Weston family, Pat Iron Cloud Sr. family, Vern Iron Cloud family, Harold Tuttle, Hank Tuttle, Everett Tuttle, Roger Iron Cloud, Jay Parisien, Jimmy Iron Cloud, Harlan Iron Cloud, Richard Iron Cloud, Pat Iron Cloud Jr., Phil Iron Cloud, Lester Iron Cloud, Steve Iron Cloud, Tony Iron Cloud, Randy Tuttle, Marty Fineran, Myron Fineran, Milton Fineran, Marlin Fineran, Verlinda Iron Cloud, family of the late Cleveland Iron Cloud, Byron Wilcox, Kevin Richards, Boyd Richards, Monte Red Bear, Isaac Red Bear, Daniel Bad Wound, Elgin Bad Wound, Jr., Charlie High Hawk, Les Jack, Seymour Jack, Teddy Jack, Jim Red Willow, Gary Red Willow, Pete Red Willow, Marty Frogg, Micheal Frogg, Jon One Feather, Roscoe Black Feather, Tony Black Feather, Dave Black Feather, Jonas Wounded Foot, Duane Iron Crow, Enoch Spider, George Two Eagle, Rodney Two Eagle, Virgil Bush, Rick Two Dogs, Paul Robertson, Jim Miller, Ted Hamilton, Bill Koenen, John Jackson, Harry Eagle Bull, Lenny Yankton, Jim Beaudreau, Frank McGhee, Samuel, Jesse, Louis Jr Jealous, Alex Little, Pat Sr., Pat Jr. and Lamar Afraid of Hawk, William Lone Elk Jr., Fred Byerly, Cecil Red Eyes and the Cornerstone Mission staff.

Winona Yellow Boy

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb. - Winona Yellow Boy, 76, Scottsbluff, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, in Scottsbluff. Survivors include one sister, Verlie Yellow Boy, Scottsbluff.

Wake services were Friday, Feb. 16, at Wakpamni CAP Office in Pine Ridge.

Funeral services were Feb. 17, at Wakpamni CAP Office, with the Rev. Rhoda Mesteth officiating.

Burial was at Wolf Creek Cemetery. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Cecil Little Thunder, Sr.

UPPER CUT MEAT - Cecil Adam Little Thunder, Sr , 88, died Feb. 12 at Rosebud. He was born May 31, 1918 in Parmelee, to Robert and Eunice (Red Thunder) Little Thunder.

Wakes were held Tuesday at the Upper Cut Meat Youth Center and Wednesday and Thursday at the He Dog School Gym. Funeral services were in He Dog on Friday, February 16, with burial at White Horse Cemetery in Upper Cut Meat, SD.

He is survived by his wife Rose (War Bonnett) Little Thunder; children Matthew, Ernest Sr., Stanley, Eva, Edna and Randall Little Thunder; many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Holmes Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Coleen Stone Rabbit

SOLDIER CREEK - Coleen B. Oliver, 45, died Feb. 10 at Sioux Falls. She was born April 8, 1961 in Valentine, Neb. to Flora (Thunder Hawk) Oliver and Gilbert Oliver Crow Eagle, Sr.

Wake services were held Tuesday and Wednesday followed by funeral services Thursday, Feb. 15 at Clark Hall in Rosebud. Burial was at Grace Chapel Cemetery in Soldier Creek.

Coleen was preceded in death by her father and also her son Leslie Stone, Jr.

She is survived by her children Tona Oliver, Marshall Knife, Tasha Remmers and Flora Emma Oliver; mother Flora Oliver; and siblings: Brock, Ken, Carlene, Leonard, Vondell and Marlon Oliver; grandchildren, aunts, uncles and cousins. Holmes Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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Dear Doesn't like to read that much:

Yup.

Dear Anna,

Hi, even though I live far away, I really enjoy reading your column and enjoy your answers. So, I decided to send a question of my own, knowing that compared to some of the problems you help with, this may sound pretty trivial.

Here goes: My daughter is 18 years old and a great kid.

She has struggled with learning disabilities her entire life and (I am so proud to say) graduated last year from high school and is now attending a community college in our city with the dream of becoming a chef.

Our problem is this, our daughter started driving later than most kids and finally got her driver's license when she turned 17, around a year and a half ago.

Within the past 6 months she has been in two accidents, both determined to be her fault.

This girl is not a wild driver. In fact our neighbor once commented to us, "I saw your daughter driving the other day and she is such a safe driver!" That was nice to hear but if anything, I think she may be almost too careful if that's possible. She basically drives like...well..my grandma used to drive. Only maybe not as fast.

The first accident she had was definitely her fault and she turned and hit another car. There were minor injuries.

This last accident happened as she was changing lanes on the freeway on the way to school. She swore that it wasn't her fault and the other driver jumped into her lane. Her side mirror was torn off and, thank goodness, no one was hurt.

The insurance company found her at fault anyway, based on the damage and what the other driver said.

Unfortunately now I'm scared to death to let her drive.

Besides the economic reasons (I can't imagine how this'll affect our insurance rates) but I'm also afraid she'll get into another accident and be seriously hurt.

The car is in our name as is the insurance since she doesn't have a job right now because she's attending school full time and it's such a struggle for her.

So far we haven't been able to get the side mirror fixed and have been driving her back and forth to and from school.

She's wondering when she'll be able to drive herself again and, at this point my husband and I haven't been able to agree on that. Should we let her begin driving herself to and from school (about 17 miles away on a busy freeway.) once we get the mirror fixed? Should she just be able to drive around the neighborhood and to the store only?

Or, as my husband is leaning toward, should we give her free reign again once she's out of school, has a job, can buy her own insurance, is married, has two kids, is at least 30 years old, there's finally have a decent President in office, world peace abounds, etc.? (Some of that may be a bit of exaggeration, but you get the idea).

Anyway, we're at a bit of a crossroads and are unable to come up with a wise solution (compromise?)

I would truly appreciate any advice you have to offer.

Take care, M--- (or whatever pseudonym you want to give me)

Dear Best Pseudonym Ever:

Okay. Your daughter is a very wonderful young woman. I took a journey with her during her accidents - I "see" it this way: The first accident: Nobody ever really explained "blind spots" to her. There are points in every body's car where other vehicles are not visible.

That absolutely poorly designed side-post between the front windshield and the driver's side window and the same place on the passenger side,

You just can't see anything in that 2 inch space, which equates when combined with poor timing, a big bang. Teach your daughter to use all of her own personal and intuitive senses.

Teach her to feel your hand with her eyes closed: move your hand and place it two inches behind her head. Let her tell you when she begins to "feel you." Do not touch her. Then, play the same game again, only this time place your hands about six inches from each ear. Now very quietly, move your hands towards her ears and ask her when she first, "hears" you and when she first "feels" you.

Now secondly; let go of your fear. She is learning disabled, not retarded. She knows how to drive. She is fine. She is okay. She IS a good driver. She was reflecting and creating for herself, through the law of attraction, that which she concentrated on: Not Having An Accident.

The trouble is - this thinking or thought pattern is such a set up for failure. It predetermines an accident. Who is it that said, "Yeah, that which I feared the most came upon me?"

Well, whoever he is, he is correct. The Universe has no value system of good or bad. It just responds with Creation within the magnetic field of time. Each thought has polarity (positive/negative). That which the human mind perceives is conceived through manifestation.

Each time that she and everyone combined in the "hope of no accidents or the prayer for safety there is an assumptive thought that you are not safe, so you need attention to the matter of safety.

Key word there is NEED. That created a thought of worry, a negative charge chemically issued by the brain within the body, utilizing the neo ephedrine chemical, creating a molecular electron release of a certain register or a. negative charged electron

Positive thinking emits another chemical, which elicits a molecular electron with a positive charge.

It seems that the words positive and negative reflect value when associated with events. The positive attracts: positive. The negative: negative. They want to join together to fulfill each other. So, change your thinking, don't worry, be happy. I mean it. Fear and Joy are equal creators. We need to retrains our patterns of thinking in order to attract better life experiences to ourselves.

Also, more simply put, let me help make you feel better: I talked with six of my friends with teenage daughters who just newly got their license.

Here are the informal sorta scientific results: Out of six girls: six accidents, one with three accidents, two with one accident, and one with no accidents but three tickets.

I had a one car very stupid accident three days after I got my license. I got a ticket for a "no left-hand turn" the second day. Neither of those things ever happened to me again, and I have been driving a very long time.

It is the Law of attraction; we keep telling them...."Be careful, you could get into an accident.

Drive safely, I don't want you to get hurt or killed." We understand what we mean, but it may be interpreted as negative.Try instead, "Have a great drive."

You're daughter has fulfilled her statistics. She can drive safely now for quite a while. She can get a job and work part time and pay for part of her insurance. It will help her not to feel like a victim.

I like the 30 year plan. That's a couple of years better than I did with one of my kids.

On the second accident, your daughter speaks the truth.

It was just not her day, and - just because she was so very thoughtful and careful when she told her side of the story, and that was perceived as "rehearsed," which resulted in the insurance going with the most convincing participant, and she was scared - fear - and she realized her fear.

Dear Anna,

Hello there. How are you doing? Well first of all I need to know who is checking my Grandma's mail?

Well see, awhile back we lost our key in the house or in the car or perhaps dropped it somewhere and to this day we still haven't found it. and when I check mail I have this feeling that someone has checked it already. So if you can please let me know or have any clue where we could have lost it.

Lost

Dear Lost:

Well, I do see that the key to the mail box, and probably your car keys were picked up right on the ground, right in the front of your mail box. Not good news.

So, you had just been there, he saw you come and go. He saw and took your keys because he saw you. When he drives, he drives an older model car. He is, in his terms, not a thief but sometimes an opportunist. He is young. Change your key.

Dear Anna,

I wanted to ask you two questions I know some things you can't answer but I was wondering if you could help me find some glasses we lost when we were having a loss and at that time a relative put a big lump sum of money in the bottom of her purse and it disappeared from her purse.

Can you give a sense of direction to where it may have gone or were the glasses are?

Looking

Dear Looking:

I am so sorry that you have had to experience this disrespectful and hurtful act.

I am saddened by what I see. Two people, Two young people. Not behaving well. Being hurtful to friends and family. Saying mean things. Not coming home when they should. Too much drugs. I don't want to say anymore.

Blessings and I will pray for a good resolution.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

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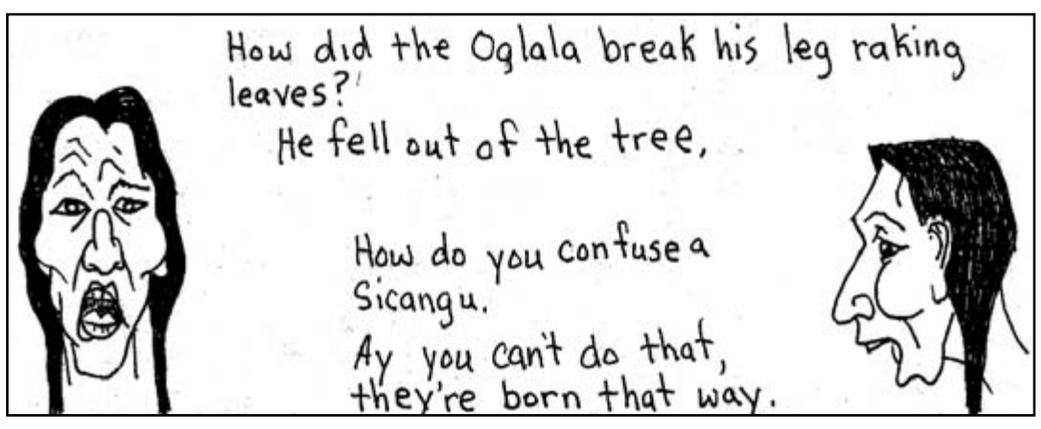
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Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Court, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in Civil Court General Session Order for Publication Case No: D-099-06

Margo E. Running Shield-Plaintiff
vs. Jacob W. Running Shield-Defendant

Greetings to the Above named Defendant: This matter having come on for publication pursuant to the fact that the Court has been unable to serve the Defendant with Summons, Divorce Complaint, and Notice of Civil Action either by personal service or by certified mail.

It is therefore ordered that the Defendant shall be served the Summons, Divorce Complaint and Notice of Civil Action with the Divorce hearing scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at the hour of 09:00 a.m. by publication in the Lakota Country Times in Martin, South Dakota for a period of four (4) weeks.

Dated this 02nd day of February, 2007. By the Court of Brenda Claymore, Chief Judge Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Attest: Jenny R. Halfred, Clerk, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

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Happy belated B-day to Maria Cruz hope you had fun from: Tony & Stacey & Family

Happy birthday to my one and only girlfriend Kacena One Horn from: Adam Shangreaux

Happy belated birthday to my mother Bonnie Standing Solder. I love you very much you're the best loving, caring, grandma ever from: Stacey, Tony Marrufo & family

I want to say Happy 17th b-day to my boy Michael Deleon on Feb. 16th, 2007. Enjoy yourself, I love you each and every day. You deserve so much more, when you become on your own, you'll have it all, cause you're a hard worker, and never complain.
Your ina Meredith

We want to wish our big brother Michael Deleon a very happy day on his day Feb. 16, 2007 It's a Friday, to - boot. You know how much we love you, brother so uh mom always buy's enough cake & ice cream, so are we in on it too? Love Rhonda, Heidi & Christopher Jumping Eagle

Happy Valentines Day to our wonderful, unique, beautiful, mother and grandma: Lavinia M Eagle Chasing have a sweet day with lot's a candy and pretty flowers. May the great spirit watch over you in his care and with our prayers for your health and prosperity. Love you always & forever your 6 wonderful children, all your grandchildren & great grandchildren, in Eagle Butte, Pierre, Mission, South Dakota and in Florida, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Happy 1st. birthday to our 1st granddaughter, our precious princess: Harmony Lee Ann Pourier - Janis on Feb. 6th. H = Heavenly, A = Awesome, R = Rainbow, M = MY love, O = One and only, N = not- to- cute, Y = You're the best from your papa and unci, Melvin and Gwen Young Bear

Happy 2nd birthday to our other takoja on feb.1st Alisse Moves Camp - Janis , We love you baby from : Grandpa and Grandma, Melvin and Gwen Young Bear uncles : Tony and Cetan Luta

Belated birthday wish to our son Cetan Luta Young Bear on jan. 26th we love and are very proud of you. Love mom and dad Gwen and Melvin Young Bear also your brother Tony

Happy Valentines Day to my daddy Ron King in R.C. love ya lots from: your baby girl Aroha in k-town

Happy Valentines day to these special people I our lives, Tony Janis, Alyssa and Samantha, Cetan Luta, Harmony, to my dad Gary Voice Elk Sr., Amy Red Owl, Maven Fizer in Fort Bragg, my granma Mabel Long Soldier, Sally Bull-man, my cousins in Ogalala Wilma ND Agrace Good Voice Elk, my sister Arvella and Richard Moves Camp, my nieces and one nephew Martina, Dawn, Sylvia, Faith, Loretta and Brother Moves Camp from: Melvin and Gwen Young Bear

Happy b-day on 2-12-07 to our Unci Dorothy Thunder Bull we love you lots and hope you enjoy the cake we made you. from: your beautiful grand daughter Aroha & Sylvia

Dear Jen
I love you so much,
to: mom and dad from Kay

Happy B- Day to Kacena, Bill, and Tylene One Horn on March 2nd, 9th and 10th from: Adam Shang and family

Happy Valentines Day to my baby boy, Travis Desersa, going to the navy. Love your girl in Kyle

Happy birthday on 2-12-07 to my beautiful mother Dorothy Thunder Bull hope you enjoyed yourself you deserve every minute of it! Love you White Dove

Congratulations Mary Short Horn we are so proud of you for making honor roll at Little Wound High School from: Donna, Greg, Ryan and Jesse

Happy belated Valentines Day to my 2 sons and daughter, Russell Jr., Tanner, Ta'mya from your mom Sharon & dad Russell

Happy Valentines Day to my world, Chad Russ Bettelyon I'll always be your love! Sherry Dione

I would like to wish my beautiful, smart princess Siara Brieze Pilcher a very happy 7th birthday on Feb. 4th you are my pride & joy you make me so happy lots of hugs & kisses love your momma Lorraine

Happy birthday to Shania Shay Janis on Jan. 30th love you lots my beautiful niece aunty Lorraine & Siara Brieze

I would like to wish my handsome nephew Jaden Wayne Janis Down in Arizona a happy birthday on Feb. 10th love aunty Lorraine & your buddy Siara

To my MOM (Noreen Two Bulls), I appreciate everything that you have done for me and my baby. I know he is going to have the best Grandma in the world, cause I've had the best mom in the world. Their was never a moment when you weren't there for me when I needed you, so I know you'll be there for him. With all Our Love, Lace and Baby Larry

I wanna wish my big brother, HunterJ.L. Big Eagle, a Happy 5th Birthday on February 16th,2007. Hope you have fun brother!! I love you from your lil' sis Rylee J. Howe.

Happy birthday wishes to our family & friends for February, 2007 ,
Adrian C. 2-2-07 (a close friend,)
Everne W. 2-4-07,
Janell Mx. 2-6-07,
Delores Bagola 2-6-07,
Patricia H.B. 2-16-07,
Mark D.G. 2-20-07,
Antoine I.L. 2-22-07,
Delema B.W. 2-22-07 (our special friend,)
Kiara M. 2-24-07,
Elissa H.B. 2-24-07,
Jenna W.F. 2-25-07,
Have a good one on your special day. May you all have many, many, more years to come. Love from the whole family & Relatives & friends in Eagle Butte S.D.

I would just like to say, that I really enjoy reading your newspaper! So many interesting stories, no rubbish or things that I don't want to know or are going to make me fall asleep. Keep up the good work!
Maria
New Zealand

Happy Birthday to Antoinette on the 19th of February coming from Tommy, T alanna, and Tiara

Wishing a Very Special Happy Birthday to our one and only son, Akicita Hoksila Marshall-Richards, who will be 3 years old on February 26th! We love you very, very much son!! May all your sweet lil dreams come true! Love you! xoxo Momee & Daddy xoxo

Happy 3rd Birthday to my baby brother, Kica!! We're going to Chuckie Cheese, we're going to Chuckie Cheese! Love you chee-cha ! From your side-kick, sister Tanya

We would like to wish our son, Hunter J.L. Big Eagle, a Happy 5th Birthday on February 16, 2007. Hope you have fun on your special day. Take it easy on the cake and ice cream!!!! We love you so much, Mom and Jr.

We would like to say Happy Valentines Day to a handsome and adorable nephew, and grandson, Landon Jon Yellow Hawk, we love you and your momma and poppa very much. Love The Family

Happy Belated Birthday on February 14th Chante Skuya Shangreaux,



Sara Spanda Shangreaux from: Jody, Jamie & kids, Adam & Kacena, Larry, Jamie, Robert, mom, James & Corey

In Memory Of:

Duane Two Bulls,
Pete Two Bulls Sr.,
Pam Colhoff,
Tim Brown Bull,
Virgil Brown Bull,
Grandma Dora.

If roses grew in heaven Lord, please pick a bunch for me. Place them in my loved ones arms and tell them they're from us. Tell them that we love and miss them, and when they turn to smile, place a kiss upon their cheek and hold them for awhile. Because remembering them is easy, we do it everyday. But theres a ache in our hearts that will never go away.
From:
The Two Bulls Family

Happy Birthday to my loving wife, Connie. I love you very much!
Manuel

To Mom: Happy Birthday on March 1. We love you very much!
Brandon & Roseanna

Jenni,
I hope you get to feeling better soon.
Strep Throat is no fun!
Welcome to adulthood!
your mother,
Connie
P.S.
I love you, and you're really a good mom to your daughter.

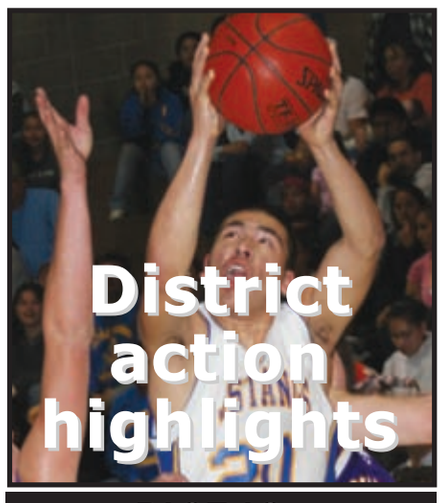
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New jail to open March 2

Facility will relieve overcrowded Pine Ridge and Kyle jails

PINE RIDGE - The Oglala Sioux Tribe's new 58,000 square foot adult offender's facility is set for a formal grand opening on Friday, March 2 at 10 a.m. at the new facility located south of Pine Ridge and ready to accept their first formal prisoners at midnight on Saturday, March 3.

Following an opening prayer, speakers will include John Steele, Oglala Sioux Tribe's president, Len Chester, BIA facility program specialist, James Twiss, chief of police and Jeanne Whirlwind Horse, captain of corrections. After opening ceremonies, a noon meal will be provided and tours of the new 144 bed facility.

"It is just a tremendous relief to finally be able to open the facility," said Jeanne Whirlwind Horse, captain of corrections, "we received our interim certificate of occupancy back on Nov. 29, 2006, we went through a trial run with about 18 prisoners for three days which went well and Saturday at midnight

Please turn to New jail: A2

Michaud wins state wrestling title

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

SIOUX FALLS - "We were all tied up at four all and there were 30 seconds left and I knew I had to go for a win," said Dave "Bulldawg" Michaud after winning the 189 pound division state wrestling championship Saturday night at the Sioux Falls Arena, "if I didn't score then we were going into overtime and I think he had more endurance than I did."

Michaud scored a two point takedown in the last 20 seconds of the third period in his 189 championship match against Devin Clark of Sioux Falls Lincoln for a 6-4 win. Clark opened the match Saturday night on the center matt at the Arena with a two point takedown and a 2-0 lead.

Michaud came back to tie it up at two all. Clark went back to work with another takedown and a 4-2 lead only to see Michaud tie it up at four all. Michaud earned the spot in the finals by pinning Kyle Blake of Belle Fourche in 3:33, pinning Tim Marlette of Sioux Falls Washington in 1:38 in the quarterfinals and beating Josh Lynde of Yankton in the semis 4-1.



Top: David 'Bulldawg' Michaud of Pine Ridge gets two for a takedown on Lincoln's Devin Clark during their 189 pound State Wrestling Championship match Saturday night at the Sioux Falls Arena. Top right: Pine Ridge head coach Dave Michaud celebrates as David Michaud defeats Clark 6-4 for the 189 championship title. Photos courtesy of by Dave Eggen/Inertia.

Todd County's Chris Rahn lost to Keith

Please turn to State wrestling: A2

Solutions sought to increase spirituality for Sicangu youth

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

MISSION - A 'Faith Based' gathering was held at the Sinte Gleska University multipurpose building on Wednesday, Feb. 21. It was called by Patricia Broken Leg-Brill, Director of the Wanbli Wiconi Tipi, the RST juvenile detention center. The meeting was well attended by more than 100 Sicangu people and exceeded the 2:30 - 5 p.m. scheduled time.

Many were invited guest, while other community members simply showed up to lend their support. Many ideas presented were documented on large billboard type paper and will presumably be used to create a plan for interjecting a sense of spirituality and religion into the lives of Sicangu youngsters. Many youth are discussing the recent suicides among their peers and questioning some of the foundations which are supposed to represent their support system and perhaps, spiritual base.

The purpose was to gather ideas and create a plan for connecting youth with their spirituality somewhere along their journey from teens into young adult hood. By the time some youth have taken a wrong turn and end up in juvenile detention many have indicated that they do not believe in a higher power or have a spiritual foundation.

Broken Leg-Brill introduced Marlies White Hat of the SGU Reclaiming Futures program and RST tribal court judge, Janelle Sully, while Sicangu medicine man Sam Wounded Head prayed in Lakota. Other detention staff that was present included Pat Bad Hand and Tim Guerue.

The gathering saw a number of very articulate Sicangu spiritual and community people who were not only humorous and inspirational,

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TWO SECTIONS

Politics hold up infrastructure for new businesses

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Tribes who want to grow economically can take steps to cultivate a business-friendly atmosphere on reservations, according to information presented to Native American entrepreneurs and leaders at the South Dakota Indian Business Conference held Feb. 21 and 22 at the Ramkota Best Western in Rapid City.

The conference, organized by several organizations including Lakota Funds, Lakota Express and Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce, featured panels of business owners, tribal administrators or their delegates, and legal experts, as well as individual speakers.

Business owners told of their experiences in getting their businesses started and keeping them operating.

Karlene Hunter, founder of Lakota Express on the Pine Ridge Reservation, said the lease process stood in her way when she started her business in 1996. It took 18 months to negotiate a tribal lease, which should be a 90-100 day process, she said.

When she did get a lease, she said, it was just for five years, not long enough to get a substantial loan.

Lakota Express had to put in water, sewer, and T1 telephone lines because the existing ones were for government and couldn't be used by private sector, Hunter said.

She said tribal leaders wanting to promote business need to look at the total reservation system, to see "how rules and regulations are prohibiting small business from getting started." Tribes should enact Uniform Commercial Codes and ensure a smooth-running judicial system, she said.

Business people need to think independently, as she did when getting into the China market. "We did that without anyone's permission," she said. Native Americans won't be sovereign "until we start acting sovereign," Hunter said.

Robert Laurenz, a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe, started Dakota 2000 and Ranchland Technologies in 1995, providing computer systems and customer service to tribes.

Laurenz, as well as other panelists, emphasized the importance of researching, becoming educated, and having a plan before starting a business. And, "There's no replacement for integrity and honesty," Laurenz said.

Pete Shelton, owner Native American Office Products in Rapid City, said he got started by marketing meat in 1974. He said he had $3.5 million in business lined up in nine months and could have done more but couldn't get a line of credit in Rapid City. He had to do his banking in Nebraska, where he grew up.

Shelton, Laurenz, and

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but who provided ideas as to how to reinvigorate the youth when it involves spiritual matters. Pastor Gabe Medicine Eagle of Ideal was adamant when he said that the youth should have been invited so they could hear the passionate testimony of some wonderful local speakers and provide their own.

Judge Sully explained the issue that is confronting youth as they progress through the continuum that is their daily life and corresponding social and spiritual life. She said, "This came about when JDC started, when kids started having trouble at school. From there we developed programs for them to get help even before the police are called. We have the First Offenders program, probation, and the Wellness Court. The last resort is detention and then, post-detention. Can they go home and is it safe for them?" There are some holes that need to be filled in. What is missing is a "faith-based" program…the state says there is a separation of church and state, in tribal culture we all believe in the Great Spirit."

Broken Leg-Brill used a bit of Lakota humor when she pointed out that she, Judge Sully and Marlies White Hat are looked upon as three pronged approach; one incarcerates the youth, one holds them in detention and the other works to reclaim them from the justice system.

White Hat spoke of her work with the Wellness Court and noted, "There were over 500 arrests last year. Many are on probation. We asked them to do a substance abuse assessment when on probation. We're missing the spiritual community. A lot have been traumatized and have PTSD."

Detention officer, Pat Bad Hand, of Two Strike community spoke of the many lessons that he has learned from his elders which he often communicates to the youngsters under his supervision. He explained that "time" is a valuable commodity that many people are aware of, yet because of their job demands and other distractions often fail to dedicate enough of it to their child's life. Bad Hand, also a powwow emcee encouraged everyone to stay, eat and have their opportunity to speak. He said, "Don't be like mosquitoes; they like to eat and run."

Fontaine Guerue delivered a good Christian message when she said, "Our children are lost. They don't have an identity. Stop blaming them and work to find a solution. Teach them there is someone greater than they are. Teach families to open their arms up. We want to put up bill boards reclaiming our children."



Mr. Arcoren of St. Francis explains how he set a poor example for his children and has turned to spirituality.

St. Francis elder, Mr. Arcoren said, "I had five boys go through penitentiary. It hurts. It's a bad situation. I drank with my kids. I tell my boys don't do that and they say, 'You did it.' It is the wrong way to bring up children."

Pastor Gabe Medicine Eagle gave a relatively long inspirational message which illustrated his journey from a traditional understanding of Lakota spirituality to his current role as one who believes in the Bible and is able to interpret it very profoundly. He said, "We have a voice deep down that recognizes God. A lot of the time we shut the voice of God off. We have a fear that if we believe it, then we have to conform to it."

Pastor Jack Moore of the Christian Fellow Church also spoke of parental responsibility and its shortcomings. He said, "The problem is when we don't know what guidance to give them. What's wrong with our children is our fault. When we have no future, there is no consequence. We have given our children no hope for the future. The children who are on the streets are going to lead the tribe in the next generation. They don't know how to do that."

Finally, Charlene LaPointe who works at St. Francis Indian School spoke of a survey she conducted at the school. She said, "The survey asked what would you change at your school? One student said, "All our teachers would 'be back in the day' and all would be Lakota speakers. When we hear Lakota, we feel safe. After school we need a big place here where we can hang out. We really want to be here. It's the only place we can about what is going on at home."

New jail

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we will accept our first formal prisoners, I believe we will have 10 prisoners from the jails in Pine Ridge and Kyle."

Construction started on the new facility in 2000 with an original opening date scheduled for August of 2004. The $13 million detention facility was funded by the Department of Justice, was built with 144 beds, could hold up to 200 prisoners and includes a large kitchen, a law library, two recreation areas and nine classrooms.

"Construction problems turned out to be the real holdup, there were last minute changes made to blueprints and a number of change orders," said Whirlwind Horse about the many delays in getting the building ready; "there was a punch list of over 60 items to take care of ; we are now going to have the main building inspected while we wrap up the needed changes to the maintenance building - turns out that the propane tanks were installed too close to the buildings and now need to be moved to meet compliance, just part of getting this large and complex facility up and on line."

The new facility will employ 49 staff; currently there are 31 correctional officers employed and ten administrative and support staff.

According to Whirlwind Horse there are eight correctional officer positions open and being advertised; each officer receives a three week training course on the direct supervision process of the new detention facility and has or will complete an eight week corrections training in Artesia, N.Mex.

Administration of the new facility includes Jeanne Whirlwind Horse, captain of corrections, Leon Little Moon, facility administrator, Darwin Long, facilities administrative assistant, Brent Plenty Bull, Robert Clifford, Pam Star, Emma Quilt and Jude Running Shield are lead correctional officers and Delia Conquering Bear is the head cook. Future plans include closing the kitchen at the Pine Ridge jail and moving the kitchen staff to the new facility to cook for both Pine Ridge old jail and the new detention center.

During the first year of operation Whirlwind Horse sees no more than 70 prisoners housed in the new facility while they find out what works and what doesn't. After a year of operation, the new detention facility is able to enter into contracts with the Bureau for BIA prisoners and the Bureau of Prisons for prisoners from around the country.

Whirlwind Horse states that after meeting inspection requirements that the buildings will belong to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, that the Bureau of Indian Affairs will maintain the facility and through a 638 contract with the Bureau there will be operating resources for daily operations.

With two recreation areas, a law library and nine classrooms, the detention facility will have the space to offer a variety of programs including parenting classes, continuing education courses, 12 step meetings, and a variety of therapy programs.

We will need to depend on a variety of tribal programs to assist with these offerings explains Whirlwind Horse.

"It feels so good to finally open the new facility, we will be able to relieve some of the overcrowding pressure on the jails in Pine Ridge and Kyle; I can't wait to tackle the challenges of operating the detention center instead of dealing with all of the holdups getting it up to speed."

Business conference

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Hunter all praised the federal "Buy Indian" program that induces government agencies to buy goods and services from tribes.

Shelton said he does the majority of his business with federal government and other states' governments, such as in Florida and Colorado.

But his own state provides no business, he said. "We have yet to sell the state of South Dakota a pencil."

Baptiste "Bat" Pourier, owner of Muddy Creek Oil and Gas Co. and Big Bats in Pine Ridge and three other conveniences stores, said, "Our foundation is sobriety. We had nothing until then." Pourier said people didn't take him seriously until after he'd been sober about five years. Then he "started building a personal foundation for business," he said.

After establishing credibility and credit, Pourier used the BIA grant program, which helped him to secure a Small Business Administration loan. "The rest of the story is, it takes damn hard work," he said.

Pourier said, "It's not easy to start a business in Indian country." Tribal government needs to set up a structure that is attractive to economic development, with separation of powers, UCC codes, longer terms on leases, and the ability to transfer wealth.

Establish that, and "then we'll see people attracted to the reservation to do business," Pourier said.

Linda Szabo, owner of the Soldier Woman Art and Gift Gallery just south of Mission, said she moved back to the reservation to be near her family and when she couldn't find a job, started a business. She had help from First People's Fund and sells strictly Northern Plains Indian art, she said.

Richard Tall Bear Westerman, a member of Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, owner of Red Nation Furniture, said he recognized a niche and now is the single-source supplier of furniture and fixtures for tribal schools, clinics, and casinos.

If you have a Native American business, you have to do better than a non-Native business, he said. People seem to believe Native-owned businesses charge more, but he is competitive in bidding, he said.

Requirements for successful business are money, sales, and quality employees who are "just as motivated as you are," Westerman said.

A panel of tribal chairmen or their designates shared their observations and experiences in trying to foster economic development on reservations.

"We don't have too many people knocking on our doors saying, 'We have some money to invest and we want to invest it in Indian Country,'" said Robert Cournoyer, chairman of Yankton Sioux Tribe.

To set the stage for entrepreneurship, people need to clean up their credit and get into position to secure loans with collateral.

Cournoyer also expressed frustration with interference from state government. "We could have economic development if the Governor Mike Rounds would play ball with the tribes," he said. The state mouths good intentions but doesn't keep its word, Cournoyer said.

Sam Allen, Economic Development Resource Coordinator with the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, also finds state limitations to be detrimental to economic development. "Gaming is very lucrative for us," he said, but market studies show that to compete with Minnesota, Flandreau should have 1,500 to 1,600 machines.

Russell Eagle Bear from Rosebud, representing tribal president Rodney Bordeaux, said his tribe does a lot of business with the local bank, but with every transaction, the tribe has to waive some sovereign immunity.

Ron His Horse Is Thunder, chairman of Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and panel moderator, said giving up sovereign immunity is "a real hard pill for us as tribal government to swallow" because tribes have to fight so hard to keep sovereignty.

Michael B. Jandreau, chairman of Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, said there is a danger in doing business of creating a sub-society, diminishing the sense of tribalism. Tribes can't succeed without spirituality, he said, and have to deal with resources as a body.

The tribe has to build its economic base before individual entrepreneurs can thrive, and bringing in outside elements doesn't work, Jandreau said; "We have found at our tribal level we must develop from within."

Stephen Cornell, who is the director of the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy at the University of Arizona and co-director of the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development was a keynote speaker.

Cornell emphasized that tribal governments need to be supportive of entrepreneurs by changing their attitudes, make investments and change institutions. This could mean changing cultural attitudes so that communities see business owners as helping rebuild communities and families.

Last year, Sen. Tim Johnson held a listening session with tribal leaders regarding his Hometown Prosperity Plan.

At that session, Rodney Bordeaux, president of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, said more than $185 million came through the reservation in a year and 80 percent of that left the reservation.

Former Oglala Sioux Tribal President Cecelia Fire Thunder said $200 million came through the Pine Ridge Reservation in a year and immediately $180 million of that leaves the reservation. The discussion at that session was how to keep that money circulating on the reservation.

U. S. Fish and Wildlife proposing to turn over Bear Butte Refuge

STURGIS - The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is looking at a proposal to divest itself of any interest in the Bear Butte national wildlife preserve and perhaps, turn the management of the sacred site to the state and the Bureau of Land Management.

The mission of the USFWS is to protect wildlife and when recreation takes precedence over wildlife the whooping crane and other threatened species are unable to use the lake area. Bear Butte Lake is managed by the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department and both USFWS and the SDGFP have some say so over it.

The lake is both a state park and a national wildlife refuge for migratory birds and other conservation and is near Bear Butte, a sacred mountain to Native Americans. The refuge was created in the 1930's and usage by an increasing numbers of people has, in turn, seen decreased usage by birds and other species. The lake occupies 180 acres and is 13 feet deep.

The Bear Butte International Alliance is concerned that other alternatives should be examined by the USFWS as they are proposing to stay with the refuge or divest themselves of the area.

BBIA would have them, instead, ask the state to prohibit boating at certain times during the year. If the USFWS would divest themselves of the refuge, it would be left to the BLM and would likely become a "multiple use" area.

The USFWS will hold a open house on the divestment proposal on Wednesday, Feb. 28 and a report on that will be presumably forthcoming. The public can comment on the USFWS plan until April 9.

State title

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Mayer of Aberdeen Central in the semis 9-6 but came back to pin Jeremiah Lafazio of RC Stevens in 1:11 for third place.

In his first two matches, Rahn pinned Calvin Freed of SF Roosevelt in :26 and Harrison Hawley of Vermillion in :15, with three pins, Rahn earned the Dale Westberg Memorial Award given to the wrestler who has the most falls at state.

Albert Her Many Horses opened the state wrestling meet in the 130 pound division by pinning Alex Defea of Milbank in 2:53 then was pinned by Ryan Baxter of Stevens in 1:06 and pinned by Dustin Warnke of Mitchell in 2:46 to close out a 26-3 senior year. Pine Ridge's Bruce Jacobs lost to Tim Waterman/SF Lincoln 18-3 and to Cade King/Belle Fouche 8-3 to close out his freshman year.

"This has been a big goal for Bulldawg since he first started wrestling so many years ago," said Dave Michaud, Bulldawg's father and coach after jumping for joy after the championship match win, "he has worked really heard to reach all of his goals whether it is to excel on the football field or the wrestling mat or in the classroom working for a 4.0 grade point average or earning the valedictorian award his senior year."

Young Michaud reached the championship match of the 160 pound division as a sophomore only to lose in the finals; he broke a vertebrae in his neck as a junior and took sixth in state at 189 and this year battled through a dislocated shoulder and partially torn rotator cuff forcing him to sit out for five weeks.

Michaud could very well have wrestled his last match as his future plans call for college and playing football not wrestling.

"It has been wrestling for the last 16 years, I'm ready to move on and really focus on football and getting a college education," said Michaud, "I've looked at the University of Wyoming and South Dakota State University, the journalism program at SDSU is really good so I'm leaning that way - either school it means walking on as a football player and that's OK, I'm used to hard work and overcoming a lot a adversity, I love challenges."

For coach Michaud this is his second state champion, two years ago Trevor Jacobs won the state at 1`30 and the coach sees a bright future ahead for Bruce Jacobs who qualified for state as a freshman.

"That being said, I'm really looking forward to hitting the road and watching my son compete at the next level, it's exciting to see all the hard work pay off, it's worth all of the long hours of hard work and sacrifice."

Meth addiction a major focus at Crackerbarrel

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Meth addiction and its effect on the prison system was a major focus at the last of this year's Legislative Crackerbarrels, held Saturday, Feb. 24, at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City.

Rep. Brian Dreyer, R-Dist. 32, told the crowd that he learned from a personal experience how hazardous methamphetamine can be. He and his wife owned a rental property in Missouri and found out from authorities that their tenant was cooking meth in the house, he said. They eventually had to gut the house because meth chemicals had saturated the paint and floorboards, Dreyer said.

Because meth addicts, as well as other drug and alcohol offenders, are overloading the prison system, 27 sponsors introduced House Bill 1271, which allows the Unified Judicial System to create a drug court, with a prototype program to be launched in the Fourth Circuit.

The bill sets aside $212,193, as well as allowing the addition of three full-time positions, to the Unified Judicial System for costs and workload related to the drug court program.



Tom Katus and Theresa Two Bulls

The proposed law has passed through the House and through Senate judiciary and appropriations committees and now will go to full Senate for a vote.

Another bill designed to keep addicts out of prison, House Bill 1072, provides funding for statewide 24/7 sobriety programs that require drug and alcohol offenders to be monitored by regular blood and urine tests. The bill appears to be headed for approval; it has passed through the House unanimously and will now be heard by the Senate.

Rep. David Lust, R-Dist. 34, said he hopes that a drug court and 24/7 program will help "stem the tide" of addiction.

Both programs will allow criminals convicted of drug or alcohol offenses to undergo intense supervision and rehabilitation rather than going to prison, which could alleviate prison overcrowding, Lust said.

A West River minimum security prison might have to be delayed for a year if land for construction isn't found. Sen. Bill Napoli, R-Dist. 35, said there were about 11 potential sites that have now been narrowed down to three.

Napoli said South Dakota per capita puts more people in prison than any other state. He said he hopes that the West River facility will be more than just a prison, but will have a strong rehabilitation component.

But Rep. Jeff Haverly, R-Dist. 35, said that time is running out for this year.

If legislators want to get money for the prison project through the appropriations process before the end of this legislative session, they will have to settle on a site fast, he said.

In response to a question about protecting water sources at Edgemont from uranium mining, Sen. Jim Lintz, R-Dist. 30, disagreed that uranium mining will contaminate the water because it's already contaminated.

Citing information he received from mining proponents, Lintz said right now the "radiant content" of the water "might make you glow" if you drink it. He also said the water from the Madison aquifer moves only one foot a year.

"I don't think there is a chance of them polluting the water," he said.

Dreyer answered a question about the possibility of South Dakota's following Minnesota's lead in developing wind energy and other forms of renewable energy. Minnesota's legislature recently passed the strongest renewable energy legislation in the nation.

Dreyer said he's not aware of anything that is being done in South Dakota to promote wind energy in the eastern side of the state.

In response to a question about wind turbines endangering bird species, Sen. Tom Katus, D-Dist. 32, said wind energy technology is evolving, and now revolving drums instead of rotors are being used and don't pose the same hazard to birds.

Katus also discussed the smoking ban, Senate Bill 196, which prohibits smoking in public places and job sites except in sleeping rooms, video lottery establishments, and tobacco stores.

Sen. Theresa Two Bulls, D-Dist. 27, testified for the ban on the floor of the Senate, Katus said, and her testimony helped push the bill through the Senate by one vote.

Two Bulls said she has recently been diagnosed with a lung condition that can be a precursor to cancer, Katus said.

Katus said he voted for the bill, but Rep. Mark Kirkeby, R-Dist. 35, said the bill "needs to die." If businesses want to allow smoking, they should be able to, Kirkeby said, and customers have a choice whether to patronize the place.

Napoli also opposes the bill. He said South Dakotans just voted to impose a higher cigarette sales tax, and it doesn't make sense now to cut the profits by limiting smoking.

The discussion became heated when Senate Bill 187 was brought up. The bill would require medical providers to give information about emergency contraception to rape victims.

Rep. Don Van Etten, R-Dist. 33, said that he does not support emergency contraception. He said if a woman who has had "a rape situation" goes to an emergency room with a "fertilized ovum" resulting from the incident, "a lot of people in South Dakota believe a fertilized ovum is a person."

To those people, emergency contraception is abortion because it prevents pregnancy by one of three means, and one of those means is to inhibit a fertilized egg from implantation, he said.

Kirkeby quickly responded, "Not one single time did he (Van Etten) mention the fact that there's a rape victim involved here." He said that when the legislature was hearing testimony on emergency contraception, one medical facility reported seeing as many as 15 rape victims in a month. Kirkeby said he supports emergency contraception out of compassion for rape victims.

There will be no more crackerbarrels this year, but the legislative session continues through March 9.

RST enacts tribal Lakota language program

Tribal chairmen roundtable on financial literacy March 5

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - Rosebud Sioux Tribal president, Rodney M. Bordeaux, who has an open-door policy for all of his Sicangu Oyate constituents generously sat for a quick update on one priority he has worked on, while explaining a trip he will be taking to the Ft. Randall casino when the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association meets on Monday, March 5.

Several years ago, the RST council passed a resolution designating the Lakota language as the official language, apparently to be used during council meetings and for other official actions.

However, it was never fully implemented as many tribal officials in their efforts to comprehend and maintain the Lakota language, mirror somewhat the struggle that many in the community are encountering.

For most distinct tribal nations, the evidence and maintenance of their native language is what makes them truly distinct from other ethnic people of the world community and without that the differences and uniqueness of a culture sometimes become blurred.

Area schools, Sinte Gleska University and other institutions are working to teach Lakota, and Bordeaux believes that RST should take the lead in rededicating themselves to the process, while making a renewed commitment to language learning and preservation. In fact, the RST council has committed $124,000 for a Lakota language program and a project coordinator. Bordeaux said, "The tribe is depending too much on schools and the university. My position is that this effort should come from the tribe. I am working with the university with all their resources."

One tribal member was heard discussing a lecture that she heard recently from Victor Douville of the SGU Lakota Studies Department. Apparently, Douville cited a hypothetical situation one day when officials from Washington might come down ask tribal members to speak Lakota and if they were unable it might have some bearing on their recognition as a tribal nation.

Bordeaux said that he consulted with Victor Douville and they created a job description and qualifications for the "RST Tribal Lakota Language Program."

The position will require a mature Lakota speaker with a master's degree in communication or equivalent and who is alcohol and drug free.

A computer learning program called "Rosetta Stone" which is used to learn foreign languages very quickly by the military and others will be used to teach Lakota. Bordeaux said it is a style of learning that is taught on a CD and that RST Attorney General, Dana Hanna, swears by as he is learning a couple of foreign languages.

In addition, the federal government has made a recent commitment to Native language preservation through the Martinez Language Preservation Act and it will make grant funding available at future date for language maintenance and preservation through the Administration for Native Americans.

President Bordeaux will be attending a "Financial Literacy Roundtable with Native Tribal Leaders" at the Ft. Randall Casino and Hotel hosted by the Yankton Sioux Tribe.

The Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association will meet with U. S. Treasurer, Anna Escobel Cabral at 10 a.m. on March 5. Tribal leaders from 16 tribes in the Great Plains region have been invited. A press conference will follow immediately after the meeting.

In the afternoon, the GPTCA will hold a meeting at 1 p.m. during which appropriations for the Great Plains Region will be discussed as well upcoming hearings in Washington, DC. The Alliance of Tribal Tourism Advocates will also present to the tribal chairman, as well as discussion on the upcoming hearing of the case "YST vs. Gaffey" a boundary diminishment case. It is apparently an important case for all tribes since it will concern case law which will be made regarding the diminishment of Boundaries Reservations, according to A. Gay Kingman of the GPTCA.

TCMS Science Fair winners advance to regionals

MISSION - Students at the Todd County Middle School held their annual Science Fair last week and there were 40 entries. Dr. Farney, one of the judges, said it was one of the best science fairs, yet and he expects that TCMS will do well at the regional fair on March 27 in Mitchell.

The results of the Winners in each of the four science categories headed for the Regional Science Fair are: "Science and technology" - 1st-Tyrell Herman 2nd-Samantha Fast Horse 3rd-Max Grimshaw 3rd-Brock Denoyer. "Earth Science" - 1st- Tanner Jackson 2nd - Domingo Tamayo, Marcel Black Lance 3rd - Buster Rahn, Allen Young 3rd-Jeremy Young. "Life Science" 1st - Megan Assman, Taylor Barry 2nd-Lottie Grimshaw 3rd-Tawny Barry 3rd-Jillion Small Bear. "Physical Science" 1st-Kyle Bachelor 2d-Beaux Beauvais, A.J. Whipple, Andrew Rivera. 3rd-Judith War Bonnett.



TCMS Science Fair Winners going to Regional Fair in Mitchell: (Back row to left) Beaux Beauvais, A.J. Whipple, Kyle Bachelor, Domingo Tamayo, Buster Rahn, Marcel Black Lance, Tanner Jackson, Taylor Barry, Tyrell Herman, (Left to right front) Andrew Rivera, Teela Lamoreaux, Tawny Barry, Max Grimshaw, Judith War Bonnett, Brook Denoyer, Samantha Fast Horse.

Little Wound School upcoming events for March

KYLE - Events Little Wound School parents need to be aware of for the month of March is as follows:

March 1-3: "A" Team Big Foot Conference
March 3: High school boys basketball district championship at Rapid City Stevens High School
March 5: Little Wound School board meeting at 6 p.m. and high school track season begins
March 6: High school boys basketball Regionals at Rapid City Civic Center.
March 7: Family Literacy night from 5 to 8 p.m. and K-6 Diabetes prevention activities.
March 9: No School
March 12: 10 a.m. Visitors from Bolivia presentation
March 13: GEAR UP
March 11: Daylight Savings Time
March 15-17: State A Boys Basketball Tournament at Rushmore Civic Plaza Center
March 16: No School (Professional Development Day)
March 22 and 23: Parent Teacher Conferences
March 30: No school (Professional Development Day)

OST March Commodity schedule

PINE RIDGE - The March commodity schedule is as follows:
Thursday, March 6 at Kyle by the CAP building.
Monday, March 8 at Manderson by the post office and Wounded Knee at the upper housing.
Monday, March 12 at Martin Sunrise homes.
Wednesday, March 14 at Porcupine Evergreen by the CAP building.
Friday, March 16 at Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni Lake.
Monday, March 19 at Oglala at the old Oglala store site.
March 26 to 30 Pine Ridge and Wanblee warehouse will be closed for inventory.
The warehouse is open for 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.
Listen to KILI Radio station for any changes.
Listed below is the criteria needed to participate in the commodity program:
1. Verification of income: check stubs, SSI and Social Security, pension letters.
2. Clients residency requires that they live on or near the reservation.
3. No district households shall be permitted to pick up their commodities in Pine Ridge until after the first seven working days.
4. No household shall be permitted to participate in the commodity program and the food stamp program during the same month.

Bill would establish Indian education effort

PIERRE (AP) - A state Senate committee unanimously embraced a bill Tuesday that would set up an Indian Education Office in South Dakota and an advisory council with representatives from each of the state's nine tribes.

The efforts are aimed at making sure teachers are knowledgeable about the American Indian culture in South Dakota.

The legislation would require all new teachers from out-of-state and those who were certified after 1993 to complete a three-hour course in South Dakota Indian history and culture.

Also established by HB1290 would be a pilot program to offer Lakota language instruction to teachers.

The bill was passed earlier by the House. It now goes to the Senate floor.

OPINION PAGE

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Thoughts that come from the heart

My son's song touches the lives of many



By Amanda Takes War Bonnett

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This past week has been a hardship for my youngest son Jeremy Lee Takes War Bonnett, he will be undergoing a tough time in his life for a year. Jeremy and I aren't bonded like I am with my other three children because of divorce. Jeremy was more connected with his father than his mother and chose another lifestyle.

Regardless, he was born my youngest and in my mind is my baby boy. When he was 16 years old Jeremy got himself in trouble and since that time has came a long way to where he is now. He grew spiritually, emotionally and physically in leaps and bounds. I watched him unfold just as a budding rose does, you know that feeling of seeing such splendor of the image that invokes such a beauty that it is hard to describe in words. Then again as mothers, we always tend to paint images of children in hues that are bright and shining, it is just our nature.

Last week, I heard two men who had control of a slice of my son's life tell him in an around about way that they thought he didn't do much in his life and it wasn't worth the money they thought he should have.

I am taking this space to tell my son publicly that he has done a tremendous lot in his life in the last five years. I praise him for that, for he has touched the lives of many people in an indirect way. The very words on the pages of this newspaper are part of what he has created in his life.

You see when Jeremy went through some trauma in his life and made mistakes, he made a conscious decision to do better and worked hard to make that happen. He knew he had an addiction and he knew he had emotional issues to heal and despite the barriers he had to work with, he was persistent to achieve the goals he set out for himself. His main goal was to heal a wound that kept festering in his life and he worked hard at it.

He learned his song.

He often said that he had to learn how to control and understand his own emotional behavior and only then will he be able to be productive in what he needed to do achieve his goals.

Jeremy was the tail end of a nearly 28 year relationship and he didn't quite make it like the rest of his siblings to have that nurturing structure of a two parent family.

Then on top of that, he experienced losses in his life with people that had much value to him and he just didn't quite know how to promote his own recovery from that grief.

There was so many times I often felt guilt for not giving him what he deserved and when I would talk to him about that, wanting to seek some sort of absolution for it, he helped me to let go.

Jeremy went through recovery to gain a better understanding and to analyze who he was and where he was going. He grew spiritually, emotional and physically and academically.

In the process of his recovery, he touched my life immensely.

He taught me so many things that I didn't quite understand before.

But his simple beliefs and his simple philosophy about life taught me to seek a better understanding of myself and my own level of spirituality and health.

He taught me about recovery, he taught me about a power greater than myself, he taught me about empathy and most of all he taught me about compassion and healing.

I continue to seek more of that knowledge by continuing my college classes at Oglala Lakota College in human services to learn methods of healing.

And believe me it is hard to attend classes and trying to publish a newspaper and be a mom and a grandma.

When I began to understand those issues, especially about empathy, it was then I realized that I needed to do more than what I was doing in life.

I wanted to find out what happened to Jeremy's parents where they couldn't be there for him.

It was in trying to understand my son's plight that lead me to make a decision to help others in cultivating a parenting program for Lakota families that were in that same spot that we were once in.

That program eventually touched the lives of nearly 125 parents that were seeking the same thing I was at one time. My hope is what they learned would makes a difference in the lives of their children.

Jeremy taught me simple things about life that helped me heal my own wounds of loss.

In that process of healing and learning, I made a sound decision to take an offer to publish a newspaper that would promote truth and integrity and hoped to somehow entwine the richness of the culture and language.

There aren't enough resources going on in our communities for the hurts and pains that my family went through and somehow I thought by offering simple words here and there throughout the newspaper about healing would help, even just one person then I would do it. And I was surprised at how quickly *Lakota Country Times* has grown with the print edition and the online edition with a weekly readership of an estimated 10,000 people.

No, I would not have taken the task of doing this if I didn't have my youngest son to teach me about one of life's simple philosophies - heart.

In his healing journey, he taught me about love and compassion. He taught me about the simple things of life that take us a long way.

In his healing journey, he taught himself how to play the flute for healing and his songs truly touch the heart. They touch mine.

Jeremy didn't connect with his spirit alone, he had the help of good people with heart like Francis White Lance, Carmen Cutt, Kevin Locke and Earl Bull Head and his family.

One time I was late for a meeting with a therapist because I believed I needed counseling about co-dependency. You know co-dependency is one social illness that swirls amidst us and impacts the lives of so many Lakota mothers and grandmas and their families.

We sincerely believe that it is something that we need to do to make our families survive. It isn't, we hurt our children more than we help and yet we continue to do it.

I saw Jeremy on the way to the therapist's office and he inquired where I was going and I told him and he said to me, "Why are you spending money on something you already know." Then with that silly smile of his, he told me to save myself some money, "Buy me a pop and a bag of chips and I will tell you what she is going to tell you."

He told me, "Don't be worrying about me and about dad and about things you can't control, just be happy everyday with what you have. Look ahead of yourself."

Those words made an impact on my life, and I probably never will be completely free from being co-dependent but I have a good start.

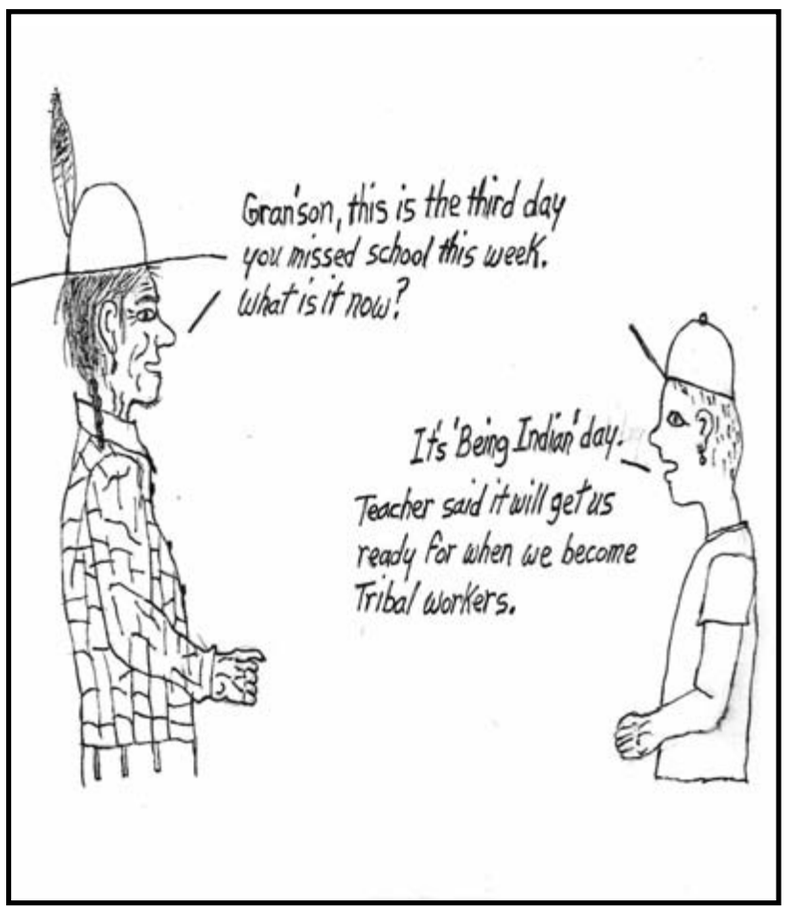
In my office, above my computer and phone I have a framed photo of Jeremy with his beautiful, flirty smile and everyday I think of him and the power he brought in my life and the decisions I make that day, I think of Jeremy and I think of - heart.

Every week when I go into the *inipi* to pray, I pray for my sons and I pray for healing for those that are like Jeremy so they will find joy.

So you see my son, you touched the lives of many through your mother, your father, your siblings and the image you paint to others of your spirituality.

It may not be worth the money they think you should have but the strength of your spirituality is worth more than money ever will be.

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Other Views

Sicangu's Lakota Women for Change respond to article

Dear Editor:

I am responding to an article in the *Lakota Country Times* regarding Rosebud's Secretarial Election.

A quote from Fern Bordeaux indicates just how much confusion there really is about this election. Fern, who sits on the governmental affairs committee, seems to think that the Lakota Women for Change were somehow responsible for this election process. She indicates that we had some responsibility for educating the public regarding the amendments.

While we are ready to assume our responsibility as citizens, the name of our organization appears nowhere in the law.

In fact, since the day we turned in the completed petitions, our name was never mentioned and we were never notified about the progress or lack of progress in the process that would lead to the election. We waited with everyone else to hear what the Bureau of Indian Affairs was doing about the election.

Since we are not a governmental organization, neither the Bureau nor the Tribal government had any obligation to notify us.

Contrary to Fern's belief, comments on the amendments from the solicitor's office were sent directly to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, not to the Lakota Women. At that time, the BIA was in a tangle of confusion because the solicitor's office disapproved of many of the amendments. They wanted the Tribal Council to correct the amendments pursuant to the Solicitor's comments.

The Task force and the Lakota Women took the position that the Tribal government had no right to change them. The task force further took the position that their job was done and they would not take on the task of asking people to fix their amendments.

The Lakota Women, being outsiders to the process, wanted to be careful that we didn't overstep our boundaries.

We decided that the proper procedure would be to get the Governmental Affairs Committee to go to the tribal council and request permission for us to bring together the people who had proposed the amendments. Nothing happened.

We then went to the superintendent and asked if it were possible to delay the election until we had a chance to go to the tribal council ourselves.

The superintendent informed us that only the tribal council could request a delay. Shortly after our meeting with the Supt., the Election date was announced.

The concerns discussed at the Council meeting on Feb. 14 were twofold.

One was the confusion over the amendments and the other was the lack of registered voters. Council people indicated they had received many calls from people living on the reservation who had not received registration packets.

Obviously, the BIA felt that they needed to rush the election after so many months of delay. A little public education and information prior to sending out the registration packets would have allowed the people some time to be prepared.

It would have been a perfect opportunity for the Office of the Special Trustee (OST) to update their records as well. As it was, many people had not updated their addresses in many years, and got lost in the shuffle. We don't think about the BIA or OST when we move.

Rushing into a Secretarial Election is not in the best interest of this Tribe.

Every word in the Constitution will be read and debated for years to come. The Solicitor's comments are important because the BIA still has the authority to accept or deny any amendment, even after the election.

They are not anxious to interfere in our right to govern ourselves, so they may just allow us to make huge mistakes and have to live with it.

We, as a tribe, made some mistakes from the beginning of this process, and we can learn from them. We need to amend the ordinance that sets up the Taskforce and the process of the actual "convention."

We need to have some criteria for the proposed amendments and we should limit the number of amendments that can be accepted by the convention. It should not be up to the taskforce to choose what is accepted or rejected. We should have an actual convention where people sit down together to draft amendments and vote on what should or should not be done.

I am proud of the Sicangu people for having the foresight to provide the people with the right to change our own constitution.

I believe we are the only Lakota tribe to do so.

We will get through this and we'll do better next time.

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Mission, S.D.

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Notes From Indian Country

The view from a red state with a red neck



By Tim Giago

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Many Americans view South Dakota as a backward red state. It is not a red state because of the nine Indian reservations within its borders because the voters residing on those reservations are historically blue. Check an election-day map by coloring all of the red and blue counties and you will find that every Indian reservation in the state will be colored blue.

It is a red state because its legislative body is fast becoming the most determined "morality police" in the nation. The state became a laughing stock last year when it tried to push through an anti-abortion law that would have put doctors in jail. The voters put the proposed law on the ballot and soundly defeated it.

Was that the end of it? Not on your life. Here it is 2007 and the "morality police" in state government have made amendments to the defeated proposal and are trying to get it passed again. Last week a legislative committee suffering from abortion fatigue rejected this year's version of the abortion ban.

The bill was amended to include exceptions for rape, incest and the health of the mother in an effort to put the objections of the majority of state citizens to rest. But the bill is not dead yet. State Senator Dennis Schmidt of Rapid City, a Republican of course, said, "It's too important. It's a life-or-death issue."

I am reminded of a comment I saw on a blog on huffingtonpost.com. It said those lawmakers pushing to overturn Roe v. Wade "are a bunch of old white men trying to tell women how it is to be a woman." It is ironic that Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) has joined this religious parade.

Last year we had a bunch of tribal council members on the Pine Ridge Reservation trying to do the same thing.

They broke with a long history of culture and tradition in order to express their new Christian ethics. They impeached their first ever woman president, Cecelia Fire Thunder, because she was an advocate of Roe v. Wade.

In the turbulent 1960s and 1970s South Dakota was known amongst American Indians as the Mississippi of the North. Racial prejudice and discrimination was not only widespread but also inherent to a white culture still steaming over the demise of Custer and his 7th Cavalry at the Little Big Horn. Troopers sporting Seventh Cavalry banners still march in present-day parades.

White South Dakotans are still enamored of an editorial written in 1891 by L. Frank Baum in the Aberdeen Saturday (SD) newspaper calling for genocide against the remaining Sioux population after the massacre at Wounded Knee when he wrote, "perhaps we should wrong them one more time and wipe these untamed and untamable creatures from the face of the earth." He must have been thinking about that comment when we wrote the flying monkey scene is his book The Wizard of Oz 10 years later.

When I was a student at Holy Rosary Indian Mission on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, a school run by the Jesuits of the Catholic Church, there was a strict code fashioned by the Church that governed the morals of movies produced in that era. On the one night of the week when we were allowed to see a movie we had no idea that the movie we watched had to be approved by the Church.

Things haven't changed much in communities like Rapid City. The local movie theater owner decides which movie is going to be shown in this city. It reminds me of the good old days when the Catholic Church did the same thing.

When the Michael Moore movie Fahrenheit 9/11 came out a couple of years ago many of us had to make strong vocal protests to the theater owner before he would screen the movie. The Last King of Scotland and Queen have not been shown in Rapid City yet although the lead actors in both movies have been nominated for Oscars.

That's the kind of mind control and moral policing I am talking about that is a regular occurrence in this fair state.

Indian columnists like myself are barred from writing for the state's two largest dailies, one owned by Lee Enterprises and the other by Gannett. I am sure that neither Lee Enterprises nor Gannett would approve of this censorship if they knew about it. It is strictly a local decision. The old adage that "Freedom of the press belongs to those who own the press" is never truer than in South Dakota.

When a white columnist for the local daily can compare the Pine Ridge Reservation to Iraq and get away with it that should tell everyone about the state of mind in this state.

Former Democratic Senator Tom Daschle just endorsed Barak Obama for president and since Daschle is from South Dakota his endorsement will hardly matter because this red, red state will never go blue for a black man.

Perhaps South Dakota would shed its identity as a "redneck" state if its legislative body and its governor spent more time trying to solve its horrendous racial problems between Indians and whites and worried less about policing the morals of its mainly white citizens.

The efforts of racial reconciliation in South Dakota died with former Republican Governor George Mickelson and there hasn't been a politician or governor of courage and true morals since. It seems they are too worried about telling women what it is to be a woman.

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Words from the 'trenches'

The warmth of a hand written letter



Connie Smith-Blanco

One of the benefits of working here at the Lakota Country Times is, it never gets boring! A few days ago I opened my email and there was a message from New Zealand! A lady there really likes our paper and took the time to tell us about it. (Both of us have the same opinion of the paper, and both of us are sitting in front of computers in zero degree weather.

Of course we're both sitting cozy "inside" with the heat on, (at least I hope she is, because I certainly am.) With my arthritis there's no way my fingers would obey me if they were forced to type outside. They barely obey me inside when it's warm. Thanks New Zealand for the kind words!

Another surprise…. a phone call "and" an email from a lady in Alaska. She inquired into advertising "and" selling our paper in her store. What a coincidence…hearing from two people reading our paper in colder weather than South Dakota!

Another coincidence…..my last week's cartoon talked about our "Eskimo cousins in Alaska".

When I emailed my response to Alaska I told her I hoped she had a good sense of humor because two days prior to her call I'd done my first cartoon about Alaska. Apparently all is well, because she still wants us to mail her 10 papers each week.

Looking through our snail mail each week gives me hope that the written word (written on real paper with a real pen or pencil) is not dead yet, despite the popularity of the internet. Don't get me wrong, we enjoy hearing from you folks out there in internet land and please keep those stories and opinions coming.

I just have a soft spot in my heart for the handwritten letter. I suppose it's old fashioned, but getting a personally addressed envelope in the mail has its own appeal. When you hold the letter in your hands, knowing someone far away took the time to buy a stamp and the effort to mail it from the post office ..... well it just seems special.

Amanda and I enjoy any and all the correspondence we get, whether snail mail or email. It helps us remember that our readers do care about our paper and the issues they find in it each week.

Last Friday, Amanda and I sat in our office while the snow fell and the wind blew and our cars didn't want to come to work.

We both tried to make phone calls to various people in schools and tribal offices across the rez but could get no response. We had to remind ourselves again that Friday was a tribal holiday and that no matter how many calls we made, there would be no answer on the end of the line.

We both started laughing and asking ourselves once again…did we both make the right decision to leave good reservation school jobs with paid federal and tribal holidays?

Is it worth it working at a job where your only paid vacation is the week you stayed home because you were too sick to drive?

Our answer, once again, was yes! It's worth it to have the freedom to speak our minds and print what's on other people's minds. And besides, working at the school never brought me emails from New Zealand and Alaska. It only happens here in the trenches.

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Finding My Voice

'I always knew he had it in him'



Dana Lone Hill

This story actually starts back in like, 1982.

First of all I want to say that I was always shy (still am) and most of my brothers friends were also my friends (you know, the nerdy older sister that keeps hanging around.)

So Trav and Dirty Steve (he wasn't "dirty" back then) knew each other since kindergarten. Dirty Steve is probably the smartest person I know in real life.

Sometimes he makes me so mad, okay most times, because he always has a solution, or two cents to put in, that makes more sense than what I just said.

He is probably like that guy in "A Beautiful Mind" film. He looks at things as mathematical problems, equations, formulas, solutions, what ever he sees.

Anyway, back in 1982 they tested kids in our school. I just remember it being in the spring of 1982.

In the fall of 1982 when we came back to school, a lady came to my class and singled me out to go with her. She was going around the school and gathering kids left and right. Dirty Steve was one of them. We followed her into this class room that was split into two sections with bookcases.

"Welcome to Gifted and Talented" she said in a loud voice. So thus began me and Dirty Steve's adventure in Gifted and Talented. For two hours a day, this woman mentally tortured us if we didn't know the answers to something, or if we didn't know the meaning of a word, or messed up playing the piano.

Now, here's where Travis comes in. My brother is smart as heck too. Really. He's clever, sly, and YES TRAV ON THE IQ TEST WE TOOK IN JR. HIGH YOU WERE TWO POINTS AHEAD OF ME!! Yeah I had to admit it or else. (since there is no forgetting it!)

My brother is, let's say misunderstood. He doesn't take well to authority, still. On top of all that he's dyslexic and I don't remember when he was diagnosed with dyslexia, but back in 1982 they just threw him in Special Education.

Now if you remember when I was talking about the magical place me and Dirty Steve went for two hours a day, mentioned the room was split into two by bookshelves. Well Travis also went to a magical place, on the other side of the bookshelves.

Yes people, this school put special eduction on one side and gifted and talented on the other. Hey it didn't seem weird to me, didn't bother me, I got to see my brother for two hours a day as he snuck making faces at us, spit wads, and flipping us off.

Now fast forward to 1996 and 1998. My brother worked for this crazy lady named Eileen. He was her head bouncer and she tricked him into being manager.

While he was manager, he hired family and friends and this staff included me and Dirty Steve.

Anyway, soon I was the head bartender, Travis enforced a dress code on us employees, except the entertainment. We were pretty professional , the atmosphere of the bar changed and business was booming.

One night after we cleared the house of everyone and restocked, Travis called us all to the bar for a shift drink and a shot. We had worked 13 hours that day and we were ready for it.

"Sister, make us some Hawaiian Shooters and give Dirty Steve a Tequila!"

Travis held his shot glass up and said:

"Before we drink this tonight, I just want to say to the two smartest people I know, Dirty Steve and Dana, do you remember back in the day when you guys were in gifted and talented and I was in special ed. Do you remember that school had the audacity to put us in the same room, and the only barrier was those bookshelves that we could see over?"

He continued, "I used to watch you guys plucking away on the piano or computer, or playing stock market. Then I would go back to my blocks, trying to fit them in the right holes. Do you guys know what that did to my eight year old dignity and self esteem? Well you know something, I am over it, it don't bother me anymore,.... my employees. Salute!"

Yeah.... we remembered. I always knew he had it in him

Dana Lone Hill is a 34-year old mother of 4, who recently moved back to the reservation, after an eternity on the housing waiting list. Although currently self-employed, she plans on continuing her education at the Oglala Lakota College.

Other Views

'Dooche' Clifford, you are the man

Dear Editor:

It has been a great while since I last wrote any type of article of respect and character for anyone. Matter of fact since Mr. Tim Giago owned the old *Lakota Times* and the last one was when the late great George Mickleson passed on.

But all in all, there comes a time in all of our lives when we all look back on our lives and learn from our mistakes and move on with the help of our Creator. There also comes a time in our lives when we look back on our past lives and actually see whom has helped us through trials and tribulations in which certain circumstances put us up against the wall, rather it be death of a loved one, or separation of a loved one for a spell, or just everyday needed answers to life's everyday struggles that we can't answer so we reach out to people we trust in and respect in ways that at times we need Mom and Dad to answer these questions of temperature.

There were such respected men in my life like Jake Little Thunder, Dawson Has No Horses Sr. and Jr., Robert Stead of Rosebud, John Around Him and many respected spiritual leaders of this category whom are now with the rest of our ancestors out there at peace forever but all left a legacy behind for me to study and follow and respect forever.

Such a man is still with us today and I want to show my gratitude and respect and thank you to him for all the times in my past I knew him in my community of white Butte south of Manderson.

I remember when I lost my son and many relatives he gave me a hug and handshake and told me to move on and don't look back, that some day you'll see them again. He wiped my tears like a father would and I respect and thank you for this.

I seen him reach into his pocketbook along with his wife and help many people in dire need with money, food, and things of survival we all need. Mainly love and understanding! He expected the Lakota way of life as well & always will. How?

I seen this man one day love his cats, dogs, pigs, birds, horses, and one day even a cow came around the corner, a full grown cow, and mooed and he said "got darnit I suppose you want loving too, and are hungry." I thought this was so cool it knocked me off my feet and thought to myself, if this man is gifted from the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi - the saint of lover of animals. And that's that!

I watched him go through his trials and tribulations of life as well and I asked him for advice and he told me like it was. Like a man to "to man up" because life ain't no bed of roses everyday.

This I know, but what I didn't know then and know now was your worst enemy could be your so called best friend and its now that I see this but he helped me to realize that life is full of ups and downs forever. A roller coaster.

He helped me to forgive and forget although its hard to do.

This man, my friend and people, is my neighbor and before his time is up I want him to know regardless.

I respect and appreciate all you have done for me and my family and children and people you have helped. Including God's creations-the animals that you once said "they like to eat too."

So Mr. Darwin "Dooche" Clifford you are the man and we thank you and may God bless you forever.

Orson D. Cuny and family
Manderson, S.D.

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Northern Perspectives

Lakota society is being challenged



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

Life on the 'rez' is being challenged from many different quarters and the essence of what it is being transformed into is something difficult to define. There are a lot of negative influences from high unemployment, health issues, funding difficulties, winter weather and a host of other pressing issues. I often wonder if city folk are encountering the same fundamental questions as to their long term evolution.

As we also worry about language preservation and loss, maintaining traditional values and the influence of a new generation of outsides influences, we must also work to counter that with a lot of positive examples of achievement and down right hard work.

There are a lot of very articulate individuals in our midst who often step forward to communicate their concerns and offer solutions.

I was witness to such individuals last week and I was impressed of that fact. I also see a small number of Lakota entrepreneurs, educators and health professionals who are quietly working to make a difference on the Rosebud and that is comforting.

For example, Shelly Harris, at the Rosebud I.H.S. hospital has stepped forward and has quietly done a very commendable job in decreasing the deficit that was apparent when she took over the administration.

There are other people like Patricia Broken Leg-Brill and Pat Bad Hand at the Wanbli Wiconi Tipi who are working closely with youth in detention by having them reconnect with their communities.

Actually, there are too many good Sicangu people who are also working quietly to influence our youth in light of the recent suicides, so I best not try to focus on too many as someone will certainly be omitted. Richard Iyotte at KINI FM radio is continually creating public service announcements that highlight high achievers or local people who have faced uncertainty, who grew up just like the rest of us and then, over came adversity and are doing a great job of modeling good mature behavior.

I attended a *lowanpi* last night and was quite surprised and happy to see six young people participating and praying for the "oyate." We need more of that fundamental spirituality to spill over to other young people who can positively influence others. We cannot afford to lose any additional youth to suicide and violence. Each time I hear of an adolescent passing into the spirit world in such manner, it saddens me as it goes against everything we believe in with regard to the sacred nature of children.

Pastor Jack Moore of the White Eagle Christian Academy said last week that we have not given our children the skills they need to be our future leaders and I second that.

We need more Lakota men to guide our young people, to set limits and spell out expectations and we simply are not doing enough of that. We are simply not visible in certain professions. There aren't enough medical doctors, teachers, and lawyers who are Lakota and that disappoints me.

I think that when young people are occupied in carving out a niche for themselves in any successful venture, they simply get so busy they do not have time to fall behind and experience the kind of disappointment that many of us occasionally feel because we did not reach our full potential.

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Guest Column

943 attemped suicides and 5 completed show we need to give back to youth

Phil Two Eagle
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I want to express my concerns about the elimination of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Youth Affairs Program in Fiscal Year 2007. In 1994, after many meetings and work, A group of us developed and presented a proposal to create the Youth Affairs Program in 1995. What triggered this was and still is the many problems with violence and suicides, at the time I was director of the JOM program then under the Local Indian Education, Inc. (LIE). LIE administered the JOM and Higher Education Scholarship programs at the time and was doing quite well at the time. I was allowed to work on youth and education projects.

As a result the Youth Affairs Program was created after several past attempts to address the needs of our youth. During this time the tribe was experiencing an alarming rate of violence, suicides and suicide attempts. Back then the youth proclaimed that there was nothing to do out in the communities and that there was way too much idleness and lack of activities. The RST Youth Affairs Program was originally created to address the problems of the youth with a tri-folded approach. Firstly, the tribal council approved the creation of a Youth Affairs Committee that consisted of tribal programs and other youth related organizations to combine resources for the youth. Secondly, the tribal council approved the creation of a Youth Council consisting of the youth themselves to provide leadership, solutions and communications with the tribal council.

There would also be the creation of Community Youth Councils in every community. These efforts were to provide direct funding, activities and services out in the communities. Thirdly, the tribal council also approved of the creation of the RST Youth Affairs Program to administer, seek outside funding and provide assistance to the Tribal Youth Council's and the Community Youth Councils in their development.

However, early into the program tribal council action abolished the Youth Affairs Committee.

The Youth Affairs Program then became a processor of vouchers and issued checks to youth groups for mostly sports activities. In my view the program never had the opportunity to run its course and turn into what it was meant to be.

I think that the tribal council should reconsider their action and continue the program to do what it was meant to do with maybe new leadership. I can see the Youth Affairs program providing advocacy, leadership training and technical assistance to the youth in the communities.

I can see the youth providing their own leadership and solutions for the matters that affect them.

The Indian Health Service and the South Dakota Office of Vital Records reported in the Feb. 14 *Todd County Tribune* that there were 943 suicide attempts with five completed suicides per year. So as you can see, I am urging the tribal council to rethink this since they are the ones that make the final decisions.

Guest Editorial

Holiday celebrates 'one step forward'

By Natalie Hand
Guest Editorial

On Feb. 27 we celebrate the 34th anniversary of the liberation of the Oglala Lakota Nation. While a few will celebrate this as a paid day off and a chance to go to town, others will wocekiya and offer a wopila to remember those that fought and died for the rights of the Oglala.

What the American Indian Movement did for the oyate in the late 1960s and 1970s took bravery and fortitude. As the song goes, "… freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose!". It was an indelible step forward for the Oglala.

One step forward.

In the 1970s, AIM fought to stop corruption from the lowest level of government, i.e. tribal government, to the highest level in Washington, D.C. After all, the IRA governing body on Pine Ridge is merely an appendage of the U.S. Government. That is an indisputable fact. The majority of the oyate on Pine Ridge were suffering, families were homeless, many lived well below the poverty level. Meanwhile a select group of families held all of the jobs and the proverbial purse strings. IRA leadership was hand picked by U.S. Government officials to ensure the status quo. They weren't listening to the grass roots oyate. AIM brought international attention to these injustices. Through AIM's actions, the U.S. Government was forced to address the third world conditions that they had created on Pine Ridge. Housing, education, and healthcare drastically improved as a result of AIM.

One step forward.

Now, 34 years later, what has changed? The IRA Government is still the governing body. The U.S. Government is still protecting corrupt politicians to ensure the status quo. The 2006 Election is proof of that. Only in a communist country or in some Central American country would you find an election as fraudulent as the 2006 OST election. And yet, the illegal Executive Committee and tribal council carry on as though they have done nothing wrong. They aren't listening to the Grass Roots Oyate. Two steps back.

The illegal executive committee and tribal council have held committee meetings in Rapid City for the last two straight weeks. That is roughly $16,000 just for the travel allowances. That does not include renting the facilities, meals, etc. And there are more meetings scheduled for Rapid City in the weeks to come as the State sporting events come to town. You would think that with all the "workshops" that they attend, the tribal government would be one the most efficient, successful businesses in Indian Country. These illegally elected/appointed officials will tell you that they have a budget for such off-reservation meetings. However, that is only because they designed it that way. It is YOUR money they are illegally spending on themselves. Now the guilty will admonish these words I'm typing, but only the guilty will be offended. The grass roots oyate have demanded that a new, impartial election be held immediately. They aren't listening to the grass roots oyate.

Two steps back.

The illegal OST president will publicly state that he has ordered a special panel of independent judges to come to Pine Ridge and investigate the 2006 election and recommend changes. Can you say political rhetoric? The illegal OST President and his staff will stop at nothing to ensure their job security. In Washington they have a term for these types. They are called "spin doctors". Politically appointed staffers that spend their time making their boss look like a hero and covering up his discrepancies. It should be said that it was the White Plume staff that originally made the suggestion to bring in independent judges.

But the intent was to oversee a NEW election. Since White Plume took office, he and his staff made brave attempts to uncover corruption within the IRA system. As soon as the guilty became aware of this, they set a plan in motion to oust him at any cost. Two steps back.

Today, the reservation is in turmoil over the BIA's decision to rescind some federal contracts from the tribe. Everyone is pointing the blame at others for this action. However, the newly re-appointed illegal tribal treasurer knew that this action was coming. She was given notice of this last year. She was told repeatedly to set up separate line items for these contracts. She did not do this. Did she get reprimanded for her poor performance? No. She got re-appointed. If the treasurer and the tribal council would stop spending so much time shuffling money around to cover up their misuse of funds, everyone would benefit. They have spent the districts' allocation funds. These reactive accounting practices are hurting the Grass Roots Oyate. They aren't listening to the Grass Roots Oyate. Two steps back.

There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, at 10 a.m. in Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge. Go there and let your voice be heard. Stop this illegal Council from taking us any further back. We must go forward…one step at a time!

Other Views

We all need to understand the disease of AIDS

Dear Editor:

Two warriors, two young men from the Lakota Nation were out scouting for buffalo. At this point in the history of the Lakota people, these warriors had not experienced contact with the white world. Their generation not yet influenced by the flitter and temptation of the Americanized way of life.

The warriors came upon a woman who was along and seemingly vulnerable. One of the warriors saw the beauty of this woman only through her physical self. Behind his thought was an unnatural desire to control her beauty and call it his own. The thoughts he had to take advantage of this woman for his own selfishness was carried through the generations. Throughout Indian country, this warrior's twisted mentality shows itself in this days time.

The high sexual violence of our women and children, our high unintended birth rates, the great challenges to the reproductive health of our Tribal nations. These types of thought and actions continue to incarcerate and destroy some warriors and keep our women and children at preventable risk.

A white cloud encompassed the two warriors who had come up upon this beautiful maiden.

The warrior who had represented the unhealthy thoughts was said to have died a horrible death.

It is said that he was encompassed by a cloud and when it dissipated, there lie the warrior, stripped of his life force because of his selfish thoughts and actions.

The second of the warriors, the one who respected the woman for the sacred being she is was not destroyed. Because he acknowledged this women with respect, he showed himself as the true Warrior.

This sacred woman who brought the white buffalo calf pipe to the Lakota people brought life lessons that are as important to us today as it was to the survival of our ancestors.

These teachings represent the foundation of who we are today as Native people.

This story brings to light the challenges that all women would face in the generations to come. The warriors spoken of in this tale represent one man and the two paths, choices that all men make in interacting with the women in their lives. The woman who brought this life blessing to the people showed us how the power of respect would lead us safely through he challenges of our lives.

Today to have respect for one another, to have respect for ourselves we all need to understand the disease of HIV/AIDS.

It has been said " AIDS in the Native American community has the potential to wipe out leaders, spiritual knowledge and traditional ways.

The characteristics of reservation life; small, isolated populations, many times living in poverty can propagate an already growing national problem" - Indigenous Woman's Health Book, Within the Sacred Circle.

Native Americans in South Dakota represent nine percent of the overall State population. We account for 15 percent of the overall HIV/AIDS infection rate and 25 percent of new HIV infections since 2001.

American Indians/ Alaska Natives have the third highest rate (above whites) of AIDS diagnoses, yet we have a much smaller, youthful population. Within South Dakota Indian country, we have 46 percent of all Chlamydia cases in the State. This common and curable sexually transmitted disease does increase the risk to HIV/AIDS which does not have a cure.

Indian country has all the co-factors, an environment that produces high risk behaviors and high STD rates within our youthful population which increase the probability of HIV/AIDS within our communities. We will never truly see the whole of the problem until we motivate our people to access HIV/AIDS testing and treatment and make common knowledge of what puts a Native at risk for HIV/AIDS.

March 21, offers a shared opportunity for people to learn. The first day of spring commemorates the first ever National Native American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day - Raising Awareness about HIV/AIDS Awareness Day acknowledges our responsibility as a native community to help one another survive the impact of HIV/AIDS. It offers an opportunity to build healthier relationships through shared commitment to increasing resources for testing and early detection. It offers a meeting of our shared challenges to providing quality of care options for those infected. It gives Indian Country the opportunity to bring light to the challenges of HIV/AIDS and how we can address it through the power of who we are as aboriginal Nations.

Lets take this spring day that represents new life and respect ourselves by getting tested for the HIV/AIDS virus.

Get tested together with someone you love and that respect moves forward ten fold.

Andrew Iron Shell
Box Elder, S.D.

Mustangs roll over Bennett County 122 to 44

Red Cloud closes out regular season 95-64 over Hill City

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

KYLE - Second ranked Little Wound clobbered Bennett County 122-44 Tuesday night in Kyle in the first round of district 14A-as eight mustangs hit double figures. For the second game in a row and the sixth time this season little wound topped the century mark. Shilo Pierce led the Mustangs with l19 points, freshman Orin Three Stars hit for 18, TJ McCalley added 16, Brice Hornbeck chipped in 11 and Casey Montileaux , Devon LeBeaux and Napolean Lays Bad, and Ty Lunderman all added 10 each.

Seven Mustangs hit double figures on Friday night as little wound closed out the regular season with a 119-68 win over Bennett County. McCulley scored 21 points to lead the Mustangs, Lunderman added 19, Pierce helped with 15, Lays Bad hit for 13 while Hornbeck, Michael Apple and Three Stars scored 10 points apiece.

Little Wound's victory pushed their record to 20-1 on the season and earned the Mustangs their third straight trip to the District 14A championship game. The Mustangs are looking for a second straight trip to the state A Tournament. Little Wound will face Pine Ridge on Saturday at Rapid City Stevens at 7 p.m.

The Mustangs defeated Pine Ridge last year by 30 points in the 14A Championship, beat Platt by 28 in the region 7A championship and took 7th in state.

On the opposite side of the bracket Pine Ridge defeated St. Francis 63-59 on the road Tuesday night to earn a District Championship re-match.

8th ranked Red cloud opened their second season run with a 76-38 win over Hot Springs. In the first round at District 15A, Chris Red Bear came off the bench to score 15 points for Red Cloud as they led at each quarter break on their way to their 18th win of the season. For the Crusaders, 11 different players put points in the scoring column as Red Cloud hit 10-3 while holding Hot Springs to just 38 points. Red Cloud's junior point guard Christian McGhee struggled from the field but finished with 8 points and 8 assists, while Lester Gotheridge added nine points and a team high of seven rebounds. Red Cloud moves into the 15A Championship game Friday night in Spearfish at the Young Center against the Custer Wildcats who defeated Hill City in the other 15A first round game, 56-46.

Red Cloud closed out their regular season on the road Friday night with a 95-64 win over Hill City. McGhee hit three 3's in a game high of 22 points to lead the Crusaders, Dave Giago chipped in 15 points and seven rebounds. While Mike Twiss added 8 points and the game high of 13 rebounds.

The District 15 A and 16 A winners will play Tuesday night at the Civic Center in Rapid City in the Region 8A Championship. The District 14A champion will play the 13A champions in the Region 7A title game also on Tuesday night at the Civic center.

Todd County defeated winner 47-43 in a first round 13 A game at George His Law led the Falcons with 14 points, Gunner Krogman held to 10 points and the team high of 9 rebounds.

Todd County will face Platt in the 13A championship game, Platt defeated Gregory 60-46 on Tuesday night.

Crazy Horse opened the District 13B tournament with a 105-88 win over Phillip on Monday night in White River. Joe Sitting Up led the chiefs with 31 points, Tyson Red Elk added 26, Ace Amiotte chipped in 19 and Taylor Red Elk scored 12 as Crazy Horse bounced back from a first quarter 22-21 deficit.

Crazy Horse closed out their season against No. 5 ranked White River on Tuesday night in the semi final round of District 13B as the Tigers behind Louie Krogman 24 points 88-41. Red Elk, Sitting Up and Amiotte all scored 9 points as Crazy Horse finished up their season with a 7-12 record.



Left: Little Wound begins their run for a second straight trip to the State A tourney with a 122-44 first round win over Bennett County as Brice Hornbeck (20) slices to the basket through Bennett County's Jake Sasse and (Above: DJ Toczek and Ty Lunderman (24) breaks away for an uncontested lay-up as Little Wound tops the century mark for the sixth time this year and now looks ahead to the District 14A championship game on Saturday against Pine Ridge at 7 pm at RC Stevens high school.
Photos courtesy of Double M. Photography, Hay Springs, Neb.

State reports first death of flu season

PIERRE - South Dakota's first influenza-associated death of this season was reported to the South Dakota Department of Health Feb. 28.

The death was a child younger than 10 from the southeastern region of the state.

"Flu activity is now widespread in South Dakota. It's important that people practice good personal hygiene to prevent the spread of the disease," said Dr. Lon Kightlinger, State Epidemiologist for the department.

South Dakota is now experiencing the peak of seasonal influenza with widespread influenza activity. Nationally, a total of 15 influenza-associated pediatric deaths had been reported, including four in neighboring Minnesota, through Feb. 17.

Wash your hands often with soap and water

Use hand gel when washing isn't possible;

If you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth;

Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth;

If you're sick stay home.

Influenza is a viral respiratory illness marked by the sudden onset of fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches.

It spreads when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, sending the highly contagious virus into the air. Each year in the U.S., influenza results in an average of 36,000 deaths and 114,000 hospitalizations, including many South Dakotans.



Hills of clothes

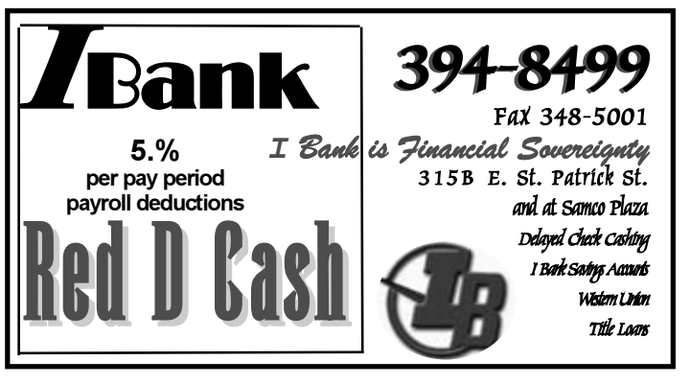
MANDERSON - Last week, this photo was taken at Manderson. It depicts mounds of clothes and trash bags of clothes that were left over from a very big generous giveaway on the grounds of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Manderson. Neighbors are concerned and are urging a clean up of the leftovers. Although many people picked through the clothes, there are still many left over. The clothes are still there despite the strong winds, rain and snow.

Martin hosts Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye for second year on March 2

MARTIN - Again this year, the Pajola Otonwahe Dance Club of Bennett County School will be sponsoring a school pow wow and dance contest as part of the Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye organization.

Pajola Otonwahe Dance Club hosted a successful dance pow wow last year and again will host a pow wow on Friday, March 2 at the old Legion building. This will be the second year, Bennett County has been a part of the organization. Grand entry is at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and a feed is at 5 p.m. The philosophy of the Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye organization is the bring all schools together in teaching students language, culture and dance.

The dance club sponsors are Jennifer Takes War Bonnett and Jason Drapeaux Sr. and they can be reached at 441-0400 and 441-1705 or Mrs. Belinda Ready at 685-6300, elementary principal.





Experience wins out as Lady Warriors knocks off #1 Pine Ridge for District 14A title

Red Cloud pulls out tough win over Custer for District 15A championship

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY/SPEARFISH - Maggie O'Neill and Keely Krolikowski had been there before and that experience helped as Bennett County knocked off number one ranked Pine Ridge 74-63 to win the District 14A championship and go on to the Region 7A championship set for Monday.

Pine Ridge took the early lead going up 3-0, 5-4 and 9-8 as sophomore Lacey Weston proved unstoppable in the paint scoring 12 points in the first quarter but the Lady Warriors took the lead 13-11 and never looked back as they fought back each of the Lady Thorpes comeback attempts.

Both teams struggled with turnovers early on but the experience of Krolikowski and O'Neill playing in the big games last year turned the tide in Bennett County's favor.

Last year, Bennett County beat Little Wound in the District finals and got by Todd County to go to the State A tourney where they rebounded from a first round loss to take the consolation championship.

Although they lost Abby Kratovil to graduation and South Dakota State University, the Lady Warriors were led all year by O'Neill's scoring and rebounding and Krolikowski's floor leadership and scoring.

Bennett County needed overtime to get by Winner Monday night 61-59 to win the Region 7A championship and go to State for the second year in a row.

On Thursday, Pine Ridge was led by Weston's 27 points and 11 rebounds; Christian Janis helped with 10 points, six assists, three steals and nine rebounds. Saudia Tasso hit for 13 points and finished with five rebounds.

Bennett County was led by Krolikowski's 25 points, five steals and O'Neill's 24 points and 14 rebounds. Mary Jo May helped with 12 points. Bennett County will head to State in Spearfish with a 21-1 record.

"We had a great year, we learned a lot, matured and gained a whole lot of experience," said Bill Mendoza, in his first year as Pine Ridge coach, "we now need to benefit from what we have learned, work hard in the off season and come back next year and win it all."

Pine Ridge finishes off their year with a record of 21-1 and will lose Robin Webber, Devon Red Cloud and Shaina Lays Bad; everyone else will be back, including all five starters.

Red Cloud was down 6-4 at the end of the first quarter against Custer in their District 15A championship ;game Thursday at the Young Center in Spearfish and even though they had leads of nine and eight points in the second and fourth quarters found themselves tied with Custer with 29 seconds left on the clock;





Below: Pine Ridge's Christian Janis puts up a shot over Bennett County's Laura Porch (5) and Shawna Evans (13) during the District 14A championship game on Thursday night in Rapid City while (Above) Pine Ridge's Saudia Tasso (52) battles Bennett Country's Keely Krolikowski for the ball in Bennett County's 74-63 win over Pine Ridge.
Photos courtesy of Double M Photography, Hay Springs, Neb.

Sophomore Marque Lunderman took the ball and with less than ten seconds to go drove the lane and scored a lay-up in traffic with 2.9 seconds to go for the win, Red Cloud's 15th of the year and their most important one of all.

Lundderman scored eight of her game high 17 in the fourth quarter to seal the win for the Lady Crusaders who under first year head coach, Ted Standing Soldier, Jr. had turned their program around.

Red Cloud lost to Custer in the Lakota Nation Invitational earlier in the year 42-40; Custer was missing their top scorer and Red Cloud hadn't developed their trapping style of defense yet that has forced a number of teams to deal with.

"We stepped up again on defense," said Standing Soldier, "and we cut our turnovers to 10 for the game with only three in the second half, that made a big difference."

Ida Clarke helped Red Cloud with eight points while Lisa Bear Robe added seven points and led the team with five rebounds. Red Cloud is now 15-7 and faces St. Thomas More in the Region 8A championship game on Thursday night at the Civic Center in Rapid City at 8 p.m.; the winner goes to the State A in Spearfish next week.

Cheyenne Eagle Butte downed Stanley County 43-39 to win the District 12A tourney and will face Miller on Friday in Gettysburg for the Region 6A title.

Brittany Azure led the Lady Braves with 10 points while Lacy Leaf helped with eight points and a team leading six boards.

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Todd County Falcons win first round District 13A

Todd County closed out their regular season Friday with a 54-47 win over Cheyenne Eagle Butte as Jordan His Law elevates over Eagle Butte's Jared Peneaux (51) and Myles Frazier (15), the Falcons won their first round 13A district game Tuesday 47-43 over Winner, His Law led the team with 14 points.
Photo courtesy of Randy Bachelor, White River.

Diabetes prevention sponsors volleyball

PINE RIDGE - The Pine Ridge IHS Diabetes Prevention Program Oyate Wicozani Ocanku-"On the Road to Wellness" will be having volleyball every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The diabetes prevention program will be sponsoring a volleyball tournament on March 17 and 18 at the Porcupine School starting at 9 a.m. Entry fee will be to be screened for pre diabetes.

Deadline is Feb. 20. For more info please call Bobette Herman 867-3261 or Sawee Frank 867-3137.

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Cherry-Todd Electric worked overtime to repair outages

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent



MISSION - According to Tim Grablander, Director of the Cherry-Todd Electric Cooperative, Inc. his crew of 12 linemen and three other cooperatives worked for up to 36 hours to repair snapped power lines over the weekend. Some 200 households from the Cody and Kilgore, NE, St. Francis, Spring Creek and Rosebud areas were without power and luckily the temperatures and the resulting downed lines were not life threatening.

There were isolated stories of tribal members having to abandon their homes to seek shelter with relatives or community centers which had alternative heating in the form of woodstoves of propane heaters. Some areas in St. Francis and Rosebud had half of the town with power and the other half without.

The situation was compounded by the fact that the roads were slick and began to blow over in rural areas. Sam and Norma Wounded Head of Upper Cut Meat had to seek shelter elsewhere, but reported that their grandson had stayed over night in their home without heat. The Rosebud Police were sent to check on him and apparently he was fine.

In addition to the 12 linemen from Cherry-Todd, 10 other linemen were also called into served and arrived from their respective electric cooperatives in Wall, Murdo and Gregory.

Grablander said, "We responded on Sunday and had a long day on Monday and 98 percent of the lines were prepared. We don't have automatic meter readers. We had many "burn downs" which resulted in 50 breaks from the wind and the ice. We repaired them and spliced them. We also replaced 30 poles."

Personnel at Cherry-Todd also personally manned the phones and a majority of the public seemed to be supportive of their efforts. Grablander said that in future, customers need to pay attention to impending bad weather and make the usual preparations of gathering candles, food, and flash lights. He said, "Storm damage is a common thing and people should use a secondary source of heat if it is practical."

Grablander was previously employed with the Indian

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Lakota All Star Teams bring home championships

KYLE - Both the 6th and 7th grade girls of the Lakota All Stars team won the championship title in their group division at the Black Hills Power Shootout Basketball Tournament held on Feb. 17 and 18 at Rapid City. These groups of girls come from different areas of the Pine Ridge Reservation and travel around the Black Hills and surrounding area participating in tournaments in their age group division.

Left: 6th grade division: Frances Around Him, Danielle Mesteth, Shaylene Zimiga, Shianiah Richard, Larae Morgan, Leonee Richards, Tashina Helper, Lexie Amiotte.
Right: 7th grade division: Terra Little, Paige Provost, Shirae Brewer, Marissa Around Him, Alanna Brown Bull, Kateri Means, Morgan Apple/Brewer, Shaina Mesteth.

Pine Ridge drug dealer gets almost 30 years in prison

RAPID CITY (AP) -The son of a woman who has been accused of being the ringleader of a cocaine trafficking ring on the Pine Ridge Reservation has been sentenced to almost 30 years in prison.

U.S. District Judge Karen Schreier gave Colin Spotted Elk 352 months in prison and urged him to do his best to live up to his potential after he is released.

Spotted Elk, 26, and his mother, Geraldine Blue Bird, have been convicted of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and of firearms and marijuana distribution charges.

Blue Bird's sentencing was delayed until next month.

Witnesses have identified Blue Bird as the leader of a ring that distributed at least 15 kilograms of cocaine on the reservation and has resulted in 27 indictments to date.

At Spotted Elk's sentencing on Tuesday, a 15-year-old boy who had shot and killed another teenager at Blue Bird's home testified that he and other juveniles held money and distributed drugs for Blue Bird and Spotted Elk.

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Business planning course offered to public

KYLE - Oglala Lakota College in cooperation with Lakota Funds Wawokiye Business Institute and the Oweesta Collaborative will be offering CORE FOUR, a business planning course.

In this six week seminar you will learn how to transform your ideas and goals into a successful business! Gain insight on how to successfully grow an existing business! CORE FOUR Business Planning Course provides essential business planning knowledge for anyone with an existing business, a business idea, or simply the desire to become an entrepreneur.

Dubbed "The Entrepreneurs Bible" by many of its advocates, CORE FOUR Business Planning Course is an indispensable learning tool for both novice and experienced entrepreneurs. The four "core" elements of business planning outlines in the manual include learning how to identify and target your market, understanding how to operate your business under the proper standards and legal requirements, learning how to project your business' cash flow, and planning for business success.

For more information about the curriculum go to www.corefouronline.com or contact Lakota Funds at (605) 455-2500 to register. The next course will begin March 21, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at Pejuta Haka College Center in Kyle.

Rapid City parents hold meetings, voice concerns

RAPID CITY - More than 75 persons, including a number of students from Central High School attended a hastily called community meeting on Feb. 21. Parents and students were upset over an incident on Thursday, Feb. 15 which precipitated the meeting according to a press release from the group.

At the meeting an email from Pat Jones, Central High School Principal, was read to the group. They believed that much of the information was incorrect. The student did have a fractured wrist which was brought to the mother's attention by Juvenile Detention Center. She met them at a clinic and x-rays were taken.

In addition to that incident a number of other items and specific incidents were discussed and a list of demands was prepared from notes of the meeting. Those demands are as follows:

No student should be interrogated without a parent present, especially by persons from the Rapid City Police Department, including Liaison Officer Chris Hansen, Lieutenant Doug Thrash or Detective Kyle Fees. Parents must be contacted by the school when an incident involving their youth occurs.

No student should be written up for the incident that occurred on Thursday because of the amount of emotion and anger involved. If the principal could send out an email containing such false statements, students should be able to express their feelings about the matter.

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Community Calendar
"Rez Happenings"

High School basketball season
Thursday, Mar. 1 Region 8A in Rapid City at the Civic Center Red Cloud girls vs. St. Thomas More, Friday, March 2 District 15A championship in Spearfish at the Young Center 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 3 District 14A championship in Rapid city at RC Stevens high school 7 p.m., Monday, Mar. 5 Big Foot Conference championship Wolf Creek School 6pm, Tuesday, March 6 Region 7A and Region 8A boy's championship at the Civic Center in Rapid City 6:30 and 8 p.m.; 2007 SD State A Girls Tournament at the Young Center in Spearfish March 8-10; 2007 SD State A Boy's Tournament Mar. 15-17 at the Civic Center in Rapid City.

School board representatives
OST Education Committee is accepting resumes and letters of intent for seats on several school boards including Flandreau Indian, Circle of Nations Indian School, Sherman Indian School, Pierre Indian Learning Center and Oglala Lakota College, submit material to Wanda Two Bulls at Red Cloud Building in Pine Ridge, 867-5821.

Tax Preparation
Daily at the Wounded Knee District School Foundation in Manderson from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with instant refunds in 20 minutes, for information call 867-1176.

Open gymnasium
Tuesday nights at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge from 4:30-8 p.m. open to all ages sponsored by the Oyate Blihelya Diabetes Prevention Program.

Ateyapi Progam Pow wow
Saturday, March 3 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Rushmore Room North with grand entry set for 6 p.m., Drum Split and day money for dancers, traditional dinner from 3-5 p.m. at the Mother Butler Center, for information call 716-0956.

Indian Taco Sale
Monday, March 5 at the He Sapa Center/Oglala Lakota College in Rapid City starting at 10am with delivery for four or more tacos, Call 721-0435 or 391-0770, a fundraiser for the American Indian Business Leaders.

OST Commodity Issue
Tuesday, March 6 in Kyle, Thursday, March 8 in Manderson and Wounded Knee, Monday, March 12, Martin at Sunrise Housing, Wednesday, March 14 in Porcupine at the old CAP Office and at the entrance to Evergreen, Friday, March 16 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni Lake and Monday, March 19 in Oglala.

Special Session/OST Council
Thursday, March 8 to focus on issues of the Oglala Sioux Rural Water Supply with location yet to be announced, for information call Elizabeth at 867-5821.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
School pow wow on Friday, March 2 at Bennett County, Friday, March 9 at Red Cloud School sponsored by Red Cloud and Our Lady of Lourdes and Friday, March 30 at St. Francis School with grand entries at 1 and 6 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

Men's Basketball Tournament
March 16, 17, 18 in Manderson at Wounded Knee District School - 12 team men's tourney sponsored by the Wounded Knee District College Center, for info call Troy, Luke or Anita at 867-5352.

Golden Gloves Tournament
South Dakota State Golden Gloves tournament, Saturday, March 10 at Wounded Knee District School in Manderson with weigh ins at 7 a.m. and bouts to begin at 5 p.m. in junior/novice, open men's division, for information contact Chissie Spencer at 455-6364.

Memorial Basketball Tournament
3rd annual Dana Wike Memorial Basketball Tournament, March 22-25 at the Sinte Gleska University Multi Purpose Building in Antelope, for information contact Ken at 208-5672 or Rich at 747-5644.

19th BJ Weston peewee tourney
Monday through Sunday, March 26-April 1, 2007 in Pine Ridge at the Pine Ridge School, four divisions including 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, for information call 867-1429, 867-2640, 685-8253 or 867-5435

Geraldine "High Wolf" Janis Memorial BB Tourney
Thursday-Sunday, April 5-8 at the Pine Ridge high school gym featuring 16 team men's and eight team women's double elimination basketball tournaments, for information call Verlyn or Arrow at 441-5805 or Patti or Eric Yellow Boy at 867-6383.

Electric outage

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Health Service for six years and has been at Cherry-Todd for three years. He says, "I am especially sensitive to unanticipated problems. If there is a sudden hardship I do work with customers case by case. Cherry-Todd penalties are lower than other others across the state. We charge $20.00 to re-connect."

Cherry-Todd has 22 employees and encourages the employment of local people.

Grablander says there are two linemen who are tribal members as well as one employee who works with customers in the outer lobby area.

The Board of Directors has encouraged the involvement of Lakota people, however, there has never been a tribal member on the board which has eight directors, he said.

Drug dealer

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The boy testified that teenagers had packaged drugs with their parents, users traded firearms and sexual favors for cocaine, and toddlers had access to handguns.

Schreier ordered that the juvenile be referred to by his initials, C.C.

C.C. said he started using cocaine at age 13 and often stayed at Blue Bird's doublewide trailer house in the Igloo Housing after dropping out of school in the fourth grade.

He said he helped ``break up'' marijuana that Spotted Elk sold and cut ``papers'' out of magazines that Blue Bird used to repackage cocaine for sale on the street. C.C. said he sometimes held marijuana or stacks of cash for Spotted Elk.

C.C. named several other juveniles who he said sold drugs for Spotted Elk or Blue Bird. He told of seeing two teenagers doing cocaine with their mother at Blue Bird's house.

C.C. is serving a one-year sentence for involuntary manslaughter at the Western South Dakota Juvenile Services Center. He has admitted pointing a gun and shooting his friend Apollo White Calf, 16, late in 2005.

Rapid City

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The crisis team should have been present to talk to students at central on Tuesday.

Statements from students and staff that saw the incident should be taken in a relaxed manner by Gorgie Paulhamus or Josie Peltier. No comments should be made to them during this process. Let them talk and show them respect.

Whenever medics are called they should evaluate not just staff but students as well

No retaliation against students should occur. No retaliation against supportive staff should occur. Targeting people must stop, immediately.

No statements by staff, including teachers, about sending persons back to the detention center should be made.

The disciplinary record of a student should be expunged if the student is found not guilty in a criminal matter or found to not be at fault in any other proceeding.

Disciplinary records should not follow a student if the student has been exonerated in any way.

Indian students (and all students) need to be shown respect and their parents treated with respect.

Demand absolute honesty in reports from both staff, and students.

Specific requirements for clothing worn must be met by all students and no student should be targeted because of their race, as now appears to be the case.

The number of Indian students placed at JDC must be reduced, immediately. A group of parents and students needs to be formed to look at this. Sending a person to JDC for being truant, will not happen in a school that is respectful to all students.

A follow-up meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24 at 12 noon at the Oyate Center in Lakota Homes.

At that meeting teams will be formed to continue the activities and to make contact with people who will assist the parents and students.



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Tribes urge state to negotiate limit on slot machines

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) _ Gambling compacts between American Indian tribes and the state were discussed this past week when tribal leaders meet in Rapid City to discuss economic development issues.

The eight Sioux tribes in the state that now operate casinos are bound by contracts with the state to no more than 250 slot machines each.

John Yellowbird Steele, chairman of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, said adding more slots at the tribe's casino would help the tribe and the state.

``Our customers come from Wyoming and Nebraska. We're bringing people into South Dakota,'' he said. ``We're actually helping the economy of South Dakota.''

An expansion plan for the tribe's Prairie Winds Casino that would include a new hotel and conference center could hinge in part on adding more slot machines.

``We need more machines,'' said Eloise Drapeau, secretary of the Flandreau Santee Tribe in Flandreau, which operates the Royal River Casino at Flandreau. ``We're already built to hold 500 (machines) on the floor, so it would be no added expense.''

Drapeau said that especially during weekends, demand at the casino could keep those additional machines busy.

Federal law gives tribes the right to operate the same types of gambling allowed elsewhere in the state and require tribes to have gambling compacts with the state. They also require the states to negotiate those contracts in good faith.

Some tribal members believe the state keeps the limit on slot machines unreasonably low in order to protect video lottery and gambling in Deadwood.

Larry Eliason, executive secretary of the South Dakota Gaming Commission, said the state wants to be fair with tribes but also live up to the ``limited gaming'' philosophy that was stated in law when voters in 1988 authorized gambling in Deadwood, opening the door to similar gambling types on the reservation.

When the Legislature implemented that vote in 1989, it imposed a limit of 30 gambling devices per building in Deadwood and a $5 bet limit which rose to $100 through an initiated measure in 2000.

With the addition of more gambling operations and some creative construction, the 30-machine-per-building limit allowed for 2,998 slot machines and 92 card tables in Deadwood last year. Some tribal members have wondered why Deadwood is allowed 3,000 slot machines when a tribe is limited to 250.

Eliason said negotiating compacts includes a variety of complicated factors.

``The governor and the state need to consider a variety of factors, including the possible impact on other forms of gaming and what public policy is,'' he said. ``Our feeling is that the public policy for the state is limited gaming.''

Today's limit isn't necessarily tomorrow's limit, Eliason said.

Legislative Reports

Still up for debate, minimum wage bill, education funding,



By Rep. Jim Bradford
District 27
D-Representative
Bennett, Haakon, Jackson, and Shannon Counties

Well, we are almost done. As of today, there are nine legislative days remaining in the 82nd Legislative Session. Over the last week, bill topics ranged from education to ethics and secrecy to healthcare.

Many of the education bills came to the House floor. HB 1082, the bill that would force schools to consolidate, passed the full House, 37-33. Three amendments were proposed by Democrats, and all were defeated. The first amendment would have kept certain money in school districts rather than sending it to Pierre. The second amendment would have removed the provision for forced consolidation. Finally, the third amendment would have kept the size of a small school at 200, rather than the adopted 130. I voted for the three amendments and then against the bill. I think HB 1082 hurts many small schools across the state and does little to address the overall problems education faces, namely lack of state aid and paying our teachers. The education funding bills will make their way through the Legislature this upcoming week.

SB 169 was killed in the House State Affairs committee. The bill would have created a legislative ethics committee. The bill had passed the Senate 34-0, but was deferred to the 41st legislative day by a vote of 8-3, with three Democrats voting to keep the bill alive. It is unfortunate that with all of the recent questions posed to the legislature that this bill was killed. The ethics committee is needed and this will have to be addressed during another session.

SJR2 was deferred to the 41st day in House State Affairs. The bill would have put an amendment on the ballot next year that would have made it harder for the legislature to close meetings to the public. The bill was defeated 7-5 in committee with all four Democrats voting not to kill it. Opponents argued there was no problem with current practices and therefore, SJR2 was unneeded. Whether there are problems now or not, this is the people's legislature and meetings should be open to the public. I am disappointed the resolution failed and I hope to see it again in the future.

As for health related issues, the abortion ban was deferred to the 41st legislative day in the Senate State Affairs committee this past week. There was some talk about the full Senate trying to smoke the bill out which would bring it to the floor, but that appears unlikely at this time. HB 1061 passed the House and will appropriate money to provide young girls with vaccinations for the human papillomavirus (HPV), the virus that causes cervical cancer. The vaccinations are needed to combat a horrendous disease, and I voted in favor of the legislation.

With the remaining time here in Pierre, many important issues need resolving. Still up for debate are the minimum wage bill, education funding, and the general appropriations bill.

As always, I welcome all questions and comments. Until next time.

Issues facing Congress are NCLB and Iraq



By Larry Lucas
District 26A
D-Representative
Mellette, Todd

Last week we debated an issue in regard to establishing a minimum size for a school district. HB 1082 passed the House which will require school districts with fewer that 130 students to consolidate or reorganize. The issue on consolidation of schools is a contentious issue and will likely end in a conference committee of legislators from both houses addressing the problem.

HB 1171 also passed the House and will appropriate some $14 million dollars from the recently passed tobacco tax increase to be used for the educational service agencies, career and technical education, schools with increasing enrollments, and for a special teacher compensation plan.

Another Bill, number 1140 which passed the House three weeks ago, will take nine million from the tobacco tax to fund state-aid through the property tax reduction fund. Some preliminary reports are showing that tobacco sales and use are declining which could jeopardize funding for these programs in the future.

The Indian Education Bill that will establish a three credit class on South Dakota Indian Studies for all new teachers along with giving authority to develop course content in American Indian history and culture easily passed the House.

Additionally, the age a student may drop out of school could be raised from 16 to 18. The Senate has already voted 27-8 in support of the change.

The abortion bill that passed the House by a vote of 45-25 failed to pass in the Senate State Affairs Committee where it only received one vote out of the nine members.

One day last week Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth and Senator John Thune visited the State Capitol.

Congressman Herseth pointed out some of the new legislation that has been introduced and passed in the new Congress such as increasing the minimum wage and extending tax relief for Americans.

Two difficult issues that Congress is grappling with is expanding its efforts to include health insurance for more individuals and working to secure funds to adequately fund education efforts to close the achievement gap under the No Child Left Behind Law.

Both Senator Thune and Congresswoman Herseth spoke about supporting our troops in our overseas conflicts.

No doubt the biggest issue before Congress at this time is how to manage, defend, and support the War in Iraq.

State spending will increase for education and health



By Mark D. DeVries
District 26
R-Representative
Bennett, Haakon, Jackson, Shannon

The House met the cross-over deadline last Tuesday. All House Bills were either killed or passed on to the Senate. I was disappointed to see the Task Force education bill, HB 1082, go to the Senate. We were two votes shy of killing it in the House.

The Senate had a similar bill that they passed, SB 157, but some of the most troubling language for schools in District 27 has been removed from their version. There will be some intense negotiations at the end of the session to get the differences ironed out between the Senate and the House. The House did kill HB 1308. This bill would have repealed the 150 percent rule for county assessors as they look at property sales in determining property values for tax purposes in the county, and the bill did not allow ag. land to be assessed on its production capacity.

The House will be dealing with several controversial bills that have come to us from the Senate. In House Education Committee there is legislation, SB 115, to allow the Dept. of Education to write rules for licensed preschools so that they can receive state aid in the future. A bill to raise the mandatory school attendance age to 18 passed out of House Education with only one other "no" vote besides myself. We will fight SB 199 on the floor, but I don't have high hopes of getting it killed.

Another bill we will be hearing in the House that I have received input from constituents is the attempt to raise the state minimum wage.

I am opposed to this legislation for several reasons. At the very least, I think we should wait and see what the federal law is going to do before we start making changes to our state minimum wage law.

Committee action is getting lighter this week as we approach the end of the session. State spending will be increasing for education and health care, but the exact places and amounts of the increases will not be known until the end of this week. Right now I am spending the vast majority of time on taxation and education issues. These were hot topics coming into the session and legislation that is still alive has the potential to make drastic changes in how we tax our property and fund our schools.

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(YOU ALL HAVE A GOOD DAY!!!!)
LOVE ROBYN....

HAPPY 16TH B-DAY TO SON ISAIAH "BABY PAUL" FARRELL ON FEB. 12TH..WE LOVE YOU MOM(ROBYN) & DAD (DANIEL)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!! ANDREW "DREW" LITTLE MOON ... ON FEB.13TH!!!! YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE A FRIEND , HAVE A GOOD DAY ON YOUR DAY!!!!!!! LOVE ,YOUR ONE & ONLY CARMA

Congratulations to Leah Long Visitor on your little girl Alonna on 2/17/07 it's finally over! So quit being crabby! From: your sister Wylene & friend Luci.

I would like to say Happy Birthday to my little sister Unique love Capri Fast Horse
I love you little sis!

I would like to wish my son Charles Iron Rope, Jr. a very happy 4th B-day on March 7. Life is rough my boy boy but so are you. My baby hulk you are growing up to fast and into a handsome young boy, I just want to tell you that I love you no matter how crazy you are. I hope you enjoy your day you deserve it. I love you from your mom, Amy Poor Bear

Happy B- day
to my cuz
Dani H. Horn on
2/21/07 hope you have
lots of fun from Jessie
Romero

I would like to say happy birthday to our Chingz Talanna Lynn on Feb. 27 2007 coming from your mom Antoinette and dad Tommy and your crazy sis Tiara

We would like to say happy Valentines Day to our sweet heart in heaven
Ashley Dawn Rowland!
Be missing you sister!
Dad, mom, Rena, Dave
June and Em Rowland

We would like to wish Dae Shaun Christian Poor Bear a happy fst birthday, we love you very much (beaner) from the Big Crow family & Grandpa Carl & Grandma Bangy

I would like to say Happy Valentines day to my honey Toby Shot to Pieces your one and only Rena Marie Rowland!

I wanna say Happy Valentines Day to Ashley, Rj, Magan, Tj, Julian, Monica, Ellauria, Jay, Wesley & Julia love you Guys for ever.

Hay whiskey man love you- u- lots, behave love you always missu G.

I would like to wish my little sister Emily Joyce Rowland a Happy Birthday on Feb.21 love you little sister keep your head up and don't let haterz get you down, and don't party to hard love your big sister Rena Rowland.

Happy V- Day to A- Face, W- Calf from one and only Andrew Bear Rope

Happy Valentines Day to my twin sister Rose Starcia Jack & Sioux- Tera Jack and lil Bro Baby Les love Kelly C.

Happy Valentines to baby boy June Bug that I been with you for a year now I love you June!

I would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Waynette Mary Mesteth and Earl, Happy birthday to Vine Black Feather Sr. and in memory of Lana Whistler- Long Soldier, Johnny Milk Jr., Jasper Milk, Floretta Blue Bird; from friends and family Alissa De Cory Apple Floretta 2/26/07 We all love you and miss you very much, we wish you were here with me and Alissa & Arlana Apple, Bill Apple Jr., Mildred Broken Rope, Howard Blue Bird, Jackson Bissonette, Darrian White Face and grandkids to, Arlana & Kasteys and Baby Bill III Apple

Happy birthday to our auntie Dani H.H. love ya Fr: Grace and Margret Graham

I would like to say Happy Belated Birthday to my babez Toby Shot To Pieces on 2/5/07, I love you boy and will always be there for you. Love your one and only Rena. R.

I would like to wish my son Doe Shawn Christian Poor Bear a Happy Birthday, I love you son very much you are my joy and happiness love your mommy Melinda

Happy Valenines to my Grandma Matilda Red Shirt and my mom Dana Fast Horse & family.

I would like to wish Doe Shawn Christian Poor Bear a Happy 1st. B- Day on Feb. 12, I know that I' am Jealous of you but I will always love you love : Baby Vish

I would like to wish my mom Mona and dad Dave, little sister Emily and little bro David a Happy Valentines Day love you guys always love Rena Marie Rowland

We want to welcome our baby boy Jonothan Lee Tallman to our Family who was born 2/15/07 coming from brother Mathew, Billy - Jo, and proud parents: Deloris and Marvin.

Happy Birthday to my grandma the love of my life Rebecca Runs Above moma I love you even though I don' t tell you every day, I wanna send you a Happy Birthday I just love celebrating birthday's with everyone in the house your all the best I love you all Alissionna Janelle Bayola, sissy

Happy Valentines Day
Larry C.
Love M.G xoxo

Happy Valentines Day to James Graham, I love you and I'll always be there for you from your girl Jessie R.

Happy Valentines Day to my mother Rebecca Runs Above I love you not only for what you are but for what you do for us, we appreciate every thing you do your special in every way Arlene Bayola

Happy Valentines Day to all the little sweet hearts Allissionna Bayola, Caidence Runs Above, Baby Rick & Summer Wiconi, Whisper Runs Above, Madline & Winter One Horn your all so sweet love you all Arlene

Happy b-day
Doe Shawn C. Poor Bear Morrison. we love u very much you're finally 1 year old xoxoxo
from Alley

Congratulations to Mathew Tallman for making the Honor Roll at Little Wound School, we're very proud of you & keep up the good work. From your little brother Billy - Jo & Jonathan and your mom Deloris and dad Marvin.

Happy Valentines Day to my little sweet heart Allissionna Janelle Bagola
I love you a whole lot, you can't ever imagine every morning I love to wake up 2 your most beautiful face, you're the most beautiful baby girl of my life
I love you Arlene

I would like to wish a Happy Valentines Day to several people first of all to my sister Bonita Black Elk, & my brother Marvin R.A Jr. no matter what differences we may have between us, I want you to know along with my children your all I have & I love you both very much. Sister I don't know what happened along the way but I' am sorry for what ever it was , I miss you very much and I want you to know that I love you , not only for Valentines Day but for A life time & longer. Also Happy Valentines Day to my nieces Stephany Little, Jolene Black Elk & children, Frenchone Larvie in Carswell Texas & to my nephews Quincy R.A. Shawn D. also to my aunt Jesse Rilliam & family & to my cuz Iva Lynn Black Elk, I love you all very much & Iva thank you from the bottom of my heart to the center of my soul for always being their for me , if there were a lot more people like you the world would be a much better place to live in.
With love & Respect
Rebecca Runs Above

I want to send a shout out to my pop's Richard Bayola over in M.N I haven't heard from you in a while write me a quick note to let me know how you are, much love Arlene & Allissionna

Roseanna Jean Happy Birthday



Eleventeen at last! We love you very much. Manuel, Mom, Brandon, and Grandma & Grandmpa Smith

Roseanna Jean! My naughty little sister, WOW, you're growing up so fast, and you're more beautiful each day! Happy Birthday, Love, Jenni & Sara

Happy Birthday Grandma Connie & Aunt Roseanna II, I love you guys! love, Baby Sara

Connie Smith Blanco! Happy 21st birthday for the 2nd time! I love you! and I hope you have a special day! (hint, hint, Manuel) Love, Jenni

Happy 11th Birthday your oldest son Jared Cole Old Horse whose B-day is on 2-21-07. My gosh your turning more Handsome as the days go past. Son we are so proud of you. We Love You Very Much Love, Mom (Verine) And Dad(Jonas)

Happy Birthday Sister: Teema Walking Eagle on February 24. Hope your day goes good. We love you no matter how old you are. Fr: Kristal, Pasqueletta, Jerilyn, Jamie W.E.

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Ask Anna

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Ask him to place himself in the consciousness of the child and feel the sting of his words as though they were directed towards him. He is exhibiting behavior of an adult child of an alcoholic. He needs counseling.

He does love you. Start from there.

He does want the relationship to work and so do you. That is the good news. Nobody can handle too much direct criticism. He feels any disagreement with his point of view takes away from him.

He is over anxious to keep his house hold under control. You can tell him to relax and to remember that these are little defenseless people. They have no options to remove themselves from the environment so it is up to him as the adult to improve the atmosphere in his home by relaxing his militaristic values.

Keep to the Red Road. Pray that his mind be doctored and his Spirit refreshed. Listen to what your interpreter man tells you about your husband and follow that information.

If your husband continues to live in anger you will have to leave him because you cannot sacrifice your children's quality of life for an adult relationship: you had them first and you owe them first.

I am sorry for you; I know you love him but I also know he doesn't want to listen - he would rather be right than learn a new way of being.The only hope is in prayer.

Dear Anna:

My daughter age 18 ran off with her boyfriend. He is a no-account loser. He drinks and drives too fast; he doesn't work and has no prospects. My daughter called me and she is pregnant. I am sick at heart over this.

What can I do? Can I break them up? Can I get her to move back home?

Sleepless Mom

Dear Mom:

You can do nothing...nothing at all. Release control and accept that your daughter is the ruler of her own life, with her own reality and her own lessons.

She will be all right.

She will leave her boyfriend when the baby is about three weeks old and return home...then you can help her to recover from her hard heart lessons.

Welcome your new tokaja. He is a special blessing. Good Luck Unci.

Dear Anna:

I graduated from college with my degree in business. I can't find a job here on the rez, I have too many bills and feel like killing myself.

Will my life ever get better? I feel like such a loser.

Should I use pills or should I hang myself. I mean it.

Hates Life

Dear Hates Life:

Your hormones are way whacked out. You need to see a physician and a counselor. Please call me...call the paper and give them your phone number I will call you.

You will be employed by June...in a job with Indian Health Services. It is a contract job. You will catch up on your bills eventually...don't let money trouble rule your attitude; we all have money trouble and its something that does not need to destroy the quality of peace in your heart and mind.

You are well loved and all of your family and friends would be traumatically wounded should you bring yourself harm. Just one moment of despair can snuff out all the possibilities of a good and long life. You have a good life - just right now you need special help and attention.

Every human being can fall into a deep chasm of despair - please remember that it is temporary. Please call me...please, please, please.

Keep your head up and your heart open, life will be good to you. Take the chance that it will be good, give yourself time - a lifetime.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

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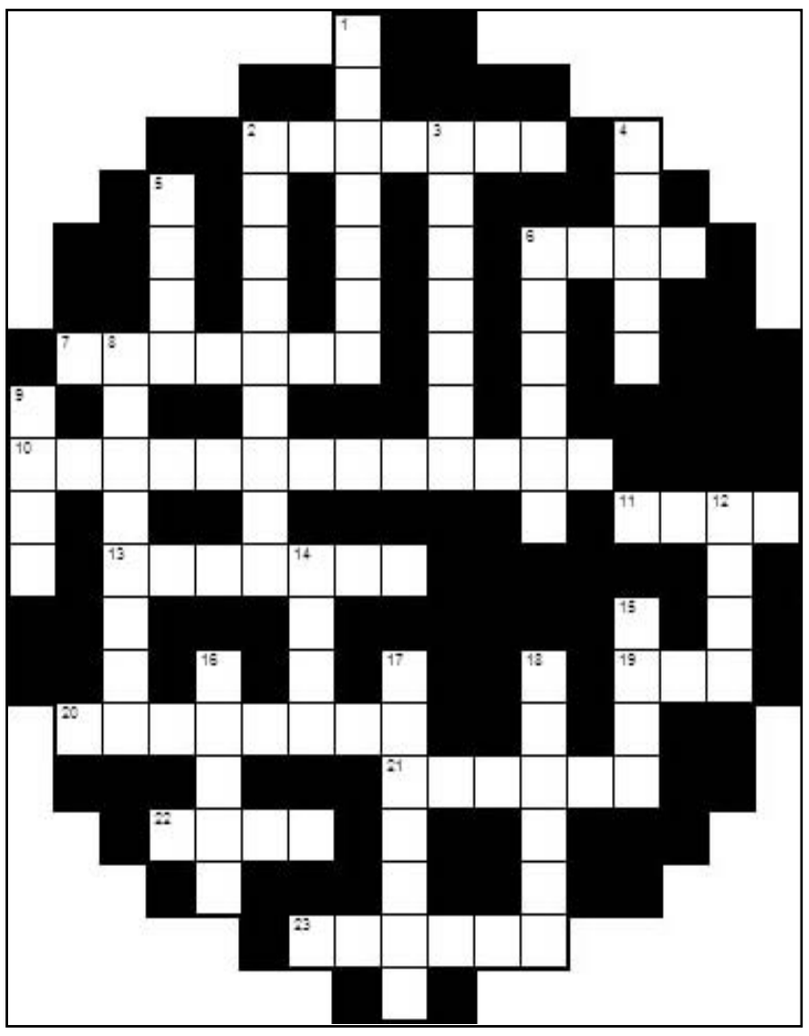
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Crossword Puzzle

(answers in next week's issue)



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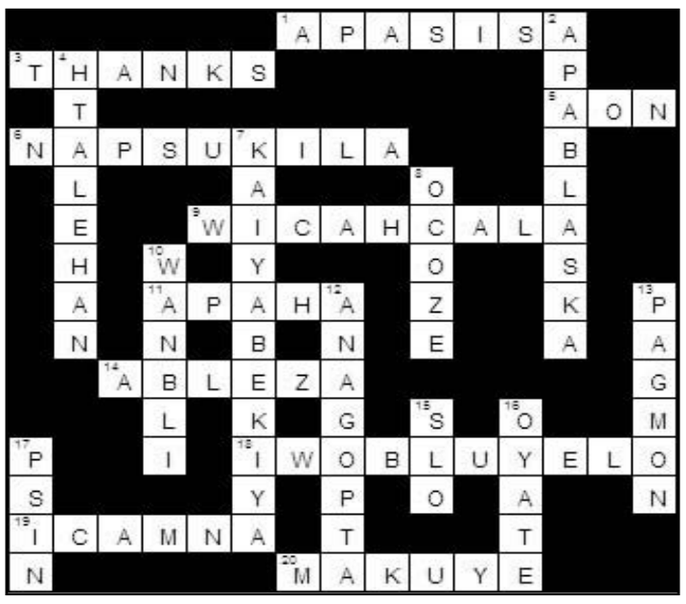
Across

2 to swim (7)
6 female gender ending (4)
7 the fourth (7)
10 incurable (13)
11 loudly (4)
13 I went (7)
19 steam (3)
20 to shake hands (8)
21 your name (6)
22 windy (4)
23 five (6)

Down

1 the kidney (7)
2 different from each other (9)
3 earthworm (7)
4 lelt hand (5)
5 you and I are here (4)
6 since that (6)
8 get firefood (8)
9 ask for (4)
12 male gender ending (4)
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15 me (4)
16 some (5)
17 last night (7)
18 to look into (6)

Answers from last week's puzzle



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Diabetes prevention activities

PINE RIDGE - The Pine Ridge Indian Health Service Diabetes Prevention Program Oyate Wicozani Ocanku "On the Road to Wellness" will be doing prediabetes screening at the Porcupine Clinic every Thursday from 8 to 11 a.m.

The diabetes prevention program does have a weekly Walking Club every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

The walk begins at the tribal building entrance and walking to the Pine Ridge School book. We strongly encourage the people to get up and get moving for at least 30 minutes a day to prevent diabetes.

Everyone is welcomed to come join the Walking Club, it is a great opportunity to start the New Year off in a healthy way. We look forward to seeing our Walking Club grow.

For more information contact the DPP team JoAnn Lehner, Acting Director/ R.N., 867-3054; Bobette Herman, Health Tech. 867-3261; Sawee Frank, Health Tech. 867-3137; Daverine Elk, Data Coordinator 867-3259.

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Wendell I.Thunder Bull, 62.... Manderson
Autumn Rose Bettelyoun, 18.....Wanblee
Lydia R. Ecoffey, 89.....Pine Ridge
Mark Fire Thunder, 78..... Lincoln, Neb.
Lance Dupris, 16..... Cherry Creek

Gail L. Red Bull

OGLALA - Gail L. Red Bull, 59, died Feb. 25 at the Pine Ridge hospital of natural causes.

Survivors include sons Vincent Helper, Ukiah, Calif.; Jay Helper, Oglala; Gerald Helper, Rapid City; Douglas Kaiser, Bridger; a daughter Shana Blacksmith, Oglala; brothers Elmer Red Bull, Jr., California; Gayle Holy, Globe, Ariz.; Robert Holy, Bridger;

Sisters Vanessa Black Moon, Ft. Yates, N.d.; Karna Mike, Albuquerque, N.M. and 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A two-night wake begins Thursday, March 1 at the Br. Rene Catholic Hall at Oglala.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 3 at the Upper Congregational Church at Bridger.

Officiating will be Rev. Myron Buffalo.

Burial will be at the Upper Congregational Church Cemetery, Bridger.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Wendell I. Thunder Bull

MANDERSON - Wendell I. Thunder Bull, 62, Manderson, died Sunday, Feb. 25 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1965 to 1969. Survivors include his mother, Alvina Thunder Bull, Manderson; six sisters, Shirley Campbell, Manderson, Darlene Salinas, Worland, Wyo., Betty Taylor, Portland, Ore., Wanda Weaver, Las Vegas, Arlene Janis, Minneapolis, and Nancy Thunder Bull, Pine Ridge; and one brother, Everett Thunder Bull, Manderson.

Funeral services were March 1, at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, with the Rev. Paul Sneve officiating and military honors by Rushmore VFW Post 1273 of Rapid City.

Autumn Rose Bettelyoun

WANBLEE -- Autumn Rose Bettelyoun, 18, Wanblee, died Monday, Feb. 19 at Bennett County Health Care Center in Martin as a result of an automobile accident.

Survivors include her parents, Milford Ashley Jr. and Brenda Bettelyoun-Yankton, both of Wanblee; her stepfather, Royden Yankton Sr., Wanblee; three brothers, William Bettelyoun, Royden Yankton Jr. and Dillon Ashley, all of Wanblee; one stepbrother, Royal Lynn Yankton, Wanblee; and three sisters, Ragenia Bettelyoun, Rebecca Yankton and Robin Yankton, all of Wanblee.

Wake services were Feb. 22 at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee.

Funeral services were Saturday, Feb. 24, at the school, with the Rev. Rob Kroll officiating. Burial was at St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery in Wanblee. Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Lydia R. Ecoffey

PINE RIDGE -- Lydia R. Ecoffey, 89, Pine Ridge, died Monday, Feb. 19 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include five sons, Raymond Ecoffey, Hot Springs, Robert Morrison, Pine Ridge, Medford Salway, Chinlee, Ariz., Stanford "Buck" Salway, Window Rock, Ariz., and Stacy "Luck" Salway, Tucson, Ariz.; three daughters, Lenora Dowty, Hot Springs, Sharon Bales, Mountain Home, Ark., and Lynn Mousseaux, Pine Ridge; and 121 grandchildren.

Wake services were Sunday, Feb. 25, at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge.

Funeral service was Feb. 26, at Billy Mills Hall, with the Rev. Steve Sanford officiating. Burial was at Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery in Pine Ridge.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Mark Fire Thunder

LINCOLN, Neb. - Mark Fire Thunder, 78, Lincoln, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, in Lincoln. He served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include his wife, Lilliann Fire Thunder, Lincoln; four sons, Norman Red Star, Detroit, Anthony Boltz, Lincoln, Marvin Boltz, Rapid City, and Brian Sitting Eagle, Omaha; four daughters, Gloria Wounded Foot, Lincoln, Karen Boltz, Wounded Knee, Meredith Boltz, Rapid City, and Cynthia Martin, Manderson; three adopted daughters, Shelly Barber, Lincoln, and Nellie Bald Eagle and Sherry Red Star, both of Pine Ridge; 40 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

Wake services were Feb. 24 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wounded Knee.

Funeral services were Feb. 26, at the church, with Ben Conquering Bear officiating and traditional Lakota services by Leonard Crow Dog. Burial was at Messiah Episcopal Church Cemetery in Wounded Knee.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Lance Dupris

CHERRY CREEK - Lance Dupris, 16, Cherry Creek, died Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Indian Health Service Hospital in Eagle Butte.

Wake services were Feb. 24 and 25, at Cherry Creek Gym.

Funeral services were Feb. 26, at the gym, with the Rev. Korban Jahusz officiating. Burial was at Cherry Creek Catholic Church Cemetery.

Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

In memory of Myrnette Janis

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A memorial dinner will be held for Myrnette on April 14, 2007 at Kyle.



Please don't mourn for me;
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I'm right by your side
each night and day
and within your heart I long to stay.
My body is gone but I'm always near
I'm everything you feel, see or hear.
My spirit is free,
but I'll never depart
as long as you keep me alive in your heart. I'll never wander out of your sight--
I'm the brightest star
on a summer night.
I'll never be beyond your reach--
I'm the warm moist sand
when you're at the beach.
I'm the colorful leaves
when fall comes around,
And the pure white snow
that blankets the ground.
I'm the beautiful prairie flowers
of which you're so fond--
The clear cool water in a quiet pond. I'm the first bright blossom
you'll see in the spring;
The first warm raindrop
that April will bring.
I'm the first ray of light
when the sun starts to shine,
And you'll see
that the face in the moon is mine. When you start thinking
there's no one to love you,
You can talk to me
through the Lord above you.
I'll whisper my answer
through the leaves on the trees,
And you'll feel my presence
in the soft summer breeze.
I'm the hot salty tears
that flow when you weep
And the beautiful dreams
that come while you sleep.
I'm the smile you see on baby's face.
Just look for me, my family,
I'm everyplace !

In memory of Mrynette, from her husband Joe, Ronald, Craig, Greg and Joe Jr. and all her grandchildren, her sisters Ramona Ashmore, Charlotte Conroy, Jackie Garnette, Phyllis Garnette, Alice Conroy, Elvira Mosqueda, Phyllis Apple, Devonna Bush, Alvina Dubray, Charlene Bush, Amanda Takes War Bonnett, Jackie Reddy and her brothers Donald Garnette, Carl Garnette, Albert Apple and Bill Apple.

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NEW IMMUNIZATION POLICY FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices now recommends a 2 - dose Varicella series. The first immunization should be given at 12 to 15 months of age, and the second dose should be given at 4 to 6 years of age. Do to this recommended change, two doses of Varicella or history of disease will be required for kindergarten entry beginning this fall with the 2007 - 2008 school year.

The Department of Health offers this vaccine to the 12 to 15 month old children and 4 to 6 year old. A minimum interval of 3 months should be maintained between the first and second dose of Varicella vaccine.

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FAMILY PRACTITIONERS:
Joel F. Hutchins, M.D., Family Practitioner
Sherry Shrestha, M.D., Family Practitioner ..... **Monday - Friday**
Ronda Larson, PA-C, Physicians Assistant
Marjorie Schmidt, PA-C, Physicians Assistant
To make an appointment to see one of the above, call Gordon Clinic, daily 308-282-1442 or Rushville Clinic at **308-327-2757.**

EYE CARE:
John Herlihy, M.D., Opthamologist .....**Thursday, March. 8**
Hospital Outpatient Area, 300 E. 8th Street
To make an appointment call **1-800-343-3009**

FOOT CARE:
Twila Fickel, DPM, Podiatrist .....**Wednesday, March. 14, 28**
Hospital Outpatient Area, 300 E. 8th Street
To make an appointment, call Gordon Memorial Hospital daily between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at **877-501-3338**

AUDIOLOGY:
Kurt Fabrenbrook, AUD .....**Friday, March 16**
Hospital Outpatient Area, 300 E. 8th Street
To make an appointment, call **308-635-0600**

NEUROLOGY:
Matt Simmons, M.D., Neurologist .....**Tuesday, March 13**
Hospital Outpatient Area, 300 E. 8th Street
A physician referral is required. To make an appointment call between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., **605-341-3770**.

NEUROSURGEON:
The Spine Center
Tim J. Watt, M.D. .....**Thursday, March 1**
Hospital Outpatient Area, 300 E. 8th Street
To make an appointment, call **1-800-253-5876**

ORTHOPEDIC SERVICES:
Bryan Scheer, M.D.....**Tuesday, March 1**
Hospital Outpatient Area, 300 East 8th Street
To make an appointment call 1-866-377-4762

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The Heart Doctors
Joseph Tuma, MD.....**Tuesday, March 20**
Hospital Outpatient Area, 300 East 8th Street
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UROLOGY:
William Waller, M.D. .....**Wednesday, March 7, 28**
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NOTICES

Porcupine School
Porcupine, S.D.

REVISED BID DATE AND TIME

Project: Porcupine Replacement School
BIA Project No. 06A1N

The Porcupine School Board, Porcupine, South Dakota will be accepting bids from General Contractors for construction of the new Porcupine Replacement School, Porcupine, South Dakota, BIA Project No. 06A1N.

The approximate scope of work includes all general, site, mechanical and electrical work, as described in the Bidding Documents. The building includes educational, administrative, and support spaces including: gymnasium, locker rooms, food services, media center, building support and other spaces. The project is required to obtain certification under the LEED NC 2.2 program administered by the United States Green Building Council.

Bids shall be submitted on the Bid Form included in the Project Manual and shall be in a sealed envelope, with all other required information, and marked "Porcupine Replacement School Construction Bid." Bids will be received until 1:30 pm, March 8, 2007. Bids shall be submitted until 10:00 am to Abourezk Law Firm, 2020 W. Omaha Street, Rapid City, South Dakota, 57702. After 10:00 am and before 2 pm, Bids shall be delivered to the Ramkota Inn, 2111 N. LaCrosse Street, Rapid City, South Dakota, 57701. The Bidder is responsible for the timely and proper delivery of Bids. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened. The Bid opening shall occur at the Ramkota Inn referenced above, immediately after 2:00 pm. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A pre-bid conference will be held February 20, 2007, 2:00 pm, at the Porcupine School, Porcupine, South Dakota. All interested Bidders are encouraged to attend. A presentation and discussion will be conducted regarding the general design intent, general conditions and requirements of the project, and the LEED program requirements. All questions or other issues raised at the pre-bid conference will be addressed by written addenda following the conference. Bids received from Bidders who did not attend this conference will be returned unopened.

Each Bidder is required to include with their Bid, Bid Security as outlined in the Instruction to Bidders and else-where in the Bidding Documents. In addition to the Bid and Bid Security, other forms, certifications, information, etc. as required in the Bidding Documents shall be included with the Bid Submittal. The Contractor awarded the project will be required to provide a performance and payment bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract price. See the Bidding and General Requirements in the Bidding Documents for additional information. This project will be subject to the Oglala Sioux Tribe TERO Ordinance requirements, Tribal business licensing, and other Tribal requirements.

The Bid Documents will be available on approximately February 2, 2007. Plans are available from A&D Technical Supply Company, 1301 L Street, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68509, 402-474-5454 (telephone), 402-474-5779 (fax), 800-228-2753 (toll free), www.adtechnicalsupplyco.com. A security deposit of $250.00 per set is required. The security deposit is refundable if the complete set is returned within 15 calendar days of the Bid Opening in good condition. A non-refundable shipping and handling charge of $50 is required for all sets to be mailed. The security deposit and shipping charge shall be submitted to A&D Technical Supply Company as SEPARATE checks, made payable to Encompass Architects. A set of Bidding Documents is available for review at the Porcupine School, the office of the Architect, and the following Plan Review Services:

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Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Court,
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe,
Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in
Civil Court
General Session
Order for Publication
Case No: D-099-06

Margo E. Running Shield-Plaintiff
vs. Jacob W. Running Shield-Defendant

Greetings to the Above named Defendant: This matter having come on for publication pursuant to the fact that the Court has been unable to serve the Defendant with Summons, Divorce Complaint, and Notice of Civil Action either by personal service or by certified mail.

It is therefore ordered that the Defendant shall be served the Summons, Divorce Complaint and Notice of Civil Action with the Divorce hearing scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at the hour of 09:00 a.m. by publication in the Lakota Country Times in Martin, South Dakota for a period of four (4) weeks.

Dated this 02nd day of February, 2007. By the Court of Brenda Claymore, Chief Judge Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Attest: Jenny R. Halfred, Clerk, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

Jenny R. Halfred, Clerk of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of the Instrument herewith as appears on file and of record in my said office. Dated this 22nd day of February, 2007, Jenny R. Halfred, Clerk, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Court.

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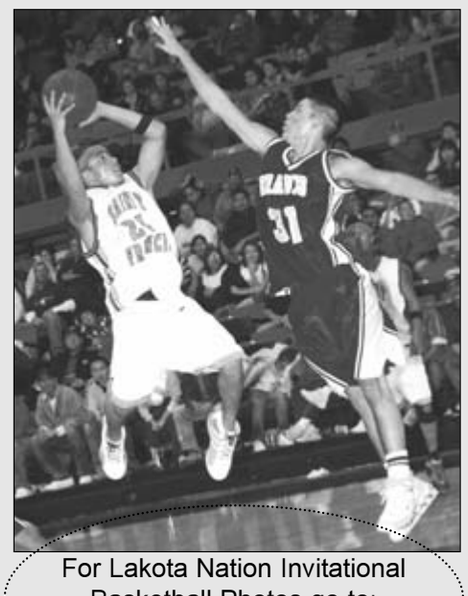
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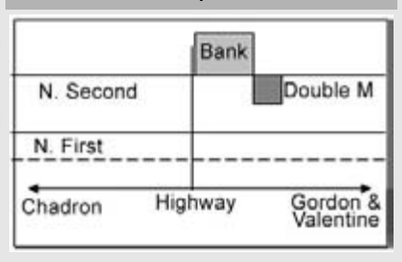


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- The dental program will be focusing on grades 1st, 3rd, and 5th at the St. Francis Elementary and at Rosebud Elementary school. They will provide the sealant program at :
- St. Francis school - February 3 - 23, 2007
  Rosebud Elementary school - February 26 - March 9, 2007.
- Sealant are protective, plastic coating that can assist in preventing cavities. This means if you have your child's teeth sealed, they may never need to have those teeth that are sealed filled as they get older.
- Some of the things you can do to prevent cavities is sealant, fluoride in the drinking water, fluoride rinses at school, using a fluoride toothpaste at home and watching snacks between meals.
- We strongly encourage parents to participate in the dental program by completing the consent form giving the dental program permission to treat their children. When the sealants are put on your child's teeth there is NO injection / shot given. The procedure is painless and if you have your child examined each year your child may never get cavities on his /her teeth.

Shelly Harris
Chief Executive Officer

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#: NRCS-07-SD-129B

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APPOINTMENT: Permanent full time

CLOSING DATE: March 20, 2007

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
#: NRCS-07-SD-120B

POSITION: Assistant State Civil/Ag Engineer, GS 810-12

SALARY: $63,417

LOCATION: Huron, SD

APPOINTMENT: Permanent full time

CLOSING DATE: March 13, 2007

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>NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS<

It is the policy of the Little Wound School to provide an alcohol and drug-free workplace. All appointments for employment are contingent upon receipt of a verified negative drug test through pre-employment drug testing, receipt of a favorable background investigation and the availability of federal funds. The legal policy of Indian preference will be followed to qualified applicants. Veteran's preference shall be applied to qualified veteran applicants.

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WAYNE ROUNDSTONE ON FEB. 21ST
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I would like to say Happy Birthday to my little sister Unique love Capri Fast Horse
I love you little sis!

I would like to wish my son Charles Iron Rope, Jr. a very happy 4th B-day on March 7. Life is rough my boy boy but so are you. My baby hulk you are growing up to fast and into a handsome young boy, I just want to tell you that I love you no matter how crazy you are. I hope you enjoy your day you deserve it. I love you from your mom, Amy Poor Bear

Happy B- day
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2/21/07 hope you have
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I would like to say happy birthday to our Chingz Talanna Lynn on Feb. 27 2007 coming from your mom Antoinette and dad Tommy and your crazy sis Tiara

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Dad, mom, Rena, Dave
June and Em Rowland

We would like to wish Dae Shaun Christian Poor Bear a happy fst birthday, we love you very much (beaner) from the Big Crow family & Grandpa Carl & Grandma Bangy

I would like to say Happy Valentines day to my honey Toby Shot to Pieces your one and only Rena Marie Rowland!

I wanna say Happy Valentines Day to Ashley, Rj, Magan, Tj, Julian, Monica, Ellauria, Jay, Wesley & Julia love you Guys for ever.

Hay whiskey man love you- u- lots, behave love you always missu G.

I would like to wish my little sister Emily Joyce Rowland a Happy Birthday on Feb.21 love you little sister keep your head up and don't let haterz get you down, and don't party to hard love your big sister Rena Rowland.

Happy V- Day to A- Face, W- Calf from one and only Andrew Bear Rope

Happy Valentines Day to my twin sister Rose Starcia Jack & Sioux- Tera Jack and lil Bro Baby Les love Kelly C.

Happy Valentines to baby boy June Bug that I been with you for a year now I love you June!

I would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Waynette Mary Mesteth and Earl, Happy birthday to Vine Black Feather Sr. and in memory of Lana Whistler- Long Soldier, Johnny Milk Jr., Jasper Milk, Floretta Blue Bird; from friends and family Alissa De Cory Apple Floretta 2/26/07 We all love you and miss you very much, we wish you were here with me and Alissa & Arlana Apple, Bill Apple Jr., Mildred Broken Rope, Howard Blue Bird, Jackson Bissonette, Darrian White Face and grandkids to, Arlana & Kasteys and Baby Bill III Apple

Happy birthday to our auntie Dani H.H. love ya Fr: Grace and Margret Graham

I would like to say Happy Belated Birthday to my babez Toby Shot To Pieces on 2/5/07, I love you boy and will always be there for you. Love your one and only Rena. R.

I would like to wish my son Doe Shawn Christian Poor Bear a Happy Birthday, I love you son very much you are my joy and happiness love your mommy Melinda

Happy Valenines to my Grandma Matilda Red Shirt and my mom Dana Fast Horse & family.

I would like to wish Doe Shawn Christian Poor Bear a Happy 1st. B- Day on Feb. 12, I know that I' am Jealous of you but I will always love you love : Baby Vish

I would like to wish my mom Mona and dad Dave, little sister Emily and little bro David a Happy Valentines Day love you guys always love Rena Marie Rowland

We want to welcome our baby boy Jonothan Lee Tallman to our Family who was born 2/15/07 coming from brother Mathew, Billy - Jo, and proud parents: Deloris and Marvin.

Happy Birthday to my grandma the love of my life Rebecca Runs Above moma I love you even though I don' t tell you every day, I wanna send you a Happy Birthday I just love celebrating birthday's with everyone in the house your all the best I love you all Alissionna Janelle Bayola, sissy

Happy Valentines Day
Larry C.
Love M.G xoxo

Happy Valentines Day to James Graham, I love you and I'll always be there for you from your girl Jessie R.

Happy Valentines Day to my mother Rebecca Runs Above I love you not only for what you are but for what you do for us, we appreciate every thing you do your special in every way Arlene Bayola

Happy Valentines Day to all the little sweet hearts Allissionna Bayola, Caidence Runs Above, Baby Rick & Summer Wiconi, Whisper Runs Above, Madline & Winter One Horn your all so sweet love you all Arlene

Happy b-day
Doe Shawn C. Poor Bear Morrison. we love u very much you're finally 1 year old xoxoxo
from Alley

Congratulations to Mathew Tallman for making the Honor Roll at Little Wound School, we're very proud of you & keep up the good work. From your little brother Billy - Jo & Jonathan and your mom Deloris and dad Marvin.

Happy Valentines Day to my little sweet heart Allissionna Janelle Bagola
I love you a whole lot, you can't ever imagine every morning I love to wake up 2 your most beautiful face, you're the most beautiful baby girl of my life
I love you Arlene

I would like to wish a Happy Valentines Day to several people first of all to my sister Bonita Black Elk, & my brother Marvin R.A Jr. no matter what differences we may have between us, I want you to know along with my children your all I have & I love you both very much. Sister I don't know what happened along the way but I' am sorry for what ever it was , I miss you very much and I want you to know that I love you , not only for Valentines Day but for A life time & longer. Also Happy Valentines Day to my nieces Stephany Little, Jolene Black Elk & children, Frenchone Larvie in Carswell Texas & to my nephews Quincy R.A. Shawn D. also to my aunt Jesse Rilliam & family & to my cuz Iva Lynn Black Elk, I love you all very much & Iva thank you from the bottom of my heart to the center of my soul for always being their for me , if there were a lot more people like you the world would be a much better place to live in.
With love & Respect
Rebecca Runs Above

I want to send a shout out to my pop's Richard Bayola over in M.N I haven't heard from you in a while write me a quick note to let me know how you are, much love Arlene & Allissionna

Roseanna Jean Happy Birthday



Eleventeen at last! We love you very much. Manuel, Mom, Brandon, and Grandma & Grandmpa Smith

Roseanna Jean! My naughty little sister, WOW, you're growing up so fast, and you're more beautiful each day! Happy Birthday, Love, Jenni & Sara

Happy Birthday Grandma Connie & Aunt Roseanna II, I love you guys! love, Baby Sara

Connie Smith Blanco! Happy 21st birthday for the 2nd time! I love you! and I hope you have a special day! (hint, hint, Manuel) Love, Jenni

Happy 11th Birthday your oldest son Jared Cole Old Horse whose B-day is on 2-21-07. My gosh your turning more Handsome as the days go past. Son we are so proud of you. We Love You Very Much Love, Mom (Verine) And Dad(Jonas)

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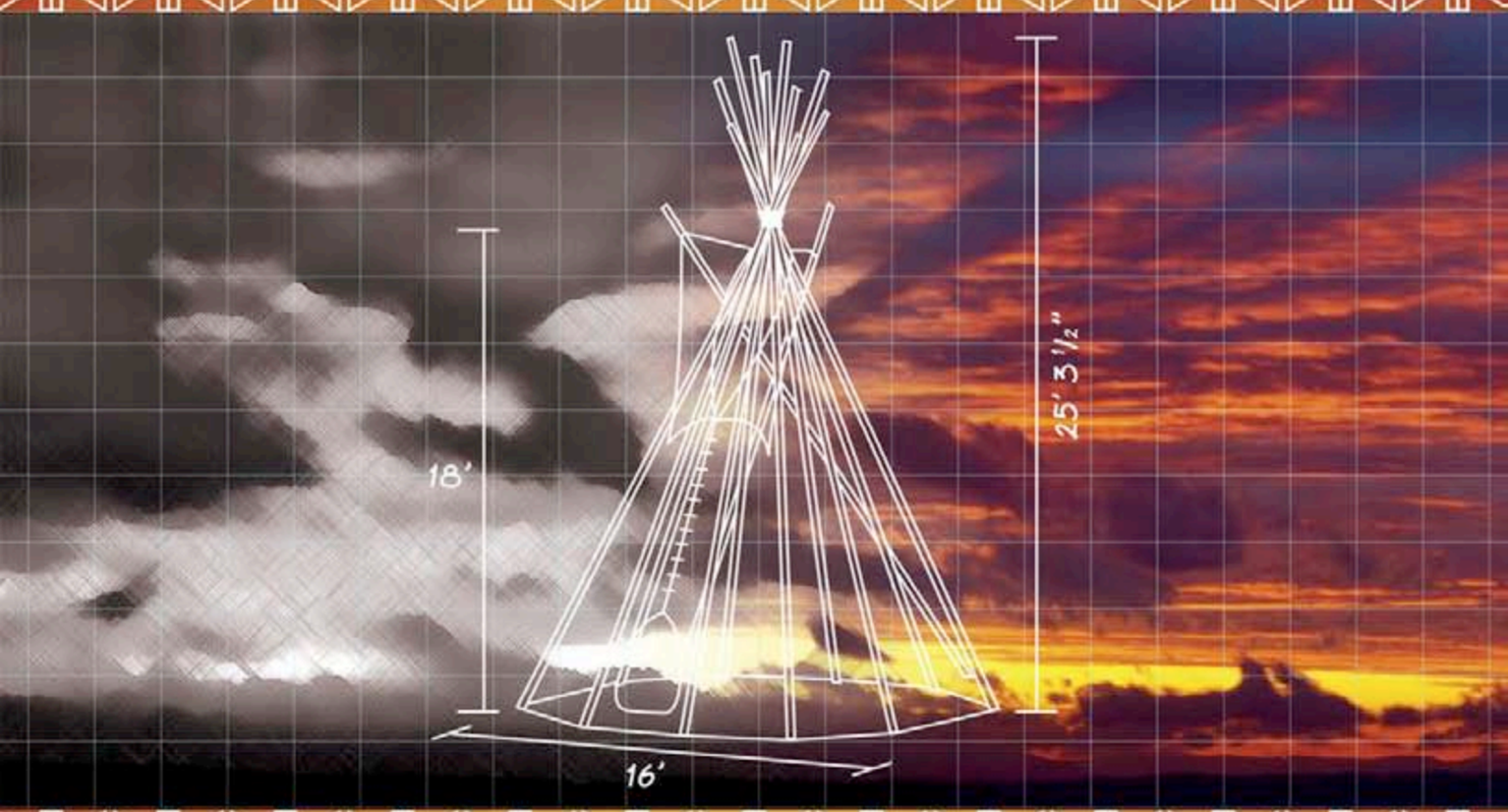
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Teams head to state 'A'

PINE RIDGE/KYLE - The Little Wound High School Mustangs has earned a bracket place in the South Dakota State A basketball tournament on March 15 to 17 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. Their first game will be Thursday, March 15 against Chamberlain at 7:45 p.m.

The Red Cloud Lady Crusader held victories in the district and regional action and will play Bennett County at State A on March 8 to 10 at the Young Center at Black Hills State University at Spearfish. Game action will be on Thursday, March 8 at 6 p.m.

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Little Wound Mustangs won the Region 7A championship on Tuesday at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City; back row: Jon Derby, assistant coach, Michael Apple (30), Napolean Lays Bad (40), Dustin Shangreaux (50), Vern Marshall(44), TJ McCauley (22), Rich Big Boy (30), Ty Lunderman (24), Jamie Feather earring, head coach and Travis Brave Bird, Assistant coach and in the front row Brice Hornbeck (20), Orin Three Stars (12), Casey Montileaux (10), Shilo Pierce (34) and Devon LeBeau (14) with tem managers including arlin Cuny and Rodney Richards and statistician Rob Mendoza;. Photos courtesy of Double M Photography.



Red Cloud Lady Crusaders won the Region 8A Championship on Thursday at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City; the team includes (back row): Kristy Boltz (40), Lisa Bear Robe (42), Portia Means (52), Ethleen Cournoyer (54), CaSarah Pine (32), Ida Clarke(24), and Danielle Locust (22) (front row) Josey Johnson (20), Marque Lunderman (34), Shaina Clifford (10), Bobbi White (30), Saige Pourier (14), and Desirae Blacksmith (12); Red cloud is coached by Ted Standing Soldier, Jr., Head Coach and assistant coaches Alicia Mousseau and Amber Sierra.

Bush administration proposes $7 billion settlement in Indian trust lands case

Proposal admission of government wrongdoing

By Associated Press and Staff

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. government has proposed paying $7 billion to settle lawsuits over the management of Indian trust lands -- an offer met with immediate objections from tribal plaintiffs.

At issue is a decade-old lawsuit by tribes against the government claiming that the government has mismanaged more than $100 billion in oil, gas, timber and other royalties held in trust from their lands dating back to 1887.

The litigation, filed in 1996 by Blackfeet Indian Elouise Cobell, deals with individual Indians' lands. The money would end the more than 250 tribal cases as well as the billion-dollar Cobell lawsuit over individual Indian funds. In exchange, the administration demands Congress extinguish the government's liability for all future trust claims.

Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said he will hold hearings on the proposal and said the settlement offer is the first time the federal government has acknowledged a multibillion dollar liability for mismanagement of the trust funds over the past century.



Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior

"That is a significant admission," Dorgan said, adding that he believes the conditions attached to the settlement offer will be controversial.

In response to the letter, Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-North Dakota), the chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, said he will conduct a hearing on the settlement offer later this month to give the Attorney General and Secretary of Interior an opportunity to "publicly discuss the origin of the settlement offer and to explain its details." He said plaintiffs would also be invited to take part in the hearing and to react publicly to the settlement offer. He will also invite witnesses from other tribal and Indian interests to present testimony on the settlement offer.

Ultimately, Congress must enact legislation to fund any settlement of the case.

The federal government is currently spending over $60 million a year to defend itself from the lawsuit and has spent more than $300 million in that effort. "It is the role of Congress to ensure that the process is transparent, and that all issues are discussed openly and publicly discussed. I believe that will help ensure fairness for the plaintiffs and help bring closure for the federal government," he said in a press release.

Cobell and one of her attorneys, Keith Harper, said the Interior Department is asking for too much.

Under the terms of the offer, the government would pay $7 billion over ten years, without interest. In exchange

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No official word, yet, on RST Secretarial Election 'postponement'

By Archie Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - Rosebud Sioux tribal members are likely wondering what the latest word is concerning the motion for postponement of the RST Secretarial Election scheduled for March 20. Apparently there is no official word, yet, on the request to postpone the election until the end of July as approved by the RST council. The request was sent to the Solicitor General for an opinion as to whether or not it could be moved up.

Sicangu tribal members are being informed of the upcoming election through public service announcements in Lakota and in English on KINI FM radio; another indicator that the election is still on. Rosebud Agency superintendent says that officially the election is on and that the request for postponement was sent on the Regional Director and he is waiting for response. He said he is hoping to get a response in time for the next RST council meeting.

The deadline for registering for the Secretarial Election passed on Feb. 20 when tribal members were to have handed in or mailed their registration forms to the local Rosebud Agency offices in Mission and in Rosebud. At that time, the actual numbers that had registered were 1,085 out of a total of 17,500 enrolled Sicangu tribal members, according to Her Many Horses. The BIA sent out 13, 371 registration packets as of Feb. 13 and 441 of the registration forms were from off-reservation members who registered by absentee ballot.

There was a sense that not enough eligible voters had registered in order to adequately represent the wishes of Rosebud tribal members once the election takes place.

During an Antelope community meeting a couple of weeks ago, several people discussed the Secretarial Election issue in the presence of three RST Antelope council representatives, members of the Lakota Women for Change, and other concerned community members.

District 3 Antelope Council representative, Robert Moore, said he was working under the assumption that the election was all set as originally scheduled and that the February 20 deadline would still be in effect for registering. He seemed confident that a decision would be rendered by the Solicitor General on the morning of February 20 on the request for postponement, but apparently that did not occur.

Another community member was adamant that the RST council had passed the motion to postpone the election until the end of July and cited all the hard work that had been accomplished by the Lakota Women for Change going house to house.

Harold James Fuller, Antelope community member and recent appointee to the RST Gaming

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for the money, all tribal and individual mismanagement claims against the government would be dropped and the government would be relieved of future liability.

The proposal would also end, over a period of 10 years, most of the government's responsibilities to manage Indian trust lands and would consolidate ownership of Indian lands, which are now often held by many people.

Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales sent the proposal to Dorgan last week, saying they strongly support comprehensive legislation that would help the parties move "from a litigation-oriented relationship to one of economic prosperity, empowerment and self-reliance for tribes and individual Indians."

Harper said the proposal is an insult.

"There's no sum specific for how much is going to be used for Cobell," he said. "It's pennies on the dollar."

He said the plaintiffs estimate the government's liability could exceed $100 billion, though they have in the past considered settling for less.

Cobell said the government is trying to do too much at once.

"It's not fair to throw every problem that exists in Indian country that has been created by the Department of Interior into our lawsuit," she said. "This lawsuit is about individual Indians and accounting."

Interior Department spokesman Shane Wolfe said the department looks forward to working with Congress on the proposal. Congress has attempted to wade into the dispute in recent years, but has yet to find resolution.

"We believe this proposal looks to the future," he said.

An attachment to the letter lists the items an "acceptable" trust reform bill should contain. "The administration is prepared to consider a multi-billion dollar expenditure for this purpose if said legislation ends all actual and potential litigation disputes, associated with those land trusts and is constructed to achieve [trust reform]," the document states.

The attachment calls for enactment sometime this year. In their letter, Kempthorne and Gonzales said the White House Office of Management and Budget, which had been holding up consideration of the settlement last year, won't object if the legislation is consistent with the administration's proposals.

The Administration is prepared to consider a multi-billion dollar expenditure for this purpose if said legislation (as drafted in bill language, not merely outlined in a White Paper) ends all actual and potential litigation disputes associated with those land trusts and is constructed to achieve the following:

Requires conversion of all 128,000 individual Indian allotments, once fractionated interests are reasonable consolidated, into Indian-owner-managed trust status, within no more than 10 years.

*Requires mechanisms and guaranteed priority of all necessary funding (within the overall settlement cap) to consolidate the 3.6 million fractionated interests to the degree necessary to enable individual Indians to gain the beneficial use and enjoyment of their property rights within an owner-managed trust, using both voluntary mechanisms and mandatory authority.

*Includes incentives to enable individual Indian land owners to undertake the duties and responsibilities of property management, and to encourage voluntary conversion to Indian-owner-managed trusts sooner than 10 years.

*Relieves the government of all historical accounting obligations, and deems account balances accurate as of the date of enactment of legislation. Settles all cash mismanagement claims that have been or could be brought by individual Indians, and all land-based mismanagement claims that have been or could be brought by individual Indians (also including disputes about right of way, title recording, trespass, or any others related to land).

*For the tribes requires conversion of all Tribal trust lands into Tribal-managed trust status within 10 years.

*No lump-sum funding. Land consolidation and then settlement administration payouts to be drawn down as needed from U.S. Treasury (i.e., no interest) Funding established up front may be spread over multiple years.

Aim for legislation enactment in calendar year 2007, but recognize that a complex settlement cannot be rushed.

RST Secretarial election

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Commission said that it did not matter how many people may have registered by the deadline. He noted that during regular tribal elections the very same thing happens; only a small number of people register and the choices they make impacts the entire tribal membership. A larger bloc of registered voters and a corresponding resulting turnout is desirable, however, that does not always occur for a variety of reasons.

An initial examination of the 27 proposed amendments as certified by the RST Secretarial Election Board and certified by the BIA Solicitor General seemed to reveal a couple of issues which have concerned tribal members. One amendment was too long, while two others seemed to contradict themselves while calling for age qualifications that were inconsistent with each other. Still others thought that 27 amendments were simply too many and that it would change the RST tribal constitution in unintended ways. One amendment seeks to potentially add to the tribal enrollment by allowing non-enrolled members to be enrolled as Sicangu tribal members if they can claim lineal descent.

Also, some RST council representatives noted during an official meeting a couple of weeks ago that more education should have been provided to the "proposers" who wrote the amendments to include additional technical assistance.

The RST Secretarial Election Committee was unable to provide such assistance.

Given that there is no "official word" yet from the Solicitor General's office, it is likely that when a decision is rendered, it would have to result in one of the following; the RST motion to postpone the Secretarial Election to July will be approved, the election will be held as scheduled or the election will not be held at all. Most likely the office of the Solicitor is reviewing some of the same concerns that RST tribal members initially had.

Her Many Horses told the tribal council that under CFR 25 the Secretarial Election could not be held at the same time as RST's general election in the fall.

OLC establishes Matthew and Nellie Two Bulls scholarship

KYLE - Oglala Lakota College has established the Matthew and Nellie Two Bulls Scholarship. Matthew Two Bulls (Oyate Tawa-Belongs to the People) and Nellie Two Bulls (Zintkala To Win - Blue Bird Woman) dedicated their lives to the youth, teaching them the Lakota history, culture and language through their songs. They were a repository for the Lakota people - young and old - who wanted to learn the Lakota songs. They were truly a valuable resource to cultural preservation. They were generous and giving of themselves and were dedicated to helping keep the Lakota culture alive. They were man and wife, they were partners, and they spent a lifetime sharing their lives with others

Nellie served as the elder speaker and addressed the graduating students of Oglala Lakota College on June 21, 1998 urging the students to plan for the future of their children and their grandchildren - for the Seventh Generation - and to keep the Lakota language alive.

OLC adopted the "Education Song" composed and sung by Matthew and Nellie as the opening of its Pathway to Education radio show on KILI Radio.

Nellie served as a Councilwoman for the Oglala Sioux Tribe from 1982-84 and was the chairperson for the Payabaya Community for many years. Nellie continued throughout her lifetime to be very active on a local and national level. She credits her grandmother Bessie Red Breath Bear for her love of music and her willingness to share the songs. Matthew was a cattleman and was a member of the Cattlemen's Association. After lease prices went up and cattle prices went down he sold his cattle. He took what he learned and shared it with the community - he taught farming and agriculture projects through community programs. Together, in 1950, they organized the drum group called "Sons of Oglalas" and were well known, nationally and internationally for their singing abilities.

Matthew and Nellie both taught at the Red Cloud Indian School for 20 years before retiring in 1991. They began at Red Cloud as Lakota instructors and assistant classroom teachers. Because teaching was their passion they decided to take further training at the University in Vermillion and what was then Black Hills State College, receiving their certification in secondary education. They were hired at Red Cloud Indian School by the late Calvin Jumping Bull who was the principal of elementary education at the time and later a fulltime instructor at Oglala Lakota College.

"We are losing great repositories of Lakota songs and culture with the loss of people like Matthew and Nellie Two Bulls, Calvin Jumping Bull, William Horn Cloud and John Around Him," said OLC's President Thomas Shortbull. "We must keep their spirit and their visions alive by continuing on with their teachings to all grades and all ages," continues Shortbull, "at Oglala Lakota College we pledge to continue to urge all staff and faculty to learn the language to set an example for the students at OLC and in schools across the reservation."

Nellie was a recipient of the "South Dakota Indian Living Treasure" award at Northern Plains Tribal Arts and the "Community Spirit" Award from the First People's Fund. The spirit of Matthew and Nellie Two Bulls together exemplify the terms "living treasure" and "community spirit."

People wishing to contribute to this very special scholarship fund should send their donation to the Oglala Lakota College Matthew and Nellie Two Bulls Scholarship Fund, PO Box 490, Kyle, SD 57752. If you have any questions or require more information you may contact Marilyn E. Pourier, OLC Development Director, at 605-455-6045 or President Thomas Shortbull at 605-455-6022.





(Left to right) RST District 3 Antelope council representative, Cyril "Whitey" Scott, Eileen Shot, RST LIHEAP Dir., Marian Little Thunder, Assistant Director and Patti Douville of the RST planning and development office. Photo by Archie Beauvais.

Rosebud and Pine Ridge LIHEAP disbursing energy assistance

'It is as bad as they are saying'

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - Eileen Shot, LIHEAP Director for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe was finally able to sit for an update by the Lakota Country Times on her office's activities regarding the recent donation of energy assistance from Citizens Energy Company and CITGO Petroleum Company. A donation of $695,000 was made to RST, while a similar amount was also donated to the Oglala Sioux and the Cheyenne River Sioux.

A proposal was written by Shot, Marian Little Thunder, assistant director of the LIHEAP office and Patti Douville of the RST Planning and Development office.

For RST households the eligible assistance amounts to $259.00 per household and tribal members could either check a combination of assistance that could be used to pay for wood, electricity, propane of a combination thereof.

Shot said that her office routinely receives 200 or more calls for energy assistance a day and that disbursements had begun on Wednesday, February 25. He staff worked all day the previous Sunday taking applications in the form of a request for assistance and a release of information.

The elderly would be served first, followed by the rest of the eligible households. The vendors were said to be responsive and that electricity bills would be paid before Cherry-Todd Electric would be doing disconnects.

RST will also be eligible for assistance from the CITGO Corporation next year. A recent report on KSFY describing the need for low energy assistance had also yielded some smaller donations.

When Rosebud residents were first notified of the impending availability of the energy assistance funds a couple of week ago, there was some confusion in the communities as to who would actually qualify for assistance.

Shot was interviewed by Richard Iyotte on KINI FM earlier and she said, "The stats were given on how many households we have on the reservation and how many LIHEAP eligible households the LIHEAP Program services. The donor looked at the stats and was able to assist them in the very low income, which is the LIHEAP eligible households."

District 3 Antelope council representative, Cyril "Whitey" Scott had contacted an attorney for the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe and secured information on the process as required by CITGO. Eileen said, "Whitey went out and did the footwork."

Today, the RST council held a regular council session and Shot was on the agenda to answer concerns about the CITGO funds as presented by a couple of council representatives. Mike Crow Eagle of St. Francis noted that if the funds were a donation, some of his constituents asked why everyone did not qualify for the funds.

Apparently, Shot initially notified CITGO that there were many households that needed assistance on the Rosebud, but they chose to provide enough funding to only cover those who were deemed eligible using federal LIHEAP guidelines.

Rosebud council representative, Ken LaDeaux, said "There is no documentation figures or census of exactly what is available…If we are going to continue to do this, we need an adequate data base to do this. When there is inconsistent information it is hard to program the right amount of money…The time to plan for next year's assistance is now. We are in the same predicament as a lot of people."

Shot said that her office has all of their information computerized now, as compared to earlier years when a lot of the information was on paper.

On the Pine Ridge reservation, Robert Running Bear of the OST energy office said that the CITGO donation funds had been disbursed to the nine district CAP offices and tribal members could apply there. Running Bear had done a lot of the "footwork" also during the previous month.



Lakota urge U.S. Fish and Wildlife to maintain control of Bear Butte Lake

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

STURGIS - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is inviting public comment on its proposed action to give up its interests at Bear Butte National Wildlife Refuge in Meade County and transfer control of the area to the State of South Dakota.

Tom Koerner, refuge manager, and Shilo Comeau, wildlife biologist, held an open house on Wednesday, Feb. 28, in Sturgis to explain why the Service is planning to relinquish management at Bear Butte Lake and surrounding land.

Koerner and Comeau manage both Bear Butte and Lacreek National Wildlife Refuges. Lacreek Refuge, located 12 miles southeast of Martin, will remain under USFWS control.

Activists working to protect Bear Butte from encroaching development are asking USFWS to hold onto its interests at Bear Butte Lake.

Anne White Hat, who lives near Bear Butte with her family, said that this is not the time for the federal agency to step out, "especially during this time right now when we're struggling to protect this area."

Koerner said the federal easements were acquired in the 1930s from private landowners, the state, and the War Department (now Bureau of Land Management), allowing the Civilian Conservation Corps to build a dam and camping facilities at the lake and establishing Bear Butte Lake as a refuge, sanctuary, and breeding ground for migratory birds and wildlife.



Anne White Hat, urged the USFWS to retain management of Bear Butte Lake.

In the 1960s the State of South Dakota bought the land from private landowners and now owns title and controls all activities and uses of the land within the confines of any local zoning laws, Koerner said.

Meade County doesn't currently have zoning ordinances, although the county commission has been exploring zoning certain areas, including Bear Butte.

At the time the Service obtained the easement, White Hat said, Native American people were not able to express their opinions on how the land was used. Although "these are treaty lands," she said, tribal members were not allowed to leave the reservation in the 1930s and weren't allowed to travel to Bear Butte.

"We weren't even visibly present because it was against the law," she said.

Koerner said the easements gave the Service the right to impound water, but after an artesian well at the site was capped, the water supply has been limited to rain and snow. Therefore the impounding of water is controlled by the elements, not the federal agency, Koerner said.

Bear Butte Lake, a prairie pothole, is very dry right now. By comparison, Lacreek has a good supply of both surface and ground water, Comeau said.

In 1967 the Service entered into a cooperative agreement to turn over management of federal rights at Bear Butte Lake to the state, Koerner said.

Today, the Service's involvement at Bear Butte Lake is limited to completing a comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment every 15 years and ensuring compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Koerner said.

According to an online explanation of NEPA, federal agencies are required to consider environmental impacts of their proposed actions and prepared an Environmental Impact Statement, which the Environmental Protection Agency reviews and comments on.

But Koerner said the USFWS draft plan was not submitted to EPA, nor was it presented to the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation, the agency that reviews federal actions that might affect the integrity of national historic places.

The draft plan, available for review at the Feb. 28 hearing, lists two alternatives for the refuge's future: continued USFWS oversight as it now exists, or removal of Bear Butte National Wildlife Refuge from the national refuge system, allowing all rights to be transferred to the state.

Nancy Hilding, president of Prairie Hills Audubon Society and Meade County resident, said that the state's emphasis at Bear Butte Lake has been on recreation, but the federal obligation is to provide a refuge for wildlife.

According to the draft plan, the National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act of 1997 established that "wildlife conservation is the singular Refuge System mission." However, recreation is an allowed use if it doesn't interfere with or detract from conservation.

Koerner said the original federal easements contained language to allow for recreation, including construction of a bath house, picnic facilities, and swimming pond.

The Service's draft plan states that recreation at Bear Butte Lake creates "too much disturbance to provide a sanctuary for migratory birds" and there is "little evidence" that the sanctuary purposes of the refuge were "ever enforced."

"Conflicting uses of the refuge as a state park versus a national wildlife refuge creates a problem for the Service to fully implement the refuge's purpose," the draft plan states.The state allows hunting in the Bear Butte refuge, but the Service has the authority to ban it, according to the draft plan.

Currently, if there's a disagreement between state and federal government agencies on use of the area that can't be resolved, the courts would have to settle it, Koerner said.

White Hat said the state "has been severely lacking in doing anything" to protect Bear Butte and its surrounding area. State agencies relinquish their authority to local government, and local government values free enterprise and property rights over cultural and environmental interests, she said.

Nancy Kile, a Sturgis resident and Bear Butte activist, agreed that the state has not acted to resolve disputes surrounding Bear Butte. Meade County policies are "steered toward development that creates unchecked urban sprawl," Kile said. "If taken out of federal status, this refuge land will be vulnerable to other interests who are not concerned with the protection of this fragile ecosystem."

"We need you to stay there," White Hat told Koerner, and added that the easement rights of the 1930s should be broadened to take into consideration the Native American cultural use of the Bear Butte area.

USFWS is taking public comments on its proposal to remove Bear Butte National Wildlife Refuge from the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Comments must be postmarked by April 9 and mailed to:

Michael Spratt
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
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Porcupine School events for March

PORCUPINE - Events for Porcupine School for the month of March are as follows:

Friday, March 9, early dismissal at 1:30 p.m.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye dance pow wow at Red Cloud Indian School.

Sunday, March 11 Daylight Savings time, one hour forward.

Friday, March 23, early dismissal at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27, end of 3rd quarter.

Wednesday, March 28, "I Care Night" literacy night.

The following is the school menu for lunches.

Friday, March 9: pizza, bread stix, carrots, kiwi and milk.

Monday, March 12: chili, frybread, apples, carrots and milk.

Tuesday, March 13, sloppy joes, baked cheetos, carrots, apples and milk.

Wednesday, March 14: chicken fajitas, broccoli, kiwi and milk.

Thursday, March 15: chicken and noodles, peas, pears, bread and milk.

Friday, March 16: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, peaches, bread and milk.

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If you're actively involved in Porcupine School, your child will probably do better. According to recent research, your child will be a better reader - and less likely to be held back.

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In addition, your child will see how highly you value education. That will motivate him or her to value it too. Here are some tips: Talk with your child. Make sure their comfortable with the idea of your spending time in their classroom.

Contact your child's teacher. Ask them about the class schedule and any special event they have planned.

Tell the teacher about your interests. Note areas which you're knowledgeable, and any special abilities you may have. Figure out with them how you can best help.

Check in with the parent - teacher organization. It can suggest volunteer activity at Porcupine that would best benefit your child's class.

Don't drink stay sober and stay safe!

AA

Meetings:
Mon. 8:00 pm
Tue. 8:00 pm
Thu. 8:00 pm
Fri. 8:00 pm
Sat. 8:00 pm

Come and join us at the
New Beginnings Building in Martin
just across from the park on the southside.

Holy Road

Bernadine L. LeBeau

PINE RIDGE - Bernadine L. LeBeau, 70, journeyed to the Spirit World on March 5, at Rapid City.

Bernadine Lois LeBeau, "Wanah'ca Zi Win- Yellow Flower Woman" was born on Oct. 29, 1936 in Alliance, Neb. to Bernard and Florine (Goings) LeBeau.

She attended Oglala Community School and received her high school diploma from Ft. Collins High School. Bernadine worked for several years at Waterpik, Inc. in Ft. Collins, Colo., before returning to South Dakota in the early 1970s.

In 1973, she married Jerauld E. Weaver and have been married since. Bernadine devoted over 30 years of service to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, the past 13 years as a much-loved employee of the Prairie Wind Casino.

Bernadine was the oldest of 13 children, which included Donna Bettelyoun, Dugan LeBeau, Dusty LeBeau, Paul LeBeau, Twila LeBeau, Tuck LeBeau and Gerald LeBeau of Pine Ridge; Arnelle Skye of Pierre, Bobbie Jo Clark of Phoenix, Ariz., Lona LeBeau of Rapid City. Adopted siblings included Greta Brown and Robert Nichols of Rapid City.

Bernadine is survived by her husband Jerauld Weaver of Hot Springs and her six children which include; Carol Arellano of San Antonio, Texas, Eddie Abold of Gordon, Neb., Antonio Arellano of Fargo, N.D., Ramona Gracey of Wellington, Colo., Gino Arellano and Patti Arellano both of Pine Ridge.

Bernadine had 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Bernadine was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents Keva and Elsie Goings, Edward and Elizabeth LeBeau; brothers; Marvin and Lynn LeBeau and one daughter Lynn LeBeau. She was also preceded in death by Waylon, Freddy and Boxcar.

A one-night wake vigil will begin Thursday, March 8 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pine Ridge.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 9 a.m., Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Steve Sanford as Celebrant.

Burial will be at the Black ills National Cemetery, Sturgis.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

Solidad Carmelia Iron Bear

LINCOLN, NEB. - Solidad Carmelia Iron Bear, infant daughter of Elgie Iron Bear and Lolita Esparza of Lincoln, Neb, was stillborn on Feb. 26 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lincoln, Neb.

Survivors include her parents brothers DiAndre Roan Eagle and Emilio Iron Bear of Lincoln; a sister Alicia Iron Bear, Lincoln.

Maternal grandparents Jose Esparza, Slim Buttes; Susan Roan Eagle of Lincoln;paternal grandparents Lawrence Quevedo, Glendale, Ariz.; Carol Iron Bear, Scottsbluff, Neb.

Visitation will be at 9 a.m., Friday, March 9 at the Joann Sierra Residence, near Pine Ridge.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. March 9 at the Joann Sierra Residence

Officiating will Alfred Red Cloud with burial at the Native American Church Cemetery, Denby.

Community Calendar
Rez Happenings

Open gymnasium
Tuesday nights at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge from 4:30-8 p.m. open to all ages sponsored by the Oyate Blihelya Diabetes Prevention Program

OST Commodity Issue
Thursday, March 8 in Manderson and Wounded Knee, Monday, March 12, Martin at Sunrise Housing, Wednesday, March 14 in Porcupine at the old CAP Office and at the entrance to Evergreen, Friday, March 16 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni Lake and Monday, March 19 in Oglala.

Special Session/OST Council
Thursday, March 8 to focus on issues of the Oglala Sioux Rural Water Supply with location yet to be announced, for information call Elizabeth at 867-5821.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
School pow wow on Friday, March 9 at Red Cloud School sponsored by Red Cloud and Our Lady of Lourdes and Friday, March 30 at St. Francis School with grand entries at 1 and 6 p.m and supper at 5 p.m.

Final Drug Test 2007
Saturday, Sunday March 10 and 11 at the Pine Ridge Agency Fire Station from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for those interested in being employed with the Wildland Fire Program this year, for information call 867-5396.

Veterans meeting
Sunday, March 11 at 10 a.m. at the Porcupine CAP Office, an American Legion Oglala Lakota Akicita Omniciye meeting to look at elections, vets pow wow and Memorial Day, for info call 867-1009.

Medicine Root Informational meeting
Tuesday, March 13 at the District CAP office in Kyle at 6 p.m., for info call 455-2448.

Men's Basketball Tournament
March 16, 17, 18 in Manderson at Wounded Knee District School - 12 team men's tourney sponsored by the Wounded Knee District College Center, for info call Troy, Luke or Anita at 867-5352.

Golden Gloves Tournament
South Dakota State Golden Gloves tournament, Saturday, March 10 at Wounded Knee District School in Manderson with weigh ins at 7 a.m. and bouts to begin at 5 p.m. in junior/novice, open men's division, for information contact Chissie Spencer at 455-6364.

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
Wednesday, March 21 to make as many people as aware as possible about the continued dangers of this deadly disease, for information call 800 642-0273 or go to www.HAPP.COLOSTATE.EDU

Memorial Basketball Tournament
3rd annual Dana Wike Memorial Basketball Tournament, March 22-25 at the Sinte Gleska University Multi Purpose Building in Antelope, for information contact Ken at 208-5672 or Rich at 747-5644.

Common Sense Parenting
Wednesday, March 28, first meeting of Common Sense Parenting class at Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge from 4-6 p.m., for information call 800 727-2401.

19th BJ Weston peewee tourney
Monday through Sunday, March 26-April 1, 2007 in Pine Ridge at the Pine Ridge School, four divisions including 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, for information call 867-1429, 867-2640, 685-8253 or 867-5435.

OPINION PAGE

Our Views

Border town newspapers can make a difference

Small business development throughout 'Indian Country' is highly desirable and is likely the way of the future if we are going to "discard the bonds" that create dependency upon the federal government.

In that vein, then, the American way is to "jump right in" feet first, and take advantage of all that a free enterprise system has to offer. Whether we operate in the city, in rural areas, or even on Indian reservations no one business is allowed to create a monopoly.

We hold tribal business licenses with the tribes we serve and we are fully engaged in reporting news which is culturally-sensitive, professionally reported and, as such, we are a legitimate business entity.

We stand by our philosophy of promoting the way of life of our communities we serve and in promoting truth and Lakota spirit.

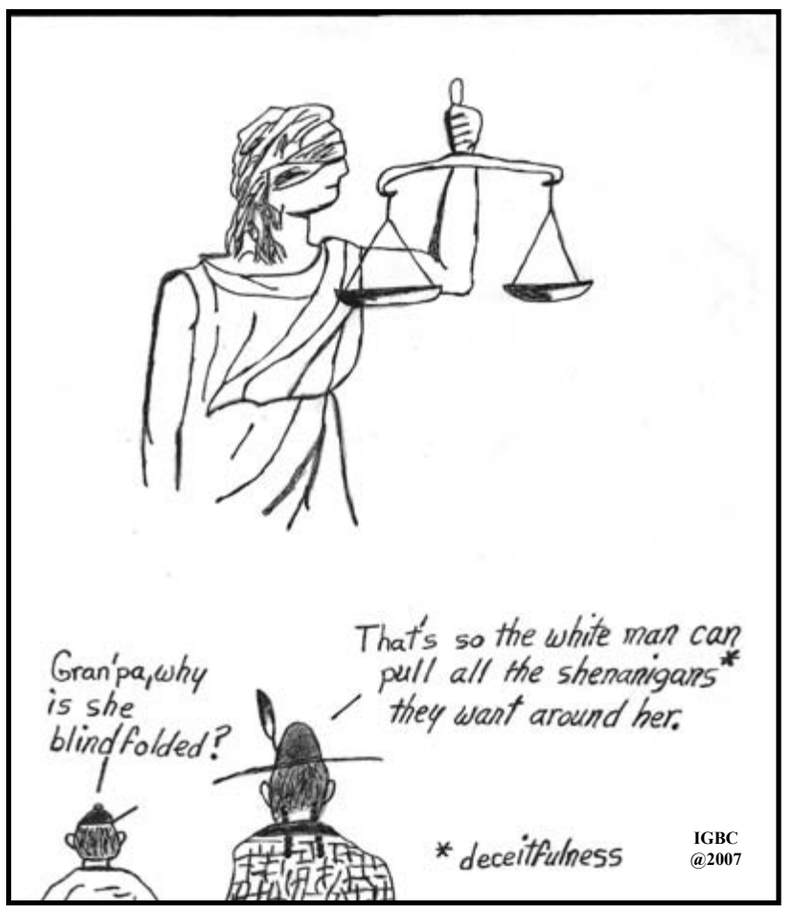
We wanted to publish this newspaper so the Lakota people will have their own newspaper, one that stands by factual information and one that promotes positive news about our communities.

There is a large population of Lakota people on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud reservations and we are not going to dry up and blow away, we are here and will always be here. One of reasons we publish this paper is because we got tired of what border papers say about the Indian people or even better yet, what they DON'T say about their neighbors. More than 25 years ago, the old Lakota Times was started because of that very reason and it still hasn't changed today.

We have border town newspapers that still publish with that mentality of ignorance. They have the perfect communication tools to educate the small town mentality of ignorance of who Lakota people are and what they are about and they don't do it. It's not racism, it is simply ignorance. We are not all about money.

They have the perfect tools to promote reconciliation and they don't do it. They cater to that mentality of small town thinking and it's almost as if they are afraid to taint their pages with Indian news, GOOD Indian news. Instead their pages rack up the criminal activity, the court room drama, how unshika (pitiful) we are, the state of poverty we are in, the drug and alcoholism problems or better yet, NOTHING at all. Believe me, there are plenty of good things in our communities and there is much power in knowing that information.

Moving that information to educate not only Indian people but to educate non-Indian people could move history.



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Other Views

We need to address the complaints of selling ceremonial rituals

Dear Editor:

A recent news article of a premiere New York appearance of another Lakota tribal chief has released a flood of inquiries in to Indian Country on who, what and why is this being allowed. To our relatives far out and in-between, this is a cry out to you to help stop exploiters, profiteers, capitalist, perpetrators, opportunist from committing sacrilege to our sacred ceremonies and sacred sites.

Self proclaimed leaders or hypocrites do not know these ways of the pipe so it falls upon relatives, they sun dance or perform ceremonies and turn around and go home, drink, drug, smoke peji and live their superficial culture. Many of these sun dance's have a fair type of atmosphere, with concession stands and the grounds being used as drug rendezvous for the many outsiders coming and going.

How do we stop these 'leaders' from this spiritual destruction that befalls our people as they play with this sacredness.

We need a solution and they need to stop making money on us and our sacred ceremonies.

Do the people think it was wrong to address this spiritual destruction and devastation we face today with the so-called Lakota leaders in Rosebud or other reservations?

No, we don't think so, not when our sacred Cannupa lies locked up daily or is buried, when as a spirit should live as one with nature and be able to breath as we do.

How can anyone lock up our Cannupa or put it away when our Cannupa is our symbol for life?

Back in March of 2003, the keeper of the pipe put out a protection of ceremonies proclamation. They are out to put our ceremonies into a white religion when realistically we are gifted this way of life to respect, treasure and hold sacred daily through our mother tongue, songs and relatives.

They have been pushing out in the worldwide media that we should have "one faith, one religion and one prayer," where is that leading us to, a "new world order in a white supremacy world?"

That type of role model lowers the standards our youth see and respect. Relatives, read this and take stance, it is time to take charge. Katiya ki na jin pi/po!

We cannot continue playing blind to these so-called leaders whom portray themselves as spiritual leaders, medicine men or spokespeople. Who appointed them?

We sure didn't witness any proper protocols or ceremonies that designated these artificial people.

As these continue, an endless epidemic of this type of negative behavior continues. It's like there is no conscience or spirit present.

Recently, it's been on the Internet of a man from the Rosebud reservation whom is exploiting ceremonies in New York to audiences he has no awareness about. Perhaps, there could be a woman on her cycle or a person with blood on their hands but little consideration is given to these sacred laws, instead the dollar signs play a major role and notoriety.

Another who is a Catholic from New York whom probably got his teachings from a book and is performing or conducting Lakota ceremonies. No consideration is given to these laws put out such as the eagle feather law, the Migratory Bird Act or the Protection of Ceremonies Proclamation.

Our people suffer enough, we've had enough suicides, heinous murders, drugs, alcohol, gambling and the prostituting of our culture and people all for the almighty dollar.

How can we say they help our people when there is no action or interaction with our youth, children and our communities.

We want to enforce and rely on these recent laws to protect us as a people that want to protect our culture, our spirits, our language, our songs and dance and most of all, our Sacred Lakota Nation,

We need to continue being strong in striving for our morals, values and traditional laws.

We can't do it alone, only by strength wowas'ake of standing together will we be protected and perhaps the spirit world will look upon us and give us ultimate power to heal, protect and guide us as we have very little true Leaders.

We must support them when we find them for they are very rare!

We also are proposing a "He Is Not My Chief" initiative, this position of chief should be "earned," not taken or bought for political whims.

To our relatives, we will stand in protest and object promotions or presentations given by the keeper, his followers ask for your continued support in our effort in this petition drive against these exploitations.

Something is obviously wrong when in the midst of winter the thunder beings come and take their course on the supposedly white buffalo named Miracle. It was struck by lightening.

Relatives, please understand many 'miracles' can be born with this new technology. Genes can be crossed or by inbreeding. You can have albinos and create tourist traps.

Take a look at the pictures and ceremonial objects that are boasted, bragged or exploited about the white buffalo and the significance they claimed it portrayed to Native Americans.

So many leaders and people went there to take homage when they could spend their money here in our own communities by adopting a family to assist them in life, to help them live life. After all, adoption is one of the ceremonies brought by the Sacred Woman when she brought the White Buffalo Call Pipe to our people,

Tanyan iyukcan pi/po na iyawanka pi/po. Think about this and observe and understand it.

We as Lakota oyate need to address the countless complaints and reports on the selling of ceremonies and violations.

Ho Hecetu Yelo
Lakota Grass Roots Oyate
Rosebud, S.D.

Other Views

Dawson Has No Horse an inspiration for healthy eating

Dear Editor:

This story is one of many that are touching and inspirational. We don't hear too much about how someone has changed their lifestyle through the death of a loved one. This story struck me as an inspiration to anyone that is struggling with changing their eating habits or lifestyle.

Dawson Has No Horse walked into the office, tall, medium build, looking for that perfect frame. As he walked around, I felt a familiarity about him. Did I know him from somewhere? I thought maybe he used to weigh a lot or has changed in some way. So, I prodded.

Do I know you from somewhere? He looked at me and smiled and said, "I used to weigh 300 pounds or more and I lost a lot of weight." He said he was 6'5" and weighed 200 pounds now. He was a pleasant man, smiled when he looked at you as if embarrassed to talk about it. We continued to talk as he searched for that perfect frame. He said that he got scared when his father passed away and he didn't want to die the way he did. Dawson said his father, also named Dawson, was diabetic, drank and his diet was bad. His blood sugar was never under 200. I used to tell him to quit drinking, but he always had excuses. He weighed between 280-290lbs. His father drove a bus and was a teacher's aid for several years. He passed away March 17, 2001 at the age of 46.

"Everything that my father craved, I pushed myself away from. I cut down on my starches, meat and alcohol. I boil my meat now and prepare my foods in a healthier way and I started to run. I used to eat a large pizza by myself and now I eat it once in awhile. My pants were so big and I have a pair that I keep for inspiration. I could hardly fit into the front seat of my car, I was so big." Dawson says that he has gotten discouraged with his new eating habits, especially when emotionally challenging situations come up. He says that if he eats bad or something that he shouldn't, then he works out more or eats less the next day. He now weighs 200 pounds and feels much better. He watches his blood sugar and is not on any medication, diet controlled.

Dawson, Jr., grew up in Wakpamni with his two younger sisters. I grew up with being around my grandparents a lot, until my grandpa died when I was 10. I had to help take care of my two younger sisters while I was growing up, so we became very close. I always thought about working as an educational administrator.

Dawson continues to live in Wakpamni with his wife. He says he isn't working right now, but will be working again in the summer. He has an aunt that has been there for him, helping him through his ordeal.

When he got his DUI last year, she told him he should've listened to her a long time ago. Dawson says that he is thankful for his aunt telling him things that he needs to hear.

Darcy Cuny
Pine Ridge, S.D.

Reader advocates for Caffrey

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is an open letter to South Dakota Attorney General Larry Long regarding parole for Tim Caffrey, who story was covered in a recent issue of Lakota Country Times.

I advocate for the release of this man, who has more than "paid his dues," considering that he was tried as an adult at the age of 17 and has been imprisoned for 26 years.

Please consider the letter for publication in a future issue. Thank you.

Tim Caffrey was the victim of a crime many years before he became the perpetrator of one. As a mental health professional who has worked with victims of child abuse for 30 years, I have learned that physical and emotional abuse can destroy the spirit of a child - severe abuse is, in fact, a form of murder. The trauma that Tim suffered at the hands of his alcoholic father, from whom he learned to abuse drugs, shattered his self image so that he was unable to make positive choices in his life and could only imitate the rage that was projected onto him since childhood.

After 26 years in prison, it is time for him to be released so that he can have an opportunity to live out the last years of his life productively, in a way that he was unable to do as an adolescent.

I understand your concern that he could become a repeat offender. The solution to that is to make the release conditional, i.e. probationary check-ins, mandated

Please turn to Caffrey; A5

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Notes From Indian Country

Oglala Lakota face tumultuous times



By Tim Giago

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Just seven years after the occupation of the village at Wounded Knee by members of the American Indian Movement in 1973, the U. S. Census of 1980 proclaimed Shannon County, the heart of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, "The poorest county in America."

There are those who consider the occupation of Wounded Knee 34 years ago as the anniversary of the liberation of the Oglala Lakota people. Liberation of what to what? When a nation is liberated doesn't that suggest things are going to improve? Didn't the United States call the pre-emptive invasion of Iraq a liberation?

AIM came on to the Pine Ridge Reservation with high hopes. Like so many Indians they were frustrated by the baskets of red tape that stymied progress and by the preferential treatment doled out to those in power. It was an ongoing problem in 1973 and it is an ongoing problem in 2007.

When the people of the reservation elected Cecelia Fire Thunder to serve as their first woman president they hoped that by electing a woman the tribe would get off of the dime that has negated progress these many years. They believed that such a dramatic shift in leadership would shake up the status quo and bring about peace and eventually, prosperity.

But an inconsequential non-issue called abortion muddied the waters. As a former nurse who had been a first hand witness to rape, incest and unwanted babies, Fire Thunder took her stand as pro-choice. It was her downfall. She was impeached. The vice president of the tribe, Alex White Plume, filled her office.

I have known White Plume for many years and have always considered him to be a good man. He was caught up in the circumstances of tribal politics but he filled the job required of him to the fullest. When election time rolled around someone dug up a fact sheet that listed White Plume as having committed a felonious crime. Although more than 20 years had elapsed since this alleged event and the supposed crime had been reduced to a misdemeanor, White Plume's name was stricken from the ballot.

The former three-time president of the tribe, John Yellow Bird Steele, was the eventual victor in the election, but even he knew that things just didn't sit right with this election. He suggested that a set of independent judges be brought in to review the entire election process on the reservation.

The Pine Ridge Reservation is 100 miles long and 50 miles wide. About 20,000 people inhabit it. About 90 percent of the population is Oglala Lakota. There are four high schools and several middle schools on the reservation. There is one college on the reservation. Oglala Lakota College is located near Kyle and the college has extensions in all of the reservation districts. The tribal government charters the college.

The tribe has one casino located off of Highway 79 near the off-reservation community of Oelrichs. While still president, Fire Thunder initiated a loan from the casino-rich Mdewakanton Tribe of Shakopee, Minnesota for $30 million. The money was used to pay off outstanding debts and to expand and improve the existing casino.

There is still an unsettled feeling amongst the Oglala Lakota people. They feel that they have been cheated of their votes on the last election. Many feel that Alex White Plume would have been the eventual winner if he had been allowed to remain on the ballot. They are still upset that the ballot issue came up just two weeks before the election and they believe it should have been settled long before the election was held.

The people of the Pine Ridge Reservation have been in a near constant turmoil since the occupation of Wounded Knee. Too much finger pointing and blame placing has taken place since then. AIM was not 100 percent right or innocent and neither was the tribal government. And both have to take the blame for what has happened since 1973.

The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 was intended to allow the Indian tribes in America to set up democratic forms of government. Most tribes restructured under the Act, but some tribe like the Navajo Nation, did not accept the provisions of the Act and did not become IRA governments. The tribal government at Pine Ridge is an IRA government and some tribal members find this to be objectionable.

A casino is not the answer, either politically or financially, to the problems at Pine Ridge. Different groups need to stop living in the past and start taking a serious look at the situation as it exists today. As one elder said, "We are all one people and neither AIM nor the IRA government can take this from us. We are Oglala Lakota and that name comes without labels."

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Finding My Voice

I am glad of the experience of extended family



Dana Lone Hill

I love my family very much. Too much. They are great, they know how to pull together for the sake of the family.

We also know how to pull away for the sake of the family.

I see other families that stick together, have coffeee, tea or whatever all the time. My family isn't like that, as much as we used to be. When I was a kid I remember the HUGE get togethers and pot luck holidays. I remember Aunt Aggie's homemade banana bread and she even canned her own pickles.

I remember my Uncle Jack telling me to take it "easy on the pickles because I can't just eat pickles for Thanksgiving."

I remember my grandma telling him "BS, Dana can eat pickles if that's what she wants." I remember getting my Uncle Bogey an ashtray or a beer for a 50 cent tip. I remember my Aunt Erna coming in from out of town every once in awhile, she lived far away and I always though she seemed so "city." I remember Uncle Sonny chasing us, and then us forever teaing him, so he would chase us again. I remember all us kids running around outside until dark, or sleigh riding all day. I remember at Christmas, only one select kid was allowed to distribute gifts. I remember when my great grandma's birthday was just like another holiday, and being in January, it was our last big holiday event.

And me being the first child of the oldest, the first grandkid, had no idea all these aunts and uncles were really my grandparents "Indian way."

Holidays were uncles, aunts, grandmas, grandpas and food. We all came together as a family.

These days, we all live in our own seperate lives. We stop talking to each other when one person is mad at another, or when someone don't live the lifestyle that the others want them too. Drama takes place of all those get togethers. People get too impatient with each other. The great extended family get togethers are extinct. Sometimes it gets easier to just have your own little holiday with your own little immediate family, rather than drama.

When did family stop being, well just that, family? Is that golden era of extended family really gone? I am glad I experienced it, it will be missed

Dana Lone Hill is a 34-year old mother of 4, who recently moved back to the reservation, after an eternity on the housing waiting list. Although currently self-employed, she plans on continuing her education at the Oglala Lakota College.

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counseling, a community service program - measures that would allow him to be monitored until such time that he demonstrates stability.

Tim Caffrey could be a blessing to his community, especially to the children, who could benefit from the mistakes he has made and the lessons he has learned in the past 26 years.

You hold the gift of this man's freedom in your hands. In the name of Justice and healing, I ask you to extend it to him, and to the Lakota people.

Janet Van Sky
Sante Fe, N.M.

Words from the 'trenches'

Who Saves in Daylight Savings?



Connie Smith-Blanco

Daylight Savings Time is three weeks earlier this year. I have a problem with that. Switching my body clock twice a year has never been easy. "Falling back" in the fall is easy to do because I actually gain an extra hour of precious sleep time. By precious I really mean "mandatory," as any extra sleep I get seems to give me more energy and keeps me from getting too crabby.

But leaping forward one hour in the spring is next to impossible. I can't "leap" anymore, and don't know that I ever leaped when I was younger. I've always resented losing that hour of time in the spring. I complain about it because my body complains about it. It takes my body several months to recuperate from that loss of one hour a day, multiplied by seven days a week multiplied by 30 days a month and so on….

I find myself dragging around for months trying to get used to less sleep and then "bingo," I'm expected to "fall back" into my regular schedule as if all that leaping never happened in the first place.

Daylight savings time goes from 26 weeks to 34 weeks this year, I'm not sure how they determined we needed more time to save daylight this year, someone didn't trust that idea to us voters.

Closer to home, Amanda and I received a care package this week from a very nice lady in Arizona. We knew it was coming as last week she had called us to make sure the mailing address was correct.

We thought the package would contain coffee and chocolate and we were really excited about that.

To our surprise, gourmet coffee and chocolate were only two of the many items in the package. There were many good things to eat and many good things to read, and smell, thanks Janet.

We got a call from a professor in Ohio who was calling to dispute a claim made by one of his students. This student had announced in his class that her cousin's tribe in Minnesota was making more money than they could spend. Imagine his surprise when I told him his student was correct, that the Shakopee Nation was not only making more money than it could spend, but thanks to them, many other tribal communities, including Martin, were able to realize their dreams thanks to Shakopee loans and grants.

The professor grudgingly accepted this information, but only after I "kindly" repeated it twice. He didn't want to give up his "outdated idea" that Native Americans were incapable of running their own casinos and therefore were making no money from these or any other ventures. I hope he apologizes to his student. He never did say what classes he was teaching and I was afraid to ask.

Tax season is coming to a close and the revolving door at Mary Kay's H&R Block business is slowing down. The lobby gets so full at times that there can be many, many conversations going on at the same time, but nobody cares. Everyone is here to get their taxes done and are prepared to wait. I've seen people bring their lunches but no one seems to mind.

Mary Kay's customer's also stay busy leaving messages in our Happy Ad Box and reading our paper while they're waiting and we like that, here in the trenches.

Connie Smith-Blanco, Oglala Lakota, is co-owner, business manager and marketing director of Lakota Country Times. She has pursued a music career in Oklahoma, Tennessee and lived near her sister in Texas, and after 30 years moved back to her roots in South Dakota with her two children.

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Shannon County School District Vacancy
Updated: March 7, 2007

The Shannon County School District 65-1 is accepting applications for the following non-certified and certified positions.

All positions are OPEN TILL FILLED unless indicated

Batesland School

1-Elementary Principal-(South Dakota K-8 Administrator Certificate with elementary principal endorsement required)
1-Cook (experience preferred) Open till filled

Wolf Creek School

3-Special Education Aides-(48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment)
1-One on One Special Education Preschool Aide- (48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment)
1-One on One Special Education Aide- (48 college credits or pass the para-professional test prior to employment)
1-Preschool Aide-(48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment)
1-Maintenance (2 years experience with Maintenance, boiler, air condition ing, refrigeration and carpentry certifications preferred, other duties to be established)
1-Alternative School Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)
1-Permanent Substitute (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)

Red Shirt School

1-Elementary Principal-(South Dakota K-8 Administrator Certificate with elementary principal endorsement required)
1-Cook (experience preferred) Open till filled

Rockyford School

1-Busdriver (CDL required)
2-Special Education Aides (48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment)
1-Bus Mechanic (Experience preferred) -Open till filled
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Northern Perspectives

Prayer, song powerful to youth



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

I attended a treaty meeting over the weekend at Digmann Hall in St. Francis and was really quite impressed with the wealth of knowledge that many presenters seemed to have accumulated over time.

It cannot be an easy task to sort through all those court dockets and related materials. I think one probably would have to have some semblance of a legal background to be able to sift through all the related material surrounding the 1851 and 1868 treaties as well as Docket 74.

I am probably like a lot of Lakota people, in thinking that there seems to be several treaty organizations across Lakota country and one of these days I am going to get that straight and figure out who's who.

I probably need to touch base with Johnson Holy Rock again and this time, pay attention to what he is saying. "*Toksa upiya anogoptan makinkte*." Harvey Whitewoman, of Kyle, was helpful in that regard when he was at the Lakota Funds.

I do know that some treaty councils are independent and represent true "grass roots" people, while others are chartered by their respective IRA governments.

Beyond that, I probably also need to caucus, as they say, with my old friend, Victor Douville at SGU. I learn more things in passing when ever I drop in on him unannounced.

I appreciated the task undertaken by kola Archie Little as he emceed the meeting and despite a lack of attendance, he seemed to keep the afternoon session moving right along.

He made it known that I had not missed anything in the morning, as it did not really get started until lunch.

The roads had been horrendous from the day before when an arctic blast hit the Rosebud and everything was virtually a "white out."

As many Lakota speakers as were assembled that day, I was surprised to hear as much English spoken as I did. *"Mis, weki omajula sni eyas, lehan ki'tankelis Lakota unsmiciciye. Lakota ominiceya yuhapi cansna wasicueyapi hantas hecetusni c'ele."*

It was a perfect place for the young to hear Lakota and less English. Sam High Crane voiced his concern in Lakota that even when he returned from the service years ago, the young had started to lose their usage and understanding of Lakota.

Towards the end of the gathering, there was an informal appointment of a panel of "Naca" to represent the Sicangu, presumably to attend local meetings and to play a consultative role on others.

Archie Little, Mike One Star, Sr., Darryl Marcus were asked to volunteer, while highly regarded Sicangu elder, Webster Two Hawk, was being considered.

Archie Little asked me to serve on the committee and I agreed, but in the back of my mind I thought it would be better if I served in a technical capacity as a writer and researcher and someone with connections to the media.

Come Monday morning, I stopped in to see Archie Little and to drop off some copies of the *Lakota Country Times* at the St. Francis elderly center.

Archie then told me that the elders at the meeting said that I had to be a full-blood to serve on the "Naca" panel. I was not surprised at all to hear that and expressed my posture as being "okay" with that.

It was somewhat ironic as Don Moccasin had just given a relatively long talk to the group.

In Lakota, he said that he has several "*takojas*" and even though some were "*wasiculas*" or some other ethnicity it was his view that the group did not see along color lines.

It did not matter if one was white, or black, or red they could attend such meetings.

It is still okay with me as I have never been much of a follower among the Sicangu.

In the white world, I graduated from the best university they have to offer and was rewarded for my efforts. I learned to be functionally fluent in Lakota despite my beautiful French name. I slowly learned Lakota from some very tolerant and compassionate Lakota men like, Stanley Red Bird, Sr., John Around Him and Calvin Jumping Bull. I did not spend all that much time with them, but they were secure enough to reach out to me and teach me Lakota by simply being themselves.

As I often editorialize, I appreciate the support of my full-blood peers, like tahansi Ned, kola Pat and even tahansi Lionel who once encouraged me not to forget it while away to school.

Francis Whitebird and Howard Bad Hand, insa hena kolawa so they help to instruct me as I sometimes fumble through Lakota.

I never quite belonged to any one mold as I enjoy "thinking on my feet" and I can write like crazy. I could have relocated and made an enormous sum of "*mazaska*" but I chose to stay in my homeland.

I live in a trailer house like many here, but I am a proud 'a'te' and I want to be known as a mixed blood Lakota *wicasa* who made an inordinate impact on the life of a child.

The best part of the meeting was when the "Naca" were asked to form a circle around four Sicangu youth, while a prayer and a song was sang for them.

That had to be a powerful message for the adolescents who patiently sat waiting all afternoon.

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Rosebud hospitial CEO receives national award for reducing hosptial debt

ROSEBUD - Shelly Harris, CEO of the Rosebud Comprehensive Healthcare Services, the Rosebud Hospital, received a 2007 Managerial Excellence Award from the National Council of Chief Executive Officers.

Dr. Charles Grim, the Director of the Indian Health Service, presented the national award to Harris at the "2007 I.H.S. National Combined Councils Meeting" in San Diego held from Feb. 25 to March 2.

The national meeting was an opportunity for all I.H.S. area directors, chief medical officers, directors of nursing, clinical directors, chief executive officers and chief pharmacists to attend pre-conference workshops for new administrators to a variety of concurrent workshops.

Harris was cited for her work at the Rosebud Hospital in dramatically reducing the deficit when she arrived from over $9 million to $3 million today.

Dr. Grim also noted that Harris has increased morale at the hospital as well as having promoted good communication with the Rosebud Sioux Tribal council. Madonna Long, CEO of the Sisseton Service Unit nominated Harris for the prestigious award; she noted that it was rather meaningful since it originated from amongst her peers.

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A View from the West

Only we can promote better health services

By Ivan Star
Oglala Lakota

Several years ago, I stopped relying on our Indian Health Service hospital for medical care. To some, this is certainly a reprehensible deed, but I have a concrete reason. With the exception of a few times, I try to avoid using the hospital and its services for good reason.

On many an occasion, even though we arrived first, we were always the last to see the doctor. Many times, we spent the entire day at the hospital waiting to see the doctor and waiting some more for the pharmacy to fill prescriptions.

More notably, though, I got tired of the less than quality care we were receiving from the professional medical staff. Many times, my wife and I took our sick children to the hospital and endured the contemptible service only to have their illness misdiagnosed. More than once, a bottle of aspirin was their prescribed drug.

With seriously ill children and a bottle of aspirin, we had no choice but to take them to "outside" medical facilities where they received actual care and were able to recover from their ailments. On a few occasions, though, these "outside" doctors were upset with us because we had waited too long or they questioned our parental responsibilities. Again, we had no choice but to inform them of the IHS misdiagnosis and/or maltreatment.

More than once, we had to wait at the hospital emergency room for hours on end. Tired of waiting, we had to take our children to a municipal facility many miles away, like Gordon, Chadron, or Rapid City. Eventually, we purchased good medical insurance and started taking them to "outside" medical facilities. Sometimes, though, this can be difficult.

On Feb. 12, the weather was cold and road conditions bad. We had a three-year old with a temperature of 103 degrees, coughing and vomiting. We called the hospital and were told to get her there before 3 p.m. otherwise; we will have to go to the evening clinic. The time was 2:48 p.m. and the hospital is 25 miles away.

We halfheartedly discussed the possibility of an IHS referral. Knowing that was not likely, and that she will have wait for hours, and that she may not get proper treatment, we decided to take her elsewhere. Fortunately, she is covered under the state's Medicaid program.

Consequently, we drove her over 60 miles (one-way) of slippery snow-packed highways in near zero temperatures to the emergency room in Gordon. She was examined and treated promptly. Consequently, she is doing well and enjoying her health.

Over the years, I've heard stories in the community regarding the poor and inadequate health care on the Pine Ridge, including accounts of patients who died after being treated and/or prescribed wrong medication. I have heard more than one tribal member refer to our IHS hospital as "dangerous".

Of course, there are those who would defend the IHS facility in a minute. Such defenders are either employees with good salaries or patients receiving genuine health care and services. Let us keep in mind the fact that I am talking about a period of about forty years or more; even my late parents talked about these things.

I know a direct local redress effort, a protest, or even a confrontation is not going to accomplish anything for the people. Past attempts have proven this point; existing problems continued without letting up. Due to the vastness of the IHS bureaucracy, any effort at trying to set the record straight directly would be fruitless.

It is my belief that if someone is going to deal with this situation, they must know what they are going to be dealing with. First, every concerned person should do some research.

I present some basics here and hope it contributes to a positive trend. Remember, this is merely a small portion of the immensely complex IHS system.

Let us begin with the repeated outcries of denied treaty rights. In other words, treaties guarantee tribal members medical services and facilities, yet they are not receiving their fair share. I believe awareness of the legal basis regarding this federal obligation is an essential step toward understanding and eventually attaining some form of redress and contentment.

Undeniably, health care is a part of the federal government's trust responsibility to "Indians". Although treaties between the United States and "Indian" nations nearly always affirmed physicians, those treaties are directly connected to an international link; the government-to-government relationship.

Next, Article VI of the US Constitution reinforces this legal foundation; "all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land". Furthermore, Supreme Court cases, federal legislation, and Executive Orders have collectively built up substance for this relationship.

Then there are three congressional laws that affect the IHS directly at the national level. First, in 1921, The Snyder Act provided federal funding "for the relief of distress and conservation of health… [and]… for the employment of… physicians… for the Indian Tribes throughout the United States".

Second, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 (P.L. 93-638) provided "Indian" nations with the option to either contract for the administration and operation of health services and programs or to remain with IHS administered direct health system.

Lastly, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (P.L. 94-437) of 1975 supports the options of the earlier P.L. 93-638. Its goal is "to provide the quantity and quality of health services necessary to elevate the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest possible level and to encourage the maximum participation of Tribes in the planning and management of those services".

In other words, the "437" law mandates involvement of tribes in IHS activities. However, the law specifically states tribal governments as the point of consultation and involvement. Regardless, this particular stipulation may be problem. Although IHS is required to consult with tribal governments, I am not aware of such.

At the same time, it may be the key with which we can effectively address our health care problems here on the homeland. It is obvious that some people are not getting their pledged medical services. Perhaps districts need to organize an official entity at the local level with which to communicate their health concerns to Tribal Council and IHS.

I believe the IHS "tribal consultation" protocol is problematic. On the face of it, IHS seems to be unaware of community health concerns even with the federal consultation mandate. It seems IHS is making all the decisions while we are receiving less and less services. Is this public discontent merely the result of disgruntled patients?

Although not binding IHS' mission is "to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of the Indian to the highest level, in partnership with the Indian people." The Indian Health Service goal is "to assure comprehensive, culturally acceptable personal and public health services are available and accessible" to all Indian people.

Anyway, what we should be doing is to establish adequate communication with tribal council with the purpose of involving ourselves in this seemingly one-sided affair. At this point, it seems the people are not involved in IHS activities.

I do know that if we had functioning community governments, IHS and tribal council will not be able to ignore Lakota people anymore.

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Mustangs ground Falcons for Region 7A title

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Ty Lunderman and TJ McCauley set the tone for the Little Wound Mustangs Tuesday at the Civic Center arena in Rapid City as they led the Mustangs charge out of the gates against Todd County. Lunderman hit a basket and six straight free throws while McCauley hit two twos and a three as Little Wound went up 26-13 at the end of the first quarter on their way to an 81-60 win over Todd County for their second straight Region 7A championship and trip to the South Dakota State A tournament.

Little Wound's triumph was a team effort as Brice Hornbeck scored nine of his 15 points in the second quarter and as a team, the Mustangs stepped up the pressure on defense throughout the first half forcing Todd County into 14 first half turnovers and took advantage of the transition game to go up 51-23 at the half.

"The team really stepped up defensively," said Jamie Feather Earring, Mustang head coach. "Earlier in the season we played the Falcons in Mission and didn't really come alive until the fourth quarter after we were down by 14 points, this game the boys were motivated to step up from the opening tip-off."

Up by 28 at the half, Little Wound put cruise control on for the second half and eased on into the 2007 State A tourney set for the Civic Center arena next week. With Rich Big Boy recuperating from a knee injury from an earlier game and seeing limited action, McCauley stepped up with 20 points, five steals, four assists and nine rebounds while Lunderman finished with 21 points, two steals and four rebounds including going eight for eight from the free throw line. Shilo Pierce helped with nine points and five steals, Hornbeck finished with 15 points and Devon LeBeau added nine points and three steals.

Todd County had upended Platte 58-50 to win the 13A title but struggled with Little Wound's up-tempo game at both ends of the floor. Gunner Krogman finished with a strong double double 16 points and 15 rebounds while Jordan His Law came off the bench to hit for 21 points and grab six rebounds. Both teams put up 55 shots, Little Wound hit 30 for a 55 per cent shooting percentage while Todd County hit 21 for 38 per cent. Todd County finished their season with a record of 15-9 and will lose Steve Antoine, Ed Bad Hand and Vernie Menard. Both Krogman and His Law will be back for the next season.

Little Wound pushed their record to 22-1 and will play in their second straight State A tourney, this time at the Civic Center March 15-17. The Mustangs lost their first two games last year at state and won their third game for seventh place. Little Wound earns a number three seed behind St. Thomas More and Parkston and will face Chamberlain at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday night, the Cubs beat Little Wound in last year's second round game.

Little Wound defeated Pine Ridge for the third year in a row for the District 14A championship Saturday night at Rapid City Stevens high school 87-56. Lunderman led four Little Wound players scoring in double figures with 24 points, Shilo Pierce helped with 19, McCauley added 15 and Hornbeck chipped in 14 while McCauley had a team high 11 rebounds. John Provost led the Thorpes with 17 points, Michael Jack added 10 and Oris Morrison grabbed eight rebounds as Pine Ridge finished their season 11-11.



Todd County's Gunner Krogman gets rim high as he beat Brice Hornbeck (20) and Michael Apple to the basket. Krogman led Todd County with 16 points and 125 rebounds.

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Little Wound wins Region 7A on Tuesday as Shilo Pierce (34) gets out in front of everyone for a layup.

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Shawn Keith (32) heads for the basket during the District 14A championship game on Saturday in Rapid City.

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Red Cloud beats Custer for 15A title loses to St. Thomas More for 7A championship

SPEARFISH/RAPID CITY - In a rematch of last year's Region 8A championship game, Red Cloud and St. Thomas More battled for every possession and point Tuesday night at the Civic Center in Rapid City; it was tied up at 14 all at the first quarter and after a two minute stall that ended up with a charging call and a foul, St. Thomas More led at the half 21-19 on their way to a 53-42 regional championship.

Red Cloud led late in the third 24-23 when they hit a dry spell and couldn't buy a bucket while the Cavaliers went on a 14-0 run to break open a very tight game. With a 13 point lead in the early part of the fourth, St. Thomas More could manage the clock using their three guards to work the ball around and leave Red Cloud with little or no choice but to put them on the foul line where St. Thomas More hit 12 of 17 to ice the game and head for their fourth straight State A tourney. Last year the Cavaliers polished off a 26-0 undefeated season with the State A championship, beating Clark in the finals.

Red Cloud struggled from the field all night long, shooting 13 for 48, a 26 per cent clip while the Cavaliers hit 16 of 40 for 40 per cent. Lester Gotheridge finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds, Christian McGhee helped with 10 points and Dave Giago grabbed nine rebounds for Red Cloud. Kyle Doerr led St. Thomas More with 15 points and 12 rebounds, Nate Jacobson added 13 points and Tanner Wince chipped in 11.

Red Cloud finished the year 19-4, for the second year in a row one game away from State, they will lose two seniors Chris Red Bear and Joe Richards and all five starters return.

St. Thomas More moved their record to 22-1, earned the number one seed playing Lennox the number eight seed in the first round of the State A and will be looking for their second straight state championship.

The Crusaders earned their trip to the Regionals by knocking off Custer in the 15A championship game 56-49 on Friday night in Spearfish at the Young Center.

Red Cloud started slow and after being down at the first quarter break 8-7 picked up the pace and led at the half 23-16.

The Crusaders forced Custer into 26 turnovers and used balanced scoring to seal the deal as Gotheridge and Giago hit for 13 each, Brier Iron Cloud came off the bench for 12 and McGhee finished with 10.

Gotheridge chipped in a team high six rebounds and with McGhee had a team high five steals. The Wildcats would never allow Red Cloud much separation, Trevor Cook led the way with 21 points and Isaac Parsons added 15 as Custer finished the season 17-5.

Pine Ridge snares Big Foot Conference over OLL

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

WOLF CREEK - Our Lady of Lourdes was the number one seed, Pine Ridge was number two, they had played three times this year with OLL winning by 10 at Pine Ridge, by six in Rapid City and by one in the Red Hawk Memorial but Monday night at Wolf Creek, the Thorpes broke open a close game in the fourth to win the biggest game of the year 69-62 over OLL for the Big Foot Conference championship.

The Braves were up by one at the end of the first 18-17 as Truman Rossman scored 10 of his team high 21 points. Pine Ridge came back in the second to take the lead at the half 30-29 as Roger Big Crow finished with 14 first half points then OLL retook the lead at the end of three but Sonny Red Cloud and Trevor Bettelyoun dominated the paint in the fourth to close out the win for Pine Ridge. Red Cloud finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds, Bettleyoun helped with 14 points and six boards while Big Crow scored 20 before fouling out with a minute to go in the game.

OLL picked up their first loss of the season finishing up with a record of 14-1, Rossman led the way with 21 points and 14 rebounds, Kiley Weston helped with 19 points and 12 boards and Ryan Lays Bad added 12 points and 14 rebounds. The Braves lost starting guard, Gerome Guiterrez to a broken ankle two days before the championship game.

"We were ready, we wanted to do a much better job on the boards and play a four quarter game against the Braves," said Darby Sreele, Pine Ridge's coach, "it took us two overtimes to get by Little Wound in the semis and I'm glad we still had a lot of game left for OLL."

Pine Ridge finished the season 17-4; Red Cloud earned the MVP award and Bettleyoun was named Mr. Defense and all tourney along with Big Crow and Daulton Buckman. OLL's Lays Bad, Weston, Rossman and JD Plume were named all tourneys while Weston earned the Individual Sportsmanship award and Rossman was Mr. Hustle.

Additional All Tourneys included: Bradley Little Moon/Bates, Jordan Bagola/Lone, Sam Yellow Boy/Wolf Creek, Mike Richards/Red Cloud, Steve Apple/Rockyford, Brad Hussman/WKDS, Joe Marshall/Am Horse, Spur Pourier, Kevin Hunter and Jason Feather Earring/Little Wound.

Little Wound took third 67-59 over American Horse and Wounded Knee District school finished with the consolation championship beating Porcupine 59-53.

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Red Cloud, Cheyenne Eagle Butte earn State A trips

Red Cloud downs St. Thomas More for Region 8A, Lady Braves knock off Miller Area for 6A

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY/GETTYSBURG - St. Thomas More held Red Cloud's Marque Lunderman in check for most of the night and forced the Lady Crusaders into 31 turnovers but as a team, Red Cloud stepped up and overcame whatever the Lady Cavaliers put in their way to win the Region 8A championship 40-33 and earn their first trip to the state tournament since 2001.

"It wasn't a very pretty game but the girls got it done, they played good defense, led at every quarter break and played really well as a team," said Ted Standing Soldier, Jr. in his first year as head coach, "these young ladies have proven to be not just a young team but a good solid team that gets the job done."

Shaina Clifford finished with 11 points, Lunderman, who averages around 18 points a game finished with nine, four blocked shots, two assists and two steals while Lisa Bear Robe led the team with nine rebounds. Red Cloud picked up their 16th win of the season against seven losses and as the number seven seed in the state A tourney will face Bennett County, number two seed on Thursday night at 6 p.m.





Red Cloud knocks off St. Thomas More to win the Region 8A championship and earns a trip to the State A tourney in Spearfish this week; photos include (left) Shaina Clifford (10) drives around Megan Rafferty towards the basket; (below left) Lisa Bear Robe (42) gets a rebound down low and puts it back for a score and (above) Red Cloud's Danielle Locust (22) grabs as rebound in traffic.

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Down 6-5 at the end of the first quarter, Cheyenne Eagle Butte came storming back to take the lead at the half 23-17 and never look back as they went on to beat Miller 48-27 for the Region 6A title and earn a trip to the State A tourney.

Jordyn Brown hit for a team high 13 points, Brittany Azure added 10 points and Nadia Watt grabbed five rebounds. Cheyenne Eagle Butte will take an 18-4 record into the State A in Spearfish taking on Vermillion at 1:45pm on Thursday.

"We have really come together as a team,": said Arlyn Wohlleber, head coach, "we have two outstanding seniors in Azure and Brown, a sold sophomore in the post, Jessica Keckler and two very promising freshman Watt and Lacy Leaf really stepping up while Marissa and Scottie Laundreaux lead a strong supporting cast, we are really looking forward to the State A tourney."



Governor signs law on sobriety project

PIERRE (AP) - A measure to expand a pilot program that requires repeat drunken drivers to check in at jails twice a day for breath testing has been signed into law by Gov. Mike Rounds.

Rounds announced Tuesday he has signed the bill, which allows for statewide expansion of a voluntary program designed by South Dakota Attorney General Larry Long.

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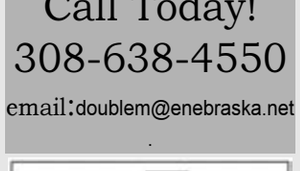


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REGION 8A CHAMPIONS

Red Cloud Lady Crusaders won the Region 8A Championship on Thursday at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City; the team includes
(back row): Kristy Boltz (40), Lisa Bear Robe (42), Portia Means (52), Ethleen Cournoyer (54), CaSarah Pine (32), Ida Clarke(24), and Danielle Locust (22)
(front row) Josey Johnson (20), Marque Lunderman (34), Shaina Clifford (10), Bobbi White (30), Saige Pourier (14), and Desirae Blacksmith (12);
Red cloud is coached by Ted Standing Soldier, Jr., Head Coach and assistant coaches Alicia Mousseau and Amber Sierra.

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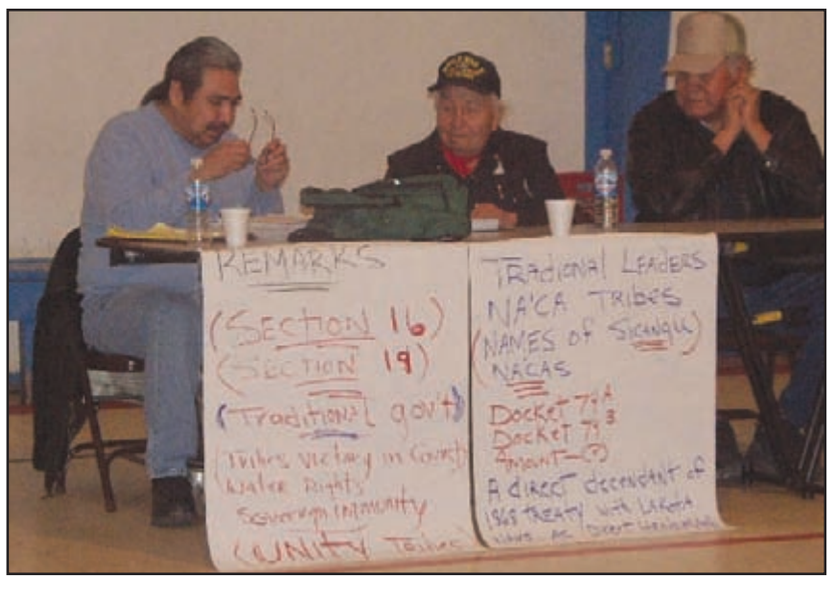
By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ST. FRANCIS - Last Saturday, on March 3, Archie Little and Darryl Marcus took the lead for the Sicangu Oyate and hosted a meeting of the Oceti Sakowin Treaty Council at Digmann Hall as 35 people signed in.

A couple of handouts were available as well as an Sinte Gleska University calendar. Lunch was provided by the tribal education department and the diabetes prevention program.

A previous meeting of the treaty council on the Rosebud had been cancelled due to bad weather. This one came on the heels of a blizzard that quickly blew into the Rosebud the day before and led to the cancellation of many other events. It likely impacted the number in attendance as more had been expected.

Participants were seated in a circle and were given the opportunity to speak using the microphone and to introduce themselves. Many would follow up later with their philosophy and attitude about the creation of a traditional form of government that is representative of "grass roots" people. Many also spoke about the treaties and how traditional people are not subject to state and federal law, but instead, choose to continue to adhere to the dictates of the 1851 and 1868 Fort Laramie Treaties.



Byron In The Woods, Dave Bald Eagle and Duane Good Face provided information on the Oceti Sakowin treaty council to the Sicangu Oyate at Digmann Hall last Saturday and presided over the meeting. Photo by Archie Beauvais.

A majority of the speakers spoke Lakota and participants and observers, alike, were fortunate to be able to witness such an event given the great concern that the Lakota language is slowly disappearing.

Byron In The Woods from Dupree spoke at length to the assembled group. He said, "Daku ota cante suta ya he naje…otehi ahikte. Ptala unglunajin." He continued, "I am not chief, but talk for the Naca. I have a lot of knowledge about the laws…'Grassroots" people need to stand up. We have plans and we need elders to stand up for 'wolakota.' How do we survive with no electricity, no food? The system has made us so dependent."

In The Woods handed out a letter in which he previously put out a call for future meetings. He wrote, "I am bringing out a very important issue for our People of the Four Bands of the Tituwan. The Tituwan Oyate is made up of the Mnikoju, Siha Sapa, Oohe Numpa, Itazicola, Oglala, Sicangu and Hunkpapa."

Some of the agenda items discussed included sovereign immunity, Docket 74 A and B, direct descendents of the 1868 treaty, international law and a "national council"

Several "Naca" or traditional leaders from Lower Brule, Pine Ridge and the Cheyenne River reservations served as presenters.

The Sicangu oyate present created a body of "Naca" from those present, including Archie Little, Mike One Star, Sr., Sam High Crane and Darryl Marcus, while Webster Two Hawk was also suggested. In order to fully participate in such treaty council affairs, it is necessary to have such a group of leaders who can explain the treaties. The group must also be of full-blood descent. They may even be called to assist other Lakota oyate as they work to create a strategy for recognition as a traditional form of governance.

High Crane said, "A lot of kids don't understand Lakota…It is a battle to teach the young because their attention span is short. They have candy and pop. We had natural energizers."

There were Lakota youth who participated and who patiently sat through the afternoon presentations.

At the conclusion of the treaty gathering, the "Naca" and those present in the circle conducted an informal ceremony that was very touching in light of the recent tragedies that many youth are witnessing. Little asked the four young people to stand in the middle and another "Naca" spoke to them in Lakota and then, in English. He said, "Takoja, tehi elo. Itokab yahi elo. *Wololakota, takoja, ogna yanke. Ca letan tokatakiya iyustanpsniyo. Glus unpo."* In English, he said, "Grandchildren, it is tough. You have overcome it. There is the Lakota way. So, from this way forward hang onto it. Don't let it go."

Next, those seated in a circle rose and circled the youth and held hands, while a Lakota prayer was said for them.

Everyone then shook hands with the them. It was a gesture that the youth felt honored to be a part of as it is something that is not demonstrated very often in support of the "Semni" or adolescents.

On this day, it was a powerful reminder that the connection between the young and old needs to be re-affirmed.

A JOURNEY OF HEALING:

'What made you drink in the first place?'

By Anna Bee
Times Correspondent

OGLALA -On March 3, Babe Little celebrated her 27th year of sobriety. I was able to celebrate my sobriety birthday by going to the sweat lodge on Saturday night. The spiritual experience was very beautiful and peaceful and I thanked the Creator for allowing me to be able to live this long. "I've been sober 27 years, but only in recovery for 18 of those," said Little.

Little grew up in Oglala and left when she was 17 years old, returned again a few times and left again a few times and eventually moved back in March 2004, and said she plans to remain.

"Upon my return back to the reservation I found the problems of alcohol and drug addiction combined with lack of recovery are still the main problem of the Lakota people. Getting clean and sober and recovery are not the same thing. I have been sober for 27 years, but only in recovery for eighteen of those years," said Little.



'Babe' Little promotes recovery and encourages people to seek recovery and understand why they are addicted.

"The reason that I say sobriety and recovery are not the same is because that in order to really sober up you have to recover from what made you drink in the first place. Most people nationwide who have lived on the reservation have been exposed to alcohol, drugs, co-dependency which is enabling others to be irresponsible for their behaviors and responsibilities, relationship addiction, and have lived in toxic environments," she said.

When Little speaks to groups, individuals, friends and acquaintances about recovery she always speaks in the first person, making the experience personal and relevant and not targeting behaviors in others. "Most of us Indian people have been exposed to drinking and drug environments that have paved our way to unhealthy behaviors, dysfunctional relationships, suicide, compulsive gambling, and low self-esteem," said Little.

"In Indian Country the shame has always held us down and because of it we have not experienced life to its fullest potential," she emphasized. An example is seeing our children involved in sports, especially basketball. They have tremendous talent, they are so gifted and they are beautiful children. After they graduate high school most of them never go on to play college or professional basketball. They have the talent to do it but somehow their lack of desire dwindles due to problems they have endured growing up in alcohol and drug environments and they also begin drinking and using drugs.

"When I began to educate myself about adult children of alcoholics I had maybe ten symptoms of the test for being ACOA . Some of those symptoms are shame, low self-esteem, compulsive and addictive behaviors, such as alcohol, drug abuse, being attracted to other people who are also ACOA, addicted relationships and other compulsive behaviors. Were used to patterns of chaos and instability because if we don't have it we create chaos because we know how to handle that type of dysfunction and it's so familiar to us. We are also unable at times to complete projects or fol-

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LWS are 'smoking' in the boxing ring

KYLE - The Little Wound School boxing club began their season with more than 15 students wanting to test their ability in the boxing ring.

With rigorous two and half hours of daily practice and conditioning, as the season winds down, the team now consists of a five-member team with two boys and three girls still in it for the "gold."

Lisa Ferguson is a 16 year old junior and is a first year boxer in the 125 lb weight division, she has four wins

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L-R: Little Wound School's boxing team Lisa Ferguson , Kayla Hernandez, James Ferguson, Dustin Ferguson and Bridgette Swallow (not pictured).

State lawmakers set up Indian education office

By Carson Walker and Joe Kafka
Associated Press Writers

SIOUX FALLS (AP) - South Dakota lawmakers have sent Gov. Mike Rounds a plan to give South Dakotans a better understanding of American Indian culture by making it a permanent priority in public schools.

Both legislative chambers have passed a bill offered by the Republican governor that would set up an Indian Education Office and an Indian Education Advisory Council with representatives from each of the state's nine tribes.

The legislation ensures that Indian education will be a permanent part of the state content standards so a future governor can't do away with it, said Marcia Zephier, a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe who is on the advisory council and testified for the bill.

``And then it gets the ball rolling in terms of individual school districts starting programs in their schools,'' Zephier said.

The measure requires all new teachers from out of state and those who were certified after 1993 to complete a three-hour course in South Dakota Indian history and culture.

It also includes a pilot program to offer Lakota language instruction to teachers, which could be extended to offer Lakota language instruction to Indian students. And it requires the state Education Department and the advisory council to establish a curriculum in Indian history and culture.

``The spirit of the bill is to look at the K-12 curriculum and to say, 'What do we want all students in South Dakota who go to public school to know about our native population?' Anything dealing with tribes and native people and history and culture,'' said Gail Swenson, supervisor of Indian Education in the Sioux Falls School District.

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low through with logical decisions," she said. Instead we continue the multi-generation cycle of raising our children that way because it's a learned behavior that we have learned from our grandparents, parents and guardians.

"We carry these behaviors with us," says Little, "until we have the desire to educate ourselves and find out why we behave the way we do."

"Going to Bureau of Indian Affairs and Catholic boarding schools took away our culture and shame was instilled in us just for being Indian. We still see the after-effects of these symptoms in the 21st Century! When you take someone's culture you take their spirit and some of the consequences we still see in our people are alcohol and drug abuse because of their broken spirits. The federal government was very smart in trying to mainstream us. By sending us to bureau and Catholic boarding schools they taught us the divide and conquer tactic and today we are still doing it to our own Indian people. They also broke up what was very important to us and that was our families.

From this type of abuse we still lack parenting skills, interpersonal communication skills, trust, generosity, honesty, compassion and other values that were our natural way of life.

"The long term effects of this cultural oppression include alcohol and drug addiction, co-dependency, sexual abuse and a displacement of the ideals that weaken the identity of our people. Now, we have a chance to recover our balance and become healthy people," she said.

"That is why treatment is very important. It goes hand in hand with sobriety. In treatment, through honesty, you over-come your shame and it opens the doors to serenity, peacefulness, acceptance, high self-esteem, security within yourself, and also helps you to understand other people's behaviors. It helps you to have more compassion, empathy, honesty and resourcefulness when dealing with others."

"I just want to help open the door to all the Lakota people, the door to recovery is just waiting for everyone to walk through. I know that many people do not understand the difference between sobriety and recovery and I want to help bridge that gap. How many of our children come to school everyday from an alcohol and drug environment home? We all need to know through our personal experience how that is affecting our Lakota children. This way of life leads you to poverty, despair, hopelessness and death. Maybe this is why many of our children are committing suicide on every reservation in the United States and Canada," she said.

In 1980, she said Dawson Has No Horse introduced her to the Red Road and Basil Brave Heart gave her the opportunity to attend family therapy and co-dependency programs at Hazelden in Center City, Minn. Hazelden Foundation is a non-profit organization that has been helping people with addictions since 1949.

"Today, I use the Red Road, sun dancing, sweats and ceremony along with music, guitar and singing, and my love of horses to bring me peace, acceptance and serenity in my heart, soul and spirit," Little said.

Little attended the University of Wyoming and Augustana College where the majority of her studies were in political science with a minor in psychology. Little says, "I still have the desire to further educate myself as far as a doctorate degree in public administration. I feel with the political science and public administration emphasis that I would be able to help educate the Lakota people and to assist them in operating a more stable government and how to properly administrate that government."

"I want people to know I understand what they are going through and how this type of environment affects their daily lives," she said. She encourages people to contact her at 605-867-2064 or 605-441-8640 if they have questions regarding this article.

"I will be more than willing to help and assist you in any way that I can. Everyone of you are special because you have grandparents, parents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and relatives who love you. You all need to be treated special and you deserve to have a happy and fulfilling life.

Little said in the future, she will be submitting more articles regarding recovery and on issues of adult children of alcoholics.

Legislative Reports

Hopeful to get the Indian health care bill reauthorized



By Rep. Jim Bradford
District 27
D-Representative
Bennett, Haakon, Jackson, and Shannon Counties

Now in the final days of the 82nd Legislative Session, only a few items remain on the agenda: the general appropriations bill, a few conference committees, and vetoes by the governor. This past week saw the education and property tax bills come to the floor.

SB 115 came before the Education committee after clearing the Senate 21-9. The bill would allow the Department of Education to create rules for pre-school in the state. I am a firm believer that children ought to attend preschool. This bill, while not mandating children to attend preschool, would have improved all preschools in the state. The committee killed and deferred the bill to the 41st day by a vote of 8-7, but after reconsideration, the committee referred the bill to the full House with a do not pass recommendation. The House then defeated the measure by not striking the "not" by a 28-42 vote, with only two Democrats voting no.

I sponsored HCR 1009 along with Sen. Two Bulls, which requests the Congress and the President of the United States to reauthorize the federal Indian Health Care Improvement Act. Both the House and Senate passed the resolution with near unanimity.

The lone dissenting vote in the House spoke with me after the vote and said he misunderstood the resolution and apologized for his nay vote. With all 105 legislators supporting the resolution, I am hopeful we can get the Indian Health Care Improvement Act reauthorized.

This session was eventful and much was accomplished.

We secured additional funding for our children's education, albeit not as much as I had hoped for.

We addressed several other issues as well, including health care, child safety, open government, and the minimum wage. It has been a very productive year and I look forward to the 83rd Legislative Session next year.

As always, I welcome all questions and comments. Thank you.

Until next time.

Minimum wage to be increased only if Congress passes same



By Larry Lucas
District 26A
D-Representative
Mellette, Todd

During the last full week of the legislative session we debated the Bill that would have expanded on the South Dakota Clean Indoor Air Act by repealing exemptions which presently permit smoking in bars and in restaurants that serve on-sale alcoholic beverages.

The Measure failed by one vote in the House Health Committee.

Another Health Bill was the bill to adopt the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act in South Dakota. This Bill passed and will create uniformity among states and territories and help to prevent issues that exist when a transplant involves two or more different jurisdictions.

The bill also clarifies procedures for revoking anatomical gifts and is intended to prevent family members of deceased or dying persons from overriding the decision of an individual to be a donor. This is a very complex issue and, I believe, we need to better education people regarding their options for being a donor at the time of their death.

Both the House and Senate agreed to set a separate Board to govern the four Career and Technical Institutes in the State. This will allow for career and technical education to develop courses of study that will better prepare students for emerging job professions in our state.

The big showdown of the Session has been funding for K-12 schools. The House State affairs removed addition money for state aid to K-12 back to the required 3 percent cost of living increase, while at the same time, the Senate amended a House Bill for a 4.3 percent increase.

Advancing the State's level of funding for our K-12 schools has developed as one of the most critical issues of the Session. SB 157 was originally intended to raise teacher salaries by at least 3.7 percent. Hopefully, the issue can be dealt with in a fair manner in a conference committee between the House and the Senate. The core of the funding debate is how much the State can afford to spend for state-aid.

Finally, the Legislature also passed SB 207, which raises the minimum wage to $7.25 in 2009. However, the House State Affairs Committee added an amendment that prohibits the legislation from taking effect unless Congress raises the Federal minimum wage.

NOTICE FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS OF KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ATTENDING SHANNON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- WOLFCREEK
- BATESLAND
- ROCKYFORD
- RED SHIRT

NEW IMMUNIZATION POLICY FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices now recommends a 2 - dose Varicella series. The first immunization should be given at 12 to 15 months of age, and the second dose should be given at 4 to 6 years of age. Do to this recommended change, two doses of Varicella or history of disease will be required for kindergarten entry beginning this fall with the 2007 - 2008 school year.

The Department of Health offers this vaccine to the 12 to 15 month old children and 4 to 6 year old. A minimum interval of 3 months should be maintained between the first and second dose of Varicella vaccine.

Parents and guardians : please contact your healthcare facility and make sure your child has the required vaccination prior to school entry for 2007 - 08. Failure to do so will result in your child not being able to be enrolled until the immunization is verified.

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Keith Moore, state Indian education coordinator, said the academic success of Indian students does not match that of the general school population. Indian students' tests and scores are below par, and efforts are under way to raise achievement levels, he said.

The average ACT college entrance score of South Dakota students is 21.8, Moore said, but the average for the state's Indian students is 17.5.

Lakota people are the state's largest minority group and make up 8.4 percent of the population, or about 63,000 residents, according to the Census Bureau.

Besides helping Indian students academically, the effort also should help race relations, said Zephier, who teaches the Native American Connections classes at Roosevelt High School in Sioux Falls.

The classes are offered to students of all races. ``I hope that we can educate not only Indian students but our non-Indian students about the rich traditions and cultures of our ancestors,'' she said. ``And hopefully that will help relations statewide between Indians and non-Indians.''

Student Genevieve Gregory, who is part Indian, said the class teaches the culture from the native perspective.

``It's from our side and it's more in depth,'' she said. ``They don't go into depth in certain history classes and don't explain why we were mad or retaliated.''

LWS boxing team

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and 1 loss. Lisa may be small in the height competition but her punches pack a lot of weight. Lisa says it's fun meeting new people when competing at other places. Lisa's parents are Teddy and Annie Ferguson.

Kayla Hernandez is a 15 year old freshman and is in her second year as a boxer in the 130 lb weight division. She has a record of 11 wins and four losses.

Kayla admits that it's nice but it's hard to compete while other kids are out enjoying themselves. Kayla's parents are Tonie Hernandez and Kelly Ferguson.

Bridgette Swallow is a 16 year old junior and is a first year boxer in the 130 lb. weight division. She has one win and one loss. Bridgette was elated when she won first place at the Lakota Nation Invitational, from then on she has practiced and conditioned herself to improve her skills and techniques. Everyone in boxing goes all out; they're doing whatever it takes to win.

Bridgette's parents are Lyle and Jenny Swallow, but currently resides with Dana Brave Eagle. She is a bright and energetic young lady and sees herself competing again next year

Dustin Ferguson is a 15 year old freshman and has a record of 10 wins and 6 losses keeps him busy in and out of the ring.

He is a N.A.I.G Gold medalist and is in his second year of boxing in the 132 lb. weight division. Dustin Dustin's parents are Toni Ferguson and Taylor Janis of Kyle.

James Ferguson is a 14 year old 8th grader and has a record of 20 wins, eight losses and two knock outs.

James is also known as "The Destroyer" because of his hard punches and his knock outs.

James says its fun and got his first knock out in July in Denver, James' parents are Teddy and Annie Ferguson.

ASK ANNA

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I've seen you tell a lot of people these answers that they seek. So I have something to ask you. This happened in August or September and I was living at my boyfriend's house at the time.

My Thorpes bag had everything I owned in it, from my diploma, my daughter and my Social Security cards and birth certificates. I don't know what he did with my bag but could you tell me what he did with it. All he tells me is that he can't remember what happened to it.

I think he loves me but why won't he tell me what he did with my "life"

I call it my life cause my clothes, important papers and what I barely achieved in high school, my diploma.

That's all I want to know because every time I think about it I cry to him begging him to tell me where my bag is. But he just says he doesn't know.

Was it burned or thrown into the dump or given away?

Can you give me some clues or a hint cause it's hard getting a diploma.

Please help me, you are my only chance to find my Thorpes duffel bag.

Desperate To Know in Pine Ridge

Dear Desperate:

I am sorry. The bag was tossed into a dumpster. It is gone. To get a new copy of your diploma you have to call the office of the school and they will direct you.

It is true that you can't just run up to the office and get one - because their records are archived.

You can get copies of everything you need including the birth certificates - but you are right it is inconvenient.

I am not sure who tossed the bag - it may not have been your boyfriend, but whichever way it went, it is gone.

Please reconsider such close involvement with a man who throws temper tantrums.

Dear Anna,

What do you think of the recent young deaths in Indian country, especially over in Rosebud? I think of why children so young would want to hurt themselves.

Being clairvoyant, do you have an insight that you could share with you readers?

Curious

Dear Curious:

I am saddened by the despair that I feel from these young people.

Each one of them did not really intend for the suicide to be successful - they didn't take it that far within their own understanding.

They just wanted "the pain" to end. Most of the suicides involved alcohol - a warning to all children.

Alcohol is a depressant, especially in Indian children, who genetically have less tolerance for alcohol due to the lack of an enzyme that helps filter/process/break down alcohol.

When I "tune" into the victims who have forfeited their lives I hear: "Nothing can be done about the decisions that have been made, the regrets are enormous, the impact heinous, and the grief immense.

None of the children involved actively understood the impact upon family and friends.

All of the children have been guided through their deaths from loving family members in the Spirit World.

There is no hell for those confused, lost and sick children. They are met and counseled by those on the other side whose task is to awaken the love of life and the gratefulness for life within each victim and to remind them of their own sacredness.

It is a wake up call to all children who pursue their first or 700th drink: Stop before you begin, the life you dream about is never inside a bottle. It is not cool to party - it is sad and can cost you everything. It is cool to be strong and proud of who you are."

One of the children who took his life is the son of a friend.

He didn't live in a household of drugs and alcohol. Everyone at home is clean and sober. He didn't live in poverty yet he still took his own life due to depression over another friend who had committed suicide. Alcohol played a role in those suicidal decisions.

All Indian schools need to have a life raft thrown at them.

The schools need to counsel the children and the staff concerning these losses.

A network needs to be established - a suicide watch phone line of volunteers who will answer the phone and help anyone that is thinking about taking their life.

Drug and alcohol prevention are no longer secondary down the budget line but need primary attention and funding. It's a matter of life and death.

It is part and parcel of the recovery from oppression and historic trauma.

It is part of the recovery from adult children of alcoholic syndrome (ACOA). It is part of the recovery from living in poverty and dysfunctional environments.

We are all marked by these suicides.

We will grieve for our whole lifetime for these children, please let their memory begin a huge campaign of education and recovery for the adults - for the sake of the children.

There is denial on the part of adult community members.

They do not want to be culpable for the loss of the children; and they say that on their way to the bar to spend a social evening with alcohol.

Dear Anna,

My father and my mother have diabetes. So does my grandmother. I am over weight and I try to diet but my family lives on donuts and coke.

I am t13 years old.

How can I change what my family cooks for dinner and how they eat, and they never walk they always drive and the watch television all the time.

I think they are killing me. What can I do?

Living in Sugarville

Dear Living in Sugarville:

You are on the right track. Awareness is the first step. Tell your family that you are watching your sugar intake and then do that. You cannot force them to change, but you don't have to eat the donut - you can eat carrots instead.

Your mom is not a mean woman; she will diet with you - and although she won't be as good as you are at dieting she will buy carrots and other healthy foods at your request. She will read this column and shop better the next time she goes to the grocery store.

Use your own money to buy yogurt and other healthy foods for yourself. Good Luck!

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

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The Rez Firefighter (Peta Usniyapi)

By Beaux Beauvais



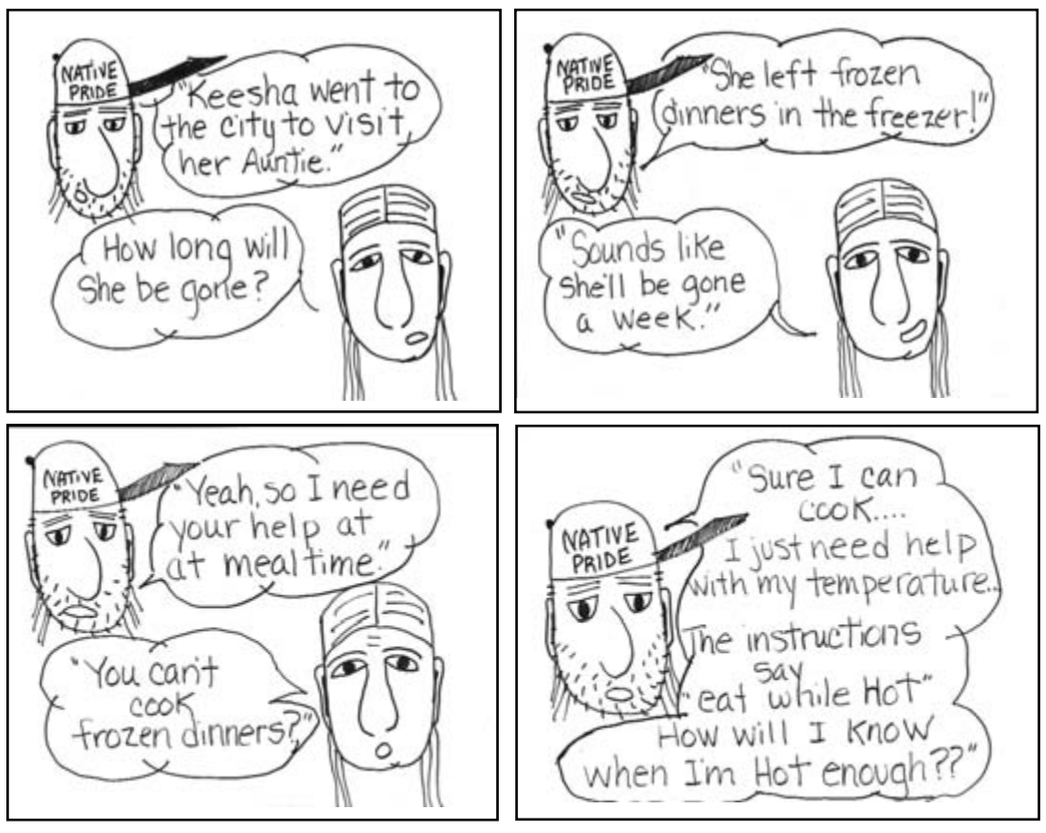
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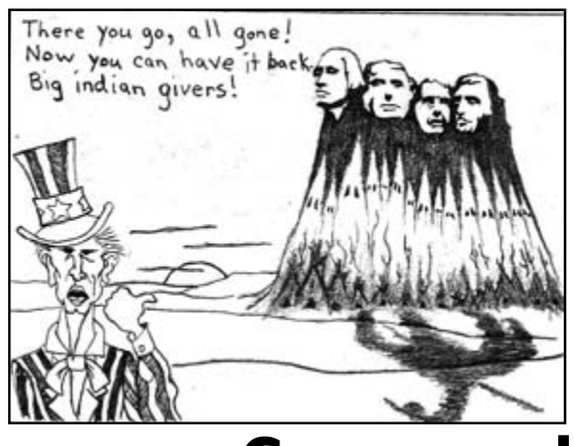
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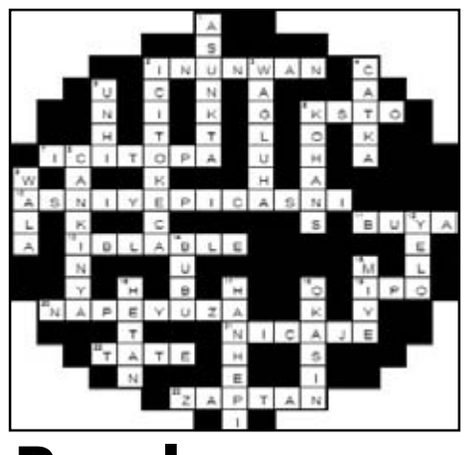


War Party

By Stacey Makes Good



Answers from last week's puzzle



Crossword Puzzle

(answers in next week's issue)

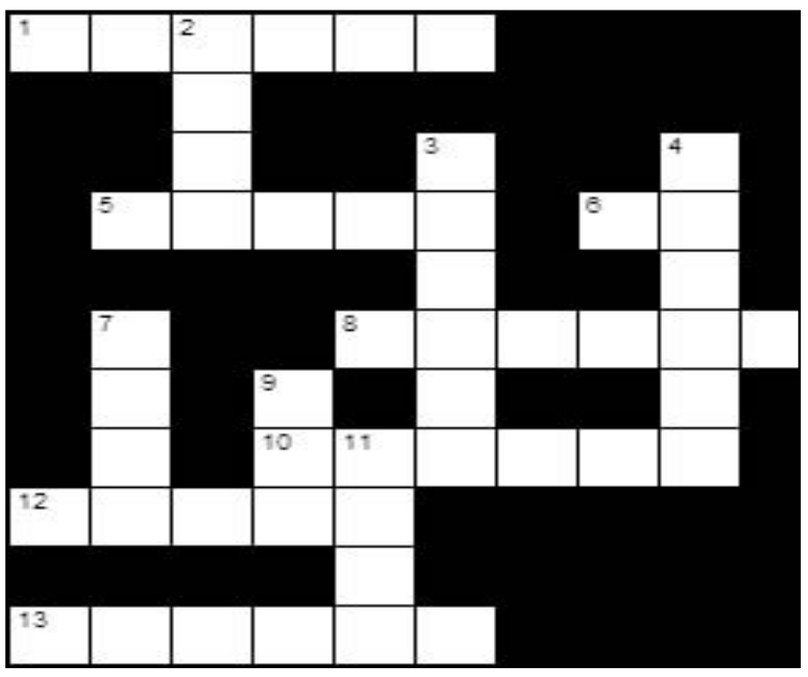
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'Scalped' paints a rough picture of the reservation

Comic takes place on fictional reservation in state, tackles issues with 'Sopranos'-like crime drama

By Robert Morast
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Sometimes the comfort of fiction is that the story's sensationalized plotlines are traced over a world far away from us.

That's why we can feel entertained while watching a faraway space cyborg like Darth Vader slice off his son's hand without remorse or see mobster Tony Soprano shoot his best friend in the head and then drop the portly mobster into the Atlantic Ocean's big gulp without wondering if this all-too-real scenario will break into our homes and strip us from our safe, cozy recliners.

But when fiction outlines a world closer to home, the effect can be more like a slap in the face than a subtle sensation. Such is the case with "Scalped," a new comic book set on a fictional reservation in South Dakota.

Written by a white, stay-at-home dad in Kansas, "Scalped" is a violent crime drama scripted on the Prairie Rose Indian Reservation. Again, the Prairie Rose rez is imaginary, ripped from author Jason Aaron's mind. But the setting is too familiar for anyone who's spent considerable time on one of our state's many reservations.



On pages with muted colors and scratchy drawings that look like they were penned by a Frank Miller disciple, "Scalped" shows a sensationalized view of a reservation coping with bureaucratic corruption, exploitation of land and the struggle between traditional values and contemporary habits.

With only one issue out, "Scalped" is being described by comic industry folks as "The Sopranos" on the rez. And while its plot is a mafia-like conspiracy story complete with an undercover FBI agent returning to his homeland to spread justice, the story feels too real. It reads like a bloodier version of the reservation corruption stories I heard while growing up next to the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota.

That's what makes this comic so good. Like Louise Erdrich's fabulously detailed book "Love Medicine" or Chris Eyre's striking and contemplative film "Skins," "Scalped" feels more like a commentary on contemporary reservation ills than an entertaining crime drama that could compel some comic nerds to drop $3 on the latest offering from DC's adult-orientated Vertigo imprint.

"If the book helps to raise awareness about issues faced by Native Americans today, that's fantastic," Aaron says via e-mail. "But I didn't go into writing this book with some sort of agenda in mind. 'Scalped' is still meant to be an entertaining crime series, but hopefully a series with plenty of meat on its bones in terms of social relevance."

The comic succeeds in both respects with stark - and mature - images such as a corrupt casino owner sitting next to a man he just scalped or alcoholics crossing the border into Nebraska to buy some beer.

The scenes seem too real to come from a wasichu who's never even been to the Pine Ridge reservation - which served as a model to Aaron's comic book setting. And I wonder if this cautionary thought is simply the byproduct of me working at a PC-conscious newspaper or the harbinger of skepticism to come. So I called Gabe Night Shield.

The Sioux Falls rapper grew up on the Rosebud reservation and is an avid comic book fan who lights up with excitement the rare times we talk about comics. When asked if Aaron's white skin and lack of first hand reservation experience bothers him, Night Shield says, "I don't care.

"I think it's cool. I went down and bought (the comic) as soon as I read about it," Night Shield says. "It's very rare that something like that has to do with Native Americans that's not stereotypical."

Rather than damn Aaron for presenting reservation dilemmas the writer only learned through research, Night Shield is more concerned with how he can get into the book that's based on land so familiar to him.

"Hopefully I can make a guest appearance and get killed or something," Night Shield says with a laugh.

Ultimately, I wonder if that's the reaction we should all have from "Scalped." Do we praise it for underlining social problems on ignored reservations, or do we simply applaud the comic for its writing and entertainment value?

I suppose it all depends how close we're sitting to the reality of "Scalped," and how we worried we are that this reality will spill into our lives.

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Patrick 'Billy' Marshall, 47..... Rosebud
Daniel Provancial, 34..... Upper Cut Meat
Jessica Lee White Hat, 13..... St. Francis
Jason Fay, infant..... Kilgore

Loretta N. Whirlwind Horse.

ALLEN - Loretta N. Whirlwind Horse, 68, Allen, died March 2 at Bennett County Health Care Center in Martin.

Survivors include five sons, Warren Gus Yellow Hair, Monte Yellow Hair, Loren Whirlwind Horse, Cory Whirlwind Horse and Robin Whirlwind Horse, all of Allen; four daughters, Lorie Whirlwind Horse, Allen, Tammy Grinnell, Rapid City, Julie Poor Bear, Martin, and Loretta Whirlwind Horse, Sioux Falls; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A first-night wake was Tuesday, March 6, at American Horse School in Allen. A second-night wake was Wednesday, March 7, at Allen CAP Office.

Funeral services were Thursday, March 8, at Allen CAP Office, with Chief Leonard Crow Dog officiating. Burial was at Native American Church Cemetery in Allen.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Milton W. Red Blanket

WANBLEE - Milton W. Red Blanket, 41, Wanblee, died Sunday, March 4 in Martin.

Survivors include four brothers Elgin Red Blanket, Carlin Red Blanket and Ricky Red Blanket, all of Wanblee, and Mike Red Blanket, Dayton, Ohio.

A first-night wake will be Wednesday, March 7, at Wanblee CAP Office. A second-night wake will begin Thursday, March 8, at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Kyle. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 9 at St. Barnabas Episcopal with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating. Burial will be at St. Barnabas Episcopal Cemetery in Kyle. Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Gordon 'Buzzy' Dubray

ALLEN - Gordon "Buzzy" DuBray, 77, Allen, died Tuesday, Feb. 27 at Rapid City.

He served in the U. S. Army. Survivors include his wife Martha DuBray, Allen; three sons, Marvin "Dicky" Poor Bear, Springfield, Mitchell DuBray, Allen, and Jodie DuBray, Sioux Falls; two daughters, Pauline DuBray-Flood, and Ruthann DuBray, both of Allen; five grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two brothers John DuBray, Sr., Martin, and Carl DuBray, Allen; and two sisters, Cherry DuBray-Harper, and Theresa Williams, both of Denver, Colo. A wake service was March 3 at the Gordon DuBray residence in Allen and on Sunday at the American Horse School in Allen.

Funeral services were Monday, March 5 at the American Horse School in Allen, with the Rev. Gerald Bush officiating. Burial was at the DuBray Family Cemetery, five miles west of Allen.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Harms Tomahawk

EAGLE BUTTE - Harms Tomahawk, 72, Eagle Butte, died Sunday, Feb. 25 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Wake services were March 4 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Eagle Butte. Funeral services were March 5, at the church with the Rev. Norman Blue Coat, Tim Swimmer and Richard Charging Eagle officiating.

Burial was at Ascension Cemetery in Blackfoot. Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge is in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn Poor Thunder White

RED SHIRT - Evelyn Poor Thunder-White, 82, Red Shirt, died Tuesday, Feb. 27 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include three sons, Everette Poor Thunder, Marvin Helper and Roy Helper, all of Red Shirt, and numerous grandchildren.

A four night wake services was March 1 at the Red Shirt Table Sun Dance Grounds. Funeral services were Monday, March 5, at the church, with the Rev. Robert Two Bulls, Alton Mousseaux and all spiritual leaders officiating.

Burial was at Christ Church Episcopal Cemetery in Red Shirt. Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Patrick Duane 'Billy' Marshall

ROSEBUD - Patrick Duane 'Billy' Marshall, Sr., 47, died Feb. 19 at Spring Creek.

He was born to Garfield Joseph and Rose R (Walking Eagle) Marshall in Rosebud on May 22, 1959.

Wake services were held at the Spring Creek School Gym on Saturday and Sunday, followed by funeral services on Monday, Feb. 26. Burial was at St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery, Spring Creek.

Bill was preceded in death by his father, Garfield.

He is survived by his childrenMatthew 'Bumper', Eric, Jenny, Joe, Arian, Billy Brook, Patrick Jr, and Hattie Marshall; mother Rose Marshall; a brother Mervyn Marshall; and many grandkids, nieces and nephews.

Holmes Funeral Homes was in charge of the arrangements.

Daniel Anthony Provancial

UPPER CUT MEAT - Daniel Anthony Provancial, 34, died Feb. 18 near Rosebud. He was born Sept. 20, 1972 in Rosebud to Pauline Big Crow and James Samuel Provancial, Sr.

Wake services were held at the Upper Cut Meat Youth Center on Wednesday, Feb. 21 and at Grace Chapel in Soldier Creek on Thursday. Funeral services were Feb. 22 with burial at Grace Chapel Cemetery, Soldier Creek.

Daniel is survived by his three sons Lakota and Freedom Provancial of Phoenix, Ariz. and Quincy Nadeau of Spring Creek; and one daughter Laquisha Nadeau of Spring Creek; mother Pauline (Fred) Whirlwind of Upper Cut Meat; and eight siblings Dewey DuBray III of Phoenix, James Samuel Provancial III of Pierre, Bernard Wayne Provancial of Upper Cut Meat, Brenda DuBray Spotted Tail, Jenny DuBray Swallow of Rosebud, Sylvan Brandon Provancial of Soldier Creek, Brent Provancial of Upper Cut Meat and Allison Guingao of Upper Cut Meat.

He was preceded in death by his father and one brother Ansel Provancial.

Holmes Funeral Homes was in charge of the arrangements.

Jessica Lee White Hat

ST. FRANCIS - Jessica Lee White Hat, 13, died at her home on Feb. 17. She was born in Yankton on March 17, 1993 to Brian White Hat and Theresa Lynn Left Hand Bull.

Wake services were held at the White Hat Residence on Tuesday, Feb 20 and at Digmann Hall on Wednesday and Thursday. Funeral services were Feb. 23 with burial at St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery at Spring Creek.

Jessica is survived by her parents and one sister Patricia; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Holmes Funeral Homes was in charge of the arrangements.

Jason Fay

KILGORE - Jason Joaquin Fay was born in Valentine, Neb. on Feb. 3 to Tanya and Devon Fay.

He died in Sioux Falls Feb. 24, almost 24 hours old.

Funeral services were held at Holmes Funeral Chapel in Valentine, Neb. on Feb. 28 with Rev. Noah Odell officiating.

Burial followed at the Kilgore Cemetery in Kilgore, Neb. with traditional prayers by Mike Swift Hawk.

Jason is survived by his parents, Devon and Tanya Fay of Kilgore; four sisters: Jasmine, Alyssia, Julian and Nevaeh; grandparents Pam Hudson of Valentine, Jay Wingrove of Gibbon, Neb, Ken and Elaine Miller-Lintner of Haxtun, Colo. and Dan Fay of Crookston, Neb.; great grandparents: John and Ruby Russell of Omaha, Neb., Richard and Nancy Bauer of Kilgore, Ed and Laurel Miller of Isleton, Calif. and Wilbur and Loraine Fay of Crookston; aunts and uncles Jason Wingrove of Valentine, Shawn Wingrove of Omaha, Traci Hudson of Valentine, Sharon Wingrove of Nebraska, Jamie Wingrove of Nebraska, Natashia Fay of Denver, Colo., Brittany Fay and Joey Staub of Sterling, Colo., Jason and SueAllen Fay of Sterling; and cousins Phillip, Dion and Alana Fay of Sterling.

Holmes Funeral Homes was in charge of the arrangements.

A tribute to Mom, my friend
Mrs. Loretta Nellie Whirlwind Horse
"Mato He Yea Win"

June 23, 1938 to March 2, 2007



She was a traditional lady born of Louis M. Bulltail Scout of Rosebud and Anne Locke of Porcupine on June 23, 1938 at her Porcupine home. Mom was raised in the Native American Church Ways, and also in Traditional Lakota Ways by both her parent's and grandparents and also by several Aunts and Uncles.

Throughout her life, Mom was actively involved with People. Some of her many accomplishments include Pass Creek District Representative to the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council (1984 - 1986), an OST Public Safety Officer, C H R in the Pass Creek area, a Counselor at Anpetu Luta and Flowering Tree, taught Traditional Medicines at Oglala Lakota College, a cook and an Immersion Teacher for the kindergarten students at American Horse School, drove the Allen bus run for the Bennett County students daily,

Mom always enjoyed a good visit with lots of laughter, good jokes, and good food. Whether at home with friends and relatives, on or road trips to Montana visiting relatives there, Mom's smile was always evident, brightening even the coldest winter days

Mom was always quick to extend a helping hand to others, no matter the time of day. The doors to her home opened wide to invite many new faces to visit, to chat, to enjoy a good meal, and most importantly to Mom were those times when prayer filled her home. Mom was a brave, humble, honorable, and respectful and generous lady. She carried her dignity wherever she went.

In spite of the many tragedies that struck Mom throughout the years, She was a Woman Warrior. No matter how rugged the times may have been, Mom, You have always been a Tremendous Inspiration to me.

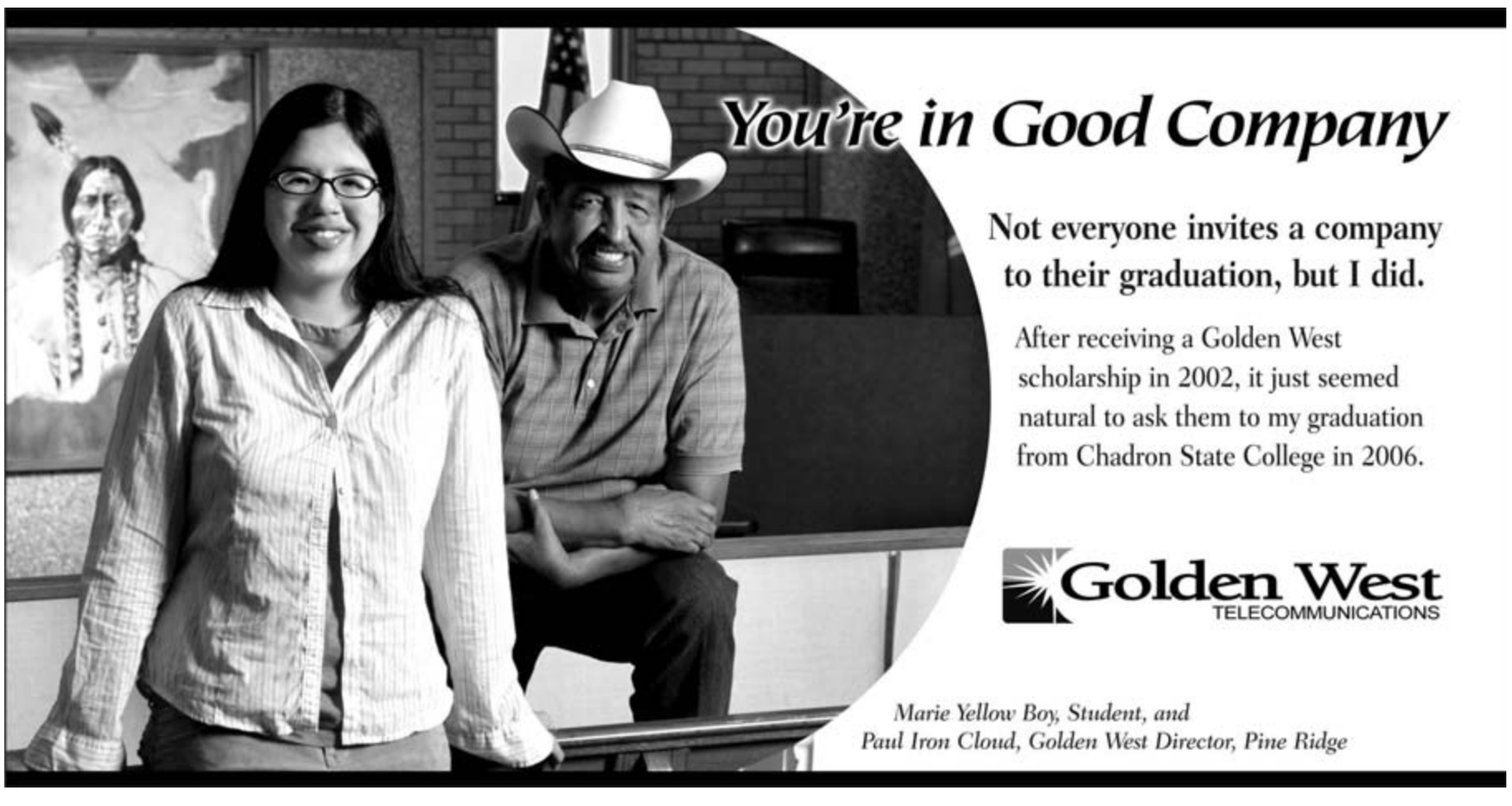
Mom, Your last many months together here with us, with all the pain you carried on a daily basis, You remained so dignified, so honorable, so humble in your ways Mom. The strength, and courage you somehow found is one of your greatest gifts to me.

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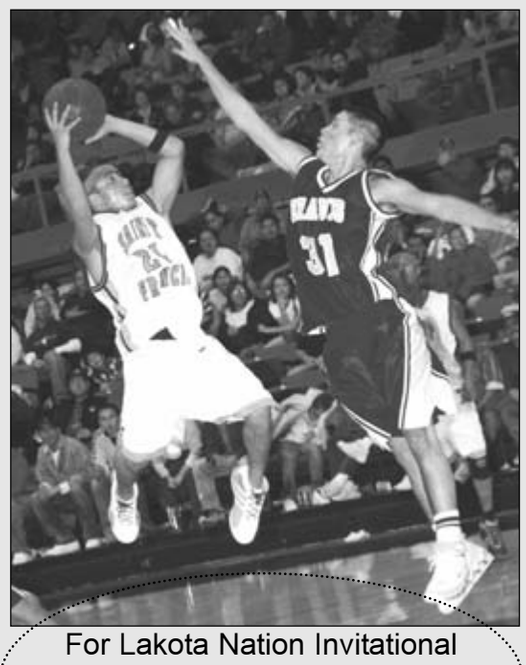
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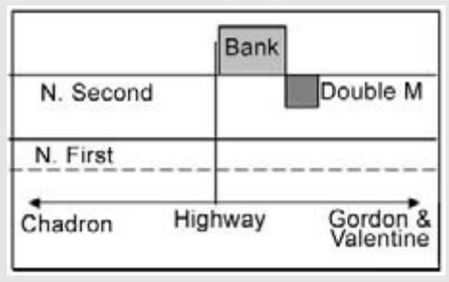
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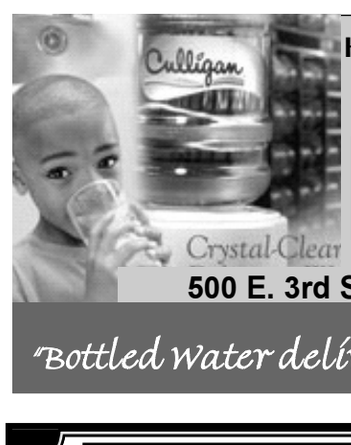
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Happy 3rd birthday
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I do it every day....
But there's an ache within my heart that will never go away, always loving you mom, Sandra Janis

Virgil Colhoff
happy birthday to my life long friend, take care of your self
love Lisa Dillon

Happy Birthday
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from the Dillon & Cottiers,
Zephiers on the hill

Happy birthday sister
I love you I would write more but to many people reading this love
Sonuy Kracker

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from your bro!

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Crystal One Horn

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Happy1st birthday
from
kaylee Redest



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Dear Megan I' am sorry I missed you ,We had to get on the road unfortunately, but let's communicate by e-mail or by phone I have some things that I' am hoping to discuss with you and hope to build some planes for the summer, Dave

February 2007
Connie & Amanda
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Wopila - Wopila Mitakuye Oyasin Janet Van Sky

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From Woni, Lil June & the girls

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love your mom
Crystal

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&
Shirley Ghost Dog,
who will be 40 +something 3/10 eat and drink all you can girls.

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Rose

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Catherine Two Bulls ---------
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Happy Birthday
Bobbi Jo & Steven Hunter. I love you both so much. May you have many more.Grandma Marion Knox

Congratulations to
Manuel & Sheri Two Bulls,
We wish you all the happiness together. We love you.

Happy belated 18th birthday to
Latisha Mousseau,
hope you had a blast at your party,
your hero
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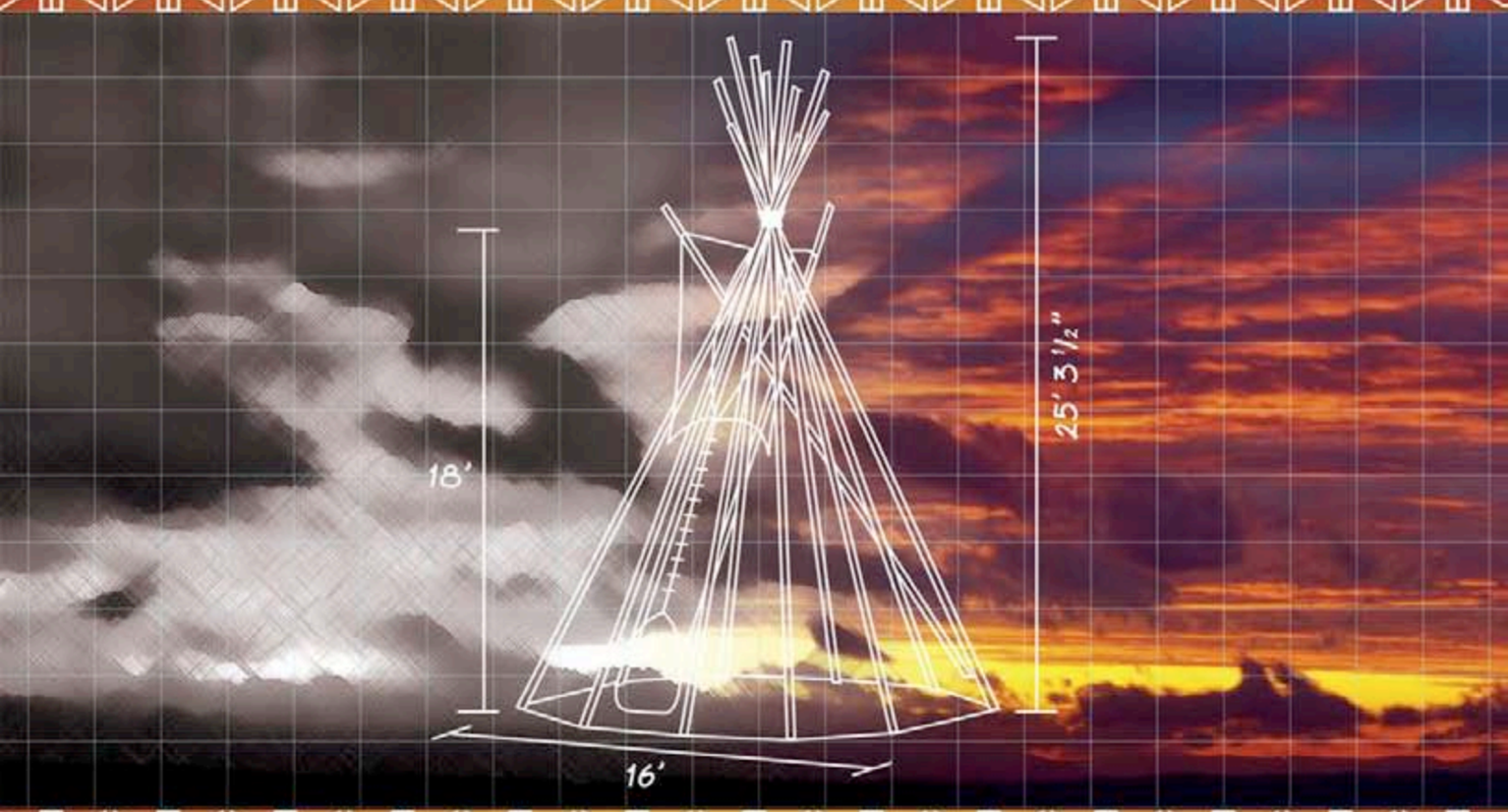
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'We have greatness in our own culture'

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent



Don Montileaux, well known artist shares his story of art and life.

RAPID CITY - The bon voyage party for Don Montileaux's painting was also a reunion of sorts.

On March 8, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology hosted a going away party for Montileaux's painting "Looking Beyond One's Self," which has been acquired by the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., for its permanent collection in the National Museum of the American Indian.

It was the first time Montileaux had seen his painting in 12 years, he said. In March 1995, it took a trip on the space shuttle Enterprise and after that was stored in a NASA vault.

Brought back to Rapid City for the party, the painting - done in acrylic on watercolor paper - features three Native American figures, two males and one female, all looking in different directions. In the background is a starry sky.

The painting was commissioned by SDSM&T in 1995 to raise money for its SKILL program to encourage American Indian students on reservations to study science and engineering.

A School of Mines alumnus who worked with NASA saw the painting and talked to then-President Richard Gowen about putting the painting aboard the Enterprise.

Montileaux said that when Gowen told him, "We're going to put this thing in space," his immediate thought was, "Yeah, right."

But in March 1995, after the space shuttle had launched, Montileaux said, "I looked up at the sky and thought, 'Man, I'm up there.'"

Education is key

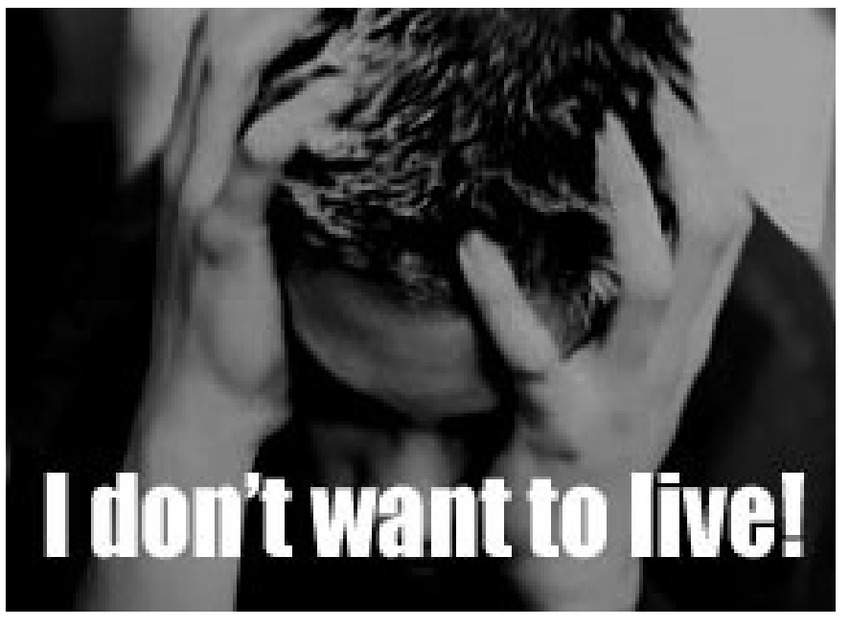
At the age of five, Montileaux knew he wanted to be an artist.

And his parents knew what it would take for their only child to succeed. "They knew education was key," Montileaux said.

Montileaux's family lived in Kyle, but his parents moved to Rapid City to work so their son could attend parochial school. When Montileaux was in the eighth grade, however, he started talking about becoming a priest, and his

Suicide prevention plan needed for Oglala Nation

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor



PORCUPINE - Suicide can be a silent killer on both the Oglala and Sicangu nations and people are coming together in the spirit of Okiciyapii, "helping one another" to take action against it.

On Monday, March 12 at Porcupine, 16 people attended a suicide circle of care meeting to develop a plan of action for suicide prevention and awareness for the Oglala Nation area.

The meeting was hosted by Wakanyeja Pawicayapi, Inc. of Porcupine was attended by representatives from the Lakota Oyate Wakanyeja Owicakiyapi, Oglala Sioux Tribe health administration office and health education, Kyle Indian Health Center, Rosebud Sioux

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RST attorney general submits resignation to council

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - Last week RST Attorney General, Dana Hanna, went before the RST council and announced his resignation effective in 30 days.

Once he completes his tenure, Hanna will be retained to work on a number of cases representing RST relative to the tribe's lawsuit against BBC, Inc. and a hearing in which the tribe's revenue department is seeking to revoke the business license of First Dakota construction company of Pierre. He will also argue an Indian Child Welfare Case in Lexinton, Neb. as he is the only RST attorney admitted to the Nebraska bar association.

RST President Rodney M. Bordeaux said, "I did not support Dana's resignation because he was effective and wasn't afraid to take on controversial cases that need to be addressed. He was not intimidated and was a litigator. The decision to accept his resignation was up to the council. He did take cases, or, pursue actions leading up to cases being filed, where, someone else may not have been so aggressive as to not pursue what was right. However, I do support the council's actions to retain Dana to finish the RST's vs. BBC litigation, the First Dakota licensing hearing, an ICWA case and the ACLU case against the Winner School District."

Hanna noted that his office has a well qualified and dedicated staff. Hanna said that his resignation did not have a negative connotation attached to it, he simply wanted to go back into private practice as an attorney and will open an office in Rapid City.

Hanna's practice will concentrate on Indian law, education law, civil rights and criminal defense and his hope is that he can continue to represent RST long into the future.

He recommended that once he vacates his position that RST's in-house attorney, Mato Standing High, be installed as Attorney General in an acting capacity.

The experience gained in representing RST seemed to please Hanna who has been with the tribe for four years as Attorney General. He was especially appreciative to RST President Rodney M. Bordeaux for his support and guidance. The experienced gained in tribal court and tribal government has proven invaluable to Hanna and he

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Panel begins review of OST election

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - In early January the Oglala Sioux Tribe executive board passed a resolution appointing a three member legal panel to review the OST Constitution, the OST election code and the roles of the election board, court of election appeals and the tribal court. On Thursday and Friday, March 1 and 2, the three judge panel was in Rapid City to initiate a legal review of all the documents involved in the OST 2006 election.

Led by Dan Naranho, a former chief judge of the Kickapoo traditional tribe of Texas and alternative dispute resolution expert, the panel included John St. Clair, Chief Judge of the court on Indian Offenses on Wind River Reservation and John Thorne, a Native American lawyer and a current court of appeals judge for the State of Utah. More because of inclement weather than anything else the panel met in Rapid City and started the process of reviewing all of the documents generated by the 2006 OST tribal election process.

"The review wasn't set up as a hearing but set up to evaluate the current election process used and if they had recommendations on how to improve the process to present them to the Executive Board and eventually the council," said Donna Salomon, executive assistant to tribal president John Steele, "It is my understanding that members of the election board and two court of election appeals were asked to speak and other interested individuals had an opportunity to be heard - there has been talk about the possibility of a listening session here on Pine Ridge late this month or early next month but nothing has been decided on that and it may depend upon available funding."

The review panel has been authorized to review the tribal constitution and election code, to review the roles and functions of the election board and the court of election appeals, review the role of the tribal court and recommend what role the court should play in reviewing violations of civil rights by the election board or the court of election appeals and to review the decisions made by both the election board and the court of election appeals concerning the 2006 tribal election.

With the explicitly stated goal of improving and strengthening the OST election process, the OST Secretarie's office, the court of election of appeals and the election board have been asked to give full cooperation to the review panel and according to the resolution passed by the executive board, any information provided shall only be used to improve and strengthen the OST election process.

"It is unrealistic and outside their scope of work to expect the panel to order a new election," admitted Bruce Whelan, a tribal member and past Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, "it seems the most we can hope for that they are able to make strong recommendations to improve the election process here on Pine Ridge so that we do not end up with another illegitimate government; we need an election process that is beyond reproach that people have some trust in that their vote will be counted and will make a difference, that it will be run with integrity and will be fair."

A number of factors contributed to the need for a review panel including: following the OST primary election in October of 2006, the court of election appeals declared the primary election null and void due to a number of discrepancies and misprinted ballots

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Suicide prevention

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Tribe health educator, Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Alcohol Treatment Center and community members.

Recently there have been several suicides on the Rosebud reservation and some alarming statistics were provided for the Pine Ridge area on attempts and ideations. The representatives from the Rosebud organizations came to the meeting to share their concerns and working activities they have been doing for suicide prevention and awareness in the communities.

Monique Giago, executive director the WPI, gave an update on a suicide prevention project in Manderson called the Wiconi Un Wicaki Pan Pi "Calling with the Voice of Life" which is made up of 6 to 8 active advisory board members and has 35 active youth, community members and service providers. In their community they have promoted healing and awareness activities for the community. They developed a suicide prevention plan for their community.

Mary Tobacco, of the OST health education office, shared some statistics for the Pine Ridge village area from the service unit there. These statistics did not include Kyle and Wanblee health centers. The figures can be alarming.

Official suicide statistics were not available at the meeting but anecdotal reports indicate a suicide attempt occurs every two and half days on the Pine Ridge reservation.

There needs to a more accurate accounting of actual numbers that would include the service units, Bennett County Hospital and Oglala Sioux Public Safety.

At Rosebud, there are several organizations who are working on suicide prevention and awareness which include the Rosebud Hospital's mental health department, Sinte Gleska University "Circle of Care" program, the juvenile detention center, the housing and the police department. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe's JDC or Wanbli Wiconi Tipi held a meeting a couple of weeks ago at the SGU multipurpose building to formulate a plan of action to re-instill spirituality in incarcerated youth and those in the system.

Ronald "Beanie" Valandra, Rosebud's health administrator, said a student survey was conducted at Todd County Schools and a lack of spirituality and religion in their lives seemed to be a high need with the students. That sentiment seemed to be the objective of the JDC meeting as noted above.

Verlyn Walking Eagle, assistant director of the RST tribal health administration, said community people voiced their concerns from the impact of the recent deaths and a lot of dialogue came through the meetings.

In a recent RST council meeting, Representative Steve DeNoyer of Okreek community said that there as a need to take action instead of talking so much about the issue.

Phyllis Wilcox, a community member from Wanblee, has been voicing her concern from the recent suicide attempts that were made with six youth in the last several months. Representatives from the Kyle Health Center, the tribal offices and community members have been meeting to promote prevention and awareness in their community.

The objectives formulated from the meeting on Monday include getting more statistics from other institutions, developing an understanding of protocol from the hospital and law enforcement, promote reports and community awareness through the media, possibility of combining figures from Rosebud and Pine Ridge to get more funding, develop an office and a suicide hot line which will include training for QPR.

QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer which is three simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide.

Lisa Dillon Schrader, OST tribal health administrator, said there is a possibility of identifying funding and personnel for a temporary hotline until permanent funding and space can be sought.

The overall objective is to develop a reservation wide plan for suicide prevention and awareness.

Among those in attendance at the meeting were Rick Two Dogs, Monique Giago, Elicia Goodsoldier-Zephier, Lisa Dillon-Schrader, Mary Tobacco, Ed Iron Cloud, Phyllis Wilcox, Kimberly Thunder Bull, Austin Last Horse Jr., Anne Eagle Bull, Dr. Todd Wiese, Rick Two Dogs, Verona Red Feather, Ronald Valandra, Verlyn Walking Eagle and Robert Clairmont.

The next meeting is Monday, March 26 at the Wakanyeja Pawicayapi building.

An applied suicide intervention and prevention training will be taking place at the Quality Inn in Rapid City on March 22 and 23, sponsored by Aberdeen Indian Health Service. For more information on the training, Amy Peltier can be contact at 605-226-7341.



Hanna

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noted that it will always be an honor to have represented the Sicangu Lakota Oyate and always will.

In recent years he has devoted some of his time to litigating a couple of powerful cases that have implication for student's rights. As a matter of fact, he is presently involved in a civil rights case brought against the Winner Public Schools by the American Civil Liberties Union. The case is Antoine v. Winner School District.

The plaintiffs in Antoine v. Winner School District are Lakota parents and Hanna will continue to work on the case along with ACLU attorneys. The plaintiffs are seeking legal remedy for discrimination against Lakota students in the school district. Hanna noted that RST is not a party to the law suit, but is supportive. He will not be billing the tribe for costs associated with arguing the case.

Antelope District 3 council representative, Robert Moore, has also insisted that the Attorney General's office be engaged in litigating claims against the Rosebud Hospital for mismanagement during the last administration.

He offered to continue to serve as lead attorney representing RST once he leaves his current position. The rationale is that he has a thorough knowledge of most of the cases as a result of time spent researching and arguing the cases in court.

Antelope District 3 council representative, Jo Colombe, inquired as to whether or not tribal attorney, Standing High, would be able to assume the cases after Hanna's departure. Both Hanna and Standing High informed the council that the usual practice was that attorneys did not interfere with each other's cases.

In one particular case involving the First Dakota construction, Hanna said that there was to be a hearing on March 29 and that he would be present to represent RST. He hoped that it would be settled at that point.

The RST council voted to extend a special contract to the Attorney General at the conclusion of his term given his in-depth knowledge and experience with the pending cases. The council then voted to examine the issue and bring it back during the next council meeting.

Montileaux

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father decided he'd had enough parochial school, Montileaux said.

Montileaux transferred to public school and graduated from Rapid City High School in 1966.

His education continued that same year when he got a tribal scholarship and went to the Institute of American Indian Art in Santa Fe.

At that school, "I learned who I was as a Native person," he said. In Rapid City schools, he had learned about Custer's Last Stand and the Battle at Wounded Knee; through later teachings, he heard the other side of the story, about the Battle of Greasy Grass and the Wounded Knee Massacre.

Montileaux earned a bachelors degree at Black Hills State College in 1970 and interned with Oscar Howe at the University of South Dakota. Eventually he returned to Rapid City, married Paulette Hudson in 1974, and had two daughters and a son.

Needing to make a living, Montileaux worked at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center for 22 years, eventually becoming assistant manager, but his education and artistry never stopped. He continued to create art, and at the Civic Center he saw art and crafts shows and learned how other artists marketed their work.

"That was good background for me as an artist," Montileaux said.

He decided seven years ago to give up the day job and try to make a living solely as an artist. Although he enjoyed his years working at the Civic Center, the reliance on a paycheck "just ruins you after awhile," he said. "There's a false happiness, I believe. True happiness is doing what you really want to do."

Now Montileaux markets his work at art shows and in galleries, and doing that required learning a whole new set of skills.

At major art shows in Santa Fe, Indianapolis, Scottsdale, and Phoenix, Montileaux observed how the other professional artists presented their work and themselves to potential buyers and noticed that they dressed well and had nice displays.

"I think you should be polished" Montileaux said; a high level of professionalism projects competence to the big buyers.

Montileaux also had to learn how to price his work, take payments by credit card, keep books, project costs of going to a show, make travel arrangements, and get tax numbers in the states where he sells his work himself.

His ongoing education has paid off.

"I am what I wanted to be," he said. "There's very few that can achieve that in the art world."

Tradition, spirituality, history

Montileaux, Oglala Lakota, credits his mentor, the late Herman Red Elk, as a primary artistic as well as spiritual influence in his life. Cultural education needs to include religion and ceremonies, Montileaux said, and Red Elk "gave me that foundation, that solidness."

Red Elk taught Montileaux the art of hide painting, from processing hides to learning what the designs mean to indigenous people. "I learned what it meant to be Native American," Montileaux said.

Another traditional art Montileaux has perfected is ledger drawing, a form of illustration that joins European bookkeeping with Native Americans' attempts to preserve their history and culture.

In the 1800s, Montileaux said, buffalo hunters were encouraged by the government to deplete buffalo herds, and by about 1860 they were fairly successful. "Kill a buffalo, kill an Indian-that was their philosophy," Montileaux said.

In danger of losing their culture and with no written language, Plains Indians had to devise a method to record the events of their lives, Montileaux said. And so they obtained cast-off ledger books from storekeepers and banks, and in them illustrated the major events of their tiospaye.

"This became our journal," he said. "This whole book was a very valuable book."

In later years, collectors acquired the books and removed individual pages, and "ledger art was born," Montileaux said.

Continuing this tradition, Montileaux has a collection of antique ledger books in his studio at Prairie Edge, and he incorporates the elegantly penned lettering on ledger pages into the designs he draws with colored pencils.

Through his art, Montileaux is giving something back to the next generation of Lakota people. Prints of "Looking Beyond One's Self" continue to be sold to support SDSM&T's SKILL program to provide mentoring and support for gifted Lakota students.

And Montileaux's book, Tatanka and the Lakota People, a creation story written in both English and Lakota, tells a story with a message of importance for Native American children: "We have greatness in our own culture," Montileaux said.

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used in polling places across the reservation. The council voted to not accept the decision of the court of election appeals, voted to continue forward with the general election and to remove the court of election appeals. Five days before the general election, the election board decided to remove Alex White Plume from the ballot because of a felony conviction in the early 1980's.

White Plume moved into the presidency after Cecelia Fire Thunder was removed as tribal president in June of 2006. White Plume was the top vote getter for president in the primary and immediately filed an appeal with the court of election appeals.

Rather than issuing a decision on White Plume's appeal, the new court of election appeals recommended starting over with a new timeframe. The election board had printed two sets of ballots, one with Steele and Fire Thunder and a set with Steele and White Plume. The election board went with the Steele and Fire Thunder ballots on general election day citing the appeals court's failure to respond to White Plume's appeal. On the day of the general election, the court of election appeals certified White Plume as a candidate who in turn sent the decision onto the chief of police who sent out a memo ordering the confiscation of all of the ballot boxes.

Steele won the presidency by a wide margin and the new tribal government was sworn in on Dec. 5 at Piya Wiconi, Oglala Lakota College's main office outside of Kyle. For a couple of days both Steele and White Plume operated out of the Red Cloud building in Pine Ridge.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs through their regional director recognized the new tribal government right after the Dec. 5 swearing in ceremony and stated that the BIA would honor the decisions made by the tribal courts. The Bureau has also agreed to pay for the costs of the three member review panel supporting the intent of the XB resolution to strengthen the tribe's overall election process.

According to Salomon, a report from the three judge panel should not take more than a couple of weeks to complete once the review has been completed.

Seminar focuses on teaching methods for poverty areas

FORT YATES, N.D. -The problem, though enormous, is pretty straightforward: Poverty has a tremendous impact on how students learn, communicate, behave, and view themselves; most teachers are from middle class-with middle class values, attitudes, and expectations-and need advice and tools to better connect with those students and help them succeed.

The "hidden rules" of different socio-economic classes form the basis of this timely training opportunity being held at the Prairie Knights Pavilion in Fort Yates, N.D. on March 28 from 8:30 a.m.-3: 30 p.m.

Internationally-respected author and career educator Ruby K. Payne, Ph.D., will present a workshop for local and regional educators based on her best-selling book, A Framework for Understanding Poverty. The book has sold more than one million copies.

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This event is sponsored by Sitting Bull College and the Northwest Area Foundation, with participants encouraged to pre-register. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided, with book signings by Dr. Payne scheduled during the workshop.

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For comments or questions about the workshop contact Dr. Kathryn Froelich - (701) 854-8007 or log onto the Sitting Bull College website for registration.



Todd County students work with Earl Bullhead on handgame techniques during a day long session.

Students learn techniques of hand games from Earl Bullhead

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

MISSION - Earl Bullhead, the Lakota language project director at Lower Brule Community College, held a hand game clinic at the Todd County School District for hand game advisors, community youth leaders and mentors on Friday, March 9.

Leta Brandis, the Indian Studies Coordinator for the school district explained that there is a need for all hand games players and sponsors to understand the rules. Often times, when the rules are not standardized there is a tendency toward confusion.

The other objective for holding the clinic is that there are many Indian studies personnel and language teachers who are not familiar with hand games, in general, and the clinic served to provide additional exposure and "hands on" experience.

There was a cross section of an estimated 35 young people at the clinic, including several high school students. Some of the outlying areas were represented including Okreek, Horse Creek Community and Milk's Camp.

For those who had the pleasure of listening and interacting with Earl Bullhead for the first time, it is obvious that his sense of humor has developed over time through working with students, educators and Lakota studies personnel over the years. He said, "You can't be 't'su' when working as a teacher." His relies on his sense of humor to draw contrasts between Lakota people and the mainstream and it is often quite hilarious as his observations are classic examples of his ability to see humor in everyday events.

He said, "When you play, use the CHR's to take sugar counts and blood pressure to see how much has changed.



Earl Bullhead, worked with staff and students on the history of hand games.

Everyone has to dance and move. Moving and having fun."

The class engaged in a hand game contest leading up to lunch and everyone had a chance to loosen up a little. A set of 17 rules were given to the students and they were able to examine the beaded sticks used to keep score.

He said he had gone to the Lakota Nation Invitational and American Indian Higher Education Consortium hand games contests and it was often confusing to see differing rules. He wrote, "Many games held a central place in ceremonies, and many popular sports began as religious rites. Often games prepared participants for such activities as war and hunting…Hand games were a common guessing game for many tribes and are still played today. Two members of one team will take bones or sticks and hide them under their hands, shifting one to another while other members of the team sing, drum and distract the other team. At the end, the second team has to guess where the bones are."

He first observed a time prior to 1968 when some Lakota grandmothers and grandfathers had a great time playing hand games. They apparently were quite animated in the way they moved and did not appear to be self-conscious.

Hardly anyone is left from the time when he saw some folks playing a game called, "hanpa ape' icunpi" which translates into "hitting moccasins."

No one knew much about the original term, so he took a 16MM camera and recorded some of the hand games being played at Little Eagle.

There was a certain etiquette in playing such games; Bullhead said, first of all the "akicita" were always included and respected, while no one was to glare at those speaking. You could, however, gently stare down the person but were never allowed to touch them.

There apparently are many hand games rules and songs posted on the internet; however, Bullhead said that the Lakota have to put into proper perspective the way the Lakota play them. He said, "I want to encourage you to play the games that belong to us. The two button game belongs to the Blackfoot.

It is also difficult to find singers who know which hand game songs to sing and many times they learn on the job. Another issue is that the songs that are sung may not be appropriate for hand games, but were created for other social settings, according to Bullhead.

Bullhead was very instructional minded during his entire talk and a lot of his advice and illustrations referred to a Lakota context. He explained that tobacco was to be used for ceremonial purposes, while the term "akicita" meant "security" and not always warrior.

He spoke of his work in creating a couple of music CD's and said that each of them featured songs that came off an old wax cylinder in Washington, DC.

Native American Journalism Institute now accepting applications for summer institute

VERMILLION - The Freedom Forum is now accepting applications until March 31 for the seventh American Indian Journalism Institute, the premier journalism training and summer internship program for Native American college students, June 3-22.

Freedom Forum and the University of South Dakota offer college credit for three-week courses followed by paid newsroom internships

Students attend AIJI for free and receive other financial assistance, including scholarship money that may be used at a college of their choice.

Applications are welcome from any Native American college student hoping to become a journalist. In its first six years, 143 students completed the program. Instructions and application forms are available from Janine Harris at jharris@freedomforum.org or 605-677-5424.

AIJI students will be eligible for college credit by taking one of several journalism courses taught at the Freedom Forum's Al Neuharth Media Center, on the University of South Dakota's Vermillion campus. Once accepted, AIJI students will be placed in an appropriate course based on their experience, interests and previous coursework.

Top AIJI graduates will be hired for six-week paid internships as reporters, copy editors, photographers and multi-media journalists at daily newspapers and with The Associated Press beginning about July 1. Last summer, 17 AIJI graduates worked in paid news internships.

The Freedom Forum administers and funds AIJI, including tuition, fees, books, room and board. To be eligible for AIJI, Native students must have completed at least one year of college. Applications for the program will be accepted from new participants and from returning AIJI students who want more training.

Program graduates will earn four hours of college credit from the University of South Dakota that students may transfer to their current school. In addition, graduates will receive a $500 stipend/scholarship from the Freedom Forum, paid when the student resumes full-time classes in the fall.

The American Society of Newspaper Editors' annual employment census last year identified about 300 Natives among the industry's 54,000 newspaper journalists.

Urban Indian health care funding could be struck down by courts

WASHINGTON, DC - If the Bush administration had its way it would have the courts strike down funding for urban Indian healthcare funding. The U. S. Senate held a hearing last week on the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act which has been held up by Republican senators. Apparently the Department of Justice is questioning the eligibility of urban Indians and lineal descendents to receive federal services.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) said yesterday that "Cutting off funding for the Urban Health care program is a mistake…I will work to restore funding for the program." Feinstein, a prominent Democrat is head of the Senate Appropriations Committee whose responsibility it is to draw up spending bills for Indian health care.

Restoring the funds for urban Indian health care would represent 22 percent of the programs projected needs and Democrats and some Republicans are working hard to ensure its inclusion in reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. Sen. John Kerry (D-M

A) was quoted as saying "It would be a irresponsible step backward to cut funding for programs are proven to significantly help Native American residents.

Another California Senator, Barbara Boxer, and ten other Republican and Democrat senators are in favor of funding the urban Indian health care program. In her own state, some 200 people have been turned away in Santa Barbara who could not

Eligibility for health care services has always stood on treaties, federal law and trust responsibility, but the Bush administration claims that it is based on race and therefore is unconstitutional according to the DOJ.

On the House side, a hearing was also held last week by a bi-partisan group including Representatives Nick Rahall (D-VA), Frank Pallone (D-NJ) and Don Young (R-AK.)

The Senate Indian Affairs Committee also met last on March 8 and heard testimony from Dr. John Agwunobi, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, accompanied by Dr. Charles Grim of the Indian Health Service. Rachel A. Joseph of the National Steering Committee on the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and others. The hearing was carried on the internet and lasted two hours.

The Senate Indian Affairs Committee documented the fact that there are 34 urban Indian organizations providing a full range of health services for some 430,000 eligible Indian clients. Apparently more than half of all American Indian and Alaskan Natives live in urban areas and the latest administration posturing threatens their future access to quality health care.

Rachel Joseph made the argument that the definition for American Indian as used in the reauthorization request is the same one that has been used for 30 years. She also added that the same definition is used in the pending re-authorization of the No Child Left Behind legislation as proposed by the Bush administration.

Attorney Edward Lazarus also testified to the fact that the statistics show that the high rates of diabetes, suicide, alcoholism, etc. support the need to reauthorize the Indian Health Care Improvement Act as the rates are compelling both in the city and on reservations.

The planned cuts to the urban Indian health funding amounts to $33 million and will affect South Dakota Indian health centers in Sioux Falls, Pierre and Rapid City.

Badlands considers fee increase

INTERIOR - Badlands National Park will hold a public hearing next week on a proposed increase in the park's entrance fee.

Park officials say fees collected benefit both Badlands National Park and other national parks. Fees paid at the park are split with the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Fees paid at the park have been used to improve trails and restrooms, help finance a fossil dig and support the reintroduction of bighorn sheep and black-footed ferrets within the park.

The fee hearing will be held this Thursday at the Ben Reifel Visitor Center in the park.

AIHEC Basketball Tournament

AIHEC national men's and women's basketball tournaments in Rapid City, Thursday-Sunday, March 29-April 1 at SD Tech and National American University, for information contact Devonna Lone Wolf or Chris Janis at 455-6000.

Geraldine "High Wolf" Janis Memorial BB Tourney

Thursday-Sunday, April 5-8 at the Pine Ridge high school gym featuring 16 team men's and eight team women's double elimination basketball tournaments, for information call Verlyn or Arrow at 441-5805 or Patti or Eric Yellow Boy at 867-6383.

Lakota Omniciye Wacipi

Friday-Saturday, April 20-22 in Spearfish at the Young Center on the campus of Black Hills State University 7 p.m. on Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday with a theme of "Walking Strong in Two Worlds" for information call 642-6578.

Black Eagle Pow wow 2007

Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21 at the Santa Ana Star Casino outside of Bernalillo, N.M. with grand entries set for 7 p.m. on Friday and noon and 7 p.m. on Saturday and prize money for all dance and drum categories, for information call 505 281-8876.

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Remembering SuAnne

Thorpe pride and the red dress



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From the minute I heard of her death, I did not accept it. I didn't go to her funeral. I tried to stay away from the "Rez" blaming the "rez" for all that is wrong with my life. I had forgotten the pride that I once had thanks to SuAnne and about a dozen other girls the night we brought home the state trophy. I had forgotten all of it. I just merely ignored it all and chose to try and forget. About three years ago, our girls team was in the State championship game again. I watched it on TV with nostalgia. I fought back tears. Our girls lost it but SuAnne's little cousin Jamie won "The Spirit of Su" award. A four color star quilt given to a single member of the tourney for good sportsmanship. Her cousin cried and so did I. It was then, I realized she was gone. She had been gone since the age of 17. The one person, who had scholarships to Division I schools and maybe would have had her dream come true and played in a professional league for women and deemed us all proud to be Thorpes, native, Oglala Lakota, women, was gone. My friend whose death I denied for years. And why did I deny it? She helped give me all the pride that was swelled inside of me when I was 17. Pride about who I was and where I was from.

And it took me over a decade to realize she was gone. SuAnne was a part of my life, my youth, my pride, in myself. I am truly blessed to have been acquainted with her.

When I go back to the high school and see my red dress picture hanging next to her red dress picture, I am proud, just like the day we came home...on top of the world.

Dana Lone Hill is a 34-year old mother of 4, who recently moved back to the reservation, after an eternity on the housing waiting list. Although currently self-employed, she plans on continuing her education at the Oglala Lakota College.



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Other Views

Spencer's work is revolutionary

Dear Editor:

I wanted to tell you that I went to an event this past weekend at Manderson Day School Gym in Manderson.

The event was titled the 2007 South Dakota Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament and featured more than 20 fights.

I was very honored to be asked to be the Master of ceremonies for the event as I am a former Amateur fighter myself.

I fought from 1988 - 1991 for Neil Whitesell of the Rapid City Boxing Club and briefly in 1993 for Eddie Martinez of the Martinez Boxing club.

I want you and all your readers to know that the Lakota Nation has a very good thing going for itself right now through a young man named David "Chissie" Spencer. He is the Head Coach for the Nation of Outlaws Boxing Club in Manderson, SD, and is a true inspiration to many of our young people.

Chissie has taken Lakota Nation boxing to another level, not just in the ring, but in the inner political cirlces that always accompany boxing.

He has become a true and dedicated voice for Indian fighters in and out of the ring, and has created many opportunites for them as well.

The work that Chissie Spencer is doing right now is revolutionary to be sure, but more importantly it is precedent-setting, in that young Lakota amateur fighters and young Indian fighters in general are going to have wide doors opened for them now and in the future.

Mr. Spencer put on a high-class event this past weekend and deserves sincere support and accolades from the Lakota people for his hard work.

I am emcouraging all my relatives to get behind him and empower him to fight for the rights of young Indian fighters throughout the local, state and national venues where they need representation.

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The following year I moved to the nearest city to forget about my life on the "Rez." I had forgotten all the pride that had swelled within me only two years earlier. I worked hard and I heard news from home, but immediately just wanted it all to be gone. I didn't care where I was from. I had heard SuAnne and my bro Charlie had been crowned the new homecoming royalty. I didn't congratulate them, I only tried to forget my life back there. I was working in a Native American Arts and Crafts Gallery while all this was going on. I remember distinctly the night I heard it on the news. It was on the local news, it was Feb. 9, 1992. SuAnne was on her way to the South Dakota Miss Basketball ceremony when she got in a car accident.

From the minute I heard of her death, I did not accept it. I didn't go to her funeral. I tried to stay away from the "Rez" blaming the "rez" for all that is wrong with my life. I had forgotten the pride that I once had thanks to SuAnne and about a dozen other girls the night we brought home the state trophy. I had forgotten all of it. I just merely ignored it all and chose to try and forget. About three years ago, our girls team was in the State championship game again. I watched it on TV with nostalgia. I fought back tears. Our girls lost it but SuAnne's little cousin Jamie won "The Spirit of Su" award. A four color star quilt given to a single member of the tourney for good sportsmanship. Her cousin cried and so did I. It was then, I realized she was gone. She had been gone since the age of 17. The one person, who had scholarships to Division I schools and maybe would have had her dream come true and played in a professional league for women and deemed us all proud to be Thorpes, native, Oglala Lakota, women, was gone. My friend whose death I denied for years. And why did I deny it? She helped give me all the pride that was swelled inside of me when I was 17. Pride about who I was and where I was from.

And it took me over a decade to realize she was gone. SuAnne was a part of my life, my youth, my pride, in myself. I am truly blessed to have been acquainted with her.

When I go back to the high school and see my red dress picture hanging next to her red dress picture, I am proud, just like the day we came home...on top of the world.

Dana Lone Hill is a 34-year old mother of 4, who recently moved back to the reservation, after an eternity on the housing waiting list. Although currently self-employed, she plans on continuing her education at the Oglala Lakota College.



The opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor and Opinion Pages are not necessarily that of the editor or staff of the Lakota Country Times.

Other Views

Spencer's work is revolutionary

Dear Editor:

I wanted to tell you that I went to an event this past weekend at Manderson Day School Gym in Manderson.

The event was titled the 2007 South Dakota Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament and featured more than 20 fights.

I was very honored to be asked to be the Master of ceremonies for the event as I am a former Amateur fighter myself.

I fought from 1988 - 1991 for Neil Whitesell of the Rapid City Boxing Club and briefly in 1993 for Eddie Martinez of the Martinez Boxing club.

I want you and all your readers to know that the Lakota Nation has a very good thing going for itself right now through a young man named David "Chissie" Spencer. He is the Head Coach for the Nation of Outlaws Boxing Club in Manderson, SD, and is a true inspiration to many of our young people.

Chissie has taken Lakota Nation boxing to another level, not just in the ring, but in the inner political cirlces that always accompany boxing.

He has become a true and dedicated voice for Indian fighters in and out of the ring, and has created many opportunites for them as well.

The work that Chissie Spencer is doing right now is revolutionary to be sure, but more importantly it is precedent-setting, in that young Lakota amateur fighters and young Indian fighters in general are going to have wide doors opened for them now and in the future.

Mr. Spencer put on a high-class event this past weekend and deserves sincere support and accolades from the Lakota people for his hard work.

I am emcouraging all my relatives to get behind him and empower him to fight for the rights of young Indian fighters throughout the local, state and national venues where they need representation.

Hoka Hey.
Makoche Yuhunhunza
Shaking the Earth
AKA Kevin F. Peniska, Sr.
MniLuzahan, Lakota Nation
Rapid City, S.D.

Notes From Indian Country

Cherokee vote descendants of slaves off tribal rolls



By Tim Giago
(Nanwica Kciji)

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After she and 2,800 descendants of slaves once owned by the Cherokee Nation were denied membership or disenrolled from the tribe, Marilyn Vann, president of the Descendants of Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma said, "We're not going away. We are calling on the American people to bombard Congress, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, all media outlets, that justice be done."

Vann was referring to a special election held last week on the Cherokee Nation in which 77 percent of the eligible voters removed them as members of the tribe. The vote followed a petition drive for a ballot measure to determine who is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Principal Chief Chad Smith said after the election that the vote was not about race, but represented a right of self-government to decide who is a member of the nation. "My roll as Principal Chief was to bring the issue of citizenship to a vote. Determination of citizenship is the decision of the people, not the Principal Chief, not the tribal council and not the court."

Smith said, "The Cherokee People spoke clearly that as long as you had a Cherokee ancestor on our base roll of 1906, it did not matter what other blood, race or appearance you have." He accused Vann of trying to play the race card, "But it did not work because we know we have thousands of citizens who look Black, white, Hispanic or Asian," he said.

Columnist Tommy Felts of the Coffeyville (Kansas) Journal was outraged over the election results. He wrote, "A victim of one of the worst chapters in American history, the Cherokee Nation has lost the moral high ground."

Felts continued, "These are the people whose ancestors were forced from their land, denied civil rights and treated as worthless dregs unfit for life within the new society. With their stunning vote the Cherokee have put their black and mixed-race brethren on a path toward the same fate."

Although the freedmen will lose their tribal rights they will not be forced marched to a new location. And they will not lose their property or their jobs. But the vote of the Cherokee people does bring up a matter of self-government and sovereignty.

The Indian people were herded on to reservations and denied the most basic of human rights. They had no control over their government, they had no freedom of the press, and they had not control over their finances. Everything they owned was placed into "trust" by the Department of the Interior and the Indian people were designated as "wards" of the United States and deemed incapable of making the very decisions that impacted every avenue of their daily lives. And that included decisions of health, education, welfare, self-government, law enforcement or justice.

Every tribe from the Navajo Nation to the tribes of the Lakota and Dakota speaking nations fought tooth and nail to recover the basic rights of freedom and independence that had been their inherent rights since time immemorial.

It took thousands of dollars and thousands of hours in order for the Indian nations to regain a semblance of those basic rights. They fought their way through the local federal courts and oftentimes reached the U. S. Supreme Court in their valiant fight to establish their status as sovereign nations. Many died as patriots of their nations in establishing these rights.

At one time not so long ago tribal membership was established by the Bureau of Indian Affairs without consideration of the rights of the different tribes. Oftentimes the very people charged with this responsibility skewered these rights of citizenship. The Richard Nixon Administration passed legislation known as the Indian Education and Self-Determination Act in the mid-1970s that sought to re-establish sovereignty amongst the Indian nations.

The legal ability to determine actions that impact the very future of the tribes now rests in the hands of the duly elected tribal governments. Each tribe has set its own criteria for membership. In some cases this has meant hardships for innocent victims that have been removed from the tribal rolls by decision of the tribal council. This is particularly evident amongst the many Indian tribes in California.

There are times when persons of Indian ancestry cannot meet the strict criteria established by the tribe for membership and even though they may have what they consider to be legitimate claims, the decision as to whether they can be enrolled is entirely in the hands of the tribal government. And like the Cherokee Nation, most tribes go back to their original rolls and an applicant must prove a direct relationship to those original tribal members.

Some members that have been denied membership or that have been disenrolled blame the situation on greed. They claim that the tribe is diminishing tribal membership because they do not want to dilute the income they receive from their casinos. In some cases this may be the truth.

The Cherokee Nation has been particularly vulnerable because so many non-Indians claim membership in the tribe. I don't know how many times non-Indians have approached me after I give a speech and tell me, "My grandmother was a Cherokee princess."

Granted there are many African Americans with Indian blood that are not enrolled members of any Indian tribe. They speak of their Indian blood with great pride. But the Indian nations, in order to protect themselves, have set down hard rules and regulations that determine membership. It is an inherent right they have fought for centuries to retain and it is too bad that some claimants to membership fall through the cracks, but if they lose out because of dishonest tribal leadership that brings up a whole different set of circumstances.

But as an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota Nation I must stand behind the rights of the Cherokee Nation to determine its own membership.

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Northern Perspectives

The priceless nature of cultural knowledge



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

When I listened to Earl Bullhead last Friday for the very first time, it was refreshing to see that such Lakota cultural knowledge is still very much carried in the hearts and minds of many of our living resources.

Ever so often you see an award given to living cultural treasures and that is an appropriate label to attach to such awards. What each of us carries in our realm of experiences and intellect is something others rarely get a glimpse of unless, of course, you are Earl Bullhead and you give good humorous and interesting workshops on Lakota language, music and philosophy.

We never know who carries such talent in speaking and "hands on" type demonstrations as they are often in our midst, but sometimes we do not let them speak or they simply hang in the background. As a writer and educator I always keep my attention tuned into "novel" or new ideas that someone might share.

When I attended a treaty council meeting a couple of weeks ago, I heard a Lakota gentleman explain that in Lower Brule the Lakota language is literally in danger of disappearing. He quoted an unbelievable statistic that no one seemed to be moved by, but I was astounded. Apparently there are only six people who are fluent in Lakota in Lower Brule.

I was floored by that news and I did not think to visit with Earl Bullhead about that very gloomy statistic and I suppose I should. It is an issue that Lower Brule Community College or the tribe will want to address in the near future. There will be ANA funding available very shortly and it is an issue that can easily provide rationale for funding requests.

Those amongst us with such a rich knowledge of Lakota heritage are invaluable resources and need to be regarded as such. When we invite them into our school districts, college classrooms, or community events we need to ensure that we treat them with respect and pay for their services just as we would any other consultant.

In the white world it is a common practice to put a price on our specialized services and Lakota people need to do the same. It is a way to give credence to the energy and effort that the person is putting forth. It is not that we want to exploit the selling of cultural knowledge, but it is recognition that the cultural resource person has made a lifelong effort to transmit such information and their efforts are worthwhile. It is the receiving institution that needs to make an offer for such services as it is awkward for Lakota people who are not good at promoting themselves. In the Lakota world we often give what we can when we receive a cultural gift from someone and it is never ridiculed.

Dr. Archie Beauvais (Sicangu) resides on the Rosebud with his son, Beaux. He earned a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) from Harvard University and is a 2006 Harvard AOCC Award recipient. A decorated Vietnam Veteran, he is functionally literate in Lakota and worked at Sinte Gleska University for 20 years as Dean/Chair of Tribal and Graduate Studies.

Words from the 'trenches'

The feel of Mustang power!



Connie Smith-Blanco

What a week! Before Amanda could change her mind, I was out of the office on Monday, into my car and on my way to see the Mustang fans in Kyle.

The weather was sunny and beautiful and I know I had Spring Fever.

Now don't get me wrong, it was the day after the daylight savings time change, and yes, ordinarily I would have been cranky, especially if I would have been chained to my desk and computer all day.

But how can I complain when I'm out on the open road with my radio and ears turned to KILI radio and my eyes turned to the road?

I had only reached town and gone to one business for a "Good Luck at State" Mustang ad when word traveled like wild fire. Everyone wanted to tell the Mustangs how much they appreciated their hard work this year and the ads practically sold themselves. There's nothing like fan power to keep a body going. And it did too.

I got so busy going business to business that I didn't have time to stop for lunch. And that was sad because I stopped in at some of the best food places in Kyle.

The thing is, I only had one day to visit with everyone because my car was going to turn back into a pumpkin at 6 p.m. So I had to be back at the office by then.

I was able to get some great pictures of people reading our paper. And before I forget, thank you Sharlene at the Post Office, Albert at the Cap Office, Colene, Elaine, Erin, Angie,PeeWee, Gloria, Suzanne, Cindy and Dave (tho you wouldn't let me take your pictures in the office) at American Horse School, Dorothy (the Fan Flags in front of your house look great, and the mustangs look real, even the Yellow one) and Annette and Betty at Little Wound School Administration Office, Ivan at the Pine Ridge Chamber, Angie's hubby at Angie's Burritos (get well soon Angie, everyone misses you and is praying for your quick recovery!), Liz at Kyle Grocery, Kathy at Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort, Linda May at the Kyle Clinic, the crew at Lil Angels, and each and everyone else that took time to say hi, wish the Mustangs well, and congratulate me and Amanda on our newspaper.

Anyway, I'm writing this late on Tuesday night before I drag home to my sleeping family. I'm afraid if I wait until morning to write this, the Daylight Savings Time Monster will bite me and I might go to sleep at my desk and I won't get this column done.

Happy Trails from me, here in the Trenches!

Connie Smith-Blanco, Oglala Lakota, is co-owner, business manager and marketing director of Lakota Country Times.

She has pursued a music career in Oklahoma, Tennessee and lived near her sister in Texas, and after 30 years moved back to her roots in South Dakota with her two children.

Other Views

Job well done, UTTEC Thunderbirds

Dear Editor:

Just wanted to say thank you to your six women and nine men, who started the season for our United Tribes Technical College Thunderbirds, and who finished the season as well.

These 15 athletes represented our college as student Ambassador's and I' am proud of each and every one of them. They are all getting the job done in the class room as well, and I think this is equally important. Education today. Tomorrow the world.

We will be losing Fawn, Joyce, Cole, Lornie and Matt, and I wish them all good luck in their lives. Go UTTC Thunderbird.

Brandie Dionne, Colette Hawley, Jemma In The Woods, Fawn Packineau, Valene Pretend Eagle, Joyce Whirlwind Horse, Jarvis Bearstail, Cole Glade, Corey Goodiron, Merrill Howling Wolf, Jordan Knife, David Laveaux, Lornie Pinnecosse, Matt Red Bear and Matt St. John.

Joshua " OLD SCHOOL" Logg
Bismarck, N.D.

Golden Gloves boxing event good for community

Dear Editor:

I am writing this in regards of the State Golden Gloves Tournament that was held at the Wounded Knee District School. This event was very positive for our community, and for our students. Some of our students boxed in the junior's event and it was good to see our community come and show their support. There were a lot of people in attendance; the school gym was packed to its capacity. It showed our school and the community the positive events that can take place that can bring our community together as a whole.

Our students TC Clifford, Cruz DeLeon, Tyler Clifford, and Perez DeLeon represented our school in the juniors division, they all fought very well. Being able to fight in a competition like this and also to watch boxers like Josh Steele and Brandon Kills Small compete and becoming State Golden Gloves Champions. It gives these young boxers's hope of following in their footsteps in becoming the next Golden Gloves Champions.

This was the first ever State GG Tournament to be held on an Indian Reservation, and also to be brought into the Wounded Knee District. This tournament brought business to

some of our local programs, our store and also to our 8th grade class who benefited from this event. It gave our community a sense of pride knowing that Manderson held the first ever State GG Tournament and with hopes of being able to host another event like this. It was good to see boxers from all over the state come and compete at this tournament.

Chissie Spencer the coach for the Nation Of Outlaws Boxing Team has brought pride back to our people, and to our community. Through his hard work with these students, these students have gained so much from his teachings that they will become our next Golden Glove Champions.

Randi Gibbons
Activities Director at Wounded Knee District School
Manderson, S.D.

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Steele, Kills Small and Clifford place at Golden Gloves

MANDERSON - A South Dakota State Golden Gloves Tournament was held Manderson on March 10 at the Wounded Knee School.

Chissie Spencer, regional director for South Dakota, said the tournament was successful.

"This weekend was the state boxing tournament. And was very successful," said Spencer. Josh Steele of Manderson, a member of the Nation of Outlaws boxing team, won the state 178 pound title for the second year. Brandon Kills Small, of the Oglala boxing team, won the 200 pound title.

Spencer said both winners will move forward to the regional tournament March 23 at Omaha, Neb.

"I am very proud of these young men for the dedication they have shown in training to prepare for this tournament and as they prepare for the regional. Both men trained at Wounded Knee School," he said. Spencer said the boxers appreciate all the people who made the tournament possible at Wounded Knee.

He said organizations and people who helped coordinate the tournament were Anpetua Luta Otipi, Ponderosa Sports, Wounded Knee Foundation and school, the 8th grade students, Dr. Mike Rafferty and the community members. Kevin Peniska was announcer.

Teams that fought in the tournament were Wolves Den of Eagle Butte, Little Wound of Kyle, Oglala of Oglala community, Siouxland of Sioux Falls, Cheyenne River of Eagle Butte, Poor Thunder of Martin, Gordon Boxing of Gordon, Neb., Wilchboxing of Vermillion, Hot Springs boxing team of Hot Springs and Rapid City Youth boxing team of Rapid City.

All boxers must be registered through the USA Boxing, USA sanctioned.

Chissie Spencer, counselor and activities director at Wounded Knee District School, has been coordinating boxing events in the area for the past ten years.

He is currently the regional director for the Golden Gloves for South Dakota.

He organized the Wounded Knee District School boxing club which Josh Steele helps coach.



Above: Josh Steele won in his division of 178 lbs, (left). Boxing official Cory Annis announces winner.

Below: T.C. Clifford defeated his opponent in his division.



Students place in speech contest

BATESLAND - The Shannon County reservation wide upper speech contest was recently held and the contestants that placed are as follows:

Oratorical Prose

1st Jeanette Red Hawk - Loneman School

Humorous

1st RC Janis, Wolf Creek

1st Lisa Pourier, Wolf Creek

2nd Dana Stoldt, Wolf Creek

3rd Darris Yellow Horse, Batesland School

Serious Interpretation of Prose

1st Kodi Shaw, Wolf Creek

2nd Josh Wannamaker, Wolf Creek

3rd Jarrian Clifford, Wolf Creek

6th Poetry

1st Lela White Horse, Wolf Creek

2nd Kristine Charging, Wolf Creek

3rd Autumn Good Plume, Wolf Creek

7th Poetry

1st Madie Buckman, Wolf Creek

2nd Raedawn Cross Dog, Wolf Creek

3rd Arlean Brewer, Wolf Creek

8th Poetry

1st Kachina Walks Out, Wolf Creek

2nd Darnell Quintana, Batesland School

3rd Andrea Cummings, Porcupine.

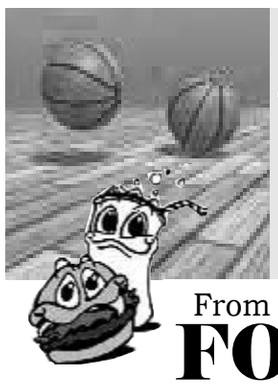
Integrated child welfare workgroup meeting March 29

PINE RIDGE - An Integrated Child Welfare Workgroup Meeting will be held Thursday, March 29 at the Lakota Oyate Wakanyeja Owicakiyapi Inc. building at Pine Ridge.

This will be a follow up stratigic planning session for the workgroup. All child and family serving agencies, concerned parents, community members and children are invited to attend.

Summaries of the last strategic meeting will be given upon request.

A meal will be provided. The building is located on near the hospital. Call Elicia Goodsoldier-Zephier at 867-5752 for more information. She can be emailed elicia-goodsoldier @ostlowo.org.


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Lady Braves defeat Red Cloud for 7th in State A girls

Lady Crusaders come up winless, gain worlds of experience

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

SPEARFISH - Jordyn Brown opened up the first quarter with two threes to set the tone for Cheyenne Eagle Butte's 46-40 win over Red Cloud for the seventh place trophy in the South Dakota State A girl's basketball tourney last week in Spearfish.

The Lady Braves went up 8-0 as freshman Lacy Leaf hit an inside jumper as CEB went up 15-6 at the quarter and Jessica Keckler hit three shots and two free throws to help them to a 21-13 lead at the half. Brown hit her third three of the game in the third as CEB went up by 13 at the end of three 33-20. The Lady Braves went up by 17 early in the fourth 39-22 but Ida Clarke, Red Cloud's junior forward scored nine of her 1`1 points in the fourth, Marque Lunderman hit four of her 11 points in the fourth as well to help close the gap to 44-40 but time ran out on the Lady Crusaders.

"We had a good run, we finished with 19 wins and even though we will miss our two outstanding seniors, we will return 13 players who have state tournament experience," said Arlyn Wohlleber, Cheyenne Eagle Butte's head coach, "we will work hard this summer and look forward to a new year."

This was only the second trip to the state tournament for a girls Eagle Butte team, they first made state in 2000.

Keckler finished with a game high 13 points while freshman Nadia Watt grabbed a game high nine rebounds. Leaf was in double figures with 10 points Brown finished with nine in a game that Eagle Butte led from start to finish. Earlier in the year Red Cloud came from behind to beat Eagle Butte 37-35 at Red Cloud.

"We didn't have a senior on the team, started two juniors and three sophomores and brought a sophomore, a freshman and a junior off the bench," said first year Red Cloud coach Ted Standing Soldier, Jr., "we hope to benefit from this tournament experience, work hard over the next year and come back and do better."

Clarke and Lunderman led the team in scoring with 11 each as Clarke led the team with five rebounds and Lunderman chipped in six assists and five steals. Turnovers kept pulling the Lady Crusaders down, they had 22 in the final game but finished with 24 their first game and 29 their second game. Red Cloud opened against and Bennett County and struggled to put points on the board losing 63-42, Shaina Clifford led Red Cloud with 13 points while Danielle Locust grabbed seven boards. The Lady Crusaders struggled again in their second game as McCook Central bottled up the Red Cloud offense and won it 64-43. Lunderman led Red Cloud with 13 points and 12 rebounds, Clifford finished with 10 points and Lisa Bear Robe added seven points and 10 rebounds.

Red Cloud finished the year 16-10. This was the Lady Crusader's seventh trip to the state tournament, they took second in1991, third in 1992 and fifth in 1995. Marque Lunderman earned an all tourney selection in her first state tournament.

CEB opened the tournament against Vermillion, the eventual champs, and grabbed the lead right away pushing it to 13-4 in the first quarter but in the second quarter the Tanagers had pulled even at 19 all and held a 28-22 halftime lead. Vermillion opened up a 12 point edge in the third but the Lady Braves closed the gap to five but couldn't get any closer as they turned the ball over late in the game to slow down their rally losing it 52-47 in the end. Keckler led the way with 16 points while Watt and Azure had eight rebounds each.

Against Hamlin on the second day, CEB took an early 4-2 but ended up playing catch up the rest of the game as the Chargers grabbed the lead and held it for the rest of the game. Azure led the Lady Braves with 14 points before fouling out with 34 seconds to go, Brown added 10 points with five assists and four steals and Watt grabbed a team high seven boards. CEB finished the season with a 19-6 record and seventh place in the State A tourney. Brittany Azure was selected to the all tourney team.



Above: Lacy Leaf (40) uses her athleticism to get by Marque Lunderman (34) and head for the basket. Below: Lunderman cuts inside of Azure for a lay-up.
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Bryan Brewer, SDHSAA board member presents Ede Claymore with her Distinguished Service Award during the halftime of the third place game Saturday night.
PHOTOS COURTESY OF DOUBLE M PHOTOGRAPHY, HAY SPRINGS, NEB.

Claymore honored for service in education, sports administration

SPEARFISH - After 35 years in education, Ede Claymore retired earlier this school year. After graduating from Black Hills State with a degree in English Literature and Physical Education, Claymore taught English and coached basketball and track.

In 1982, Claymore became the first female athletic director of a Class A school in South Dakota. She has worked tirelessly to bring gender equity to high school sports and worked hard to develop both the girl's Lakota Nation basketball tourney and the volleyball tourney.

Ede has served on the LNI board of directors since the tournament started as an eight team all Indian tournament and helped nurture it into the huge high school holiday event today that includes basketball, wrestling, language and knowledge bowls and hand game competitions.

During the halftime of the third place game on Saturday night, the South Dakota High School Activities Association presented Claymore with their highest award, the Distinguished Service Award.

Vermillion slows Bennett County down, earns first state championship

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

SPEARFISH - Annie Roche and Alicia Brown proved to be too much for the Bennett County Lady Warriors as Vermillion used a scrappy, quick, ball hawking defense to slow down Bennett County Saturday night in the State A girl's basketball championship in Spearfish to claim the State A title 56-48.

Brown, a junior who has won the State A 100, 200 and 400, finished with 16 points and 14 rebounds while Roche helped with 15 points, six boards and five assists and whenever Bennett County started closing the gap, Chelsea Gauer would hit one of her three 3-pointers to turn the momentum back to the Tanagers.

During the year Bennett County averaged over 70 points a game but Saturday night the Lady Warriors shot 17 of 71 from the field. Keely Krolikowski led the team with 17 points, five under her season average while Maggie O'Neill finished with seven, 13 points under her average.

Amy O'Neill, a sophomore, scored seven points in the first quarter but a respiratory illness took her out of the game.

The Lady Warriors opened the tournament with a 63-42 win over Red Cloud as Krolikowski led the way with 21 points, Maggie O'Neill chipped in 14 with a team high seven rebounds and Mary Jo May chipped in 10 points.

In the semis, Bennett County came from 10 down at the end of three quarter 38-28 to take the lead late in the fourth quarter to knock out the defending State A champs Dell Rapids 51-49. O'Neill led the team with 16 points and seven rebounds, May added 11, Krolikowski finished with 10 and freshman Shawna Evans helped out with nine. Bennett County closed out a 23-2 season and will lose senior Maggie O'Neill to Black Hills State University and seniors Mary Jo May and Val Vandermay with the rest of the team returning including junior guard Krolikowski, sophomore guard Laura Porch¸ sophomores Amy O'Neill and Cara Kratovil and freshman Shawna Evans.

Vermillion finished with a 21-5 record and a state championship.

This was their fifth trip to state, their third straight; the Tanagers were runner-up in 2000. Roche was named the "Spirit of Su" award winner.

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Congratulations Little Wound Mustangs!
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Mustangs eye championship in 6th trip to State A

Team finishes 4th in 1999, 2000, 7th last year

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

KYLE - It was Sam White Face in 1980, Mark Lunderman and Duane Janis in 1983, Jess Heart in 1999 and Cory Shangreaux, Jay Jacobs and Lyle LeBeau in 2000 and in 2006 and 2007 it's Brice Hornbeck, Rich Big Boy, Shilo Pierce, Ty Lunderman and Devon LeBeau as the Little Wound Mustangs return to the State A tourney for the second year in a row and the sixth time in their history.

This year's trip to the State A features a couple of different twists, the state tournament will be in Rapid City at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center and Little Wound has added TJ McCauley, a senior forward who played for Pierre last year and helped lead the Governors to the State AA championship game, earning all tournament honors in the process.

Little Wound is one of five teams returning to the State A including the defending champs St. Thomas More, last year's fourth place team Lennox, fifth-Parkston and sixth-Chamberlain. Little Wound took seventh last year beating Sisseton on the final day 74-58.

The Mustangs lost to Clark the first day 75-64 and Chamberlain 57-51 on the second day.

"This has been a great week for the students and the school," said student council vice president Cole Hunter, "the student council organized it like a homecoming, it was a big Mustang Pride Week with activities every day like mis-match day, Blue and Gold Day, jersey day, an ice cream social and a big student and community pep rally on Wednesday."

Little Wound opened the season ranked number eight in the pre-season poll but quickly moved to number two behind Madison after beating St. Thomas More, last year's state champs, for the Lakota Nation title. After the Cavaliers knocked off Madison in the Hanson Classic at the Corn Palace, the Mustangs took over the number one spot.

Little Wound's only loss came at the hands of Oh Day Aki, formerly known as Heart of the Earth, at home in Kyle 66-64. Little Wound dropped to number two for the rest of the year. For the State A tournament, Little Wound was seeded three behind St. Thomas More and undefeated Parkston. If Little Wound gets by Chamberlain in the first round, they would probably meet up with Parkston in the semi and could end up playing against St.Thomas More in the championship game.

"Everything is ready but I seem to be running around like a chicken with its head cut off," said Wilbur Ferguson in his first year as athletic director at the school located in Kyle that has students from seven of the nine districts on the reservation, "the team had a shoot around on the arena floor at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jamie has been dealing with the flu and visiting his father who is in the hospital and Rich Big Boy has been getting treatment for his knee, we hope that he'll be ready but as a team they are ready and the whole school and community is behind them."

"All of us are so very proud of the boys on and off the court," said Dana Brave Eagle, high school principal, "this has been a very good boost for the morale of not only the students but the community as well; we are supporting the boys all the way, we are planning on sending up eight fan buses each day of the tournament."

Little Wound has shown an ability to dominate a game and turn it on when they needed it.

Against Red Cloud in the LNI, the Mustangs were down at the half and at the end of three but came out strong and outscored Red Cloud 31 to 18 in the fourth.

At Todd County in January, Little Wound was down by 14 at the end of the third quarter but came out in the fourth with a full court press and outscored the Falcons 42-18 to win by 10.

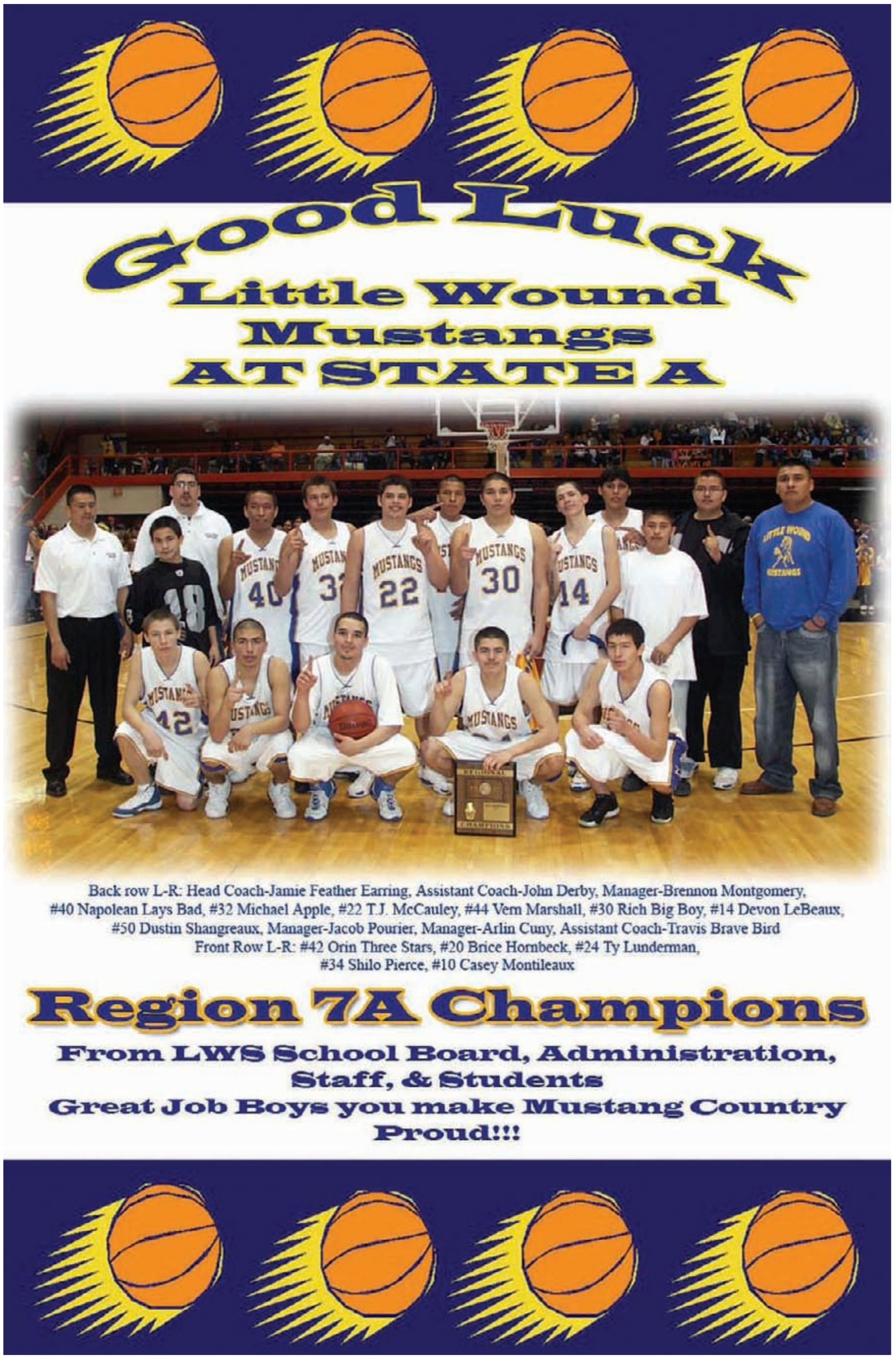
The Mustangs have shown a good mix of inside and outside game with McCauley, Hornbeck, Lunderman and LeBeau hitting the threes and McCauley, Hornbeck and Big Boy doing the heavy work on the boards. Little Wound has the ability to have anywhere from four to eight players in double figures so opponents struggle to stop the Little Wound attack. Little Wound's only loss came with Hornbeck out with a knee injury, the junior point guard has shown a knack for holding the team together on both ends of the floor.

The Mustangs took fourth in 1999 and in 2000 and this year have stated their goal is nothing short of a state championship trophy; some feel it could very well be a rematch of the LNI championship game with St. Thomas More which Little Wound won 49-46 in mid December.

The Cavaliers would have to get by Lennox and probably Madison while Little Wound would have to get by Chamberlain and most likely Parkston.

In 1989/90, Red Cloud and Custer played for the LNI championship and three months later the same two teams played for the state A championship on the same floor, Custer won both games.

Little Wound heads into the state tourney with a 22-1 record.



RST Advanced Electronic Rosebud Integration ground breaking March 19

MISSION - A ground breaking ceremony will be held for the Advanced Electronic Rosebud Integration facility on March 19, Monday at the SGU Antelope Lakota Campus.

At 11 a.m. noted guests are on the agenda and who have been invited include, Governor Mike Rounds, Sen. John Thune, Sen. Tim Johnson, Rep. Stephanie Herseth, representatives of the U. S. Army Space Missile Defense Command, Radiance Technologies, Inc., SGU President, Lionel R. Bordeaux, and RST President, Rodney M. Bordeaux and RST medicine men.

The actual groundbreaking will occur at 11:50 a.m. at the AERI site after the invited guests have spoken.

Lunch will be served.

Thune requests funding for reconcilation center

WASHINGTON —Senator John Thune sent a letter Monday to U.S. Department of Housing and Rural Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson requesting his support for the Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place, as his agency divides its Fiscal Year 2007 budget allocation.

Funding for the Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place, located in Fort Pierre, includes funding for the Sioux Nation Cultural Center and the Sioux Nation Supreme Court.

The Sioux Nation Cultural Center will exhibit and interpret tribal history and cultural artifacts, and the court will enhance the tribal judicial system and promote economic development and reconciliation between Indians and non-Indians.



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Community Calendar
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12 Step meetings
Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m. at the East Wakpamni College Center in Batesland.

Aerobics
Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Porcupine Clinic sponsored by the Pahin Sinte College Center, for information call 867-5404.

Lakota Language Immersion Class
Every Tuesday from 10am until 12 noon at the Pahin Sinte College Center in Porcupine with Bryan Charging Cloud open to students, community members and programs for male students only, for information call 867-5404.

High School basketball season
State A Boy's Tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Mar. 15-17 at the Civic Center in Rapid City, Little Wound vs. Chamberlain 7:45 p.m. Thursday, March 15, Friday and Saturday, TBA.

School board representatives
OST Education Committee is accepting resumes and letters of intent for seats on several school boards including Flandreau Indian, Circle of Nations Indian School, Sherman Indian School, Pierre Indian Learning Center and Oglala Lakota College, submit material to Wanda Two Bulls at Red Cloud Building in Pine Ridge, 867-5821.

Tax Preparation
Daily at the Wounded Knee District School Foundation in Manderson from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with instant refunds in 20 minutes, for information call 867-1176.

Open gymnasium
Tuesday nights at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge from 4:30-8 p.m. open to all ages sponsored by the Oyate Blihelya Diabetes Prevention Program.

Loan Workshop
Thursday, March 16 1 p.m. at the Wounded Knee District College Center in Manderson - "How to get a loan" including loan policies, free technical assistance and individual development accounts, for information call Cheyenne Thunder Hawk 455-2500.

OST Commodity Issue
March 16 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni Lake and Monday, March 19 in Oglala.

Men's Basketball Tournament
March 16, 17, 18 in Manderson at Wounded Knee District School - 12 team men's tourney sponsored by the Wounded Knee District College Center, for info call Troy, Luke or Anita at 867-5352.

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
Wednesday, March 21 to make as many people as aware as possible about the continued dangers of this deadly disease, for information call 800 642-0273 or go to www.HAPP.COLOSTATE.EDU

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
School pow wow on Wednesday, March 21 at Red Cloud co-sponsored by Red Cloud and Our Lady of Lourdes, rescheduled from March 9 with grand entries at 1 and 7 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m. and on Friday, March 30 at St. Francis School and Friday, April 5 at Little Wound in Kyle with grand entries at 1 and 6 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

Suicide intervention training
Thursday, Friday, March 22, 23 in Rapid City at the Quality Inn, applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, sponsored by LivingWorks, 8:15am-4:30 p.m. each day sponsored by Aberdeen area Indian Health Service, call Amy at 605 226-7543.

Memorial Basketball Tournament
3rd annual Dana Wike Memorial Basketball Tournament, March 22-25 at the Sinte Gleska University Multi Purpose Building in Antelope, for information contact Ken at 208-5672 or Rich at 747-5644.

Lakota Way of Parenting
Presentation by Carol Iron Rope Herrera on Lakota Way of Parenting, Friday and Monday, March 23 and 26 at the Eagle Nest College Center in Wanblee, for information contact Phyllis at 462-6274.

Common Sense Parenting
Wednesday, March 28, first meeting of Common Sense Parenting class at Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge from 4-6 p.m., for information call 800 727-2401.

19th BJ Weston peewee tourney
Monday through Sunday, March 26-April 1, 2007 in Pine Ridge at the Pine Ridge School, four divisions including 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, for information call 867-1429, 867-2640, 685-8253 or 867-5435.
AIHEC Basketball Tournament.

AIHEC annual conference at Rapid City March 24

RAPID CITY - The 26th annual American Indian Higher Education Consortium will be hosted by Sinte Gleska University, Sitting Bull College, Sisseton Wahpeton College and Oglala Lakota College at the Ramkota conference center March 24 to 28.

The four day conference will feature an exciting and diverse range of workshop presentations as well as the popular knowledge bowl, hand games and a host of other exciting competitions. Other diverse events include a reception for AIHEC Native American authors, a film showing, a coffee house with tee shirt exchange, and an AIHEC tribal librarian's workshop.

A one act play, a web competition, a critical inquiry competition and a question and answer period with filmmakers and guest speakers will provide an opportunity for a variety of stimulating exchanges for conference goers.

26th Annual
American Indian Higher Education Consortium Conference
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"Embracing our ancestors as we learn new ways"

Saturday will be devoted to registration and booth set up at 1 p.m., while Sunday will see the hand games, science, poster, speech, business plan competitions held with an evening banquet sponsored by AICF.

On Monday, March 26 there will be a general session/parade of flags at 9 a.m. in the Rushmore room with many of the presentations beginning at 10:30 a.m. All of the various competitions will continue while a powwow feed will be held at 5 p.m. at the Mother Butler center. The powwow will begin at 7 p.m. in the Rushmore room.

On Tuesday, competitions continue while a Young People's Forum will be held at 9 a.m. in the Lincoln Room. At noon a Student Congress Transition meeting will be held in the Executive Lounge, while a student awards banquet will be held at 6 p.m. in the Rushmore room. A dance will be held in the Pactola/Sheridan at 9 p.m.

The 27 presentation workshops will feature some rather interesting topics.

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Five Kyle wrestlers qualify for state

KYLE - AAU Regional Wrestling Tournament was held on Saturday, March 10 at Rapid City Central. There were five qualified for state, to be held on March 22 to 24 at the Rapid City Civic Center. The state qualifiers are Ariana Red Feather weight class 80, Stephanie Blackbear weight class 130-140, Marissa Zimiga weight class 50-55, Artmesa Wounded Head weight class 130-140, and Brylee Red Owl weight class 112. The AAU wrestlers are coached by Howard Hunter, Jr. assisted by Bryan Red Owl. Back Row L-R: Stephanie Blackbear, Artmesa Wounded Head, Clay Loafer, Jeremy Red Owl, Phil Zimiga Jr., Mahpiya Menard Middle Row L-R: Ariana Red Feather, Yvonne Loafer, Marissa Zimiga, Sayvon Chasing Hawk, Brylee Red Owl, Tristen Ferguson. Front row: Mark Morgan.



The graduating class of Lakota Funds Wawokiye Business Institute. The next class will start March 21.

Lakota Funds graduates 11 from business course

KYLE - Eleven individuals successfully completed the Core Four Business Planning Course: Elmer Lumpkin, Gloria Scabby Face, Ben Scabby Face, Mary Jane Running Shield, Jamie Lee, Craig Howe, Carmel Old Horse, Clifford Whiting, Louis Twiss, Terry Holiday and Vina Holiday.

"The class was good, but I felt that we needed more time, especially in marketing. Internet marketing is a growing industry and in order to keep up I would have liked to have more instruction in the area."

"I guess I can go to the Wawokiye Business Institute for this assistance. I also would like to add in taking the Core Four course you need to do your home work and be diligent about it," said Clifford Whiting of Wanblee.

The Core Four Business class is offered by Oglala Lakota College in collaboration with Lakota Funds Wawokiye Business Institute. The core classes are an excellent tool for developing or expanding a small business. The course helps plan for a market-driven, cash healthy, well-managed business.

It helps test your business concepts; it also will assist in the increase of your management knowledge; in marketing, operations and cash flow. Most important it will help you plan your business to be successful.

If you are a person with a business idea, a prospective borrower, struggling business owner, and/or an owner of a growing or changing business, Lakota Funds Wawokiye Business Institute encourages you to attend.

The next Core Four Planning will begin on March 21 at Pejuta Haka College Center in Kyle at 5 p.m.

The course is free; the only cost is $40.00 for the Core Four text book that can be purchased at the Oglala Lakota College bookstore.

To register, call Lakota Funds at (605) 455-2500.

Uranium summit at SDSM&T March 27

RAPID CITY - Bringing an impressive background of more than 30 years of research and applied experience in radiation detection and protection, Professor Kimberlee J. Kearfott, Ph.D., from the University of Michigan will be the keynote speaker at a Uranium Summit on March 27, 2007, at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

Professor Kearfott is currently a member of The National Council on Radiation Protection Scientific Committee, and is certified by the American Board of Health Physics and the National Registration of Radiation Protection Technologies.

She graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a Doctor of Science in Nuclear Engineering and Medical Physics, and from the University of Virginia with a Masters in Engineering in Nuclear Reactor Safety.

Professor Kearfott will be the keynote speaker for the Fourth Uranium Summit planned by Defenders of the Black Hills.

Two other national environmental organizations, Indigenous Environmental Network, and Western Mining Action Network, as well as the American Indian Science and Engineering Society's Student Chapter at SDSM&T are also cosponsoring the event to be held on Tuesday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of Surbeck Center at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, 501 East St. Joseph St., Rapid City.

The Uranium Summits were triggered from plans for future uranium mining, as well as the lingering effects of hundreds of abandoned uranium mines and prospects left from the 1960s and 1970s mining boom in Wyoming and South Dakota.

The informational meeting is open to the public. Lunch will be served.

For further information contact Charmaine White Face, Coordinator, Defenders of the Black Hills at (605) 399-1868

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On Monday, Crystal Own and Skyman Redday will present a workshop entitled, "Speaking when No One Listens." In 2003, Skyman Redday was a tribal police officer on duty responded to a call where his wife, all four of his children, and a 14-year old brother-in-law were killed by a drunk driver. The workshop is to encourage people to speak out even when no one is listening.

Another interesting workshop will see Darryl Monteau of Haskell Indian Nations University provide information about the "Evaluation of Switchgrass Attributes for Caddo Grass Thatched Lodges." Patrick Weaselhead will present a workshop entitled, "Border Town Racism" Civil Rights in Indian Country, a topic in Montana being discussed and which tribal colleges need to be familiar with.

Lakota artist Jim Yellowhawk explores issues of identity, war, racism, boarding schools, 9/11, and more in his art in his session of "The Healing Power of the Art Forum." Find out how you can use art in tribal college classrooms, in community, family, in any setting where the spiritual, emotional, physical, and intellectual impact of such issues can be explored.

Milt Lee explores the amazing diversity of contemporary Indian culture with sound cuts and a power point presentation on the making of the landmark 52-part public radio series, Oyate Ta Olowan - The Songs of the People. With slides, video, music and stories, the presentation dispels the notion of a homogenized Pan-Indian culture: a musical culture consisting only of Omaha society Intertribal powwow songs, and "sacred new age flute." Over a five-year period, Milt and Jamie Lee traveled over 110,000 miles to collect the music and stories. Where are the men? An interactive session discussing the declining number of males entering and completing the higher education process. The panel will discuss the research and data (or lack of it) and explore ideas that will help identify and address the root of the issue. Why are boys dropping out of school at a higher rate than girls, what are the obstacles or barriers that contribute to the decline, who and where are Indian male role models, is this an issue, and if so, what can be done to reverse the trend? These are some of the questions we will bring to light. Presented by American Indian College Fund staff.

Those are just a few of the many sessions that students and faculty can attend along with the many competitions.

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NEW IMMUNIZATION POLICY FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices now recommends a 2 - dose Varicella series. The first immunization should be given at 12 to 15 months of age, and the second dose should be given at 4 to 6 years of age. Do to this recommended change, two doses of Varicella or history of disease will be required for kindergarten entry beginning this fall with the 2007 - 2008 school year.

The Department of Health offers this vaccine to the 12 to 15 month old children and 4 to 6 year old. A minimum interval of 3 months should be maintained between the first and second dose of Varicella vaccine.

Parents and guardians : please contact your healthcare facility and make sure your child has the required vaccination prior to school entry for 2007 - 08. Failure to do so will result in your child not being able to be enrolled until the immunization is verified.

Kills In Water gives lessons with cultural materials

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent



Sicangu cultural resource, Dolores Kills In Water, gave a presentation to 20 college students from Michigan State University last Friday evening at the Tree of Life Ministry. After a question and answer period, the students were able to handle the Lakota artifacts which Kills In Water has collected for many years.

MISSION - Sicangu cultural resource, Dolores Kills In Water, of Grass Mountain community gave some 20 students from Michigan State University a glimpse into the world of everyday Lakota life at the Tree of Life ministry office. She was accompanied by daughter, Meredith, as the students were quite attentive to the hour presentation.

Kills In Water had a table set up with a newly acquired buffalo hide covered with Lakota parfleche boxes, bone knives, scrapers, spoons and other practical tools that Lakota people utilized to make their lives better.

Her Lakota cultural specific presentation was apparently a return engagement as she has presented to other visiting audiences to the Tree of Life ministry. It was an opportunity to carry on an interest that the Sicangu elder had began years ago in Scottsbluff, Neb. in order instill a sense of cultural pride in Native student attending school in the school system.

She said she put her cultural materials away for 15 years as she went to work for the South Dakota Department of Social Services. As she began again, she said, "I volunteered so I could share and preserve the culture. Todd County said I could be a resource person…I dedicate this to all my Lakota winyan, grandmothers that have gone on."

She noted that the Lakota had to dry everything and that the rawhide boxes were used to carry a lot of those food goods, while the clothing was sewn with cow and deer sinew. She explained to the students that sage or pezi hota was used frequently to keep bad spirits away, as well as to put children to sleep.

She explained a valuable lesson when harvesting pezi hota. She said, "Five years ago people would pick sage and pull the whole plant out of the ground. If you are going to get sage, you need to cut it so it will grow back again."

The Rosebud tourism department previously created a cultural resources code that limits the amount of natural resources, herbs, and medicines that can picked on the Rosebud reservation. The intent was to limit any kind of exploitation of the Rosebud's natural plants for commercial purposes, especially during peak seasons when visitors to the reservation have a tendency to over harvest certain areas without consideration of future viability of the particular species involved.

She also explained that the Lakota traded with other tribes on the northern plains for good which they did not originally have, such as sea shells, elk teeth, and beads. The Lakota used just enough for their purposes and did not waste a lot of resources. The sand turtle was used a cup and the buffalo's bladder was used as a container for food or water.

Other artifacts on display included a hair pipe, different size scrapers and a knife with a bone handle. She demonstrated how the Lakota pounded choke cherries and shaped them into patties that were dried and could be softened with water in the winter months and made into wojapi.

Her collection also contained a square drum and she explained something that many people were not familiar with. She said that the square drum was used to call the buffalo. Days after it was used the scouts would go out and look for buffalo and sure enough they would be coming. A pair of baby moccasins were also on display and Kills In Water explained that they were from Pine Ridge and that a white lady from Chadron had given them to her because she did not know what to do with them.

Kills In Water's style of presenting her cultural artifacts is rather relaxed and informal as she connects her own life to the objects which she has collected. The collection of Lakota functional tools, rawhide, arrows, and square drum is a valuable resource, in and of itself, as it reflects the practical and adaptive nature of Lakota people as they simplified their lives with such items.

Dolores finished off the evening with several questions from the students, who then proceeded to use "hands on" to examine many of the items including the hatchet and drums.

Legislative Reports

Still unmet needs, most



By Larry Lucas
District 26A
D-Representative
Mellette, Todd

The South Dakota Legislature completed most of its work for the year on Tuesday, March 6 when we passed the General Appropriations Bill to fund the ongoing budget of our state.

The Bill passed the House with all 70 Representatives voting for it.

While anyone could argue there are unmet needs in our state, we did cover most of the bases. Some new items funded this year are an intense Meth program that will provide counseling at the Women's Prison in Pierre for inmates affected by this drug.

Statistics and research show that this is an effective means to make a person addiction free. Another new social needs program is a 24/7 monitoring on repeat DWI offenders. Individuals in this program will have to submit to two breath analyzer tests per day in order to stay out of jail and gainfully employed.

Funding for K-12 education is arguably the most important issue state government has to deal with. Large school districts with over 600 students will receive a $110 net gain per pupil over what they received last year. Schools under 600 will have their small school allocation frozen which will result in a smaller percent gain in their per student allocation. All schools will have a fall student count day for the purposes of generating more up-to-date numbers in the state-aid formula and all schools can apply for a four to one dollar match for a new Teacher Assistance Compensation program. There are $4 million in the TCAP program.

Nine million dollars from the new increase in the tobacco tax will go back to reduce property taxes in the school state-aid formula. This nine million dollars will help to lower the mill levees by 10.5 percent. The state's share for K-12 education will increase to 56.8 percent from the current 53.8 percent.

The Legislature also approved a plan to ensure that Indian education will be a permanent part of the state content standards by establishing the Indian Education Advisory Council with representatives from each of the state's nine tribes. This was a part of HB 1250 which requires all new teachers to complete a three-hour course in Native American history and culture.

One positive piece of legislation I worked on was a resolution asking the state Department of Transportation to designate and promote the Oyate Trail, which is Highways 18 and 50, on its maps and with proper signage.

Area business, officials, and local chamber of commerces can solicit the state DOT to help in this initiative.

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ASK ANNA

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I hope all is well. I am writing a couple of questions; first of all am I going to be having another baby or is there something medical going on with my body? Are things going to start looking up for me with my career and finances and family? Do you see me applying for a different job and getting it anytime soon?

Questionable

Dear Questionable:

It looks as though you are not pregnant at this time and that your body is "out of cycle". I do not see anything seriously the matter with your body but please try to watch your diet.

Your finances are slowly pulling together. A steady income is why. Better budget practices would help you. I do see you applying for a different job; probably within six or seven months, you can have that job if you watch for it and apply in time.

Good Luck!

Dear Anna,

I'm a 38-year old single woman who wants to get married to her soul mate and have kids. I have been searching high and low and just wondering if GOD still has that in store for me. I once met with someone who told me that I had one in this lifetime, however that was over five years ago and now I'm older and don't know what else to do and wonder if this man will ever appear and will I have the children I have always wanted my entire life.

To make things worse I'm now having "health" problems and have recently started medication for this problem. I'm scared that this beginning problem is something of a more deeper problem and I'm deathly scared that it may require drastic surgery. I'm hoping it's not as serious as I'm getting the feeling and that I will be able to lead a normal healthy life nd get off this medication. what's going on?

Looking for answers

Looking for answers:

Yes, you do have a soul mate - but, please remember that a soul mate does not necessarily mean easy and clear sailing; a soul mate has an agreement at a soul level to help you become the best you possible. Sometimes this is through lessons and trials. I do see a man coming, he is about seven inches taller than you, a little bit round in build, has been married before and has two (and in some way three) children. I see him in blue jeans and working with the soil, farmers and ranchers.

I do see you with a little girl, I have the impression that you birth her - but it may be that you "receive" her from the birth mother at a hospital.

You are on top of your health. The medical treatment that you are receiving should keep your condition under control. I do see a healing life coming to you. Your worry is basically your imagination trying to create the worst possible scenario for yourself. Understanding that fear and distress feeds illness leads me to warn you to stay in the Grace of Faith - and let go of your nightmare thoughts and replace them with a more positive vision of health. My business partner (Barb A.) and I have an office in Rapid City where we do healing work. I think that we can help you. Please email your phone number if you are interested. We work on a donation basis; so that money should not be an issue.

Don't worry - you have a good life in front of you.

Dear Anna,

I want to come home for a visit this summer. I haven't been home in over 10 years. I'm kinda nervous about seeing everyone again. I don't know why. I pray for strength in doing so. So much has changed since I was last home. I love my family so much. My father totally ignored me my whole life, I don't know why. Not even a birthday card, nothing for 10 years. One time I traveled through a snow storm to see him, He said to call him when I got into town, I did, turns out I was just two blocks from his house, and when I got there (four minutes later) he had run out the door. He actually ran from me, I felt so hurt. Maybe that is why I am kinda scared to come home for a visit. what if he does something again to shame me? I don't think he even loves me. I feel like I should of never been born. Please reply with what you see could happen, help me.

Afraid to go home

Dear Afraid:

There are many other people at home that love you and would love to see you. Your father is the one with the problem - not you. He has an issue with your mother and he has allowed his feelings to create a wide gulf between you.

You can't change him; but you can love him and understand that you can't change his view point and you are not responsible for it. Many children have absent fathers and fathers that they never get to know.

Don't take it personally - he is the one that is missing out. The difference between you and other people is that you know who your daddy is - and many children do not know. The ones that do not know have to live their lives wondering about the man that left - and you know who the man is that left. Many of those children also feel unworthy and that their fathers do no want or love them. Men don't leave their children because they don't love them, especially babies, they leave their children because they do not want to be with the mother.

Your father is not in balance - and it is not your fault. To focus on what you don't have or can't create because you cannot control others is a waste of time. Pray that his heart and mind be doctored, and be thankful for all the family members that do love you. Certainly all their love for you cannot be worth less than one man you cannot relate to. There are worse things in life than having an absent in heart and spirit father.

You made a soul contract before birth to have this man as your father. You are who you are genetically because he is part of your make up.

You also contracted with him to learn something - for the highest good of your journey as a human being. I am certain that what you contracted to learn is not self-pity for what you don't have; but instead, is love, compassion, and thankfulness for those that do love you combined with an understanding of what kind of man you wish to have in your life.

The message is quite clear, You know you don't want a man that leaves his children; so chose a man that you know well enough and long enough who is a good man and will be there for his children, even if you two move in different life directions.

Please enjoy your visit home and love your family. Don't live under a dark cloud caused by one man's inability to relate. It's a waste of your time and ruins a wonderful visit with "mind-think" depression. It's up to you.

Good Luck - the lesson may be hard, but the Creator is still there for you as a Father and a Grand Father. Love that.

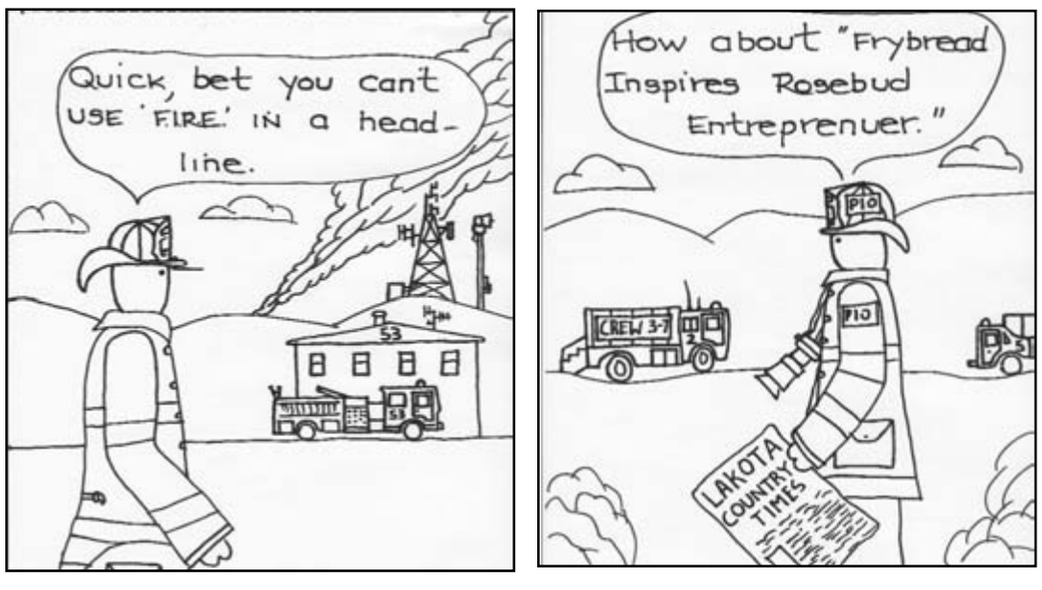
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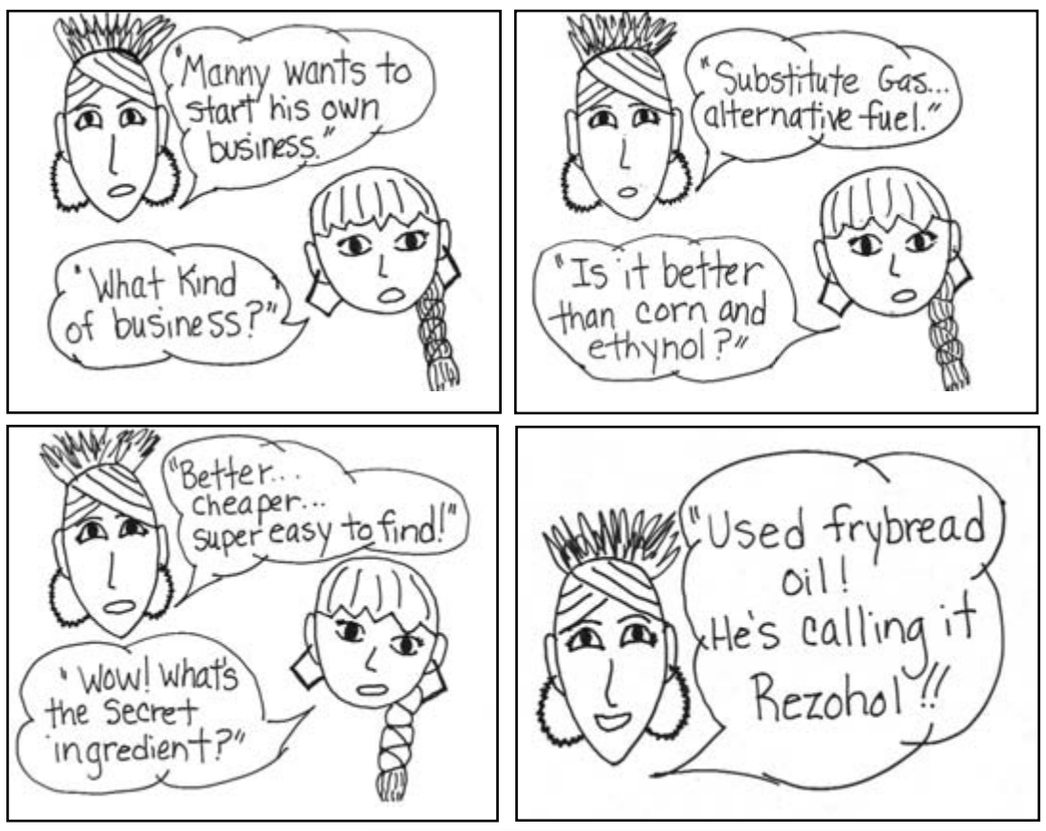
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Kenneth J. Grey Grass

BATESLAND - Kenneth J. Grey Grass, 76, Batesland, died March 7 at Pine Ridge Hospital. Survivors include two sons, Rick Grey Grass, Batesland, and Jerome Grey Grass, Rosebud. A two-night wake was March 10, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Wakpamni. Funeral services were. Monday, March 12, at the church, with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl, Bernard Little Whiteman and Ben Conquering Bear officiating and traditional Lakota services by Sid Has No Horses. Burial was at Grass Creek Cemetery in Manderson. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Joseph P. Breast

MANDERSON - Joseph P. Breast, 87, Manderson, died Thursday, March 8 , at Gordon Memorial Hospital in Gordon, Neb. He served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include one son, Waldo Breast, Gordon. Wake services were Wednesday, March 14, at Wanblee CAP Office and Thursday, March 15, at St. Agnes Catholic Hall in Manderson. Funeral services were Friday, March 16, at St. Agnes Catholic Hall, with the Rev. Rhoda Mesteth officiating. Burial was at St. Mary's Episcopal Cemetery, Grass Creek, Manderson. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Cole D.J. Ferguson

KYLE - Cole D.J. Ferguson, 6-month old of Kyle, died March 10 at Bennett County Health Care Center in Martin. Survivors include his parents, Cory and Hevin Ferguson, Kyle; one brother, Cody Ferguson, Kyle; one sister, Ceriah Ferguson, Kyle; his maternal grandparents, Vern and Rochelle Top Bear, Kyle; and his paternal grandparents, Lyle Ferguson and Mary Little White Man, Kyle. A wake service was Wednesday, March 14, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall in Kyle. Funeral services were Thursday, March 15, at the hall, with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating. Burial was at St. Barnabas Episcopal Cemetery in Kyle. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Terron DeMarrias

PIERRE - Terron DeMarrias, 6-months old, died March 7 in Pierre. He is survived by his mother, Deidra McBride, Pierre; and his father, Shawn DeMarrias, Mobridge. A prayer service was March 13, at Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge. Funeral services were Wednesday, March 14, at the funeral home, with the Rev. Leslie Campbell and the Standing Rock lay ministers officiating. Burial was at the LDS Cemetery in Wakpala.

Oliver Eagleman

WAKPALA - Oliver Eagleman, 86, Wakpala, died Friday, March 9 at Mobridge Regional Hospital. Wake services were March 11 at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Wakpala. Funeral were Monday, March 12, at the church, with the Rev. Leslie Campbell, the Rev. Webster Two Hawk and the Standing Rock lay ministers officiating. Burial was at the church cemetery. .

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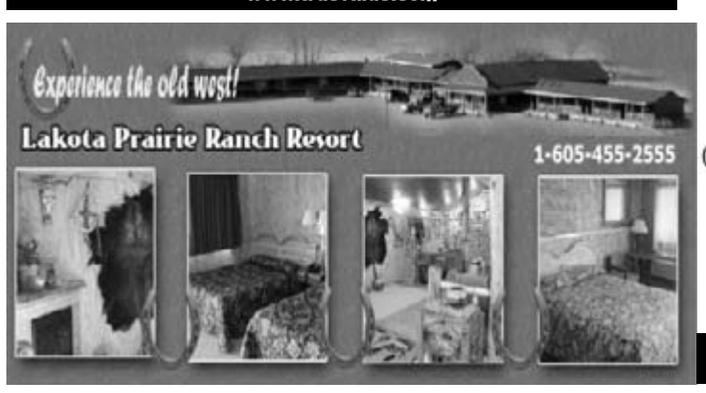
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(Unapproved)
Shannon County School Board Meeting
February 26, 2007
Batesland, S.D.

The Shannon County School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 26, 2007 at Batesland, South Dakota. President Eagle Bull called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Board members present: Angie Eagle Bull, Ruth Cummings, Melvin Cummings, Chuck Conroy, Todd O'Bryan.

Others present: Dr. Margo Heinert, Superintendent, Maurice Twiss, Special Services Director, MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager, Vickie Grant, Assessment Coordinator, Ted Hanson, Special Education Director, Robert Two Crow, Lakota Studies Director, Bob Hall, Rockyford Principal, Monica Whirlwind Horse, Rockyford Asst. Principal, Marlene Stout, Red Shirt Principal, J. Wayne Goff, Batesland Principal, Loretta Giago, Wolf Creek Principal, Dana Christensen, Technology Director, Myron Pourier, Facilities & Maintenance Director, Karen Bowen-Raymond, Curriculum Coordinator, Patti Nelson, Administrative Secretary, Jodi Richards, Marilyn Halverson, Emma Brewer, Charlie Standing Bear, Renee Two Bulls.

All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

7170 Approval of Agenda: Motion by Conroy, seconded by M. Cummings to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.

7171 Approval of Minutes: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to approve minutes of the 1/22/07 regular meeting and the 2/5/07 special meeting. Motion carried.

7172 Executive Session: Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to go into executive session at 5:20 p.m. Motion carried. President Eagle Bull declared executive ended at 5:39 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

7173 Dress Code Policy: The Dress Code Policy was presented for the third reading. Motion by O'Bryan seconded by M. Cummings to adopt the original dress code policy, as presented for three readings in September, October and November, 2006. Motion carried.

7174 Financials: Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by M. Cummings to approve the financial and payroll report, receipts and disbursements, in addition to supplemental budgets, as listed. Motion carried.

7175 High School Tuition Request: Motion by R. Cummings, seconded Conroy to approve a request for high school tuition for a Shannon County student, as listed on file. Motion carried.

7176 Request for Open Enrollment: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by R. Cummings to approve applications for open enrollment for three students, as listed on file. Motion carried.

7177 Set School Board Election Date: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to set the date for the annual school board election for Tuesday, June 12, 2007. Motion carried.

7178 Shannon County Teacher of the Year Committee: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by R. Cummings to nominate board member Chuck Conroy to serve on the Shannon County Teacher of the Year Committee. Motion carried.

7179 SCCEA Negotiations: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to authorize the Superintendent to notify the President of Shannon County Classified Education Association that the board wishes to begin negotiations within the next 45 days, as required by the current negotiated agreement. Motion carried.

7180 School Calendar: Motion by Conroy, seconded by M. Cummings to approve the 2007-08 school calendar, as presented by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

7181 School Improvement Restructuring: The board will meet on Tuesday, March 13, at 5:00 p.m. at Batesland to review a school improvement restructuring process.

7182 March Regular Board Meeting: The board will meet on Monday, March 26, 2007 at Batesland Beginning at 5:00 p.m. for their regular monthly meeting.

7183 Red Shirt Building: Board member R. Cummings stated that she feels the Red Shirt Buildings, which previously housed the Red Shirt School, should revert to the Tribe.

7184 Principals & Directors Reports: Principals and Directors gave verbal reports to the board.

7185 Executive Session: Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to go into executive session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion carried. President Eagle Bull declared executive session ended at 8:33 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

7186 Certified Staff Contracts: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to authorize administration to offer certified staff contracts, effective Thursday, March 1, 2007 with a return date of Wednesday, March 21, 2007 by 4:00 p.m. to the administrative office. Motion carried.

7187 Personnel: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by R. Cummings to approve all personnel recommendations, as presented by administration. Motion carried.

7186 Adjournment: Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by M. Cummings to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed Madonna Peterson, Business Manager.

General Fund

A&B Welding Supply $21.60, ABC School Supply/Early Learning $28.54, AT&T long distance $901.43, Abouresk & Zephier PC fees $1,654.24, Advanced Business & Computing services $4,810.00, Alco Store #204 supplies $40.41, $9.96, Vendor total $50.37, All America Publishing adv $140.00, $140.00, vendor total $280.00, All Season Sports supplies $123.50, Alltell cell phones $1,117.33, Apple Computer Inc supplies $59.15, Batesland School Dorsey $300.00, Bennett County Booster II supplies $380, $50, vendor total $430.00, Best Western - Sturgis Wolf Creek $658.40, Big Moutain-Clifford parent leadership $1,500, Bio Corporation supplies $492.37, Black Hills Electric $3,190.32, Blacksmith Sandra Kay supplies $35.50, BP gasoline $229.48, Bureau of Education and Research regi $700, $350, vendor total $1,050, Business Office systems INC supplies $273.80, CDW Government-INC supplies $252, $2000, $90.00, $425.00, $486.00, $18.00, vendor total $3,271.00, Central Towing service $125.00, Chevy High performance subsr $15.00, Chris Supply Co-INC supplies $42.98, $71.70, vendor total $114.68, Classroom Direct com supplies $30.92, Cole Pest Control $200, $139, $138, $303, vendor total $780.00, Computer Village $410, $355, $119.95, $119.95, $520, vendor total $2,524.90, Charles Conroy mileage $3.20, Corporate Card charges $19,632.71, Crum electric $743.62, $59.30, vendor total $802.92, Crystall Springs book $565.33, Cullingan Water Conditioning water $839.10, Cummings Melvin milieage $100.16, Dakota Supply Group supplies $29.97, $3.86, $326.58, vendor total $360.41, Dakota/Lakota Journal subsri $60.00, Dektroncs Inc supplies $39.72, Debbies Cakes and Floral supplies $44, Delmarketing LP supplies $79.80, Drain masters repairs $530.00, Eagle Bull, Andres mileage $16.64, Environment Products supplies $89.52, ETS Edcuational Testing supplies $80, $40, vendor total $120.00. 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$1,298.49, Greenwood Publishing Group Supplies $172.88, Grims Pump service $4.00, Grocery Mart supplies $61.08, Halverson Marilyn travel $164.16, Hammett International Inc $111, Handi Stop supplies $20, $33.29, vendor total $53.29, Harcourt Assessment Inc supplies $157.50, $847.39, vendor total $1,004.89, Harmon Law Office fees $2,038.13, Harveys Lock shop supplies $213.70, Hauf Mid AMercia Sports $322.50, $260.55, $104.55, vendor total $687.60, Heartland Paper Co supplies $920.76, $113.15, vendor total $1.033.91, Heinert Margo travel $748.20, Hillman Doris travel $47.36, Hillyard supplies $1,108.91, $819.47, $859.54, $568.23, $231.08, $88.10, $279.46, $1,069.12, $713, $1,181.44, $1,475.93, $18.44, $116.17, $840, $68, $13, vendor total $9,449.89, Hobart Supply service $428.63, Holiday Inn Express trip $676, Hope Foundation supplies $588.33, Husker Auto parts $937.06, $577.15, vendor total $1,514.21, Internatioinal Laser Group $556.13, $192, $390, $676, $111.22, $492, $175.50, $487, $507, $863.50, vendor total $4,450.35, Jiggers Restruant trip $305.97, Johnson Machine supplies $654.75, Kaplan Earling Learning Co supplies $542.62, $597.82, vendor total $1,140.44, Kelli Inn travel $110, Kratovil True Value supplies $.99, Krotz Carol travel $95.12, KT Connections Inc repairs $683.50, $300, vendor total $983.50, Lacreek Electric Associatoin $13,257.47, Lakota Country Times $150.00, $304.64, $150, vendor total $604.64, Layne Steven L parent presentation $780, Lebeau Connie mileage $46.08, Library Store Inc supplies $52.70, Lithia Automotive parts $235.92, $73.12, $89.77, $128.22, $48.97, vendor total $576.00, Loreman Education services $199, $58.24, vendor total $257.24, Lowes Home Center $89.34, $646.24, $67.52, vendor total $803.10, Ludens Gale supplies $85.54, M Lee Smith Publisher supplies $197, $197, vendor total $394, Martin Floral supplies $32, McDonalds trip $341.95, McDonalds Wolf creek $150.00, McDonalds Sturgis Wolf Creek $101.63, $162.92, vendor total 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Basketball Goals.com bleachers/equipment $13,862.43, Best Business Products lease $176.66, $506.69, vendor total $683.35, Daktronics score board $9,996, $9,996, vendor total $19,992, Dial Virtual School curri $2,400, Evergreen Office furniture $374.40, $573.44, vendor total $947.84, Harcourt Education books $13,430.40, McGraw-Hill Co books $267.80, SD Federal Property agency 2-suburbans $34,400, School Specialty supplies $2,847.12, Tatonka Capital Corp lease $4,186, Fund Total $93,016.94.

Special Education Fund

Black Hills Special service tuition $2,753.11, Brimark Inn Travel $45, Childrens Care & Rehab Develop center services $11,275. Childrens Care Hospital & School tuition $4,914.81, $40, vendor total $4,954.81, Childrens Home Society tuition $1,533.63, $1,533.63, $1,533.63, vendor total $4,600.89, Corporate Card charges $167.61, Donovan Mark travel $26, Golden Corral Family Steakhouse meals $27.59, Gordon Super Foods supplies $13.31, Hanson Ted travel $379.43, Harcourt Education supplies $451.36, Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza travel $45, Hookandloop.com supplies $50.95, Just For Kids Speech therapy $11,607, McDonalds meals $14.32, $10.48, vendor total $24.80, Moon Jim travel $148.39, Ross ruth services $1,300, Shannon County School Imprest $389.28, Sioux Falls School District tuition $87.29, Sky ranch for boys Inc tuition $3,670, TIE staff develp $1,000, Wells Spring inc tuition $293.88, $293.88, vendor total $587.76, Winters Carls supplies $7.99, Fund Total $43,612.57.

Food Service Fund

Benard Food Induastries $309.69, Child and Adult nutrition services $414.17, Food Service America $1,277.23, $4,461.11, $2,493.10, $3,573.88, vendor total $11,905.32, Gordon Super Foods Supplies $41.86, Harkers Food service $403.20, $3,521.65, $1,912.23, $5,135.52, vendor total $10,972.60, Kemps-Gillete Dairy service $720.23, $2,080.98, $1,563.17, vendor total $4,364.38. Reinhert Institutional foods $7,704.80, $10,986.06, $15,564.38, vendor total $34,255.24, Sioux Nation Shopping center $6.76, UPS supplies $13.67, Fund Total $62,284.24.

Federal Program Special Services

Division of Criminal Investigation printing $792, NAFIS registr $1,350, Shannon County School Imprest $700, Walmart Community supplies $1.88. Fund Total $2,843.88.

BS Trust-Agency Acct

Barnet Robert supplies $19.96, Pizza Hut of Gordon Supplies $111.86, $157, Vendor total $268.86, Shannon County School Imprest $682.90, Fund Total $971.72, Checking Acct Total $442,969.61.

Vision Service Plan $58.91, Gina Has No Horse $150, Janeen Metzger $700, Batesland School Petty cash $454, Golden West Telephone $41.55, Madonna Peterson $206.60, Jim Shadeed $682.90, SPED Parent $140.80, Daryl Eagle Bull $310.40, Mike Carlow $310.40, Mark Donovan $84, SPED parent $94.08, Vision Service plan $7.44, AUL $1.69, SPED Parent $70.40, total $3,323.17.

Resignation: Sissetowan Merdanian Wolf Creek Preschool Aide effective 2-13-07

Classified Terminations: Rockyford School cook effective 2-20-07, Wolf Creek School Custodian effective 1-24-07, Rockyford School custodian effective 2-12-07.

Contracts for Approval: Gale Brewer Red Shirt School Maintenance from 2-6-07 to 6-30-07 $9,804, Tracy Fortin Batesland School Bilingual Trainee from 1-18-07 to 5-23-07 $8,019.38, Cindy Lakota Red shirt School Bilingual Trainee from 1-18-07 to 5-23-07 $7,159.43, Valentina Makes Him First Rockyford School Bilingual trainee from 1-18-07 to 5-23-07 $7,787.33, Jamie Martin Wolf Creek School Bilingual Trainee from 1-2-07 to 5-23-07 $6,817.50, Anthony Rowland Wolf Creek School Special Edcuation Aide from 1-24-07 to 5-23-07 $6,480, Jovita Seda Wolf Creek School Preschool Special Education Aide from 1-24-07 to 5-23-07 $4,860, Deborah Shedeed, Wolf Creek School Bilingual Trainee from 1-18-07 to 5-23-07 $9,899.43.

Wolf Creek School Recommendations: William Jacobs Bilingual Trainee no alternative, Wydene High Pine custodian alternate, Paul Weasel Bear.

Rockyford School Recommendations: Burt Kaline CDL Bus Driver no alternative, Tim Villa Special Education Aide alternate Francine Poor Bear, Lisa Deleon Special Education Aide alternate Ulrike Frie.

Batesland School Recommendations: Denver American Horse, Home School Coordinator no alternate, Tammy Harvey Preschool Aide Alternate, Vicky Donner, April Smith Aide No alternate, David Big Crow part time custodian alternate Lloyd Yankton Jr.

45 Day Probationary Completions: Christopher Gibbons Rockyford School Preschool Aide prorate thru Aug 23, Trina Andrews Wolf Creek School Special Ed Aide prorate thru Aug 23, Melanie Ghost Dog Wolf Creek School part time cook prorate thru Aug 23, Casey Morton Wolf Creek School Special Ed. Aide prorate thru Aug 23, Barbara Marks Batesland School Bud driver prorate thru May 23, Stanley Whipple Batesland School bus Driver prorate thru May 23, Terri Rosane Batesland School Cook prorate thru May 23.

Supplemental Budget

Title 1 Social Work/Attendance
Revenue Federal thru State $33,484.63
Expenditures Salaries $32,899.39 Social Security/Medicare $585.24 Total Expenditures $33,484.63

Title 1 Operation of Maintenance
Revenue Federal thru state $1,317.17
Professional Services $1,317.17
Total $1,317.17

Title 1 Revenue
Federal thru State $60,288.36 Professional Services $41,723.45 $18,723.91 Total $60,288.36

Title II Part A
Revenue Federal Thru State $12,357.67
Professional Service $12.357.67
Total $12,357.67

Title VI Rural and Low Income
Revenue Federal thru State $25,472.00
Improvement of Education Supplies $10,000
Prog for Eligible Children Supplies $5,472
Education Technology supplies $5,000
Parent Activites $5,000
Total $25,472

Title III Bilingual (state)
Revenue State $18,693 Salaries $9,551 Health Insurance $2,500 Professional Service $5,000 Other Supplies $1,642 Total $18,693

Shannon County School District
Disbursment Report
January 31, 2007

Fund/ Account	Amount
General Fund	$283,613.27
Capital Outlay Fund	$104,429.82
Special Education Fund	$27,135.23
Food Service Fund	$21,575.98
T/A Support Service	$26,951.55
T/A Wolf Creek	$0.00
T/A Batesland School	$29.95
T/A Rockyford School	$0.00
Total of All Funds	**$463,735.80**

Shannon County School District
Payroll Report
January 31, 2007

Types of Services	Salaries	Benefits	Total
1000 Instruction service	$384,737.23	$102,452.61	$487,189.84
2000 Support Service	$176,201.73	$52,536,31	$228,738.04
3000 Other Community serv	$1,720.48	$379.27	$2,099.75
6000 Co curricular	$2,989.19	$249.04	$3,238.23
General Fund Total	**$565,648.63**	**$155,617.23**	**$721,265.86**
Special Education	$138,239.48	$40,873.49	$179,112.97
Food Service	$18,043.74	$6,161.03	$24,204.77
Total All Services	**$721,931.85**	**$202,651.75**	**$924,583.60**

Shannon County School District 65-1
REVENUE REPORT
January 31, 2007

Revenue Sources	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Education Fund	Pension Fund	Food Service	T/A Service	Impact Aid
Local sources							
Taxes	$ 1,046.08	$525.54	$245.19	$52.53	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$77,368.83	$ 10.67	$0.0	$0.00	$22,801.14	$25,281.80	$0.0
County Sources							
County Apportionment	$ 1,000.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
State Sources							
State Aide	$353,844.00	$0.0	$119,338.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Federal Sources						$0.0	$0.0
Other	$1,468,600.97	$0.0	$288,237.00		$21,854.31		$5,308,178.40
Operating Transfer In							
Total Revenue For Fund	**$1,901,859.88**	**$536.21**	**$407,820.19**	**$52.53**	**$44,655.45**	**$28,281.80**	**$5,308,178.40**









NOTICES

Shannon County Commissioners Minutes of March 2, 2007

The Shannon County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 2nd, 2007, at the Courthouse in Hot Springs. Present: Connie Whirlwind Horse, Deborah Rooks-Cook, Inez White Hawk, Vanessa Roubideaux, and Sue Ganje, County Auditor. Absent Tom Conroy.

The meeting was called to order, time being 10:44 a.m.

The Oath of Office was taken by Inez White Hawk and placed on file.

Motion by White Hawk, seconded by Roubideaux to approve the agenda as written. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Discussion was held on turning outstanding checks to the Tribal Court for wage garnishment. This will be directed to the States Attorney and Treasurer.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve the Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer. All voting yes, the motion carried.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SHANNON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

I Hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 28TH day of February, 2007.

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN BANK OF THE WEST $ 4,035.72

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN WELLS FARGO BANK $ 1,388.60

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN FIRST WESTERN BANK-HS--$ 4,266.16

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ACTUAL CASH $ 1,284.22

TOTAL AMT OF CHECKS IN TREASURER'S POSSESSION NOT EXCEEDING THREE DAYS $ 2,151.87

MONEY MARKET SAVINGS: BANK OF THE WEST $ 2,235.88

WELLS FARGO BANK $ 1,134.06

FIRST WESTERN-HS $585,555.26

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT-FIRST WESTERN -HS $250,000.00

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts which have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:

Sheriff Change fund:200.00

Returned checks: Atkinson, Jennifer $40.00; Big Crow, Duane Sr. $39.00; Black Feather, David $75.00; Brings Patton, Linda $55.00; Burgess, Jeanne $45.00; Eagle Bull, Annette M $43.00; Feather Earring, Tamera $41.55; Aqualyne Garnett $64.00; Goings Tanya L $71.00; Haller, Wanda $25.00; Janis, Jennifer $90.50; Lone Hill, Trina; Mesteth Perry $63.00; Morrison, Nadine $15.00; Old Horse, John $15.00; Pourier, Joel $349.00; Red Cloud, John $45.90; Ross, William $53.00; Blethen, Rene $48.25; One Feather, Delmar $187.02; Parton Joy $32.00; Puckett Derek $24.15; TOTAL $853,694.34

Dated this 28th day of February, 2007

Sue Ganje County Auditor of Shannon County

The above balance reflects County monies, held in trust, and monies collected for and to be remitted to other entities: schools, towns and state.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to approve the minutes of February 2nd, 2007 and February 15th, 2007. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by White Hawk, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve the travel for the Coroner to attend training in Pierre on April 18th thru April 20th, 2007. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to rescind the motion to not rehire any County employee, who has withdrawn their retirement, for one year. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Lynn Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to give an update on her activities since she has taken over as highway superintendent. Bettelyoun reported on the condition of the existing equipment and the tools that are present. Bettleyoun also presented pictures of the highway department when she took over and pictures after the improvements to the highway department the current highway crew has made.

Bettelyoun requested a limit for tool purchase, and presented a list of needed items for tools, office equipment, equipment and building needs.

Tom Conroy appeared during the Highway Superintendent presentation, time being 11:04 a.m.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Conroy to authorize purchase of tools, office equipment and building needs up to $20,000.00. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by White Hawk, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve advertising for 2 permanent and one seasonal employee. Drug testing certification will be required with application, and applications will be accepted through March 23rd, 2007 and can be turned in to the Shannon Auditor or Shannon Highway Superintendent. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Fuel quotes were presented as follows:

UNLEADED DIESEL

Westco

1.897 2.185

Pine Ridge Oil

2.21 2.52

Muddy Creek Oil

1.971 2.202

(Received after deadline)

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to accept Westco quote for Unleaded in the amount of 1.897 and Diesel in amount of $2.185. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Roubideaux to approve travel for Lynn Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, to attend the Highway Superintendent Short Course in Brookings on March 13th to March 15th, 2007. All voting yes, the motion carried

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Conroy to approve the temporary hiring of Wesley Bettelyoun, Lynx Bettelyoun, Harry Yazzie, and Walt Swan at a rate of $10.50 per hour effective upon employment. White Hawk voting no, all others voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve purchase of winter reflective gear for the highway workers. The Auditor advised that the purchase of these items would not be a taxable benefit as long as these items were clearly marked Shannon County Highway Department, and remain at the County Shop. These items must be turned in, if Employee is no longer employed. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to remove Dennis Brewer, and add Lynn Bettelyoun to the South Dakota Federal Surplus. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to enter into executive session for legal, time being 11:40 a.m. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Came out of executive session time being 12:22 p.m.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Whirlwind Horse to readvertise for the sheriff position, deadline to be March 16th, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.; and special meeting to be on March 19th, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Whirlwind Horse to continue with the Bennett County Booster as the legal newspaper for Shannon County, and also advertise in the Lakota Country Times. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Whirlwind Horse, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve the following bills. All voting yes, the motion carried.

GENERAL

Comm. Salaries (5-Comm), February Salaries, $ 650.00;

Auditor's Office Salaries, February Salaries, 1,277.20;

Treasurer's Office Salaries, February Salaries, 1,248.28;

States Attorney Salary, February Salary, 825.00;

Dir. Of Equal. Office Salaries, February Salaries, 1,267.75;

Reg. of Deeds Office Salaries, February Salaries, 1,273.56;

Vets Service Salary, February Salary, 1,800.72;

Sheriff Salary, February Salary, 3,027.66;

Jim Daggett, March Blue Cross Prem.,307.85;

Forney's Standard Service, Sheriff Travel, 40.77;

South Dakota Retirement, February Retirement, 1,366.88; US Postal Service Postage, 236.10; Wells Fargo Bank,Feb/W/H /SS/MDCR Tax, 2,123.12; Becker, Larry, Mental Illness Brd., 35.00; Bennett County Booster, Publishing, 606.96; Bingham, James L., Crt. Appt. Atty., 588.90; BP, Inv#88015, 668.65; Conroy, Tom, Comm. Travel, 56.32; Deborah Rooks-Cook, Comm. Travel, 35.84; Culligan, #580, 10.00; Dale's Tire & Retreading, Inv. #390245 ,680.00; Dietrich, Donna, Court Reporter, 131.69; Election Sytems, Inv. 621797, 2,582.00; Fall River Co. Sheriff, Prisoner Care, 6,545.00; Forney's Standard Service , Inv. #0338, 218.44; Graham, Julie, Election Trip/Wash.DC, 33.00; Kooistra, Nelva, Mental Illness Brd., 15.00; Linehan, Gene, 2/18&2/24/Transport, 75.00; Moran, Lynn, Crt. Appt. Atty. 148.80; Pennington County Jail, Transport, 469.90; Quill Corporation, Inv. #4482108, 35.73; Rehfuss, Cathy, Mental Ill. Brd., 15.00; Rapid Lube, Inv. 182532, 51.90; Roubideaux, Vanessa, Comm. Travel, 40.96; Shannon County Sheriff, Petty Cash/Car Wash, 38.07; Slate Creek Counseling, Mental Illness, 622.12; Tannehill, Sylvia, Mental Illness Brd., 35.00; Thurman, Creighton, Supply, 166.01; Travel Unlimited, Inv. #000177581, 1,443.59; Whirlwind Horse, Connie, Comm. Travel, 72.32; White Hawk, Inez, Comm. Travel, 57.60; Yankton County Sheriff, Notice/Petition, 16.50; Witness Fee, Witness Fee, 58.40;

COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE

CRBR-Construction Salaries, February Salaries, 8,224.87; Overtime for Lnyx Bettelyoun, Overtime, 61.80; South Dakota Retirement, February Retirement, 818.90; Wells Fargo Bank, Feb W/H/SS/MDCR Tax 1,736.21; A&B Welding, Inv. #746 715, 28.80; Bettelyoun, Lynn, Mileage, 32.00; California Contractors , V38696 Rainsuits, 982.77; Great Plains Communications, 194.07; Great Western Tire Inc., Inv. #1-gs272271, 1 ,311.66; LaCreek Electric Assoc., Utilities, 216.53; Lakota Plains Propane, Inv. #55802, 1,206.60; Radio Shack, Inv. #10012149, 540.88; Red Pipe Electric, Inv. #1316, 647.50; Shad's Towing, Inv. #3345, 450.00; US Postmaster, Stamps, 78.00; Western Communications, Inv .#07-639652, 40.00;

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EM Salary, February Salary, 330.00; South Dakota Retirement, February Retirement, 39.60; Wells Fargo Bank, Feb/W/H /SS/MDCR Tax, 60.48; Western Communications, Inv. #06-122906, 9,374.00;

Public Comment was held at 12:24 p.m. Virgil Rust, Larry Kehn, Vern Fortune and Darlene Rust met with the Board to present a petition which has been circulated in support of Jim Daggett as Sheriff. Rust, Kehn and Fortune shared experiences they have had with Daggett as Sheriff and how people in their area feel that all entities (County, Tribal, BIA and FBI) are working together, and we have a legal system that is working.

Rooks-Cook referred to the Highway Shop problems in Batesland. Discussion was held that theft problems were not just in Batesland, but all over the County.

The Auditor requested a change in employee to work on the highway books.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to approve the hiring of Laurie Theilmann, at the rate of $9.50 per hour for 32 hours per month, effective as of December 21st, 2006. All voting yes, the motion carried.

The Board discussed with Frank Maynard Homeland Security items for the Highway Department, and that he is going Full-time in Fall River County. Discussion was held on continuing the Emergency Management plans and the possibility of hiring Kathy Timmins as part-time.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve hiring Kathy Timmins for Emergency Management office work at a rate of $9.50 per hour, for a total of 416 hours per year, effective March 1st, 2007. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Al Schaefer, Department of Legislative Audit met with the Board to discuss his audit of 2004 and 2005. He will return on March 19th, 2007 for final closing.

Joel Wendell, Director of Equalization met with the Board to advise them of the 2007 valuations, which will reflect a 5% increase. The Board discussed and set April 20th, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. for the Shannon Board of Equalization. Wendell also discussed the local town board.

Motion by Rooks-Cook to rescind appointment of Dennis Brewer as Veteran's Service Officer and appoint Archie Hopkins as Veteran's Service Officer. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to adjourn meeting, time being All voting yes, the motion carried.

Connie Whirlwind Horse, Chairwoman

Board of County Commissioners Shannon County ATTEST: Sue Ganje, County Auditor Shannon County

LEGAL NOTICE

Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court
Rosebud Sioux Reservation
Rosebud, South Dakota

NOTICE OF HEARING

In the Matter of Guardianship of Zachary Lapointe, a Minor.

To all interested parties: Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held upon the above-captioned matter on the 23rd day of April, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. o'clock in the courtroom of the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court in Rosebud, South Dakota. Entered this 20th day of February, 2007.

By the Tribal Court Judge

Attest: Patricia Thin Elk

JOB OPENINGS

Radiology Working Supervisor.

Operation x-rays equipment, prepares and maintains records and files, operate EKG machine. Contact the Human Resource Office at Bennett County Hospital, Martin, SD, 605-685-6622, ext.132 for application and information.

Seeking Full Time Registered Nurse, Bennett County Hospital, Martin, S.D., Competitive wages and benefits. Contact Human Resources at 605-685-6622 ext. 132.

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906 NORTH RIVER STREET, HOT SPRINGS,
SOUTH DAKOTA.
(605)-745-3996

STARTING HOURLY WAGE WILL BE DOE.

CLOSING DATE MARCH 23TH, 2007 AT 5:00 P.M.

Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing

P.O. Box 603 - East Hwy. 18 - Pine Ridge, SD 57770

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Executive Director
Administrative Office
(position is on a year to year contractual basis)
OPENING DATE: MARCH 12, 2007
CLOSING DATE:MARCH 23, 2007
Salary As Budgeted
- How To Apply -

Submit a completed Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing employment application to the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Human Resources Office.

Attach all pertinent documents, Blood Degree if claiming Indian Preference, Veterans Discharge DD214, High School or GED Diploma, College Transcripts, College Diploma, Reference Letters, Licenses or Certifications and State Driver's License.

Resumes that are to accompany the employment application must have addresses and telephone numbers of past and present employers. All information submitted will be verified.

Will be required to take the drug and alcohol test. Selection for the position will be contingent upon a negative test result. Applicant is subject to Background Investigation. Expenses are at the applications costs. No late or incomplete application will be accepted.

For position description and additional information please contact the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Human Resources Office at (605)867-5161, ext. 104 or ext. 136.

OGLALA SIOUX LAKOTA HOUSING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL APPLICATIONS.

Little Wound School

Kyle, South Dakota

JOB VACANCIES

(03-06-07)

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2006-2007 school term:

High School Dept.
Principal

Middle School Dept.
Principal
Lakota Language Teacher
P.E. Teacher

Elementary Dept.
Principal
Student Assistant

$1,000 Sign On Bonus to all new certified teachers!

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Superintendent
Personnel Director
K-12 Social Worker
Center Based Aide

Extra-duty positions Open until filled (76)

High School: 1)Boys BB Coach 2)Boys BB JV Coach 3)Boys BB Cheerleading 4)Girls BB Coach 5)Girls BB JV Coach 6)Girls BB Fresh Coach 7)Girls BB Cheerleading 8)FB Coach 9)FB Assist. 10)FB Assist. 11)FB Cheerleading 12)VB Coach 13)VB Assist. 14)Cross Country Coach 15)Cross Country Assist. 16)Boy's Golf Coach 17)Boy's Golf Assist 18)Girls Golf Coach 19)Girls Golf Assist. 20)Track Coach 21) Track Assist. 22)Wrestling Coach 23)Wrestling Assist. 24)Rodeo Club Sponsor 25)Boxing Club Sponsor 26)Boxing Club Sponsor 27)National Honor Society 28) Student Council 29)Student Council 30)Oral Interpretation Sponsor 31)Co-Oral Interpretation Sponsor 32)Senior Class Sponsor 33)Senior Class Sponsor 34)Junior Class Sponsor 35)Junior Class Sponsor 36)Sophomore Class Sponsor 37)Freshman Class Sponsor 38)Handgame Sponsor 39)Yearbook Sponsor 40)Competitive Dance Sponsor

Middle School: 41)FB Coach 42)FB Assist. 43)Football Assist. 44)FB Cheerleading 45)Boys BBall Coach 46)Boys BBall Assist 47)Boys BB Bo-Assist. 48)Girls BBall Coach 49)Girl's BB Assist 50)Girls BBall Assist 51)Volleyball Coach 52) CrossCountry Coach 53) CrossCountry Assist 54)Track Coach 55)Track Assist 56)MS/Elem Boxing Club Sponsor 57)Boys BB Cheerleading 58)Girls BB Cheerleading 59)Wrestling Coach 60)Wrestling Assist. 61)Softball Coach 62) Softball Assist 63) Student Council 64)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 65)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 66)K-8 Rodeo Club Sponsor 67)MS/Elem Hand Game Sponsor 68)8th Grade Sponsor 69)Competitive Dance Sponsor

Elementary: 70)Elementary Rodeo Club Sponsor 71)Wrestling Coach 72)Wrestling Assist. 73)Girl Scout Sponsor 74)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 75)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 76)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178.
www.lws.k12.sd.us

>>> NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS <<<

It is the policy of the Little Wound School to provide an alcohol and drug-free workplace. All appointments for employment are contingent upon receipt of a verified negative drug test through pre-employment drug testing, receipt of a favorable background investigation and the availability of federal funds. The legal policy of Indian preference will be followed to qualified applicants. Veteran's preference shall be applied to qualified Veteran applicants.

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- How can I become a better and more effective leader for wellness?
- What are the attributes of an effective organizer?
- How do we take a leadership role?
- What areas can we improve on?
- How do we organize our own community and Nation wellness gathering?
- How do we get people involved?
- What new dynamic skills can I bring into my community?

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&
Johnette Yellow HawK on the birth of their baby girl
Millie Ann Grace High Horse
Who was born February 24,2007 at 3:45pm weighing 5 lbs 13 ounces and she was 18 inches long. We love you all very much this big welcome comes from Mom & Rodney Mesteth, Sonny, Christopher, Punky, Karlin,Tisha, Jesse, Woniya, Lil'Jun, Lainna & Laila.

Happy birthday to Cotton Cummings a happy 17th on March 7th from: Jess, & the S.C. love you Cotton LOL

Happy Birthday to grandma
Amanda Takes War Bonnett
on March 19th 2007 love Brittany, kay, baby J, Nessa, Jason Jennifer, jean, Wakinyan

Happy Birthday to Guy Dull Knife 4th Son your already going to be four on March 4th seems like yesterday you were just a baby, remember your still our baby boy, your growing into a handsome young man, remember wee love you very much. So enjoy your Spiderman cake and ice cream love, mom Shan D.K, dad Boss D.K

For a special little boy on your birthday
Feb. 19,2001 - 6 years old.
You've waited and waited and it's finally here, the best day of the whole year! Happy birthday out to
Adrean Charging Crow
we love you baby and keep up the good work in kindergarten.
From grandpa & grandma Uses Arrow, mom, brother, and auntie

Happy birthday wishes to
Pork Spotted Little Horse on
March 12, 2007 have fun at the casino, sure hope you win.
Donnie & Nicole

Happy birthday, dad
Donnie Janis 3-16-07 enjoy yourself on your special day, cuz we will love
Priscilla, Dawn Rose and Jr.

Angie Reyes Get Well Soon.
The Community misses you!
We are all praying for you!

Happy 11th Birthday
Dawnrose Janis Osborne
march 12th, 2007
heres wishing our baby the very best on her birthday, hope you have a lot of fun. we love you much, dad & mom

Dear Nessa, I hope your baby is feeling all right, jean happy birthday,I love you grandma from Kay

We would like to say Happy Birthday
to our big brother
Guy Dull Knife 4 A.K.A Lil Boss, on Marcch 21st We love you brother and we hope you enjoy your day, you deserve it. Love your sister Trinity and Ta Leah Dull Knike

Elijah Andrews Happy 4th birthday to our grandson & nephew on March 7th, 2007 over there in Los Angles. Hope you have fun at Chucky Cheese's. Come home soon ok?
love & miss you so much, popa Donnie, Grandma Nicole, Aunts & Uncles & families

Birthday greetings to
Donnie Janis 03/16 /07
All the way from L.A. Hope you enjoy your self, also a big thanks for all you have done for us. love,
Neil, Jenny, Elijah, and your baby
Neil Andrews

Happy 25th Anniversary to
Albert & Claudia Apple , lots of love, from all your kids & grandkids,
Leena, AJ, RJ, Tasha, Paulette, Carlos, Raven, Joe Joe, Chubbys, DJ, D, from Tasha

Happy Birthday
dad and Cena One Horne,
I love both of you!

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HANK FAST WOLF
DARWIN CROW
GORDAN RUNS AFTER JR.
TONIA KOTENE
CYNTHIA PACKARD
STAN RUNS AFTER
ROBERT SITTING DOG JR.
(YOU ALL HAVE A GOOD DAY & MANY MORE!)
A KOLA, ROBYN

My baby girls
Kieran & Miya
Takes War Bonnett
We love you always be proud and keep your head up, and keep smiling love your, auntie Jenn and uncle Jason



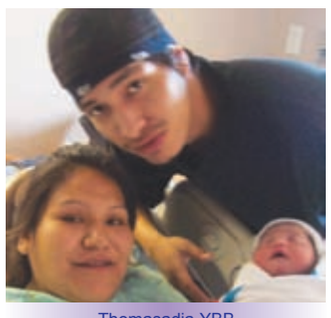
In loving memory of: Our grandpa Gordon "Buzzy" Du Bray 1229- 2007
We can't imagine life without you, but all we have is our memories that will go on forever. We don't want to cry or be sad, just remember all the happiness we had.
We know were your going, and we'll miss you so. We did a lot for you, we were always there for you, no matter what,
We sit here and wonder why you left us all of a sudden. It hurts us so bad, all we have to do is stay strong. We'll always love you and remember you always.
From : your wife Martha, your son Elbridge, and granddaughter
Tami A Rose and Elizabeth Cherry

We would like to say thank you to all the ones who helped with the loss of our grandpa
Gordon "Buzzy" Du Bray
Thank to the kitchen staff at American Horse School, and Dave Booth for letting us use the school. And a big thanks to all the ones that helped , and brought flowers and cards. Thanks to all the Paul bears for being there , and the honorary Paul bears for being there also, and all the horse back riders. Thanks to every body for the help you gave us.
Adopted son, Rodger ,Dicky, Mitchell, Jodi, wife Martha, Elbridge, Patrick, granddaughters Jamia, Elizabeth

My dearest brother Jeremy keep your head you and stay strong, you know we will always be here for you. Keep those love, laughter and prayers strong. We miss you, sister Jenn, brother Jason, and Brittany, Jason Jr., Wakinyan, Kay, Miya

Happy 11th birthday to
Aunty Dawn Rose Janis Osborne
on March 12, 2007
We want to come home and share your cake & ice cream with you.
Eat some for us. Miss you, love Elijah and baby Neil Andrews

Happy Birthday
Dawn Rose Janis - Osborne
03-12-07
Hay lil sis - hope you have fun. Enjoy this one, cuz there's more to come. Miss you, sent w/ x's &o's
Neil, Jenny, the boys



Thomasadia YBB
I love you with all my heart. We both went through life looking for that right person and for me I have found what i'am looking for and that is you.
Love you baby.
Ronnie S.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY
CHAD J SWALLEY
THE BIG 21
HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD DAY WELL LOVE YOU VERY MUCH...
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RAE DAWN LYNNE



Happy 8th Birthday to Colton Lee Vocu on March 15. from Aunti Sadie. I love you!

Happy 8th Birthday to my grandson
Colton Lee Vocu on 3-15-07.
I love you, Grandma Carol

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(UNCLE & GRANDPA)
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WHO PASSED AWAY 7 YRS AGO ON 3-17...
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LOVE : ROBYN & ISAIAH

To my beautiful children, Brittany, Jason Jr., and Wakinyan Thanks for being the best. Keep those voices strong and beautiful We love you babies, love daddy and mommy

Happy 3rd birthday to our little angel
Ayannah One Horn
on 3/4/07!
it's hard to belive your 3 already my girl! your growing up to fast! Now you can cruise your car in the summer time You are a joy and loved very much! So happy birthday have fun and enjoy your big day sweet heart we know you will! We wish you many many more all our love and xoxoxox

Birthday wish out to Jennifer Iron Cloud in R.C on 3/12/07! don't want to say how old you are but from what we heard you telling Dave it was about 18? Yeah right in your dreams! just kidding! Happy 27th birthday and we wish you many more.
from Chris, Delphine, Dave, Krystal & Ayannah

Happy birthday to the following who have birthdays in March:
Kacena One Horn
Bailey One Horn
Tylene One Horn
Woniya Bear Runner
Stanley Good Voice Elk Jr.
May you all have a whole bunch more to come! Enjoy your Day!
From all the family

I would like to wish my angel baby a
1st happy birthday on
March 3, 2007
It only seems like
yesterday God let me hold my bunch of joy & I thank him every day for sending me an angel from above.
I know your ready to take you first steps soon , so if you fall I will be right behind you to help you and try again.
I love you Auther with all my heart !!
I' am going to miss our early morning, wakking you especially your coos & giggles. So this year i' am going to enjoy everything about you because your growing up so fast & so soon.
Your loved by all son but you have my heart & love forever Happy birthday
Authur T. Reily love your
mama - Hesley Ha Rae

Memorial Birthday to Arlan Dawson Bissonette on March 18, 2007. Arlan would've been 23 years old on his day.
We miss you dearly ! you will always be in your hearts forever.
From: grandpa , Art Has No Horse Sr. - mom, Arlette - brothers: Joshua Cuny Jr., Arlan Cuny - nieces: Gaggie, Amira, Stevonnie

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO BRUCE BAD MILK
WHEREVER HE MAY BE
I'M THINKING OF YOU
MISS YOU LOTS

YOUR ONE AND ONLY
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TO MY PRINCESS GIRL
SORAYA JUDITH LYNN ARCOREN
WHO WILL TURNING 8 MONTHS
WATCHING YOU GROW EVERYDAY
FEELS LIKE YESTERDAY THAT I JUST HAD YOU
LOVE YOU LOTS BABY GIRLLOVE
MOMMA SHYE
DADDY STEVE ARCOREN
OXOXOXOXOXOXOXOXOXO

Happy Birthday
Tylene & Kacena & Bill One Horn
Hope you all enjoy your birthdays. We love you all and you are very special to us.
With Love from the the crew on the hill

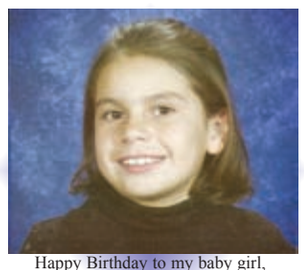
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WHO WILL BE TURNING 8 MONTHS ON THE 24TH
SORAYA JUDITH LYNN ARCOREN
YOUR GROWING SO BIG
LOVE YOU LOTS
LOVE NANNA
RAE DAWN LYNNE

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Happy Birthday to
Woniya Bear Runner on 3-23-07
I hope you enjoy your special day
Love all of us at home

Brittany I love you so muchFrom Kay



Happy Birthday to my baby girl,
Leslie Ann Horned Antelope on 3-17-99.
I love you , Mom

Happy Belated Birthday
Ayannah Nasya Amara One Horn
Already 3 "Anna" you are growing so fast I am so very proud of you, Im sorry I missed your party but remember I love you Love your grandma Carmelita

Wesley Yellow Horse Jr. I love you so much by your one and only Laguetla Rouillard

Happy 16th birthday to my favorite sister Aimee White Pipe on March 10th from your brother Bud Beane

Wishing Bailey Cummings a happy birthday on March 7th from your friends at Big Bat's your only friends lol

A belated memorial birthday to Wade Punkin Red Cloud on March 4,2007 we miss you so much Mikey looks so much like you, it seems like your still here. We know your watching over us, love & prayers auntie Nicole, uncle Donnie & cousins

Dear Nessa, I hope your baby is feeling all right, jean happy birthday,I love you grandma from Kay

Happy 17th birthday to my lil sis Jean Cray on 3/5/07 Hope it was a blast girl. Enjoy being a young while you can love doni

Happy 21st b-day to my baby sis. Meghan Kaline. Hope you have a blast girl. March 7,2007 love you Kaekde

Happy birthday Kyt Kaline -22 yrs old 3/17/07, Ginger Kaline -2yrs old 3/17/07, Inez White Hawk 3/9/07 from Meghan love you all



Happy Birthday to my son Tre' Lee Horned Antelope on 3-14-98. Love you, Mom

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Council takes no action on housing

Protestors demand new election

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - "The HHS committee made it public that we were looking to remove the board from the Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing and yes I made the motion to remove them," said Don Garnier, council representative from Pine Ridge Village, "more than anything else we wanted to get the board and administration into a room with the council and hear what was really going on." After hearing from board members, housing administrators and community members and considering the selection of a technical advisory committee during the council meeting Tuesday in Pine Ridge, the council voted 10-6 to table any action and refer it back to the Health and Human Services committee for further work and the to return it to the council.

The proposed ordinance brought to the floor by the HHS committee cited gross neglect of duty and serious misconduct by the board of Housing which included an unwillingness or inability to respond to a Final Monitoring Report from Housing and Urban Development and following the removal of the board appoint an interim board that would include Emma "Pinky" Clifford, Kim Clausen, Sonia Weston and Denise Mesteth.

As council members gathered for Tuesday's meeting, a group of community members including elders stood out in front of the Red Cloud building to ask some questions of tribal president John Steele. Frank "Bob" Ecoffey was among the 30-40 interested community members and stated "we want to know when they are going to have a new election."

"This was not a protest," said Floyd Hand, a leader of the Oyate Treaty group, "we really wanted to talk to John and ask

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Duane Martin talks to Oglala Sioux Tribe President John Yellow Bird Steele on Tuesday during a council meeting. More than 30 people were outside the tribal building with their concerns on the recent election.

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RST sets election schedule, committee

Recruiter says youth don't make military due to test scores

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - Rosebud Sioux Tribal President, Rodney M. Bordeaux, announced that the 2007 primary election for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe will be held on the fourth Thursday in August. The general election would be held on the fourth Thursday in October.

In a regularly scheduled RST council meeting on Thursday, March 15, five members were seated for the upcoming elections in the fall. Antelope District 3 council representative Jo Colombe after hearing the final list of candidates said, "It is not fair that the election board always seems to be from Rosebud. It is the same people and same community. I am voicing my objection for the record." RST secretary Geri Night Pipe responded "You will have to have governmental affairs put terms limits if you want equal representation across the reservation."

The new RST election board as seated by the council includes, Juanita Pacheco, Patricia Jones, Ron Neiss, Patti Romero, and Margaret Douville. The council voted 13 in favor to seat the new board, 0 opposed and 3 not voting.

A new Chairman of the RST Election Board was also elected by the council. Patricia Jones, Patti Romero and Margaret Douville were nominated as Chairmen.

The council had to conduct the balloting over after two ballots were illegible.

After the council voted again by ballot Patricia Jones was seated as the new Chair of the 2007 RST election board by a vote of 16-0-1.

Two new members of the Tribal Employment and Contracting Rights Office (TECRO) Commission were also seated by the RST council and include Anthony Bordeaux, Jr. of St. Francis and Harold Fuller, Sr. of Antelope community. The vote was 14-0-3 in favor of accepting the two new members to the commission.

On the RST Special Events Committee for the 2007 RST tribal fair the following were seated by council vote: Darlene Kills In Water-Metcalf, Whitney Meek, Norman Running, Jr. Michelle Leneaugh and Gwen Herman, 14-0-4. Darlene Kills In Water-Metcalf was nominated as Chairman of the Special Events. The motion passed 12-2-4 and the motion was carried.

The RST Grievance Committee also was seated and includes 5 at-large members for three 3 year terms and two 2 year terms. The one with the highest vote will serve three year terms. RST council representative Marian Young-One Star said that no RST employees were eligible and no more than one from any community was allowed on the committee.

The new members as seated include, Ronald Neiss, Margaret Douville, Eric Nixon, C. Don Lamoreaux, and Lauri Walking Eagle.

SSG James Eagleman of the U. S. Marines briefly addressed the RST council.

He said, "I graduated from St. Francis in 1991 and have been in the U.S. Marines for 15 years."

"The biggest goals I set for myself is try to give the kids an opportunity to get away from what is here and try to get those interested in the military."

"The biggest issue I run into is test scores. A lot of kids want to join, but they don't meet the test score requirement. They have police involvements and medical issues. They end up being stuck here and I feel bad for those who don't quality. I tell the ones who do qualify that your community is proud of you," he said.

He continued "I tell them that gang activity and suicide are a big problem here. I like to thank Chairman Rodney Bordeaux to be able to come up and say a few words. Thank you for taking the time to listen to me." Whitey Scott said, "Thank you for getting our youth involved" while President Rodney Bordeaux said, "It is a good opportunity to get involved and see the dedication and commitment in their lives. I hope my office can help young people increase test scores"

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TWO SECTIONS

Oglala Lakota College's television students promote culture

'The sky is the limit'

Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor

KYLE - More than two years ago, Oglala Lakota College kicked off their television production program followed by the area's first Lakota oriented televised shows on KOLC television station.

The evolution of OLC's television production course of study has its origin in the fall of 2004 when 15 students were first enrolled in the program.

OLC offers two educational tracks in television production; the first is a one-year certificate and the second is an associate of applied science degree. Students enrolled in the program are able to access the latest in digital video technology in order to complete their degree requirements in a creative fashion.

The one year certificate offers courses which allow a basic understanding off in-studio and in the field "hands-on" operation of television cameras and related production techniques. The curriculum offers skills in lighting techniques, editing skills, and script writing intended for

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Students in the television producton class with their puppets for the show *Wojapi*. L-R: Brandon Ferguson, Sara Parker, Jesse Short Bull, Pierette Rave, James La Pointe, and Glorianna Cordova Photo by Catrina Red Willow.

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him about the report of the three judge panel and if they were recommending a new election and ask why the $16,000 budgeted by the Bureau for this review didn't fund a hearing in Pine Ridge at Billy Mills hall rather than a review panel meeting in Rapid City."

Hand stated that there would be a meeting at Billy Mills Hall on Thursday, March 29 to deal with the election issue, the land issues because the treaty is involved, discussing why the new casino is not open yet and getting a better idea of how the Shakopee loan would be paid back.

"We removed the board during the last administration and when new elections were held the board members were elected by their districts," said Garfield Little Dog, council representative from Wounded Knee District, "I will not vote to remove any board members, they need to figure out how to deal with the problems at hand and work together to do it."

Little Dog went on to say that no matter what the problems are, they can be fixed, he asked why wasn't the procurement process followed, why were employees allowed to make loans, is the Housing Authority top heavy on employees and why does Housing finance staff pay some employees' personal bills.

Backing off the plan to remove the Housing board, Kathy Janis, council representative from Wounded Knee District, recommended appointing a three person task force that would put together a plan to restructure Housing overall. We need to choose three people who are not tied to someone in Housing, who do not have a vested interest and whose motivation would be to improve Housing to better meet the needs of the community and tribe.

"This is what happens when the council gets involved, you end up with a political football," said Craig Dillon, council representative from LaCreek district, "we have policy makers versus administrators and you have some toxic board members; do we want to move ahead or just continue to fight?"

After it was pointed out that in the charter there was a provision for a five member technical advisory committee, Kathy Janis made a motion to appoint a technical advisory committee that included George Patton, "Pinky" Clifford, Paul Iron Cloud, Fred "Fluff" Bettelyoun and Frank Bob Ecoffey; it was seconded by Tom Conroy, Wakpamni district.

Cora Whiting, council representative from Medicine Root district felt the council needed more time to find out if those nominated would be willing to serve and willing to do it for a small stipend; in fact we need to advertise these positions and make sure those interested are aware of the needs and qualifications.

"We need to put together a list of good people with technical assistance expertise," said Chuck Jacobs, council representative from Porcupine district, "I make a motion to table this and send it back to HHS and give them the opportunity to bring it back to the council floor with a plan."

The council voted 10-6 to table.

Election at heart of public confrontation

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - A confrontation between Duane Martin, Sr. of the Strong Hearts Society for Civil Rights and Oglala Sioux Tribal President, John Steele, was captured on camera by KEVN television when protesters marched on the tribal building yesterday. Steele then emerged and spoke to the group. At the heart of the confrontation was the disputed OST election last fall.

Today, Duane Martin, Sr. said that yesterday's protest was at the request of the elders and that they want a new election. He said, "Tomorrow, Russell Means is calling a meeting and filing a suit against the John Steele administration. I ain't going along. Miyucanzekab. We called upon John Thune and he requested the BIA to get involved. That's how the three judges got involved, but they lied. They were supposed to take testimony and prevent this from happening at any other election. They wasted $16,000 of tax payer's money. We will get a new election."

Russell Means confirmed the fact that there will be a meeting with the elders tomorrow and that the BIA's recognition of the Steele administration is wrong. He said, "The Steele administration is not valid. We have court documents that it is not valid. The news media has ignored the fact that the election law of Pine Ridge is the Court of Appeals and it is the final arbiter of the election."

Means said that the three judge panel and their decision was final. However, the first election board was disbanded by the tribal council once Alex White Plume was taken off the ballot. The second board which was installed apparently made some decisions, according to Means, but were ignored. He said, "We have gone through every avenue of redress. I am taking the case, not to Rapid City where they are legally deficient and racist, but the case will be in Washington, DC because the BIA is involved."

Finally, Means said that this case is important to all of Indian Country. He said, "If there is no justice, we will take justice into our own hands. Under treaty law we can re-take Pine Ridge."

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TV production

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Above: Tony Brave, OLC's media specialist, has done much work with KOLC to be make it successful.
Below: Brandon Ferguson interviewing Wanblee elder Ferdinand Romero on the history of Lipps Camp for the Lakota Land Project. Photo by Charles Comes Killing.



KOLC is a college based television station that airs on Golden West Telecommunications Corporation cable television. Golden West serves the Oglala Nation, adjoining counties and the Black Hills area.

Kathy Aplan, Minneconju of Cheyenne River and director of Oglala Lakota College's Production Program, not only coordinates the television program but teaches classes. This semester she is teaching editing, commercial production and an introductory class to documentaries.

She has seven students enrolled in the program but there are other students taking the courses for other reasons. She said the seven students will receive their certificates at spring graduation and could continue on to get their associates degree.

Aplan, is a graduate of University of South Dakota in mass communications and has experience from various television stations from being a production assistant, promotion director, copywriter, video editor to traffic and billing and graphics.

This is Aplan's second year at OLC, "I was ready for a different challenge and I could teach skills that would be useful for them to succeed," she said. "It's been a lot of fun and the creative things they come up are just wonderful."

"The sky is the limit," she said of the student's creativity.

As part of a service learning program new at the college the TV Production students are working on a puppet children's show 'Wojapi. The puppet show will highlight Lakota language, culture and lifestyles. It is a show that can be used in the elementary classroom.

The students have been making costumes for the puppets in different characters, such as a jingle dancer, various animals like an eagle, skunk and a butterfly. The characters will be used to teach colors, numbers and the basic words of the language.

Other projects the students are working on include a documentary on the former Pine Ridge pottery project with Ella Irving. The pottery was crafted by Lakota back in the 1930s. They will film some pottery collections and interview people who have knowledge of the pottery.

The students are working in collaboration with the Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce on a commercial that promotes the job bank.

Last spring, Katela Black Elk graduated with a one-year certificate and Tony Brave, Amber Montileaux, and Charles Comes Killing with two-year associates degrees.

Brave currently works as a media specialist at the college and took the course to add skills to his current job. Montileaux, went to work for KOTA television in Rapid City.

Students enrolled in the program also assist in the production of the KOLC's daily programming said Aplan.

Last year, the students also edited and designed the video production "Eyapaha: Student News Magazine" which focused on community, historical, and educational news which is impacting Lakota people. Aplan also noted that three students in her program finished first, second and third at the AIHEC first annual film festival last year. Brandon Ferguson produced, "War Ponies" which took first, and Tony Brave's production was entitled, "A Lakota Elder: Marie Randall." Amber Montileaux placed third in the competition with her production of "Cecelia Montgomery."

Students have also worked with OLC's GIS Department on the Lakota Land project with Dr. Sylvio Mannel, to help produce video vignettes of historic sites on the Pine Ridge Reservation for an interactive web based map to help promote tourism, and preserve language and culture.

And the past two summers students have worked on two different videos for the Wyoming National Guard at Camp Guernsey to help protect and educate others on ancient Native American sites along with other historic sites.

This past fall several students worked with the 2006 Native Voice Film Festival, helping to organize the festival, presenting actors, actresses and native filmmakers from across the country and their films along with showing some of their own work.

Aplan said she encourages her students to participate in other media learning conferences such as the Journalism Conference at Crazy Horse Mountain in April.

For more information call Oglala Lakota College's TV Production Program at 605-455-6122.

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Rapid City mayor proposes sister city to Pine Ridge

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Pine Ridge and Rapid City could be designated Sister Cities, if Rapid City Mayor Jim Shaw's concept takes flight.

Shaw said he has talked to Oglala Sioux Tribal President John Yellow Bird Steele about the idea, and the next step would be to get approval from the Oglala Sioux tribal council and Rapid City council.

Shaw announced his plans on Tuesday evening at his Undoing Racism Task Force meeting held at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City. About 30 people from the Rapid City area attended the meeting.

The entire Pine Ridge reservation, not just the town of Pine Ridge, would be included in the plan that would promote tourism and commerce in both directions, Shaw said.

Pine Ridge is less than two hours away, yet most people in Rapid City know little about the reservation and have never been there, the mayor said.

"Frankly, some people say,



Rapid City Mayor Jim Shaw

'I'm afraid - I don't want to go there,' " Shaw said. But people from Rapid City and Pine Ridge would benefit from getting to know each other. School teachers, business people, elders and youth - "The opportunities are almost unlimited," he said.

In the past, the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce has sponsored trips to the Pine Ridge Reservation, including one that toured Oglala Lakota College and had a meal and conversation hosted by OLC President Tom Shortbull, Shaw said.

Daphne Richards-Cook, executive director of Alliance of Tribal Tourism Advocates (ATTA), said the State of South Dakota is doing little to promote Native businesses and tourism on reservations.

ATTA is an organization established in 1993 by tribal governments to boost tourism and introduce Native products and services to the mainstream tourist industry, which would create jobs for Native people.

Pine Ridge would benefit from communication and commerce with Rapid City, Richards-Cook said. Tribal college students could develop business plans to market Pine Ridge as a gateway to tribal destinations, she said.

Jay Davis, a Rapid City resident, said tourists come to this region from all over the world.

Visitors centers used to tell interested tourists that they should stay away from reservations, but other states have traditionally been more cooperative with tribes, he said.

The Rapid City Chamber of Commerce should encourage tourists to go to the Red Cloud Indian School Heritage Art Museum, to Wounded Knee, and to powwows, Davis said.

"Rapid City could work with the tribes to lift all the boats," he said.

Art Zimega, former vice president of instruction at Oglala Lakota College, said there used to be a relationship between tribes and South Dakota School of Mines and Technology because of fossil collection in the White River formation.

"When people come here to Rapid City, where do we send them?" he asked. "To the School of Mines to see artifacts." He suggested that tourists could go to the reservation to see fossils and artifacts, increasing not only tourism but also education and scholarship.

Malcolm Chapman, a Rapid City councilman, said he worked with Lori Pourier of First People's Fund to organize a bus trip in December 2006, to travel from Rapid City to Pine Ridge.

They invited community leaders and others who had never gone to the reservation before, and he said he felt the experience was valuable.

"The dialog needs to start," Chapman said.

Zephier gets house arrest for $37,000 embezzlement

RAPID CITY (AP) - A woman who stole more than $37,000 from a community development program Oglala Oyate Woitancan Empowerment Zone on the Pine Ridge Reservation has been sentenced in federal court to six months of house arrest. Alicia Zephier, 27, also must repay the money she embezzled. United Stated District Judge Richard Battey ordered Zephier to make payments of $250 a month.



Charles Mix County endorses new redistricting

LAKE ANDES (AP) - The Charles Mix County Commission on Thursday endorsed a plan to set up five county commission districts and will consider final passage of its redistricting ordinance March 22.

The county now has three districts, but voters in November decided to expand to five, effective next year.

The American Civil Liberties Union could sue to try to reverse the election.

`We have not decided, but we are considering all our options," said Bryan Sells of Atlanta, an ACLU attorney.

Critics say expansion of the county board is an attempt to dilute the American Indian vote and the influence of Sharon Drapeau, a newly elected Indian who sits on the three-member commission.

Drapeau voted against the plan to establish five county commission districts.

The plan adopted Thursday would create an Indian majority in one district and a large percentage of Indian voters in another.

One district, including most of Lake Andes, has a voting-age population that is 58 percent Indian and another district, including most of Wagner, has a voting-age population that is 41 percent Indian.

The redistricting ordinance is to get its second reading March 22 and become effective April 18, said Sara Frankenstein of Rapid City, the county's lawyer. The new districts will be used for the 2008 and 2010 elections, she said.

``Then we have the 2010 census with redistricting for the 2012 elections," she said. ``After those two elections, we could see many population changes. I think the Indian population will go up."

Frankenstein said she sent all the proposed redistricting maps to Sells and asked which, if any, the ACLU would accept. She said she also welcomed redistricting proposals from the organization.

The ACLU has not submitted its own proposal, she said.

Sells said all five redistricting maps the county considered are racially discriminatory.

``I am not able to find a five-member plan (for Charles Mix County) that is not discriminatory," Sells said. ``If I could, I would provide one. I tried to draw one that is not discriminatory."

The ACLU wants Charles Mix County to keep its three-member commission, he said, calling the move to a five-member board an intentional effort to dilute Drapeau's power.

``It violates federal law in two ways," he said.

``It's designed to make the whites better off when it comes to the county commission. And it has the effect of making Indians worse off."

The voters' decision to expand the commission came in the midst of an ACLU lawsuit on behalf of four Yankton Sioux Tribe members. The ACLU said Charles Mix County never elected an Indian commission member even though Indians make up 30 percent of the county's population.

Last year, a federal judge approved a redistricting plan that included a commission district with an Indian majority. Drapeau, of Lake Andes, was elected last year from that district.

Now the ACLU has asked for federal oversight of Charles Mix County elections until Jan. 1, 2013. The case remains pending in federal court.

``If there was federal oversight, it would probably prevent the county from making this change to five members because it makes Indians worse off," Sells said.

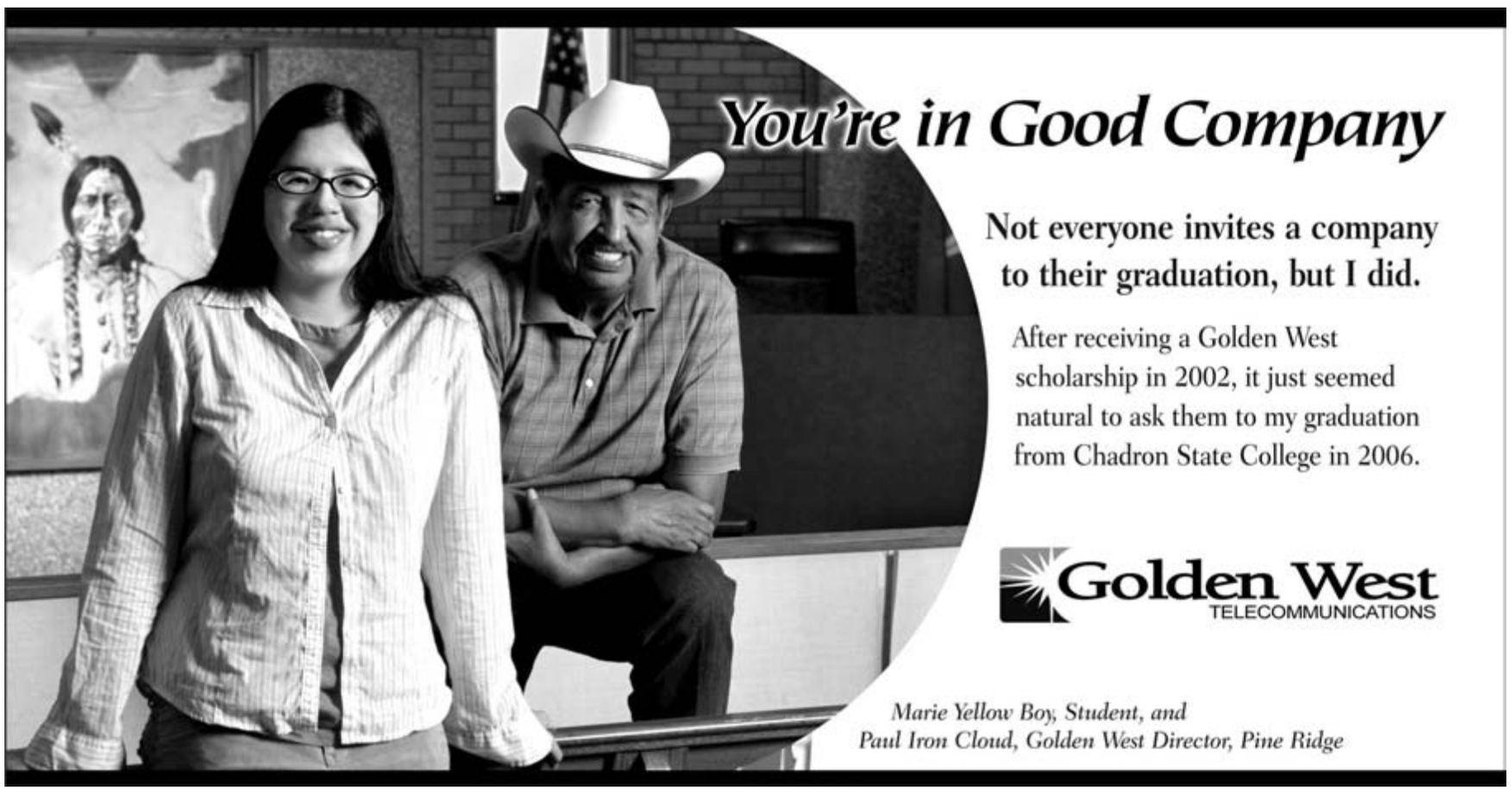
Frankenstein said the new redistricting plan meets both state and federal law, adding that the commission has no choice but to expand the board. ``The state law says we must go to a five-member commission, because the people voted it in."

Sells said the commissioners also must uphold federal law, ``and the Constitution trumps state law."

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Our Views

Angie Reyes a true spirit of family and entrepreneur

This past week, Oglala Nation lost a Lakota lady who touched the lives of many. Angie Reyes owned and operated the 'burrito stand' at Kyle with her family.

Better known as Angies's Burritos or La India Bonita which is the name on the front of the restaurant.

For the past ten years, not only her food but her personality and philosophy connected with the hearts of many customers. Angie journeyed on to the spirit world on Monday, March 19.

She lost a battle that involved her health but her spirit with always be with her family and friends.

Angie (Poor Bear) is originally from the Allen area and moved back here from Texas and when she and her husband couldn't find employment, they began selling burritos from a cooler and slowly their business expanded to what it is today - a full fledged restaurant and catering business with good Mexican food.

It was the principle of good food and determination that made her business successful. It is a family business, she taught her sons the business because she said she wanted them to be able to do something of their own someday.

It was not only her entrepreneur skills that Angie will be remembered by but her community outlook.

She gave back to the students who would flock to her business in a form of scholarships. She always had a way to encourage and she had great hospitality spirit.

That spirit helped to make her food memorable and people would come back again and again. She loved her family and the décor of Angie Burritos showed that, with the images she generously shared.

She had wonderful conversation skills not only with English but fluent in Lakota and Spanish.

You never saw Angie without her personally selected "uniform", a crisp, white, spotless apron and chef's kind of hat. She stood out in her restaurant and she stood out in a crowd.

She radiated warmth and kindness and when she came by your table she made you feel you were the most important person she had met that day in her restaurant.

The *Times* staff was in Pine Ridge, Kyle and Martin the day she died and there wasn't one person who didn't mention the tragedy of her loss.

World travels fast on the Rez, and word of Angie's death was a whirlwind.

We'll miss her and her spirit and we ask prayer for her family.



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Thoughts that come from the heart

The courage of two



By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
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LAKOTA COUNTRY TIMES

In getting this issue ready for publication, we tried to focus on educational issues. It got me to thinking about my own education and the lessons I learned from two beautiful Lakota women who made an impact in my life. My mother, who graduated from Oglala Lakota College when she was 65 years old with an associate's degree in human services back in the 1980s.

She didn't use it for career gain but she used it to show us that if she could do it, we could do it also. When I was an adolescent, she would tell me that I was smart, got good grades and that I needed to use that to make a living for myself. I went to a border town high school and I hated it.

My friends and my cousins went elsewhere for high school and I was stuck in a high school I didn't want to be in.

There were times I would beg her to let me go to an Indian school somewhere and it was always, 'maybe' next year. There were times I would feel so frustrated and would just want to give up on keeping my grades up, or even going to school for that matter. I felt out of place and just couldn't get the excitement back I had in junior high and elementary school.

It took awhile for me to realize how to duck out of classes and 'play hooky.' Before long I figured out ways to get out of going to school and it didn't take my mom long to figure how my scheming ways and find a way to catch me just about every time I did it. The last time I did that to her, it embarrassed me in front of my peers, so I gave up and didn't do that anymore.

It was a beautiful spring morning and I scampered around that morning getting ready for school and told my mom I was leaving and lit out for the school. Maybe it was my attitude, I was too perky. She didn't have to encourage me that morning and that is probably what made her suspicious. I got to the school, waded through the other students, ditched my books in my locker and headed out the other door to - freedom of the day.

What a surprise, when I opened the doors to go out, there stood my mom, right dead in the center of door way. I didn't say anything to her, her eyes said it all for both of us, I just turned around and headed back to my locker, got my books and went to class. I gave up and just went and did what my mom told me to.

She beat me at my own game. Her victory was because she truly believed in education and she truly loved me so she didn't give up but kept on me all the way, all the time to stay balanced and to pursue something better.

The key was she didn't give up on me or the rest of my ten siblings. She raised ten of us with that philosophy.

Schools are clamoring about every year, trying to find scientific ways to keep kids in school, to raise their standards, to make adequate yearly progress.

One key ingredient in the recipe is the other partner they have in that child's education - the parent or guardian. If they have the same determination the school does, there will be balance.

The other wonderful Lakota woman who had impact in my life is my mom's sister Aunty Pearl. Pearl Cottier who has been with Oglala Lakota College for more than 30 years and her philosophy and her determination has touched the lives of many, many students. She became a role model for me and so many others for higher education.

She has truly dedicated her life to helping others get educated. She set one of the best examples around for her own children, all her many relatives and the community she is from.

She is the center director for LaCreek Center at Martin of Oglala Lakota College and has been an advocate for women, civil rights and education. I always thought her life would make a fantastic book. She wore many hats and her experiences in life made her a strong woman.

Back in the 1980s while attending college, I worked closely with Aunty Pearl, I admired her for activist stance and through the years in being a newspaper woman, I remember her courage. Just like my mom, I never got enough of listening to their stories. I learned from her, just as many others have through the years.

Spirituality

Recently there was a survey conducted among students at a local high school and one of the valuable piece of information that came from that was youth lacking spirituality in thier lives.

Our youth and our young families are facing hard times.

They are struggling with sadness and depression that comes from addictions from alcoholism or drugs or sexual abuse; they struggle with living in poverty and living with oppression or racism. They are hurting, emotionally, physically, mentally and SPIRITUALLY! And most of the time, they don't know how to make things better. They really don't know.

Our community and spiritual leaders and clergy in the church should think about stepping up to the plate and make a move to help families become more faith based.

Other Views

The true intentions of wannabee Cherokees

Dear Editor:

Wanted to thank Tim Giago for taking time to write about the non-Freedmen issue and commend him for a fair and balanced report.

I have watched in amazement the headlines, commentary and opinions of those who have no idea about the realities of Native American history in this country and in particular the reality of the current situation here in the Cherokee Nation.

Those offering opinions about something they know nothing about except what they read in provocative headlines is unjust and unfair to Cherokee people.

What is tragic about the Freedmen issue is that some very low income African-Americans in need of basic services have been deceived and misled by people who are simply using them for their own political agenda. The tribe's leadership has had to endure unwarranted criticism in the media who have ignored the facts and used misleading provocative headlines for self-serving gain.

As long as tribes in this country were living in abject poverty no one was suing them for the right to claim citizenship. The bigger picture reveals that anytime Native Americans have had something of value there are those who have done everything in their power to take from them. The Cherokee Nation is not the only tribe facing legal challenges and bad press by those attempting to claim citizenship status. The non-Indian Freedmen descendents have not been citizens of this tribe for decades as they claim. Their true intentions are revealed in their lawsuit against the Department of the Interior wherein they want $50,000,000 and land in the Cherokee Nation's jurisdictional territory.

One article making the rounds in the press claimed they also purportedly want the right to own and operate their own gaming operations inside the Cherokee Nation's jurisdictional territory.

The mis-information, out-right lies, and falsehoods being proliferated by those desperately trying to bully the Cherokee Nation into giving up what they have struggled for centuries to achieve is yet another sad commentary on injustice perpetrated against the indigenous people of America.

Again, thanks for the commentary on the non-Indian Freedmen issue.

Linda Turnbull-Lewis
St Tahlequah, Okla.

Reader unhappy with local paper

Hau Editor,

I wanted to write the Lakota Country Times about problems I've been having with the local paper of Rosebud. I am concerned how they see things in Indian Country with 90 percent of their readers are tribal members, yet their opinions are out of touch with reality and write as seen through a white person's perspective, but nobody denies them access to the paper, we just have to suffer through their words.

I have been writing to this paper for many years now and continually have to fight with the editor just to get my letters published because I write about what's wrong with Indian country, the leadership and the Rosebud Reservation.

For the past two weeks, letters were allowed about our tribal members with drinking problems. It seems as though it is good reading material if you look down your nose at your own tribal members and as long as you are speaking about somebody lower than yourself. See, I wrote letters to the editor concerning the alcoholic binges, the abuse and problems associated with the disease and our officials, but they refused to print them. Alcoholism is a "disease" and people who suffer from the long-term effects of alcoholism should not sit in positions of trust, authority or make critical decisions that affect the Sicangu Oyate. Study after study will concur with that statement, not only does the alcohol effect an individual's mental, physical stability and social relationships, it also causes problems with a person's sexual ability. After abusing alcohol for many years, one hears the reports of your significant other being caught with a young buck on the side of a dirt road because of sexual failures at home. If that's not reason enough to get help a person admit they have a drinking problem and seek help, I don't know what is?

The intergenerational transmission of alcohol addiction is one of the most devastating effects of the enduring legacy of alcoholism. Many of our youth should be taught the effects of drinking before following in the foot steps of those suffering from alcoholism. It seems the only tradition that has been handed down from one generation to the next generation here on the Rosebud Reservation is alcoholism and greed…

Todd C. Fast Horse,
Rosebud, S.D.

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Notes From Indian Country

Hugo Chavez steps up for Native Americans and the poor



By Tim Giago

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Native American journalist Jodi Lee Rave of Lee Enterprise Newspapers was recently lambasted in a letter to the editor to our local daily for having the temerity to laud the donation of funds for heating fuel for the very poor Indian nations of the Northern Plains.

The criticism was initiated by the fact that the donor was the Citgo Petroleum Corporation based in Houston, Texas and headed by the President of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez, the man reviled by many Americans for referring to President George W. Bush on the floor of the United Nations as the "Devil."

How did it happen that the President of Venezuela reached out to help the poor and the indigenous people of the United States? After two major hurricanes devastated the Southern U. S., a group of U. S. Senators sent out a plea to the major oil companies to help low-income families with energy assistance. Most major oil companies were coming off of scandalous profits because of the sharp rise in fuel costs. Only one company heeded the plea of the senators and that was Citgo Petroleum Corporation headed by Chavez.

Federal and state funding for low-income energy assistance programs has dropped dramatically in the past few years. A late winter blast in the Northern Plains hit at a time when most of the federal dollars for low-income energy assistance had run out. The late winter freeze left many indigenous people in dire straits. When it comes to a matter of surviving, Indians and other impoverished people reach out to any assistance available. Olympic Gold Medallist Billy Mills, an Oglala Lakota, used his non-profit Running Strong Foundation to raise energy funds for some low-income households, but even his generosity could not fill the need.

Many tribes in Montana and North and South Dakota were advised to attend a meeting in Polson, Montana on Dec. 13, 2006 to listen and discuss how they could avail themselves of the money for heating assistance. Rafael Gomez, Vice President of Citgo, and Brian O'Connor of the Citizens Energy Corporation of Boston attended the meeting. O'Connor's non-profit organization administered the program last year and would be charged with administering the program for the Indian tribes.

Although major oil corporations like Exxon had reaped more profit last year than at any time in their history, they declined the invitation to lend a helping hand to the poor people of America. Hugo Chavez stepped in to fill the gap. What motives would prompt him to do this? Certainly it would not help him politically, at least not in America where one of this Nation's top religious figures, Pat Robertson, called for his assassination.

Some of the very poor Indian tribes like the Chippewa Cree of the Rocky Boy Reservation in Montana, the Cheyenne River and the Oglala Sioux Tribes in South Dakota needed the funds in order to keep their people from freezing to death and accepted the donation from Mr. Chavez willingly.

Where was the rich casino owning tribes? Busy counting their money I would guess.

There is an old saying out here that goes, "You will know me better when you walk a mile in my moccasins." Hugo Chavez is a member of an indigenous tribe in Venezuela. He has been called "Indio" and worse while growing up as the child of very poor parents. He has walked in the moccasins of the indigenous people.

In America it is very easy to hate someone who verbally attacks the president of the United States. Chavez has never held his tongue even amongst his own people or in criticizing other nations in South America. I am told that he was appalled when the major oil companies in America did not step forward to help their own poor and low-income people when called upon to do so. He saw this as the kind of colonialism he has grown to despise.

Chavez is not alone in his mistrust of America. In fact, America's status is at an all-time low in many Central and South American countries. Chavez did not create this situation and he is not above using it as a tool to annoy Bush and his administration.

Hugo Chavez is a controversial figure to America, especially amongst its politicians. But he has done much to improve the living conditions, the health care and the educational opportunities for his own people in Venezuela, especially for the very poor and the indigenous.

As a matter of record Republican presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani's law firm lobbies for Citgo Petroleum Corporation. Does he keep his fingers crossed behind his back when he attacks Chavez?

However, if the profit mongering oil companies of this Nation had stepped forward when called upon, there would have been no reason for Chavez and Citgo to step up.

There is a lot of respect for President Chavez among the Indian nations of this country. He didn't make promises that he couldn't or wouldn't keep, but instead put his money where his mouth is. American Indians appreciate that form of directness.

Go to some of the blogs so prevalent in America and you will find all sorts of names for President Bush and most of them are considerably worse than "Devil." Chimp and Chimpy are two that come to mind. But, I suppose most Americans feel it is their inherent right to speak out against their president, but they would damn to hell any outsider that does likewise.

Jodi Lee Rave didn't think of the politics of the low-income energy assistance offered by Chavez. Instead, she thought of the people that would have suffered unnecessarily if Citgo had not been willing to do what the American petroleum companies and the United States government refused to do.

She didn't have to read about the plight of the indigenous people of America to understand it because like Hugo Chavez and me, she has lived it.

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Finding My Voice

The life of a single parent



Dana Lone Hill

There is nothing wrong with being a single parent. It's fun to have your children all to yourself. It's fun to tease with them. I am not sure who invented single parenting. If there was any single parents in the Bible or not. I actually Googled it and cannot find a single article about famous single parents. What I did find under single parenting was Get Out of Debt sites, some Biblical sites, Singles Sites, and an entry in Wikipedia, claiming Murphy Brown as the most famous single mom, (even though fictional) plus a fact stating that in 2003 the number of single parent households rose to 33 percent.

That's a lot of kids growing up in single parent households. Statistics in the Wikipedia entry also said kids growing up with one parent are more likely to commit crimes, suicide, or turn to alcohol and drugs.

How depressing. My children are more likely to do that because of a father who never worked, never paid child support and missed the last seven years of their life is not around.

As far as I can tell the only glitches I have found in being a single parent are here.

Daycare: Having to get "help" from the state and actually deal with the "wolves" that work for the state.

Being the ultimate source for THE KNOWLEDGE OF EVERYTHING! My son Jalen always says "How come you don't know? You are supposed to?" I told him I just almost know everything. Plus I forgot a lot of the algebra I did in high school so when he asks for math help I am always like "Nope, can't help you." Not to mention he asks things that are impossible to answer like "Mom, how do I legally form an union to rise up against you and your cruelty to make your children do dishes? I think I can get my brothers to join." Like I would tell him that!

I am teaching my son Ty to cook, because he is really good at it and likes to, other than that all meals are my responsibility. Always, but like a friend pointed out, kids will eat anything for dinner, even cereal.

When you hear a noise in the middle of the night and you are the sole responsibility of your offspring.

Other than that being a single parent is a learning experience for both the single parent and the kids. We have our routines and life is good.

Dana Lone Hill is a 34-year old mother of 4, who recently moved back to the reservation, after an eternity on the housing waiting list. Although currently self-employed, she plans on continuing her education at the Oglala Lakota College.

Words from the 'trenches'

We welcome Manuel to the 'trenches'



Connie Smith-Blanco

The sacred office of the Lakota Country Times is no longer inhabited solely by two women. We now have a full time male employee amongst our small numbers.

His name is Manuel and he's been working here about a month now. I would have said something before now but I didn't want to jinx his 90 day probation. (he's not really on probation but we tell him that so he won't try to boss us women around.)

It is time we acknowledge his presence in public. At first he wasn't sure he could put up with our lack of humor and we weren't sure we could put up with his lack of leaving the toilet seat up. We all agreed we would take the risk and he's about to begin his second month of employment with us.

We've really needed another hand (actuall two or three hands) around the office for many months now, but no one wanted the job.

Some of those who inquired about the job said it was just too much work, and I think Manuel was one of those people.

You see, he knows first hand the long hours required to keep this paper going.

He complained about them long before he ever came to work with us.

But that's because he's my husband and I was seeing the inside of the office way more than I was seeing him on the inside of our home.

My hours at the paper even affected the date we got married and how long we could go on a honeymoon. (but I think he's over that now, and we did have a good time in Vegas)

He's learning fast and I hope to turn over even more work to him in the very near future. I think he'll even pass his probation here in the trenches.

Connie Smith-Blanco, Oglala Lakota, is co-owner, business manager and marketing director of Lakota Country Times. She has pursued a music career in Oklahoma, Tennessee and lived near her sister in Texas, and after 30 years moved back to her roots in South Dakota with her two children.

Northern Perspectives

Carefully choose your career to be heartfelt life long



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

In Vietnam, my unit, the Fourth Infantry division, was called the Ivy Division as our shoulder patch was green ivy with a white background. I remember I carried a chemistry paperback book, but really had no realistic expectations of going to college. Little did I know when I was discharged and enrolled a week later at Northern Arizona University that I would ultimately end up in the Ivy League and complete my program of instruction.

I was an average high school student and in the military I was just good enough with personnel work that I did not have to work in the air defense field where I had taken my advanced training. When I arrived in Vietnam I was headed for the 4th Aviation Company, but I met a Specialist E-7 who, for some reason, was intrigued by my personnel file and got me diverted and reassigned to the division level. It was a sigh of relief for me, because it meant that I did not have to serve in a forward unit where I might be at risk for a shelling. Call me coward, but I survived.

Between my tenure at Northern Arizona University and Harvard I came home to Rosebud and worked for a year. I applied and was accepted for the administrative careers program and I was mortified when I attended my first class. I taught myself to take notes in a hurry and learned to survive in that kind of high powered academic environment by talking to other students ahead of me.

I learned that for some classes a doctoral student could acquire a copy of a test that the professor had given the year before and if you were lucky he gave your class the same one. That was not always relevant for me as I often chose elective coursework that only required a semester term paper. I avoided taking any courses that required a midterm and final examination if I could. That was not always possible, as the required courses, like statistics for example, gave an in-class test.

Also, a student could enroll and cross register for courses at the Harvard Medical School, the Harvard Business School, or MIT and I did neither. I simply played it safe and stayed in my discipline and regretted it ever since. I should have taken a chance and enrolled for a course in ethics in the medical school or a course in conflict resolution in the business school.

I even had a white advisor my age who wasn't helpful, so I changed advisors to an African American who had tenure and the first thing he said was, "What are 'we' going to do to get you out of here" and then things got better for me.

I always felt intimidated and never thought I was a finisher up until nine months after I left. I had to revise my thesis a couple of times before it was finally accepted. And then, I did something that I should not have done. I couldn't afford to attend commencement so I just let it slide.

Last year, I was awarded the Alumni of Color Conference award at Harvard and once again, I blew it and did not attend even though they offered to pay all expenses. I don't know what is wrong with me, but I played it safe again.

On March 16, last Friday, I quietly observed my 25th anniversary of matriculating from Harvard and almost all of that was spent back home on the Rosebud. I never used my education the way it was intended because of varying circumstances, but I was never good at selling myself as some have learned to do. In the Lakota world view, we are taught humility and to tone down the self-promotion, but if I had to do it all over again I think I would have searched for the key to language preservation, academic achievement for our young, suicide prevention, and economic self-sufficiency to name but a few.

The moral of the story, I suppose, is choose your area of concentration as they call it at Harvard, very carefully and make sure that it will lead to a lifelong love of work. Learn to save like Mr. Scrooge and when you get my age you can make it through winters in good shape, buy the vehicle of your choice and enjoy many satisfying options that I never had.

Dr. Archie Beauvais (Sicangu) resides on the Rosebud with his son, Beaux. He earned a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) from Harvard University and is a 2006 Harvard AOCC Award recipient. A decorated Vietnam Veteran, he is functionally literate in Lakota and worked at Sinte Gleska University for 20 years as Dean/Chair of Tribal and Graduate Studies.

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The new construction of the women's shelter in Kyle is nearing completion. Celebration ceremonies will be held May 4. The $1.35 million shelter was mostly constructioned by Indian owned firms and workers. Photo by Connie Blanco

Cangleska's women's shelter nearly complete, grand opening May 4

KYLE - On Friday, May 4, Cangleska, Inc. will have the grand opening of a newly constructed Native women's shelter which is part of a $1.35 million complex at Kyle.

There will be a meal at noon and a dedication and name unveiling at 2 p.m., followed by a celebration and giveaway.

Cangleska, Inc. provides comprehensive domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy and related services to citizens of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, living on and near the Pine Ridge Reservation since 1989.

In addition to providing safe space for women who have been battered and their children, Cangleska Inc. provides outreach advocacy services, probation services, civil legal services, a men's re-education program, an integrated criminal justice system, and coordinated response and training. Cangleska Inc. also operates Sacred Circle, a national resource center providing technical assistance, consultation, and training to Indian Tribes and organizations in developing strategies and remedies to end violence against Native women.

The nonprofit operates a second shelter for women at Ohitika Najin Win (Standing Strong Woman House) in Rapid City.

After more than a decade of service to Native women, Cangleska, Inc. built the new 7,800 square-foot shelter because of the need to expand the facility to house a greater number of women and children.

The existing native women's shelter is located near the correctional facility at Kyle and is owned by the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

The newly constructed facility will provide accommodations for 30 women and their children, as well as office/meeting space for the administrative and counseling services of the organization.

Included in the $1.35 million complex construction project is the Tokahe Wicayapi Visitation Center and a new maintenance building.

The new shelter was made possible with grants, donations and labor from the USDA Rural Development, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Medicine Root District, All Tribes Foundation, Jane Fonda, Rosanne Barr Foundation, Native American Bank, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, V-Day and Eve Ensler.

The building contractors were Hahn's Construction, Murdock's Electric, Rapid Fire, R&D Redimix, and Sod's Mechanical Contracting. Cangleska is proud that the majority of the workers were native.

For more information, visit its website at www.cangleska.org.





Tax refund anticipation loans prevalent in Indian country

62 percent of Shannon County pays high interest rate

By Brian Tumulty and Faith Bremner
Gannett News Service

WASHINGTON - Poor people who live on Montana's seven Indian reservations are using high-interest tax refund anticipation loans, also known as rapid refunds, at a higher rate than anywhere else in the state.

Statewide, nearly eight percent of taxpayers who are owed a refund from the federal government relied on these loans to get a check within 24 hours or less instead of waiting a week or two for an electronic refund from the IRS.

But on parts of the state's seven Indian reservations, an average of 21 percent of people who were owed refunds borrowed against those refunds.

The Montana counties where the loans were used the most - Glacier, Big Horn, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Blaine, Hill, Pondera and Lake - are in and around Indian reservations. In Glacier County, home of the Blackfeet Reservation, 35 percent of those who received a federal tax refund in 2004 borrowed against it. In Lake County, home to the Flathead Reservation, 12 percent borrowed against their refunds.

Those findings are based on a Gannett News Service analysis of Internal Revenue Service 2004 tax year data. The data, originally obtained from the IRS by the nonprofit National Consumer Law Center, is the most recent available.

On Indian reservations, most of those refunds are targeted at the low-income workers eligible for the Earned Income Credit, which is meant to help lift workers out of poverty.

Starting in December, tax-refund lenders began offering what consumer groups call "holiday refund anticipation loans" or "pay stub loans." That was two months before Tax Help Montana, a nonprofit group that provides free tax-preparation services for the poor, got up and running.

The group is holding free tax clinics this year at the Blackfeet, Rocky Boy's, Fort Belknap and Northern Cheyenne reservations as well as 13 other sites around the state.

"(Lenders) tell people they don't have to wait for their W-2s. They'll go off your last pay stub," said Johnel Barcus, executive director of the Browning Community Development Corp., which co-sponsors Tax Help Montana's free tax clinics on the Blackfeet Reservation. "When people are in a bind and in need, they will go to those things, even though they're paying a lot for it. I don't believe they realize it's a high-interest loan."

Education and free tax clinics are key to reducing the number of high-interest tax refund loans, said Karen Heisler, spokeswoman for Consumer Credit Counseling Service in Great Falls.

On top of the interest on the loan, the average person pays $150 to a tax preparer to fill out a simple return, Heisler said. She said her organization is working to line up local banks and credit unions to provide loans next year for a small fee.

"I do believe by next year we'll have some alternative products for people who are low- to moderate-income," Heisler said.

Consumer groups estimate that this year the interest rates translate to average fees ranging from $57 to $111.

That's a lot of money in Indian Country, where unemployment is high and consumer goods are expensive, said Barbara Stiffarm, development director for Opportunity Link, a group that fights poverty in northwest Montana.

"People can use that money to bring home to their families ... rather than paying high interest rates," Stiffarm said. "The average median income on Indian reservations in Montana is well below $10,000 annually."

H&R Block declined to comment on the prevalence of these loans in Indian reservations.

"Without seeing an IRS report of the data you are using, it is difficult for us to respond," said spokesman Dan Smith.

The company noted that customers who take out its instant money advance loans have no obligation to come back to H&R Block to have their tax returns completed.

The loans are most popular in the Dakotas. The data show that the top four counties in the nation for receiving refund anticipation loans - Shannon, Todd and Buffalo counties in South Dakota and Sioux County in North Dakota - are in and around Indian reservations. In Shannon County, home to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, 62 percent of people owed refunds borrowed against them.

"What does that tell you? We're targeted," said Rodney Bordeaux, president of South Dakota's Rosebud Sioux Tribe. His community has three tax-preparation firms on or near the reservation that make tax refund loans.

"That's mind-boggling," he said. "If more people knew that, maybe it would make them think."

Rep. Dennis Rehberg, R-Mont., was surprised to learn that Indians take out such a disproportionately high number of tax refund loans. Rehberg sits on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, which has jurisdiction over the IRS. He said he'd be willing to consider legislation that would limit interest rates charged on loans to Indians.

Last year, Congress enacted a 36 percent annual percentage rate cap on loans, including tax refund anticipation loans, made to members of the military and their families.

"We have to be careful," Rehberg said. "We do not want to assume that all of the refund anticipation loans are bad.

"We don't want to drive a provider out of the market place that may be providing a service to Native Americans that they may need."

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Little Wound to honor State A champs St. Thomas More on Monday

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - In the face of a growing controversy over the events that followed Little Wounds State A championship game Saturday night in Rapid City, the Mustangs, their coaches and the school administration will travel to St. Thomas More on Monday to honor each of the Cavaliers and their coaches with a star quilt.

When the final buzzer sounded at the end of the state championship game in front of a record standing room only crowd, the Mustangs were led off the floor and into the dressing room during the Cavalier celebration. They stayed in the locker room and passed up the presentation of awards including the runner-up trophy, individual medals and two all tournament awards.

"Linda Hunter, the school superintendent directed me to go to the locker room and bring the players out for the awards presentation," said high school principal Dana Brave Eagle, "I went right into the locker room and told the team that they had a great season with a 24-2 record and a second place in the state tournament, that they should walk out there with their heads high and accept the awards and the congratulations of the many fans, friends and family who have followed them all year and think the world of their accomplishments. Some of the players started to follow me out and I'm sure they all would have come when the players were told they do not have to go out there and they should not go. I returned to the floor alone."

The players do not deserve this after such a great season, they have been searching for leadership the last two years and this is not the way they should be remembered; adults need to take the responsibility for poor decisions, added Brave Eagle who coached volleyball this year as well.

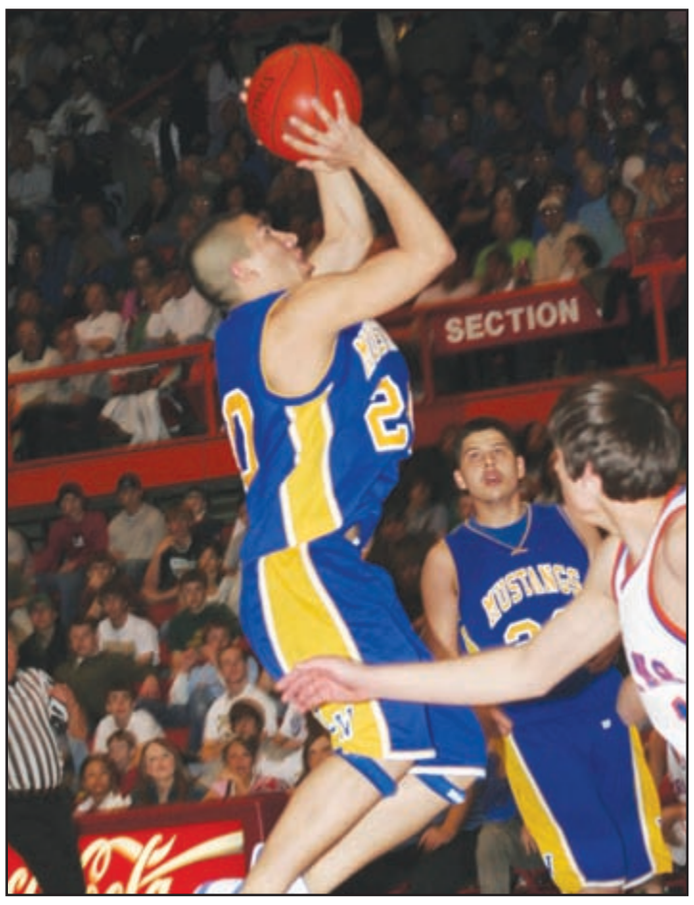
"The school board met Monday night and they don't want to rush into any decision but want to take their time and look at all the facts and get to the bottom of what happened Saturday night staying away from all emotions," said Taylor Little White Man, school board member, "we have asked Dana Brave Eagle to investigate what happened."

Everyone connected with the program has emphasized that the adults working with the program need to be held responsible for what happened that the ballplayers were responding only to the direction of the adults working with the program.

At the present time, the second place trophy and the individual medals are in Pierre waiting for a review of the South Dakota High School Activities Association board of directors, their next meeting is set for April 17 and 18 in Pierre. The all tournament awards are floating somewhere between Rapid City and Brookings, the main office of the South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association.

"The board will probably meet on this issue on April 18 and I expect Little Wound's superintendent, high school principal, the athletic director and board members to be there," said Wayne Carney, executive director, "after a review the board will decide what the consequences will be, whether they will receive the awards at all, probation, no post season play next year, reprimands, whatever they might decide, it is up to the SDHSAA board."

"More than anything else, we do not want anything to mar the great season that the Mustangs had this year and more importantly we do not want to take anything away from St. Thomas More's outstanding season and we are going to their school and honor them and let them know how special they are and how much it says about the Lakota Nation tourney that for the second time in 17 years, the two teams that played for the LNI championship came back three months later and played for the state championship on the same floor," said Dana Brave Eagle.



Brice Hornbeck (20) pulls up for a jumper against Parkston's Matt Neugebauer (24) as Little Wound knocks off previously undefeated Parkston 63-58 during State A matches.
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Three Voices: Speaking from the Past at Rapid City on March 26

RAPID CITY - On Monday, March 26 at 2 p.m. at the Ramkota, there will be a presentation of Three Voices: Speaking from the Past. The event is coordinated by the Oglala Lakota College Woksape Tipi Academic and Public library. The play represents thee women from three cultures in history.

The three women are:

Geraldine Goes In Center, Oglala Lakota, is from the Lip's (Pute) Camp Tiospaye near Wanblee. Geraldine served in the US Army from 1974-1982 (Vietnam Era Veteran). She earned a bachelors in Human Services and a minor in counseling from Oglala Lakota College.

Joyce Jefferson earned a bachelors in English at Black Hills State University. Through her performance business, Joyce Jefferson creates stories in song, she entertains and educates her audience by weaving narration, poetry and song. She shares personal experiences and research about African Americans in Black Hills history.

Lilah Pengra earned a doctorate in anthropology at the University of Wisconsin, Madision.

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The Department of Health offers this vaccine to the 12 to 15 month old children and 4 to 6 year old. A minimum interval of 3 months should be maintained between the first and second dose of Varicella vaccine.

Parents and guardians : please contact your healthcare facility and make sure your child has the required vaccination prior to school entry for 2007 - 08. Failure to do so will result in your child not being able to be enrolled until the immunization is verified.

Mustangs come up short with Caveliers at State A

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Little Wound faced St. Thomas More in the 2007 State A championship game on Saturday night in Rapid City at the Civic Center in a rematch of the Lakota Nation championship game won by Little Wound 49-46 in December on the exact same floor.

Both teams were 24-1, the Mustangs represented the only blemish on the defending state champ Cavaliers 50-1 record and were the last roadblock to back to back state championships. St. Thomas More set the tone for the final game of the season with Kyle Doerr, a 6'7" senior forward scoring ten points in the first quarter on two twos and two threes and junior point guard Nate Jacobson hitting eight of his 19 points as the Cavaliers finished the first quarter up 20-11 over the Mustangs on the way to a 71-61 win in front of a standing room only crowd of 8,463 and a two year record of 51-1 and back to back state championships.

"There were times that St. Thomas More beat us at our own game, they would beat us down the floor," said Ty Lunderman, a junior guard/forward, "we just were not as mentally prepared as we should have been."

Rich Big Boy, Little Wound's senior center, started chipping away at the lead with nine points in the second period hitting two field goals and going five for five from the line while Lunderman hit three twos as Little Wound closed the gap to 36-30 at the half. Zeke Parvin hit two threes in the third, Jacobson added a three and Tanner Wince hit two twos and two free throws while the Cavaliers held Little Wound to eight third quarter points and led 55-38 at the end of three.





Above: Rich Big Boy (30) turns and faces Kyle Doerr (30) as he heads for the basket for two of his team high 17 points during the State A championship game Saturday night and
(right) TJ McCauley (22) drives to the basket during Little Wound's first round 69-49 win over Chamberlain.
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Little Wound struggled, like a number of teams did this year, to come from behind against the Cavaliers; the Mustangs outscored St. Thomas More 23-16 in the fourth but came up short having to put the Cavaliers on the free throw line where they hit nine of fourteen to seal a 71-61 win.

"We were able to come back on almost every team we played this year," added Lunderman, "but the Cavaliers came out ready to play and once they got a lead they really take care of the ball and make it really difficult to come from behind, we needed to meet them with the same energy in the first quarter and match them bucket for bucket."

Big Boy finished with 17 points and five rebounds, TJ McCauley hit a three to end the game and finished up with 15 points and a team high eight rebounds while Lunderman added 10 points and five boards. Doerr finished up with game high 25 points and 14 rebounds while Jacobson helped out with 17 points and nine assists, Parvin and Johnny Gonzalez each chipped in 10 points. For the season Jacobson averaged 7.5 points per game and for the state tournament averaged 17 points a game.

Big Boy, McCauley, Doerr and Jacobson earned all tournament honors.

St. Thomas More earned a second straight trip to the championship game with a hard fought 68-65 win over Lennox in the first round and a 65-54 semi final win over Madison.

All tied up 47-47 at the end of three, the Cavaliers finished off a three point win with balanced scoring led by Jacobson's 17 points, Wince chipped in 16, Doerr added 14 and Gonzalez hit for 12. Jacobson again led the way with19 against Madison while Doerr helped out with 15 points, Gonzalez hit for 14 while Wince added 11.

Rich Big Boy ended all speculation about his physical abilities after being slowed by a knee injury in a regular season game at Eagle Butte when he came out dominating the paint in the first round game against Chamberlain taking the ball strong to the basket or distributing it to an open teammate when double and triple teamed.

Big Boy finished with 16 points and seven rebounds as Little Wound downed the Cubs 69-49. McCauley helped break open a tight game in the second scoring seven of his team high 18 points while Lunderman chipped in 14 points.

Little.Wound faced number one ranked, undefeated Parkston in the semis and went right out to a 16-10 first quarter lead and a 30-20 halftime lead. Still up by ten at the end of three 42-32, the Mustangs survived losing three players to fouls in the fourth quarter and missing 12 free throws to pull out a 63-58 win. Freshman Orin Three Stars came out and hit three of four from the free throw line while Devon LeBeau hit five of seven from the line to help the cause.

Brice Hornbeck led the way with 14 points, seven rebounds and five assists while McCauley chipped in 12 points and 10 rebounds and Shilo Pierce added 10 points. Matt Malloy, Parkston's senior point guard went down with a sprained ankle late in the first but came back to score a game high 31 points. On Saturday night, Malloy was named winner of the Spirit of Su award.

A number of fans criticized the state tournament officiating. In looking back at the games, against Chamberlain Little Wound was called for 15 fouls, Chamberlain 13; against Parkston, Little Wound 24 Parkston 23 and against St. Thomas More with 2:01 left each team had 13 fouls and struggling to get the ball back in the fourth quarter, Little Wound was forced to foul seven times.

Cheerleaders from Sioux Valley earned the Spirit of Six award.

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School pow wow on Friday, March 30 at St. Francis School and Friday, April 5 at Little Wound in Kyle with grand entries at 1 and 6 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

Suicide Intervention Training
Thursday, Friday, March 22, 23 in Rapid City at the Quality Inn, applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, sponsored by Living Works, 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. each day sponsored by Aberdeen area Indian Health Service, call Amy at 605 226-7543.

Memorial Basketball Tournament
3rd annual Dana Wike Memorial Basketball Tournament, March 22-25 at the Sinte Gleska University Multi Purpose Building in Antelope, for information contact Ken at 208-5672 or Rich at 747-5644.

Lakota Way of Parenting
Presentation by Carol Iron Rope Herrera on Lakota Way of Parenting, Friday and Monday, March 23 and 26 at the Eagle Nest College Center in Wanblee, for information contact Phyllis at 462-6274.

Wildland firefighter drug test
Saturday and Sunday, March 24, 25 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Pine Ridge Agency Fire Station, last opportunity for those interested in participating in the Wildland Fire Program, for additional information call 867-5396.

Tribal Color Guard Competition
At the Denver March pow wow, March 24 in memory of Windy Shoulderblade, for information contact 406 477-3249.

Higher Education Conference
Saturday through Wednesday, March 24-28 at the Ramkota Inn in Rapid City, 26th annual American Indian Higher Education Conference, for information contact Jonni Clifford at 455-6047.

Common Sense Parenting
Wednesday, March 28, first meeting of Common Sense Parenting class at Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge from 4-6 p.m., for information call 800 727-2401.

19th BJ Weston peewee tourney
Monday through Sunday, March 26-April 1, 2007 in Pine Ridge at the Pine Ridge School, four divisions including 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, for information call 867-1429, 867-2640, 685-8253 or 867-5435.

AA Meetings
Every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Kateri Hall at the St. Agnes Church in Manderson, Everyone Welcome, call 867-2267 for information.

Grief Support Group
Meeting the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Kyle, for information call 455-2888.

Porcupine AA meeting
Every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Pahin Sinte College Center in Porcupine, for info call Janice at 867-5404.

Co-dependency Support
Meets on Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. in the basement of the old hospital coordinated by the OST Employee Assistance Program, for info call 867-1841.

Weight watchers class
Large conference room at the Indian Health Service Hospital in Pine Ridge, weigh in at 5 pm and meeting at 5:30 p.m.

12 Step meetings
Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m. at the East Wakpamni College Center in Batesland

Aerobics
Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Porcupine Clinic sponsored by the Pahin Sinte College Center, for information call 867-5404.

Lakota Language Immersion Class
Every Tuesday from 10am until 12 noon at the Pahin Sinte College Center in Porcupine with Bryan Charging Cloud open to students, community members and programs for male students only, for information call 867-5404.

Open gymnasium
Tuesday nights at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge from 4:30-8pm open to all ages sponsored by the Oyate Blihelya Diabetes Prevention Program.

AIHEC author reception features Lewis and Clark lecture

RAPID CITY - During the American Indians Higher Education conference at Rapid City on Sunday, March 25, Oglala Lakota College's Woksape Tipi Academic and Public Library will be hosting a Native American Author Reception from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Badlands Room at the Ramkota.

The guest list includes Donovin Arleigh Sprague, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, director of education at the Crazy Horse Memorial at Crazy Horse Mountain.

He has authored a series of books from Arcadia Publishing entitled, *Images of America - Pine Ridge; Images of America - Rosebud; Images of America - Cheyenne River Sioux; Images of America - Standing Rock Sioux.*

Karen Lone Hill, Oglala Lakota, currently works at Oglala Lakota College, and co authored *Shaping Survival* and *Pine Ridge - Yesterday and Today.*

Geraldine Goes In Center, Oglala Lakota, is a mother, grandmother, veteran, author and business owner. She also has a part in the play Three Voices: Speaking from the past and has two mini book publications *Jokes Heard Around the Rez* and *Lakota Cook Book*

Ed McGaa, Oglala Lakota, is a veteran, lecturer, writer and author of several books.


Dr. Craig Howe

Mother Earth Spirituality, Rainbow Tribe, Native Wisdom, Nature's Way, Eagle Vision, Crazy Horse and Chief Red Cloud.

Leon Hale born in Thunder Butte lives with his family in the Black Hills

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RST secretarial election is officially postponed until July

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - Rosebud Agency superintendent, Cleve Her Many Horses confirmed last Friday that the RST Secretarial Election has been officially postponed until July 26. Her Many Horses said that a letter had been received from the BIA Regional Director and that he would, in turn, send a letter to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe informing them as such.

At present, there have been over 2,000 RST tribal members who have registered for the secretarial election. The new deadline for registration will be right up until July 26 when voters can submit their form to the BIA offices in Mission or the BIA agency office in Rosebud.

Her Many Horses is confident that many more Rosebud tribal members will register for the secretarial election by the time July 26 arrives.

Originally, RST had planned to hold the secretarial election on March 20, but a motion to postpone it until late July was made by Jo Colombe, RST District 3 council representative. The motion was passed and it was noted that there was significant confusion regarding the numerous referendum items. First of all, not enough RST tribal members had registered for the election and some of the referendum questions were confusing and redundant. Also, there is a need to provide education and technical assistance in drafting the ballot questions in order to make them clear.

With the new date set for the election, the original drafters of the ballot questions will be able to re-write them with the help of others. The Lakota Women for Change will also be presumably providing technical assistance in the community as they are able.

All prospective voters are encouraged to call the Rosebud BIA Agency office if they need a registration form. Initially, over 17,000 registration forms had been mailed to Rosebud tribal members. There were some concerns that some voters were not receiving their forms, however, with the new dates in July this will give voters ample to time to secure a copy.



Mahpiya Luta champs

LEAD - The Mahpiya Luta were the 2007 Mile High 8th grade Basketball Tournament Champions. The tournament was held March 16 to 18 at the Northern Hills YMCA Back row: Ryan Lays Bad, JD Plume, James Pine, Mike Richards, Bradley Hussman, Truman Rossman, Kiley Weston. Front row: Bobby Hernandez , Tre Goings , Frankie Sioux Bob , Jeremiah Two Bulls , Shawn Clemons. Not pictured: Daylon Black Bull.



AIDS/HIV awareness day

MISSION - RST council representative from District 3 Antelope, Robert Moore, walks with students from Sinte Gleska University on Wednesday in observance of the "1st Annual Native American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" on Wednesday, March 21. More than 50 people participated in the march to bring awareness about the AIDS/HIV disease. South Dakota has reported more than 30 new cases of HIV. There were 34 new cases in 2006, up from 33 in 2005 and the state's highest number since 1995 when 35 were reported. In the state, there 325 residents currently living with HIV/AIDS

(PHOTO BY ARCHIE B. BEAUVAIS)

FST files federal suit against state for more casino machines

By Chet Brokaw
Associated Press

PIERRE - The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe has filed a federal lawsuit alleging that Gov. Mike Rounds and other state officials have unfairly prevented the tribe from adding more slot machines at its casino in Flandreau.

The lawsuit alleges that the state has negotiated in bad faith as the tribe pursues a longer gambling compact that allows more slot machines.

The tribe is seeking a court order declaring that the state has violated the federal law on Indian gambling and a constitutional provision that guarantees equal protection under the law.

While state officials have refused to let each Indian casino have more than 250 slot machines, they have allowed the number of slot machines in Deadwood casinos and the number of video lottery machines in casinos statewide to skyrocket, according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in federal court in Sioux Falls, asks a judge to require that the state and tribe agree on a new gambling compact within 60 days or face mediation. It also asks for a court order requiring the state to give the tribe the same privileges granted to other forms of gambling in South Dakota.

The complaint and exhibits filed with the court total 845 pages.

Officials from many of the

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authored Washaka the Bear Dreamer.

Joseph Marshall, Rosebud Lakota, is a teacher, historian, Lakota craftsman and writer. He has authored several screenplays in addition to several books *"Keep Going - The art of Perseverance; Walking With Grandfather: The Wisdom of Lakota Elders; The Lakota Way - Stories and Lessons for Living; The Journey of Crazy Horse: A Lakota History; On Behalf of the Wolf and the First Peoples; The Dance Horse: Stories from Rosebud; How Not to Catch a Fish and Other Iktomi Stories and Soldiers Falling Into Camp. His newest book will be available in May The Day the World Ended at Little Big Horn: A Lakota History.*

LaVera Rose, Rosebud Sioux, is an author and humanities scholar.

Russell Means, Oglala Lakota, is an activist, actor, and leader amongst his people.

He authored *"Where White Men Fear To Tread" - The Autobiography of Russell Means"* with Marvin J Wolf.

Don Montileaux, Oglala Lakota, illustrator, presenter, and consultant on Lakota Culture *"Tatanka and the Lakota People."*

At 3 p.m., on Sunday there will be a special presentation by Dr. Craig Howe, Oglala Lakota, scholar and fulltime faculty of the graduate program at Oglala Lakota College. He has a doctorate in anthropology and architecture and is the former director of the D'Arcy McNickle Center for American Indian History of the Newberry Library in Chicago.

His lecture, "Hate Speech, Horses and Hostages: The Untold Story of Lewis & Clark in Teton Territory" Howe said, "Between the 23rd and the 30th of September, 1804, Lewis and Clark guided the Corps of Discovery through Lakota country in what is now South Dakota."

"That week's events have been presented by historians as pivotal in both the expedition's journey and in the history of the United States.," he said.

"Most historians have used Clark's accounts of that time to create a heroic image of Lewis and Clark and of their expedition, and a malicious image of the Lakota people. A critical reading of the expedition texts, however, suggest that the Lakota were not as Clark painted them to be and the actions of Lewis and Clark were far less heroic than historians have led us to believe," he added.

Dr. William Glasser to speak at Mission

MISSION - It is not every day that educators on the northern plains are able to listen to a world famous psychiatrist like, Dr. William Glasser of the Glasser Institute. Thanks to a host of co-sponsors, Glasser will conduct a presentation entitled "Improving Relationships with Choice Theory."

Gideon Kilonzo, guidance counselor at Todd County High School and Dr. Maryanne Copeland of the Human Service Department at SGU are coordinating the event as it will be a unique opportunity to hear a world renowned psychiatrist discuss his latest thinking of Reality Therapy and Choice Theory.

The speaking engagement will commence on April 20 and 21 at the SGU multipurpose building.

The afternoon session will feature two breakout sessions with Jerry Noel and Frank Dunn speaking.

$636,00 in heating money goes to OST members

PINE RIDGE (AP) Members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe have received financial assistance for their home heating bills.

The money came through a partnership of Citgo Petroleum and the Citizens Programs Corp., said Kevin Steele, Oglala Sioux Tribe judiciary coordinator.

More than $636,000 was provided.

The money will help pay winter heating bills of more than 2,300 households.

Two to be sentenced for bootlegging

RAPID CITY - U.S. Attorney Marty J. Jackley announced March 15 that Juanita Jumping Eagle and Louise Jumping Eagle have both pled guilty in federal court to dispensing intoxicants in Indian country.

Both defendants, charged in separate indictments for separate offenses, appeared before U.S. District Judge Karen E. Schreier and pled guilty to single counts contained in their respective federal indictments.

The cases were investigated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The charges relate to the illegal sale of alcohol on the reservation, and each defendant admitted to selling bottles of alcohol to an Indian person on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Jackley stated that the unlawful sale of alcoholic beverages on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in violation of both Tribal Ordinance and federal law are matters that are taken seriously and of major concern in the Pine Ridge Reservation.

The maximum penalty upon conviction is five years imprisonment and/or a $250,000 fine.

Presentence investigations were ordered and sentencing dates will be set.

FST files suit

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Sioux tribes in South Dakota have complained in recent years that the state was refusing to negotiate in good faith as they sought new gambling compacts.

Clarence Skye, executive director of United Sioux Tribes, said he believes other tribes will wait and see what happens in the Flandreau Sioux Tribe lawsuit before deciding whether to file their own lawsuits.

Tribal officials have been frustrated because the governor will not meet with them to discuss the dispute on gambling compacts, Skye said. "I've tried everything, and I'm still sitting on the outside and not getting anywhere."

A 1988 federal law says tribes can generally conduct the same kind of gambling that is allowed elsewhere in the state, but a tribe first has to negotiate a gaming compact with the state. Tribes began negotiating compacts to run their own casinos after a state constitutional amendment allowed casinos to start operating in Deadwood in 1989.

Eight of the nine Sioux tribes in South Dakota have gambling compacts. The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe is the only one without a casino.

A number of tribes have complained that the state's refusal to let them add slot machines is preventing them from gaining revenue needed to finance nongambling projects.

Rounds did not respond immediately to a request for comment on Tuesday, but he has said in the past that the state was negotiating in good faith with tribes. The South Dakota Constitution allows only limited gambling, he said.

"I also have to weigh their interests in unlimited gaming or significantly increased number of machines with what is required in our constitution, which is limited gaming," the governor said last year.

However, the lawsuit said Deadwood gambling and the state video lottery are not very limited.

About 3,000 slot machines are authorized in the casinos in Deadwood, a historic town in the northern Black Hills, and about 8,500 video gambling machines are allowed in licensed video lottery casinos statewide, according to the lawsuit.

Meanwhile, the state has refused to let tribal casinos exceed 250 slot machines, the lawsuit said. Compacts in Minnesota and Iowa set the number of slot machines at what the market can bear, according to the suit.

The Flandreau Sioux Tribe's Royal River Casino sometimes loses customers because people refuse to wait in line for slot machines and instead drive to nearby casinos in Minnesota and Iowa, the lawsuit said.

The tribe said it sought to gain additional machines and extend the compact to 20 years so it could secure financing to build a hotel, resort, water park, family recreation center and event center to draw entertainment acts. The state has offered a six-year compact.

One proposal by the tribe would have allowed one slot machines for each $34,000 invested in the complex, but the state rejected that suggestion, according to the lawsuit.

"The state's intransigence prevents the tribe from raising the capital necessary to develop high quality facilities sufficient to attract tourists and customers from areas beyond the borders of the state and denies the tribe the economic benefits provided to all other citizens of the state," according to the lawsuit.

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Bridge to Terabithia PG
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Chadron, NE
308-432-2342
Premonition (PG13)
The Number 23 (R)
Wild Hogs (PG13)
TMNT (PG)
$6 - Adults
$4 - Children under 11 and Senior Citizens
$4 - Sunday Matinee
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NOTICE OF VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD

SHANNON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.65-1

The following school board positions will become vacant due to the expiration of present term of office of the following school board members:

Melvin N Cummings

Ruth Ann Cummings

(Two Three-year terms)

Circulation of nomination petitions may begin on April 3, 2007 and petitions may be filed in the office of business manager located at the Shannon County Schools administrative office building, Batesland, South Dakota, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. mountain daylight savings time. Not later then May 4, 2007 at 5:00p.m. or mailed by registered mail not later than May 4, at 5:00 p.m.

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The funding for this program is not to be considered automatic in any way. We receive limited funds and cannot help everyone who applies. Your application needs to be in our office by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the deadline or you will not be considered for funding until the next term.

DEADLINES: Fall semester/quarter-July 15.
Winter quarter-October 15.
Spring semester-December 1.
Spring quarter – February 1.

The deadline for summer school applicants is April 1– this is a separate application and provided funds are available. Senior students are the priority for summer school.

"The Rae Royer Memorial Scholarship Fund Guidelines"

DEADLINES: Fall semester – July 15;
Spring semester/Winter Quarter/
Spring Quarter – December 1:
Summer applications – April 15.
There will be no exceptions for late applications.

Please visit www.gwtc.net/~rsted for specific items that are required each academic year. There is a slight variation on needed items depending on whether one is a new or continuing student.

ASK ANNA

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I'm writing to you on this nice day because I have questions for my self.

Well you see I have a boyfriend and we been together since July 7.

He's is not the father of my kids and he treats them like his own but half the time we been together we argue daily for stuff that is stupid and I am getting tired of it and want it to stop. Is it him or me? He says he loves me and I'm in love with him and we have been talking about getting married but we argue all the time.

I want to know if we love each other or he loves me and can we get married because I'm confused.

Lost in Love

Dear Lost in Love:

It is both of you. It is old programming and issues of control. Please read *The Four Directions* by Don Miguel Ruiz available at Borders in Rapid City. There are also co-dependency issues inside of your relationship. If you have insecurities within then anytime someone disagrees with you or offers a different point of view it can become a battle field for compliance.

We have to learn how to allow other people that are close to us to just think the way they do, offer our own opinion is a non-petulant (whiny) tone, and go on.

The above book would help both of you to not feel threatened every time there is a disagreement or a different point of view.

You two can make it as a couple, but you both first must agree to treat each other with honor in every conversation and action. I would recommend counseling before marriage - but I "see" that is not practical so the book, when read by both of you, can help you both to be your own counselors and learn to live in a better way.

If you do not work on the bickering it will eventually end the relationship.

Good Luck.

Dear Anna,

How are you? Are you liking the weather? It's been nice lately!

Yes umm...I was wondering if you can help me with some problems? My cousin is causing a lot of trouble and she changes her story every time. Is everything she is saying, is it true? Well yea I have a day job now! Do you see me getting educated? Some how?

Do you know what year I'll graduate? And one of my friends, will that be his baby his girlfriend is having? How is my boyfriend status? I feel me and my boyfriend are growing apart. I know something is getting in the way but he won't say so.

Please help me in my time of need, I REALLY like what you say to people I read your column every Friday it's so interesting! Well have a good week and thank you for your patience.

Curious

Dear Curious:

I am fine and I love good weather. In ceremony the other night we were told that it will rain a lot - but only at night when we are sleeping. That will be good too.

Ignore your cousin. A change in a story usually means that the story is not exactly the truth. Also, people that are into causing trouble for others through their so-called "information" are generally just trying to feed a need for attention and approval.

You need to go further in your education. I see you graduating two times. Once in 2008 and once again in 2013.

Yes, that is your friend's baby that his girl friend is carrying.

You and your boyfriend are drifting apart. That is just fine. Remember, I always say that not every relationship is "The One," and that is why God invented dating. \You are growing in different directions and you have different life philosophies. Someday later the two of you will once again become friends.

Hold onto your vision of success in your life. Combined with prayer that vision will take you to a time where your dreams come true. I see your working in business.

God Bless.

Dear Anna,

It has been interesting to read your column and I am curious about you? Where did your gift comes from? Where are you from?

Wondering About You

Dear Wondering About Me:

I originally come from Oregon. I am almost sixty years old, and when I was 39-years old I began my trek in search of the answer to a vision that I had three years prior to that which included the Lakota people.

My gifts? Well, they come first and foremost from the Creator. After that, there is ancestor history. My maternal great grandmother was a gypsy from Armenia.

Her name, as far as I have been told was Validslov Domski. She rode the country side in a horse drawn wagon where she told fortunes, and her husband sold what was commonly known as "snake oil." This information was very hard to get out of my mother as it was considered an embarrassment to her and her family. Her mother was abandoned in Oregon with her two sisters when my grandmother was about twelve years old. She took her two sisters and walked to Montana where she felt she might find her family. One of her sisters (Valera) died in Lolo pass and she buried her under rocks along the way.

When my grandmother reached Great Falls, Montana, she found employment as a nanny because she could read. Later she met my grandfather, Karl Gustuv Berger Anderson III, who was the illegitimate son of the King of Sweden.

That is the only part of my mother's family she would talk about - how the gypsy married the prince.

I knew of my gifts from the time I was three years old. It made my life difficult because I just wanted to be like everyone else. I tried to be like everyone else during all of my teenage years and clear until my mid thirties. It didn't work out very well for me.

Somewhere in about 1987, what I call the "Council" (from the Stars) came to me and told me I had a choice. They said I had been chosen to do some work, and I could chose to follow that path or not. I chose the commitment. It has been very hard and my family and I have suffered a lot since I made that choice.

Now, however, I am here and grateful to be here. I love doing the healing work that my sister (as in soul sister) Barb and I do together.

I love helping people find their highest and best good through what the Spirits let me see and know. I am just a human being struggling with life and my journey. I am not always right and sometimes I feel absolutely alone except for the company of God.

I just do the best I can - just like you. I pray for forgiveness for my human weaknesses and mistakes.and for guidance to remain in Grace. Pilamaye for asking.

Dear Anna:

I am pregnant with my third child. I was told by the doctors not to get pregnant after my last child as they felt it would not be a healthy thing for me and that the pregnancy would be at risk.

I am due in two months and this pregnancy has been very rough. How do you see things working out. Will my baby be okay?

Worried Mom

Dear Worried Mom:

I see a beautiful boy - and he is healthy. You will be okay too, although it looks like some delivery problems that may have to be resolved with a cesarean section birth.

Do not worry, you are well blessed and being protected through prayer and your strong connection to the Red Road.

Dear Anna,

Who took my $200.00 that was in my wallet? Was it my 17-year old son? Why would he do that?

Mad Dad

Dear Mad Dad:

Yes, it was your son. Drugs dad, drugs. Seek treatment and counseling for your son and remember he is not in charge of himself - the Spirit of Meth has him and is working through him.

He will recover from this addiction; but it takes a strong commitment from you and your wife and time to work this through. Your son will become a drug and alcohol educator after treatment and further education.

Consider the $200 loss as a wake up call charge.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

All requests may be subject to publication.

Clearly mark Ask Anna on your request. This column is meant for entertainment purposes only.

The Lakota Country Times owners and employees have no liability regarding the answers provided. *Allow two to three weeks for an answer to Ask Anna inquiries.*

The Rez Firefighter (Peta Usniyapi)

By Beaux Beauvais



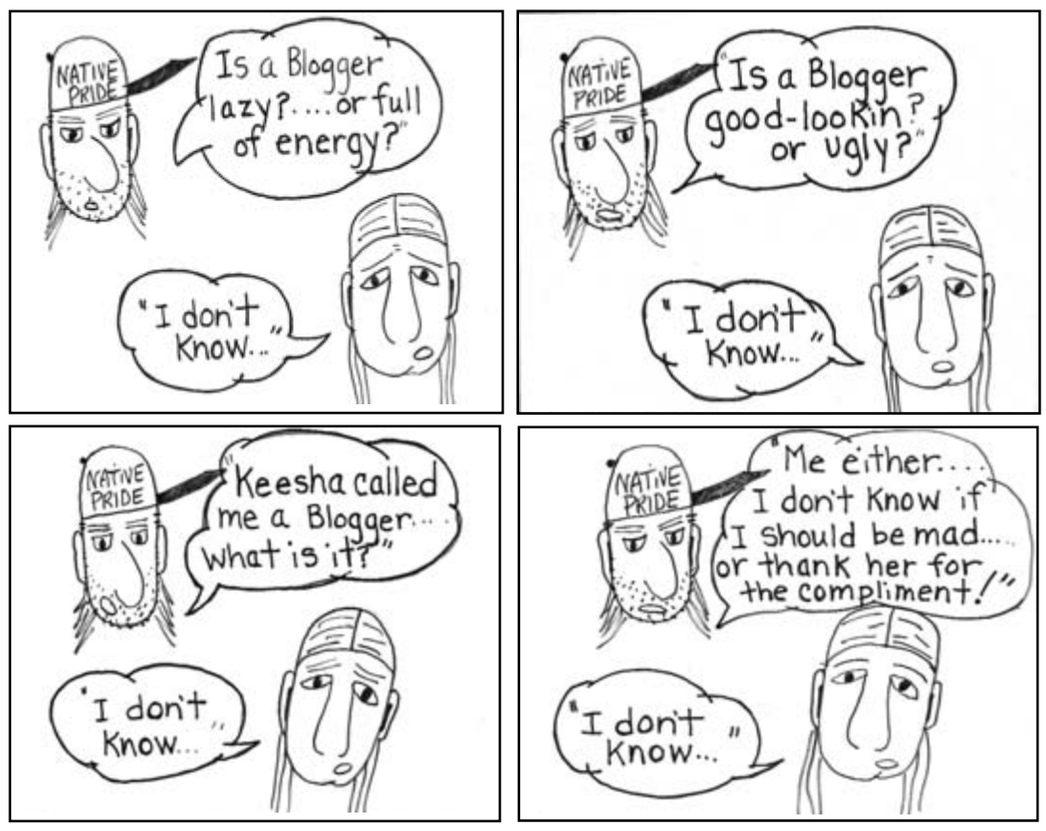
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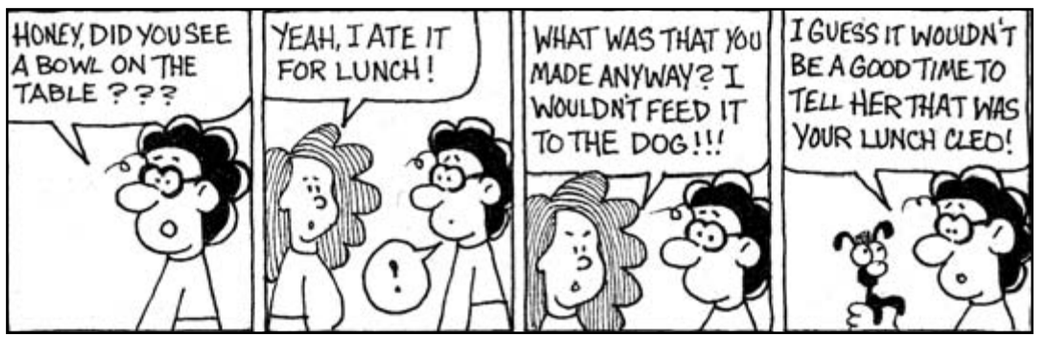
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By Thom Little Moon



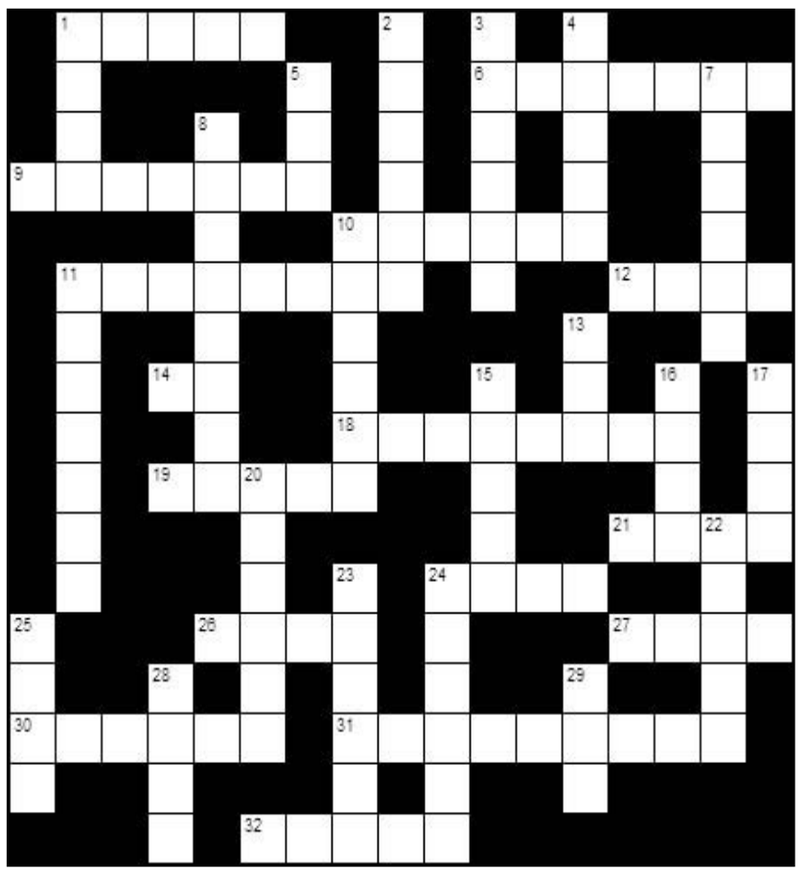
Crossword Puzzle

(answers in next week's issue)

CLUES

Across
1. how?
6. there is light
9. prairie dog
10. apple
11. thunder
12. louse
14. blood
18. prayer
19. forehead
21. chest
24. neck
26. eyes
27. cane
30. spotted
31. brave
32. wet, to moisten

Down
1. stomach
2. song
3. pudding
4. standing
5. lips
7. to burn incense, smoke something
8. near me
10. why?
11. pout
13. water
15. navel
16. to cry, sob
17. nose
20. tall
22. caress, fondle
23. hill like, a high hill
24. grandchild
25. spirit, soul
28. arms
29. father



Angie Reyes, 49.....Allen
Marie Pretty Hip-Perez, 29.....Porcupine
Andrea Dubray Patterson, 67.....St. Paul
Daniel Lone Hill, 50.....Kyle
Christine Howard, 78..... Wakpala
David Webb, 32.....Eagle Butte
Annabell Big Eagle Tuttle, 93..Enid, Okla.



Angelina M. 'Angie' Poor Bear-Reyes

ALLEN - Angelina M. "Angie" Poor Bear-Reyes, 49, died March 19 at Rapid City Regional Hospital of natural causes

Survivors include her husband Jesse Reyes of Allen; sons Wanbli Poor Bear of Rapid City; Angelo "Miguel" Marrufo of Porcupine; Antonio "Tony" Marrufo of Allen; Eustacio Marrufo, Jr. of Liberal, Kan.; Ramon Marrufo of Allen and 15 grandchildren; sisters Darlene Poor Bear, Clara Rodriguez, Elaine Martinez all of Allen; Rochelle Lone Wolf of Hastings, Neb.; brothers MacArthur Poor Bear of Rapid City; Doug Poor Bear of Allen; Roscoe Poor Bear of Tulia, Texas.

Visitation services will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 22 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall in Kyle.

Wake services will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2007 at American Horse School at Allen.

Funeral services will be at 12 noon on Saturday, March 24 at the American Horse School at Allen.

Officiating will be the Rev. Paul Bentley with traditional Lakota services by Delane Has No Horse and Jerome LeBeau.

Burial will take place at a later date at the Poor Bear Family Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Maria A. Pretty Hip-Perez

PORCUPINE - Maria A. Pretty Hip-Perez, 29, died March 16 at Rapid City Regional Hospital of natural causes.

Survivors include mother Sific Pretty Hip of Porcupine; father Angel Perez of Porcupine; step brothers Angel Perez and Corbin Perez both of Porcupine; step sisters Tiffany Perez and Elena Perez both of Porcupine.

Wake services were Wednesday, March 21 at Porcupine CAP office in Porcupine.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 23, 2007 at Porcupine CAP office at Porcupine.

Officiating with traditional Lakota services will be Mike Little Boy Sr.

Burial will be at St. Albin's Episcopal Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Andrea DuBray Patterson

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Andrea DuBray Patterson, 67, St. Paul, died Friday March 16 in Minneapolis. Memorial services were Wednesday, March 21, at Promise Community Hall in Promise. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery in La Plant.

Daniel Lone Hill

KYLE -- Daniel Lone Hill, 50, Kyle, died Thursday, March 15 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include two brothers, Everett Lone Hill, Porcupine, and Mel Lone Hill, Batesland, and four sisters, Millie Lone Hill, Vina Lone Hill-Yankton and Cora Lone Hill-Spotted Eagle, all of Kyle, and Phenette Lone Hill-Janis, Rapid City.

Wake services were March 17 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall in Kyle.

Funeral services were Monday, March 19, at the hall, with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating. Burial was at Mediator Episcopal Cemetery in Kyle.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Christine Howard

WAKPALA -- Christine Howard, 78, Wakpala, died Friday, March 16 at Mobridge Regional Hospital.

An all-night wake service was March 20, at the Wakpala Community Center. Funeral services were Wednesday March 21, at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Wakpala, with the the Rev. Leslie Campbell and the Standing Rock lay readers officiating. Burial was at at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Cemetery in Wakpala. Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

David Webb

EAGLE BUTTE - David Webb, 32, Eagle Butte, died Friday, March 9 at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 17, at First United Church of Christ in Eagle Butte, with the Rev. Roger Easland officiating. Burial was at the Eagle Butte City Cemetery. Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Annabelle C. Big Eagle Tuttle

ENID, OKLA. - Annabelle C. (Big Eagle) Tuttle, 93, died Feb. 2 in Enid Ok., she had resided at the Commons Nursing Home. She was born on the family farm in the Big Bend area on the Crow Creek Reservation to Levi and Amy Mae (Corey) Big Eagle on Nov. 1, 1913.

In 1932 she married George T. Tuttle in Gann Valley who preceded her in death in 1987. Annabelle worked for the BIA at the Ft. Thompson School and later at Flandreau Indian School until her retirement.

A life long active church member, Annabelle was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Ft. Smith Arkansas and later associated with St. Mathew's Episcopal Church in Enid.

She is survived by her daughter Ardis Rives and husband Jim of Enid Ok., grandsons Mark Rives and Charles Rives and his wife Susan Thompson, one great granddaughter Hilary Rives and many nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 6 at the Edwards Funeral Home in Ft. Smith, Arkansas conducted by Rev. Marti Dalby.

Burial was at the Woodland Cemetery, Ft. Smith.

In memory of Velma Rose Janis

A Grandmothers Prayer

Let me give my grandchildren gifts not just toys, but other things like treasured dreams and memories that give a child both roots and wings, let me help with little things to teach them to tie a shoe to answer funny questions now and always know just what to do. Let me show that what is old a child my find completely new and know what once delighted me makes my grandchildren happy too. In loving memory of our grandma Velma Rose Janis she left us on March 5, 2003.
Shanay, Shantay, and Jordan.

In loving memory of Zion Isaiah Charging Crow

June 1, 2004 to March 13, 2005

An angel, who lit up our lives for just a little while, now paints the skies above us all with innocence and style. You were only ours to borrow and he needed you more up there. As we continue to walk this cold, cruel earth we will see you every where. In every new sunrise your smile will shine as bright as in our memories, each sunset will bring us closer to you as we kneel down and beg him to please give us the courage to truly believe he is up there leading you by the hand, introducing you to all of our loved ones who have entered the promise land. Provide us with the strength we will lack when missing him hurts us to, and tell our baby Zion that though we will move on we will never let him go.

We miss you so much baby Zion
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Little Wound School
Box 500
Kyle, S.D.
Regular Meeting
December 4, 2006

Little Wound School Board Members Present: Linda May, Everett Janis, Janice Richards, Taylor Little Whiteman, Archie Hopkins

Little Wound School Board Members Absent: None

Little Wound School Board Members Excused: None

Others Present: Linda Hunter, Dorothy Thunder Bull, Amelia Blackbear, Cecelia Haas, Theresa Mendoza, Geraldine Lujun , Dana Brave Eagle, Melanie Janis, Mr. Eagle Bull, Jerry Matthews, Matilda Montileaux, Anne Hunter, Cole Hunter, Kelcie Brave Eagle, Donita Little Whiteman.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: at 6:08pm by Everett Janis, Little Wound School Board President.

WOCHEKIYE: given by Dorothy Thunder Bull

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve agenda with the changes to move item #7 after item # 16.VOTE: 5-for 0 against, motion carried.

ELECTION REPORT:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to accept the Little Wound School Board Election report Oral and Written submitted by Melanie Janis.

VOTE: 4-for 1-no, motion carried.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:
To take Oath of Office with Linda May, Secretary/Treasurer, Administrating
1. Janice Richards
2. Taylor Little Whiteman
3. Everett Janis

1.13 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS:

PRESIDENT:
Motion by Archie Hopkins to nominate Janice Richards as President for Little Wound School Board, motion by Linda May to cease nomination. VOTE: 4-for 1-no, motion carried.

VICE_PRESIDENT:
Motion by Linda May to nominate Everett Janis for Vice-President for Little Wound School Board, motion by Taylor Little Whiteman to cease nomination, VOTE: 4-for 1-no,motion carried.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:
Motion by Everett Janis to nominate Linda May for Secretary /Treasurer for Little Wound School Board, motion by Taylor Little Whiteman to cease nomination.

VOTE: 4-for 1-no,motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
November 6, 2006 Regular School Board Minutes
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to approve November 6, 2006 Regular meeting minutes with corrections.
VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.

November 20, 2006 Budget Meeting Minutes

Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to approve November 20, 2006 Budget meeting minutes with corrections,
VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS: NONE
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to accept Superintendent Report. VOTE: 5-for motion carried.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:
Submitted by Cole Hunter and Kelcie Brave Eagle
* The Student Council attended a H.S Task Force meeting to discuss the truancy policy, gang violence and substance abuse.

There was a follow-up meeting on November 21, 2006 to brain storm what we are going to do.

*Had a meeting with Linda May to discuss fundraising for lights for the high school football field and replacing the track.

It was decided we will need to get a quote form facilities for the football lights.

*Attended a PRACC (Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce) event on November 30, 2006.(Aboriginal Women Group).

Up-coming Plans

*Participating in Family fun Night

*Organizing a Blood Drive on December 6, 2006, we would like the School Board members to give blood.

*We would also like to plan on giving Christmas gift baskets to the senior citizens.

Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to accept the Student Council report. VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.

OLD BUSINSSS:
a.Policy Amendment /School Board Stipends 1.22

Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Everett Janis to accept the Amendment on School Board compensation. VOTE: 3-for 2-no, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:
a.Signature Cards

Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve the new signature cards.

VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.

School board can approve them tonight and come in and sign them when we receive them as they weren't in as of today.

Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to Amend the 4.28 Policy. VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.

CONSULTANTS:
NONE

TRAVEL:
Travel for the month of December was approved at the November Budget Meeting

PERSONNEL
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to go into executive session at 7:21pm

VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.

Declare to come out of executive session at 8:15pm

TECHNOLOGY
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer a contract to Edwin Harris as Network Administrator with stipulations.

VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.

ELEMENTARY:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to terminate Lakota Partner.

VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.

Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Archie Hopkins to advertise Lakota Partner until filled. VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.

HIGH SCHOOL:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to approve the enrollment for a high school student for to re-enroll 2nd semester. VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.

Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to nominate Angie Reyes for the Lakota Nation Invitational community service award. VOTE: 5-for,0-against,motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to adjourn at 8:20pm
VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
Janice Richards, Little Wound School Board President , Recording Secretary Lh/Pp
Approved on January 4, 2007

Little Wound School Board
Budget Meeting
December 18, 2006

School Board Members Present: Janice Richards, Taylor Little Whiteman, Archie Hopkins, Linda May

School Board Members Absent: None

School Board Members Excused: Everett Janis

Others Present: Linda Hunter, Dorothy Thunder Bull, Morris Brewer, Colleen Sitting Bear, Imogene Roy, Dana Brave Eagle, Audrey Beaudreau, Vieanna Kills Warrior, Iris Gay, Devona Bush, Lillian Cuny, Marcell Bull Bear

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: at 6:13pm by school Board President, Janice Richards

WOCHEKIYE: Given by Archie Hopkins

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve agenda
VOTE: 4-for 1-excused motion carried.

PERSONNEL:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to go into executive session at 6:15pm.VOTE: 4-or 1-excusedmotion carried.
Declare to come out of executive session at 6:45pm.

SUPPORT SERVICES:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to accept the resignation from Chuck Jacobs as Support Services Director.

VOTE: 4-for 1-excused motion carried.

EVALUATIONS:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to accept the extension for the mid year evaluations until December 22, 2006.

Vote : 4-for 1-excused motion carried.

HIGH SCHOOL:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to accept the recommendation for enrollment the (2) two high school students for second semester with conditions as stated. VOTE: 4-for 1-excused motion carried.

EXTRA DUTY:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer a contract to Howard Hunter Jr. for the Elementary Wrestling coach for 2006-07 school year.

VOTE: 3-for 1-no, 1-excused, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to accept the financial report submitted by Lillian Cuny, Acting Business Manager. VOTE: 4-for 1-excused motion carried.

SIGNATURE CARDS
Were signed by the newly elected school board members:
Janice Richards, President; Everett Janis, Vice-President; Linda May, Secretary/Treasurer; Taylor Little Whiteman, Member ; Archie Hopkins, Member

AMEND SCHOOL BOARD LINE ITEM:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve Pg. 6 of Financial report to increase Board stipend and travel line item (Carry over / indirect cost).

VOTE: 4-for 1-excused motion carried.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to bring back supervisor reports to the January meeting.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-apposed, 1-excused, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:
a.Up-date on High School gym and floor/ Linda Hunter

Marcel Bull Bear Information on January 27-28, 2007 for the Winter Pow-wow.

b.I.H.S School Based Clinic/ Audrey Beaudreau

Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to table the collaborative agreement with I.H.S and to bring info. back to January Regular meeting.

VOTE: 4-for 0-against, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:
a.Request to conduct survey Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the request to survey to 6th-7th and 8th grade students (work with Middle School Principal)

VOTE: 4-for 1-excused motion carried.

*Devonna Bush / Questionnaire on student behavior and attitude, Identifying behaviors student participation will be held in a confidential manner.

b.Out of State Travel request

Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to approve the Chadron Nebr. Travel for the Little Wound School Powwow Group. VOTE: 4-for 1-excused motion carried.

Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to table the out of state travel request to Denver, Colo. in March until the Business Manager Paula Pourier returns to work. VOTE: 4-for 1-excused, motion carried.

c.Alternative Book orders

Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to approve the purchase request for the Alternative School in the amount of $7,614.53. VOTE: 4-for 1-excused motion carried.

d.Reading Program
(Early Intervention)
No information bring back to January Budget Meeting

CONSULTANTS:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the consultant for Sandra Fox / Corrective Action status from 12-27-06 thru 12-30-06 for the amount of $1,867.40. VOTE: 4-for 1-excused motion carried.

TRAVEL:
January travel was approved at the December budget meeting.

ADJOURNMRNT:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to adjourn at 8:10pm.
VOTE: 4-for 1-excused, motion carried.

Janice Richards, Little Wound School Board President dtb recording Secretary lh/pp
Approved on January 4, 2007

Little Wound School Board
Regular Meeting
January 4, 2007

School Board Members Present: Janice Richards, Everett Janis, Linda May, Archie Hopkins

School Board Members Absent:

School Board Members Excused: Taylor Little Whiteman, who would be a little late.

Others Present: Linda Hunter, Audrey Beaudreau,

WOCHEKIYE: given by Linda May

MEETING CALLED TO OREDER: by Little Wound School Board President, Janice Richards

PERSONNEL:
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis to go into executive session.
VOTE: 4-for o-against, motion carried.
Declare to come out of executive session: at 11:45am

AGENDA:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve agenda.
VOTE: 4-for 1-excused, 0- against, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
December Regular Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve December 4, 2006 regular meeting minutes with corrections.
VOTE: 4-for1-excused, 0-against, motion carried.

December Budget Meeting Minutes
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to approve December 18, 2006 budget meeting minutes with corrections.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, 0-against, motion carried.

Establishing Scholarship Committee:
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to establish a Scholarship Committee consisting of one School Board member, and to have Marla Herman organize and set up criteria & guidelines for the seniors, and give a report at the February Regular Meeting /Little Wound School Board President, Janice Richards to sit on the committee and High School Principal, Dana Brave Eagle and High School Counselor, Peggy Phelps will be advisors.
VOTE: 4-for, 0-against, motion carried.

HIGH SCHOOL:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Archie Hopkins to accept the request for the one high school student to re enroll with stipulations as stated.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, 0-against, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REQUEST:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to accept the request of Superintendent, Linda Hunter not to return for the 2007-08 School year.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, 0-against, motion carried.

Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to advertise for new Superintendent.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, 0-against, motion carried.

*(Note: Charlie Abourezk to check on the legalities of request from Superintendent not to return for 2007-08 school year). at School Boards request.

Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to place the Athletic Director, Wilber Ferguson on the Lakota Nation Invitation Board of Directors.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-abstain, 1-excused, motion carried.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS:
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:
OLD BUSINESS:
a.Amended Organizational Chart

Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve the amended Organizational Chart. VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, 0-against, motion carried.

b.I.H.S School Based Clinic

Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman for Audrey Beaudreau to set up a meeting for a School Based Clinic with Carol Parker.
VOTE: 3-for, 2-excused, 0-against, motion carried.

Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman to move the January Budget meeting to January 22, 2007 at 6:00 pm, no second, motion died.

Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Archie Hopkins to table the Technology Audits (2) until the Budget Meeting.VOTE: 3-for, 2-excused, 0-against, motion carried.

Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Archie Hopkins to table the January Budget meeting until January 22, 2007 @ 6:00pm due to the Holiday on January 15, 2007.VOTE: 3-for, 2-excused,0-against,motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:
a.1st Semester Reporting Criteria /Tom Allen

CONSULTANTS:
none

TRAVEL:
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve travel for the month of January.
VOTE: 3-for, 2-excused, 0- against, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Archie Hopkins to adjourn at 1:03pm.
VOTE: 3-for, 2-excused, 0-against, motion carried.

Janice Richards, Little Wound School Board President Dtb, Recording Secretary
Pp/ Lh Approved on February 19, 2007 School Board Meeting

Little Wound School Board
Special Meeting
January 19, 2007

School Board Members Present: Taylor Little Whiteman, Janice Richards, Linda May, Everett Janis, Archie Hopkins

School Board Members Absent:

School Board Members Excused:

Others Present: Audrey Beaudreau, Linda Hunter, Carol Parker

WOCHEKIYE: Given by Everett Janis

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: @ 10:15am by Little Wound School Board President, Janice Richards

AGENDA: Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to approve agenda
VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

SCHOOL BASED CLINIC:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Everett Janis to approve a pre-clearance Inter- Agency agreement with I.H.S to provide services to Little Wound School.
VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to adjourn @ 10:45pm
VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

Janice Richards, Little Wound School Board President Lh/ Recording Secretary

Little Wound School Board
Budget Meeting
January 22, 2007

School Board Members Present: Taylor Little Whiteman, Everett Janis, Linda May, Janice Richards, Archie Hopkins

School Board Members Absent: None

School Board Members Excused: None

Others Present: Linda Hunter, Dorothy Thunder Bull, Paula Pourier, Cecelia Haas, Anne Hunter, Anne Montileaux, Imogene Roy, Dana Brave Eagle, Theresa Mendoza, Geraldine Lujun, Morris Brewer, Cole Hunter, Kelsie Brave Eagle .

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: by Little Wound School Board President, Janice Richards at 6:05pm

WOCHEKIYE: Given by Taylor Little Whiteman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Everett Janis to approve agenda .
VOTE: 5-for 0-Against, motion carried.

PERSONNEL:
Motion Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to go into executive session at 6:08pm
VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried. Declare to come out of executive session @ 7:45pm

ELEMENTARY:
1.Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to involuntarily place Donna Hornbeck to the Alternative School. VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

2. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Everett Janis to advertise the Student Assistant position until filled. VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

MIDDLE SCHOOL :
1. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to accept the resignation from Thomas Anderson as Social Studies Teacher. VOTE: 5-for -0-against, motion carried.

2. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to advertise the Social Studies Teacher until filled.VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

SPECIAL SERVICES:
1.Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to offer Amanda Clifford a contract as a Mentor for the 06-07 school year. VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

2.Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the transfer request for Sheryl Janis to SPED Student Assistant.
VOTE: 4-for 1-abstain ,0 - against, motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION:
1.Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to accept the High School student enrollment request for the 4 students and High School Principal will check on the 1 student's status after meeting with Peggy Phelps, H.S Counselor.
VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

EXTRA DUTY:
1.Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to advertise all Fall Sports
VOTE: 5-for 0-againt motion carried.

Archie Hopkins states that according to policy the Athletic Director must do Evaluations on all coaches and sponsors before advertised. VOTE: 5-0-againt, motion carried.

2. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Archie Hopkins to offer a contract to Marla Herman as the High School Scholastic Sponsor.
VOTE: 5-for 0-against. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to terminate the Junior Class Sponsor. VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

4. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to advertise for Junior Class Sponsor for two weeks.VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to accept the financial report given by Paula Pourier, Business Manager.
VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.

a. Quote for new file server. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Everett Janis to approve the request for a new File Server in the amount of $6,863.00 for the Business Office.
VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.

b.Budget Revision
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to approve the Budget Revision submitted by Business Manager, Paula Pourier. VOTE: 5-for 0-against,motion carried.

c. Calendar/
Paula Pourier Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the calendar change of dates ,recommended by Principals to change the High School Graduation date to May 24, 2007, Middle School and Kindergarten to May 23,2007, and Staff last day to May 31,2006.
VOTE: 5-for,0-against,motion carried.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: (Taylor Little Whiteman excuses himself form meeting at 8:50 p.m.)

Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to accept the Supervisors Reports.
VOTE: 4-for 1-excused, motion carried.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:
Motion By Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to accept the Student Council Report submitted by Cole Hunter, and Kelsie Brave Eagle.
VOTE: 4-for ,1-excused, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:
a.Technology Assessment Proposals:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to accept the Technology Assessment Proposal for OCETI Sakowin.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-not voting, 1-excused, motion carried.

OCETI Sakowin-$8,288.00
OSEC-TY-$15,609.00

Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis for Anne Hunter to bring Tech. Plan that was approved a few years ago to the next regular mtg. on February 5, 2007.
VOTE: 4-for,1-excused,o against,motion carried.

b. SPED Early Intervention ,OCETI Agreement

Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to accept the SPED Early Intervention Children's Care contract Recommended by Anne Montileaux, Special Education Director.
VOTE: 4-for 1-excused, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:
a. Psychological Ser vices: Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve the Fondness Consulting Services for Special Ed. Program, for January 29-31, 2007 not to exceed $2,273.80 VOTE: 4-for 1-excused, motion carried.

Anne Montileaux will bring more information at February Regular Meeting.

CONSULTANTS:
NONE

TRAVEL:
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to approve travel for the month of February, VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to adjourn at 9:51 pm. VOTE: 4-for, 1-excusedd,motion carried.
Janice Richards, Little Wound School President Dtb/ Recording secretary

Little Wound School Board
Special Meeting
February 19, 2007

School Board Members Present: Janice Richards, Everett Janis, Taylor Little Whiteman, Linda May, Archie Hopkins

School Board Members Absent:

School Board Members Excused:

Others Present: Linda Hunter, Dorothy Thunder Bull, Morris Brewer, Amelia Blackbear, Betty Robertson, Suzanne White Lance, Edwina Brown Bull, Edgar Fire Thunder Jr. Jeanette Lays Hard, Lana Christensen, Clint May, Terry Albers, Paula Pourier

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: at 3:32 pm by Janice Richards, School Board President

WOCHELIYE: Given by Archie Hopkins

AGENDA:
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to approve the Agenda for the Special Meeting.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve the January 4, 2007 regular Meeting Minutes with corrections.
VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to approve January 19, 2007 Special Meeting with corrections.
VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to approve January 22, 2007 Budget Meeting minutes.
VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

Amendment of Special Meeting Agenda
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to amend the Special School Board Meeting Agenda and to add Clint May (Roofing up-date) and Scholarship info. on the agenda.
VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:
a. Clint May report on Roofing Project
*Up-date on the roofing project and High school gym floor

b. Scholarship information /Linda Hunter

*As a scholarship coordinator, I get the information through mail or email and get the information out to the students by posters and around the school and announcements over the loudspeaker system. The student gets the applications from me and fills out the information and gets the application back to me before the deadlines. I then compile, copy and make packets of the applications for the scholarships committee.

The scholarship committee in the high school consists of 9 department heads in these areas; Science, Math, English, Social Studies, Art, PE/health, computer, vocational, Lakota Language. The committee meets to decide on scholarship recipients when needed. I (Peggy) serve as the coordinator of the committee to set up the time, place and contact the members. I also get the scholarships organized and the criteria for each one documented and this information goes to the committee. The scholarship committee was set up this way because the teachers are the ones that know the senior students in the academic, athletic, and leadership roles. They are in contact with the students all day for years while they attended Little Wound High School. They see the student in a different perspective than I see the student.

I don't vote on the committee unless there is a tie, but with 9 members that is not often.

The Principal or instructional service irector has never served on the committee. They don't know who gets the scholarship until graduation day.

This system has seemed to work for the last 7 years.

Some suggestions to improve the committee might be to include the school board, and the athletic director for the extracurricular activities the students are involved with and the Dean of students for behavior and attendance of the students. Another improvement would be to include an essay about what the student goals are and how the scholarships would benefit them on the applications. We might look at having short interviews with the students on certain scholarships.

Please see attached letters of information about scholarship committee.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS:
Linda May - ONEC
*Information on ONEC meeting that she attended

Taylor Little Whiteman -
*Information on the ONEC Meeting attended /election of officers
*Pierre Mtg.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to accept the Superintendent Report.
VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.
*Attended the Little Wound School Board 1st Semester retreat, held in Deadwood South Dakota on February 2, 3, 4 we received good information from the supervisors.
*The regular School Board meeting was cancelled; a special meeting will be scheduled to accommodate the regular board agenda items.
*Held weekly Principals Meeting ,items of discussions include:
" Professional Development
" NASIS
" Valentines Festivities
" The flu and colds and what measures are being taken
" Schedules of M.S games and the High School activities
" Snow Days /Phone Tree
" Met with individual Principals on numerous student concerns
" Attended a meeting with ELO in Pine Ridge, topics discussed NASIS Testing, Monitoring, Calendars, etc.
" Attended a working session on AYP in Pierre,S.D ,Ted Hamilton will send the finished product to me ,also the committee is asking board to send a letter to Mr. Dowd to meet in South Dakota with the committee and boards.
" Up- Coming Events / Districts games for high School Boys and Girls
" Policy Reviews
" ONEC

CONSULTANTS:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the consultant for High School RE: Christopher Grant at $1,500.00.
VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to approve the consultant request from Terry Albers for Art Fisher at $ 6,000.00.
VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to adjourn at @ 5:45pm.
VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried
Janice Richards, Little Wound School Board President
Lh /Pp

Little Wound School Board
Budget Meeting
February 19, 2007

School Board Members Present: Janice Richards, Everett Janis, Taylor Little Whiteman, Linda May, Archie Hopkins

School Board Members Absent:

School Board Members Excused:

Others Present: Linda Hunter, Dorothy Thunder Bull, Paula Pourier, Amelia Blackbear, Terry Albers, Clint May, Susan Big Crow, Kelli Eagle Elk

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: at 6:00 pm by Janice Richards, Little Wound School Board President.

WOCHEKIYE: given by Archie Hopkins

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve agenda.
VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to accept the Financial Report given by Paula Pourier, Business Manager. VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

a. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the line item amendment of $10,000 into school board expenditures requested by Paula Pourier, Business Manager.

VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

b. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to put $30,000.00 into Facilities account from the General Fund. Vote: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to accept the Supervisors Reports. VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Service Contract/ Special Education

Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to accept the contract for Ruth Fodness with the changes and not to exceed $20,000.00.

1. Change the State of South Dakota to Oglala Sioux Tribe
2. Not to exceed 15 days of service at $30.00 per hour.
3. Mileage reimbursement at Little Wound School rate

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Request for High School gym floor / Clint May

Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Everett Janis to approve the request for a gym floor covering at $18, 281.00 from Signature Flooring. . VOTE: 5-for 0-against, motion carried.

CONSULTANTS:

Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to approve the consultants for Terry Albers (BHSU) Teacher Learning Center. at $19,000.00

VOTE: 5-for-0-against, motion carried.

Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the consultant for Leola One Feather for Middle School. at $ 1,900.00

VOTE: 5-for 0- against, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to adjourn at 7:05 pm

VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.

Janice Richards, Little Wound School Board President

Lh/ Pp

MINUTES

(Unapproved)
Shannon County

School Board Meeting
March 13, 2007
Batesland, SD
MINUTES

The Shannon County School Board held a special meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2007 at Batesland, South Dakota, for the purpose of considering administrative contracts and authorizing to proceed with classified negotiations President Eagle Bull called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Members present: Angie Eagle Bull, Ruth Cummings, Melvin Cummings, Chuck Conroy, Todd O'Bryan

Others present: Dr. Margo Heinert, Superintendent, MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager, Vickie Grant, Assessment Coordinator

All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

7187 Approval of Agenda Motion by Conroy, seconded by M. Cummings to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.

7188 School Improvement Vickie Grant informed the Board about the District and Building Level School Improvement process and continued plans for improvement. Additional meetings are scheduled with staff and community members to inform them of the process and obtain feedback accordingly.

7189 Executive Session Motion by Conroy, seconded by M. Cummings to go into executive session at 6:05 p.m. Motion carried. President Eagle Bull declared executive session ended at &;56 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

7190 High School Consultants Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by R. Cummings to request the high school consultants to wait until the new superintendent is hired before proceeding with plans for the district's high school. Motion carried.

7191 SCCEA Negotiations Motion by R.Cummings, seconded by Conroy to begin negotiations on March 22, 2007 and name the district's negotiations team as Board Members Angie Eagle Bull and Melvin Cummings; MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager, and Margo Heinert, Superintendent. Motion carried.

7192 2007-08 Administrators' Contracts Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to offer administrator contracts for 2007-08 with salary increases, as follows: Business Manager, Maurice Twiss, Federal Programs Director; Vickie Grant, Director of School Improvement & Assessment and Data Collection; Loretta Giago, Pre K-4 Principal at Wolf Creek; Bob Hall, Pre K-5 Principal at Rockyford; Monica Whirwind Horse, 6-8 Principal at Rockyford; Robert Two Crow, Director of Lakota Studies and Social Sciences; Myron Pourier, Director of Transportation and Facilities Management; Ted Hanson, Special Education Director, a nd Dana Christensen, Technology Director. Administrators were given a 3% increase in salary with the exception of the Business Manager, Special Education Director, Wolf Creek Pre K-4 Principal, Rockyford 6-8 Principal, who were given lump increases from $51,000 to $55,000. Motion carried.

7193 Student Support Motion by Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to offer a contract to Darrell Eagle Bull as Director of Student Support and Intervention as a district-wide position with an 8% salary increase, due to added responsibilities. Motion carried, four voted yes. Eagle Bull abstained.

7104 Authorization to Advertise Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by M. Cummings to advertise for the following administrative positions: Pre K-5-8 Principal at Batesland; 5-8 Principal at Wolf Creek; and Principal/Teacher at Red Shirt. Motion carried.

7195 Adjournment Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by O'Bryan to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed, MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager Approved by the board this 26th day of March, 2007. Signed, Andrea Eagle Bull, President.

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NOTICES

Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court
Rosebud Sioux Reservation
Rosebud, South Dakota

NOTICE OF HEARING

In the Matter of Guardianship of Zachary Lapointe, a Minor.

To all interested parties: Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held upon the above-captioned matter on the 23rd day of April, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. o'clock in the courtroom of the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court in Rosebud, South Dakota. Entered this 20th day of February, 2007.

By the Tribal Court Judge

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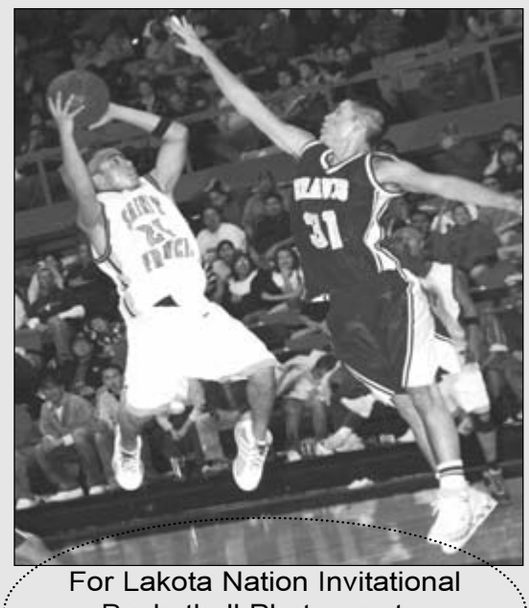
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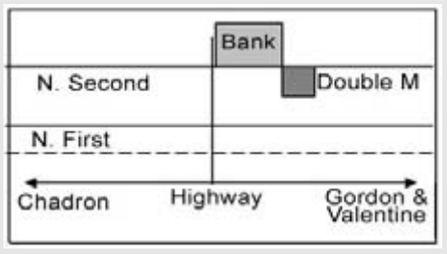
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Shannon County School District #65-1 is submitting an application for 07-08 year for funding under the Title VII of the Indian Education Act. A public hearing will be at Batesland Administration office.
The time and date of the hearing will be
10:00 am Tuesday, April 10, 2007.
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This is a year contract which may be renewed on an annual basis if funding permits. The Independent Contractor will support the work of the members and assist in the creation of regional collaborative groups throughout the state. The Independent Contractor must be motiviated, proactive, and organized. Interested individuals should have knowledge of the nine South Dakota tribes, and experience in child welfare and community organizing.

Applicants should also have strong leadership, interpersonal, writing, analysis, and budget skills. Preference will be given to candidates with knowledge of and experience with The Circle. In-state travel will be required and applicants must have reliable transportation. Interested and qualified individuals should send a cover letter and resume, including three business related references, postmarked by March 31, 2007, to:

Susan Dubray
Alternate Co-Chair of the Collaborative Circle
PO Box 604
Pine Ridge, SD 57770.

Little Wound School

Kyle, South Dakota

JOB VACANCIES

(03-06-07)

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2006-2007 school term:

High School Dept.
Principal

Middle School Dept.
Principal
Lakota Language Teacher
P.E. Teacher

Elementary Dept.
Principal
Student Assistant

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OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Superintendent
Personnel Director
K-12 Social Worker
Center Based Aide

Extra-duty positions Open until filled (76)

High School: 1)Boys BB Coach 2)Boys BB JV Coach 3)Boys BB Cheerleading 4)Girls BB Coach 5)Girls BB JV Coach 6)Girls BB Fresh Coach 7)Girls BB Cheerleading 8)FB Coach 9)FB Assist. 10)FB Assist. 11)FB Cheerleading 12)VB Coach 13)VB Assist. 14)Cross Country Coach 15)Cross Country Assist. 16)Boy's Golf Coach 17)Boy's Golf Assist 18)Girls Golf Coach 19)Girls Golf Assist. 20)Track Coach 21) Track Assist. 22)Wrestling Coach 23)Wrestling Assist. 24)Rodeo Club Sponsor 25)Boxing Club Sponsor 26)Boxing Club Sponsor 27)National Honor Society 28) Student Council 29)Student Council 30)Oral Interpretation Sponsor 31)Co-Oral Interpretation Sponsor 32)Senior Class Sponsor 33)Senior Class Sponsor 34)Junior Class Sponsor 35)Junior Class Sponsor 36)Sophomore Class Sponsor 37)Freshman Class Sponsor 38)Handgame Sponsor 39)Yearbook Sponsor 40)Competitive Dance Sponsor

Middle School: 41)FB Coach 42)FB Assist. 43)Football Assist. 44)FB Cheerleading 45)Boys BBall Coach 46)Boys BBall Assist 47)Boys BB Bo-Assist. 48)Girls BBall Coach 49)Girl's BB Assist 50)Girls BBall Assist 51)Volleyball Coach 52) CrossCountry Coach 53) CrossCountry Assist 54)Track Coach 55)Track Assist 56)MS/Elem Boxing Club Sponsor 57)Boys BB Cheerleading 58)Girls BB Cheerleading 59)Wrestling Coach 60)Wrestling Assist. 61)Softball Coach 62) Softball Assist 63) Student Council 64)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 65)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 66)K-8 Rodeo Club Sponsor 67)MS/Elem Hand Game Sponsor 68)8th Grade Sponsor 69)Competitive Dance Sponsor

Elementary: 70)Elementary Rodeo Club Sponsor 71)Wrestling Coach 72)Wrestling Assist. 73)Girl Scout Sponsor 74)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 75)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 76)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178.
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Oglala Sioux Tribe
Department of Public Safety

PO Box 300
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Phone: 605-867-5141

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Positions:

Lieutenant of police (1 position)	Central Precinct	(638)	DPS# 07-003
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Sergeant of Police(2 position)	Central Precinct	(638)	DPS# 07-006
Sergeant of Police(2 position)	Eastern Precinct	(638)	DPS# 07-007

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Open: Wednesday, March 14, 2007
Close: Wednesday March 28, 2007
Program:OST Department of Public Safety
Location:Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD

How To Apply:

Submit an OST-DPS Application of employment to the OST Department of Public Safety's Human Resource Office, no later than 4:30 pm of the closing date. Mailed in applications post marked on the closing date will be accepted. Please have the following required documents when applying for these positions: i.e., Valid Driver's License, high school diploma/GED certificate, Social Security card, (3) letters of reference, Degree of Indian Blood if claiming Indian Preference and DD-214 (long form) if claiming Veterans Preference, college transcripts/degrees,also any certificates pertaining to these positions.

All incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

For more information please call the OST-DPS Human Resource Office, @605-867-5141

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- NOTICE TO PATIENTS -

Rosebud Comprehensive Health Care Facility (Rosebud Hospital)
Business Office / Patient Registration / Contract Health

ELIGIBILITY FOR DIRECT CARE:

To be eligible for Direct Care at Rosebud IHS Hospital (RBCHCF) you must meet the following criteria:

1) Be an ENROLLED MEMBER OR DESCENDENT OF AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF a Federally Recognized Tribe/Nation of the United States LIVING within the United States. Canadian/MEXICAN tribal members are not eligible UNLESS APPROPRIATELY DESIGNATED IN THE SEVERAL TRIBES WITH COMMON BOUNDARIES.

2) Proof of eligibility is to be provided when you present to the clinic FOR THE FIRST TIME. HOWEVER, if required documentation of proof is not made available AT THE FIRST VISIT, IT MUST BE PROVIDED AT the next visit or within 30 days OF THE VISIT OR services will not be allowed at Rosebud IHS Hospital (Rosebud) UNTIL PROOF IS PROVIDED.

If enrolled: then you must provide proof of eligibility in the form of:
1. Tribal document which contains an enrollment number and degree of Indian Blood
2. and birth certificate
3. And social security card
4. BIA certification of descendant

If not enrolled, then you must provide proof of lineage in the form of:
1. Tribal document of parent/grandparent
2. and birth certificate(s) proving lineage
3. And social security card
4. BIA certification of descendant

It is the responsibility of the patient to obtain this proof.
All proof must be in original form.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTRACT HEALTH:

You may be eligible for Contract Health Care. This is care provided away from Rosebud IHS Hospital (Rosebud)

1. You must first meet the DIRECT CARE REQUIREMENTS AND you must reside within the Contract Health Service Delivery Area of Rosebud Hospital.
2. The Contract Health Service Delivery Area for Rosebud is Bennett, Gregory, Lyman, Mellette, Todd, and Tripp Counties of South Dakota. Also covered is Cherry county only in Nebraska. You must be a permanent resident verified by rent and utility, or employment verification.

NON-Indian Beneficiaries

Any non-Indian woman pregnant with an eligible Indian's child will be required to show proof that she is eligible for prenatal and postpartum services/care BY PRESENTING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
1. Proof of Marriage
2. Paternity Affidavit or Notarized statement from the eligible male that she is pregnant with his child. This must be provided for each pregnancy.

Rosebud IHS Hospital (Rosebud) Emergency Room Services:

When a patient registers for Emergency Services, every patient will receive an MSE (Medical Screening Evaluation) to determine if a medical emergency exists and may not be treated in the Emergency Room if the provider determines there is not an emergency condition at that time. Those non-emergent patients will be referred back to the Rosebud IHS Hospital (Rosebud) Clinic to set up an appointment with their primary (non-emergent) health care issues. Those Non-Emergent Non-Beneficiaries will be referred to the Health Care Facility of their choice.

The emergency room is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week with either onsite or on call staff.

EFFECTIVE MAY 01, 2006, ALL PATIENTS ACCESSING CARE AT ROSEBUD WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY FOR DIRECT AND CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES. THIS ALLOWS THE ROSEBUD IHS TO UPDATE OUR DATA BASE TO ENSURE THE INFORMATION WE HAVE CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY IS CURRENT AND CORRECT. ANY DOCUMENTATION NOT RECEIVED BY THE 2ND VISIT OR WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE PATIENT WAS NOTIFIED THE DOCUMENTATION WAS NEEDED OR THE PATIENT WILL BE IDENTIFIED AS "INELIGIBLE" AND WILL BE UNABLE TO RECEIVE SERVICES AT ROSEBUD IHS UNTIL THE DOCUMENTATION IS PROVIDED. AS SOON AS THE DOCUMENTATION IS RECEIVED AND VERIFIED, SERVICES FOR WHICH THE PATIENT IS ELIGIBLE WILL RESUME.

I greatly appreciate your patience, understanding, and assistance to ensure Rosebud IHS Hospital is serving all patients that are eligible for both direct and contract health care.
If you have any questions, please call 605-747-2231 or 605-747-3236.

Shelly R Harris, CEO
Rosebud IHS Hospital

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Your brother Robert Apple

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to my grandchildren,
Heaven and Junior and my daughter
Kimberley Apple Shangreaux!
Hope you're all okay and are still
hanging tough. I love you all.
Love, Dad, Grandpa

Happy Belated Valentine's Day to my cousin Gina Apple. I know you're out there and I wanted you to know I said, "What's up with that? Keep up the good things you're doing.

Happy Birthday
Jason Drapeaux Sr.
on March 25th
Have a wonderful day baby!
Thanks for being a great companion
and father.
Just loving you always,
Your one and only,
Jenn and kids

**Happy 2nd Birthday
to my baby girl
Mariah LaRose Janis
on March 23rd
keep smiling...
I Love You baby!!!
Always,
Mama**

We would like to say happy birthday to Stan
on 3/23/07
how old are u again? Have fun
Lil June, Woni,Laila & Lainna

Happy Birthday to Jason Drapeaux
You are a great son in law and hope
you have a grand weekend!
Win Something!
Amanda

Happy birthday to my
Unci Floida Jealous on March 22,
Hope you have a wonderful year.
Love your loving Granddaughter,
Regaleen Little Killer

Happy birthday
Karen Walking 3/15/07,
Wishing you the best on your special day.
You have been through a lot, but you're a
very courageous & strong Lakota woman,
Stay that way Have fun at the casino
Love & Prayers yur cuz, Nicoleen

Happy birthday to your dad
Stanley Gve Jr. who will be 24 on
3/20, hope it's a good one lots of love
xoxoxo your girls Laila & Lainna

Happy 18th b-day
Otto from mom, James, Elwood & all
your M-town Bros, sis, and the rest of
the family

And to another little sister,
Joan One Horn out in No Flesh, keep
on smiling, girl, and it is great to hear
your laughter.
From Rob Apple and my entire clan

Happy birthday to my lil sis
Tiana happy 12th birthday love
Shiniya



Happy Belated Valentine's Day
to my beautiful wife
Sophia Apple.
I thank you for every day
you're there for me and my
family. I love you and will be
there for you. Keep on smiling.
Your husband
Robert Apple

Happy 5Th Birthday to our son:
Hayden D. Bear Heels (3-19)
Love Mom & Dad
Jerilyn & Donovan Bear Heels

Happy Birthdays
to my babies.
Kimberley Jo Apple,
Carrie Marie Apple,
Whisper Rose Apple
Leah Marie Apple.
Love, Dad

Happy 9Th Birthday to our daughter:
Kallie R. Walking Eagle/Bear Heels
(3-12)
Love, Jerilyn & Donovan Bear Heels
Hope you had a good birthday!

**Happy 8th months To My Beautiful
Daughter Soraya Lynn Arcoren who
came into my life on July 24th,2006
You are already crawling at 5 months
and already have your Two cute teeth
now I love u more then ever. You are my
love & joy everyday. Love u -A-whole
BUNCH. Your Mommy-4-ever
Shye Lyn Spirit Tracl
Daddy Stevens Arcoren**

Happy Birthday to our Auntie:
Pasqueletta Walking Eagle (3-24)
Love all your nieces & nephews
We love you no matter how old you are!!

To my beautiful daughter Vanessa Jade,
I love you so very much and will be here
for you ALWAYS. Be strong!
You are carrying a beautiful gift!
Mommy

Happy Memorial birthday to our brother
Clint LH on April 11th ,
he would've been 22 yrs. old on this day,
we miss you everyday that your not with
us..... You'll always be in our heart. love
Tasha, Tiara & Chris M.

**Happy Birthday to
my grandma
Ruby Clifford on 03-16-07
we love you very much,
Randlyn & Ryder Tobacco**

Happy Belated Birthday to our Grandpa:
Maynard Wright (3-05)
Love: Kallie, Hayden, Santanna,
Jeremy, Kim, & Kashawn

Happy birthday 2 my sis-
ter inlaw Karlyn Janis
who will 2 on 3/20, hope
you have a blast girl
Woni, Laila & Lainna



Happy Belated Valentine's Day
to my little sister
Diane Mousseaux and her daughters.
Hang in there and stay strong. I love you
all. Rob

Happy belated b-day to our # grandma Cheryl
Joy on 2-21,
just want you to know we love you so much
and thankful for all you have done for us.

Happy 21st b-day auntie
Lorie
from: Kai Jacob AKA Cookie

*Happy 24th b-day on 3-20 to the
love of my life,
Stan jr.
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Anthony Chance Hopkins
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Todd County High School Lockdown

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

MISSION - The 2006-07 school year at Todd County High School has been grueling for principal, Victoria Sherman. Sherman graduated out of Oglala Lakota College in Kyle in the administrative career track and in her second year out she has been immersed in the more challenging and unexpected features of educational administration.

The high school has received a total of 12 bomb threats and one recent shooting threat. It is almost routine, anymore, as many times the public, community and parents are not immediately aware of any impending threats until students arrive at home and announce that their day included having to evacuate their building or having been "locked down" and not allowed to leave the confines of their particular classroom.

According to a press release from Rosebud Police Chief, Charles Red Crow, last Tuesday, officers and special agents from the Rosebud Law Enforcement Services responded to a 9-1-1 call from administrators at Todd County High School that a threatening note had been found. It said that everyone one was going to be shot dead at 12:30 p.m.



Officers contacted school administrators and had them lock down the school and no was allowed near the windows. Faculty and students were "locked down" for a total of three hours while officers arrived on the scene and established a perimeter. No one was allowed in or out of the building. Special Agent Martell took charge of traffic on the north side of the building and fielded questions about the incident from the Lakota Country Times.. He said that as soon as the

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Oglala Sioux Tribe update:
Senator Thune's staff visit Pine Ridge

Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - Members of Senator John Thune's South Dakota staff spent Monday and Tuesday on Pine Ridge Reservation to get a first hand look at the tribe's most important needs and to visit with a variety of tribal programs, chartered organizations, community leaders and elders to hear about concerns and issues.

Jeannie Faber, out of the Sioux Falls office and Sandy Massy, out of Rapid City, visited the Lakota Express, Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce, the Lakota Fund, Anpetu Luta Otipi, Oglala Sioux Parks and Recreation Authority, Oglala Sioux Rural Water Supply System and Oglala Nation Education Coalition on Monday.

"We were acting as Senator Thune's eyes and ears," said Sandy Massy who has worked for the Senator out of Rapid City for the four years he was in the House and the last two in the Senate, "the trip was very well organized out of Donna Salomon's office and we were treated very well; you always hear about the struggles and difficulties and about the poor conditions, this trip focused on the positive, about development that was going on and we had a chance to talk to people who have such a heart to work for the people."

On Tuesday, Thune's staff stopped in at the OSRWSS Operation and Maintenance office in Pine Ridge, met with John Steele at the Red Cloud building, met with elders including Chief Oliver Red Cloud, Fred Sitting Up and Vincent Black Feather, met with tribal program directors at Billy Mills Hall, visited the SuAnne Big Crow Boy's and Girl's Club, talked to Solid Waste and OST Environmental Protection, stopped in at the Health Administration at the old hospital and visited the new detention facility south of Pine Ridge.

"Even though I have talked with Jeannie at a number of events around the region, this was their first visit to the Lakota Express in Kyle," said Karlene Hunter, Lakota Express owner, "we struggle as Native American entrepreneurs and its good to see Senator Thune and his staff reaching out more, they are realizing that Indian Country has some political clout and will have an impact down the road."

"We enjoyed hosting Thune's staff, its good to see them make an appearance here on Pine Ridge Reservation," said Ivan Sorbel, executive director of the Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce, "we talked about JOM funding, about the needed development of infrastructure on the reservation and what impact the freezing of earmarked funds has on grant dependent organizations."

Steele puts together management team

Working on the principle of shared responsibility, tribal president, John Steele has put together a management team to work on a variety of issues and areas of concern for the tribe including William Shorty Brewer ansd Mel Lone Hill in criminal investigation and gaming, Dave Pourier in land issues, Donna Salomon in Parks and Recreation, health care tho-

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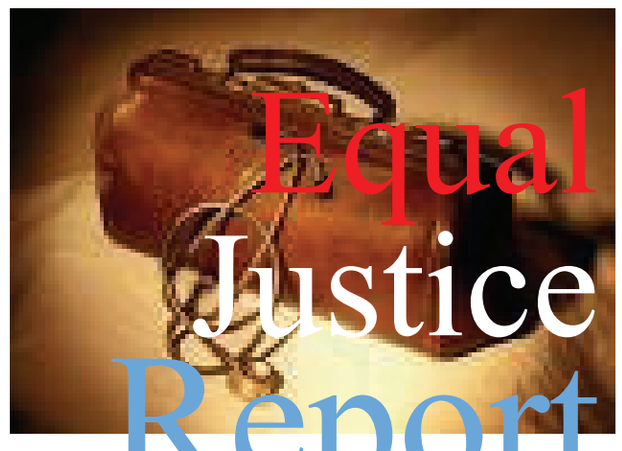
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TWO SECTIONS

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent



When the Equal Justice Commission went out on the road to gather information, "People were skeptical that this report - this commission - was actually going to do anything," said Tracey Fischer, a Sturgis attorney who served as executive director of the EJC.

But South Dakota Supreme Court Justice John K. Konenkamp, who co-chaired the EJC with retired Chief Tribal Judge Patrick A. Lee, "didn't want it to be just another commission," Fischer said. "He wanted to see change."

According to Lynn Sudbeck and Judith Roberts, attorneys with the Unified Judicial System, Konenkamp is getting his wish: change is burgeoning in the court system.

Cultural awareness training for court personnel was a primary recommendation of the committee, Sudbeck said, and in May 2006, judges and circuit court administrators received spring training that included programs covering current trends in Indian law, means of addressing poverty, and cultural competence.

This year clerks and court services officers will receive culture awareness training in April, and court reporters are scheduled to receive the training in the fall, she said.

However, there will not necessarily be a cultural component to training sessions every year. According to Sudbeck, training topics rotate and are repeated when they haven't been presented for a while.

Fischer said she's concerned that UJS will "do training once, and that's it," and new UJS employees won't receive culture-specific training, possibly for years, unless it's incorporated into new-hire orientation.

Judd Thompson, chief court services officer for the Seventh Circuit, said there are currently plans being drawn up for a statewide curriculum for training court services officers, and cultural sensitivity and awareness have been discussed as possible components of that training.

The EJC recommended inviting tribal judges to provide training in cultural competency to state judges and to reestablish the South Dakota State and Tribal Judge Forum. Roberts said the South Dakota Supreme Court is currently taking steps to restore the forum, which has traditionally consisted of three state judges and three tribal judges.

For many years, tribal judges have been invited to attend fall and spring judges' training sessions, Sudbeck said, and the state offers to pay for their room and board. "But we don't get a lot of attendance," she said.

The EJC report also noted an under-representation of Native employees in criminal justice and recommended that the court system make efforts to recruit and hire minority employees. "An impartial system of justice should be as diverse as the people it serves," the report states.

UJS has always sent announcements of openings to tribal courts and tribal administration human resources, Sudbeck said, but now, starting in December 2006, positions are also advertised with Native American colleges and universities. Job listings are also located on the UJS website and accessible to anyone, she said.

Non-English speaking defendants feel particularly disadvantaged in the court system, according to the report. There are no standards for language interpreters, the report notes; state law says interpreters must be "qualified," but the term isn't defined. But Roberts said interpreters are certified by member organizations, and lists of interpreters are kept by clerks and court administrators.

Jeff Krattenmaker, court administrator for the Seventh Circuit, said that the defense attorney determines whether the defendant can communicate and understand what's being said in the courtroom. If not, Krattenmaker will assist the defendant in

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American indians lose Bid
to have Supreme Court step in

By:
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- The Supreme Court on Monday rejected appeals by American Indians to step into a decade-old lawsuit accusing the government of mismanaging more than $100 billion in oil, gas, timber and other royalties from their lands.

The justices declined to disturb an appeals court ruling that removed U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth from the case. The appeals court said Lamberth, who held successive Democratic and Republican Interior Department secretaries in contempt of court, had lost his objectivity in the case.

The court also refused to review another appeals court ruling that reversed Lamberth's order that the Interior Department disconnect its computers from the Internet for failing to provide adequate security for the Indians' trust records.

The class-action suit, filed in 1996 by Blackfeet Indian Elouise Cobell, deals with individual Indians' lands. Several tribes have also sued, claiming mismanagement of their lands.

Earlier this month the government proposed paying $7 billion to settle the lawsuits, but only roughly half of that would go to the plaintiffs. Lawmakers have said they plan hearings on the proposal. The Indians have said they would accept $27.5 billion to end the litigation.

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in finding a qualified interpreter.

One memorable challenge was finding an interpreter for a defendant from a small region of the Sudan who spoke Dinka, Krattenmaker said. But a search produced results. "We were fortunate enough to find a couple of students at the School of Mines who spoke Dinka," he said.

Krattenmaker said he maintains lists of interpreters, and at times uses the Language Line, a 1-800 dial-up service with more than 100 interpreters who can be on the phone rather quickly. "That's how we get by with most of the arraignments," he said.

There are so many variables in each defendant's situation and so many employees involved in the criminal justice process that preventing bias or the perception of bias is likely impossible.

Therefore, it is crucial to address perceived bias on a case-by-case basis, using a bias-free statewide grievance procedure.

Roberts said anyone with a complaint about an employee of the judicial system should start by writing a letter to the presiding judge.

Seventh Circuit Presiding Judge Jeff Davis said that most complaints should first be handled locally, and if a resolution can't be reached, he will direct complainants to contact UJS in Pierre.

Clerks of court have an advisory committee, and court services officers have a statewide organization that helps them to assess situations, Davis said, but "the ultimate administrative authority lies with Chief Justice David Gilbertson" of the South Dakota Supreme Court.

Defendants can file complaints without fear of retaliation from their probation officer or other court personnel, Davis said. "We just would not tolerate a reprisal," he said.

Defendants who feel a judge has been racist need to tell that to their defense attorney, because the attorney will have the opportunity to evaluate the judge. The Judicial Evaluation Committee, established by UJS, sends forms to attorneys, judges, and court personnel asking for their input about the judicial system.

"It's like a checkup - what's the perception out there," Roberts said.

At Gilbertson's request, the Judicial Evaluation Committee has now added a question about racial tolerance to the judicial evaluation form, Roberts said.

Roberts is enthusiastic about the steps UJS has taken to address perceived inequities in the state's courts. "We are committed to making sure there is equality in our judicial system, and I think that is huge," she said. "I'm new, but it's been amazing to see the level of work done to assure that our judicial system is fair and unbiased."

After issuing his 2003 study, Braunstein, with USD Assistant Professor Amy Schweinle, conducted further examination of selected cases from the first study and published findings in the May 2005 South Dakota Law Review.

In the second study, Braunstein again concluded that race did not stand alone as a factor in sentencing decisions; he did find, however, that socioeconomic factors such as income, education, employment, and living arrangements influenced bond-setting, sentence length, and likelihood of probation or suspended impositions.

"It is the case that poor, under-educated and under-employed defendants of both races received harsher treatment than better situated defendants in the system," Braunstein wrote. "Further, it is the case that these factors have a disproportionate impact on American Indians in South Dakota criminal justice."

Look for further exploration of race and criminal justice in future issues of Lakota Country Times.

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reauthorization and family and children issues and Paul Iron Cloud in Public Safety and Education components.

Paul Iron Cloud is representing John Steele's office in Minneapolis at a tribal justice meeting while Shorty Brewer and Mel Lone Hill are in Phoenix attending the National Indian Gaming Association conference and will, along with other Sioux tribes, meet with the Seminole Tribe of Florida on Class II gaming.

Last week President Steele was asked to testify before the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, in particular about housing. During the testimony, John talked about overcrowding, lack of home repair, homelessness, lack of affordable housing for working people, home improvement funds, infrastructure development, new initiatives and the reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act. While in Washington, John testified before the Senate Appropriations committee on funding for Oglala Sioux Rural Water Supply System, it looks good for a $9.1 million increase in Rural Water funding.

A swearing in ceremony for the Steele/Brewer administration was held on Dec. 5 at OLC's Piya Wiconi center with the possibility of an inauguration down the road. John has expressed interest in having something in each district and using that as a way to help the districts to work together while Shjorty has talked about doing inauguration ceremonies at the SuAnne Center east of Pine Ridge.

Bush in at Housing, Director's job advertised again

Ken Lone Elk's contract as executive director ended on Tuesday, March 27; the housing board decided to put Joy Bush in as acting director and re-advertise the director's position for 30 days.

"We have a monitoring report from HUD that we really have to deal with," said Eileen Janis, board member from Pine Ridge Village, "we really need better policies and procedures especially in the area of procurement and we need to improve the number of houses that we complete, both those renovated and the building of new homes."

Disagreements between the architects and sub-contactors have slowed down the completion of log home project, 27 home ownership houses and disagreements between board members and the board and executive director have slowed down the Ellsworth home project.

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building was secure, Chief Red Crow would be available for comment.

Red Crow wrote, "A search of personnel and students was conducted in a non-intrusive manner by tribal officers and special agents. No weapons were found during the search and the school was cleared from the threat. Students and staff were then allowed to leave their classrooms."

A couple of students reportedly used their cell phones to call their parents and were noticeably anxious and upset at having to be confined in their classrooms.

The latest "lock down" at TCHS occurred just one day prior to the anniversary of the Red Lake high school in Minnesota where a student killed 10 people and injured 15 others before taking his own life.

The incident also further underscored the negative publicity that was generated previously when a USA Today article included TCHS in their list of the 30 most "persistently dangerous" schools in the nation. The article did note, however, that schools which consistently do a good job of reporting all incidences both minor and major are candidates for the list. Some larger schools which, in fact, are dangerous do not make the list because they fail to properly document all reports of bad behavior.

On March 21, Principal Victoria Sherman wrote a memorandum to parents and guardians in which she said, "No student or staff member will be allowed the use of a cell phone or email during an incident. Also should you call the high school office, no information will be released. You will simply be asked to leave your name and a contact number where you can be reached when and if information is released."

The whole "lockdown" scenario has to be a rather frightening experience for students who have experienced such a large number, however, the accompanying efforts to secure the building and make it safe for students and teachers make it a vitally important function. It is likely followed up with some form debriefing in order to not traumatize such young minds.

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Need a Dress For Prom?

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RED CLOUD - On the dates of March 31 and April 1 only, Natalie's "Boutique" in the Red Cloud Community, is offering a few dreams and lots of smiles to some students that can't afford to buy a prom dress for this year's prom.

From 12:00 noon until 5:00 pm each of those two days, the prom goers can browse the boutique for their own selection. There will be no holds on any items in order to allow first-come, first served.

Natalie's "Boutique" is sponsored by Looks for Buffalo Foundation with generous support from Joye To the World Project. Looks for Buffalo is dedicated to assisting families with no/low income.

For those students who fall under this criteria, they are invited to come to the "boutique" and on a first-come, first served basis will be able to pick from a limited selection of brand new gowns and accessories for Prom.

"Natalie's Boutique" will be at the Floyd and Natalie Hand residence in Red Cloud Community. Directions are:turn north at Mormon Church; 5th house on the right with a white garage.

For further information about this special event call: Natalie Hand at 867-5762.

"The Photographers"

Scheduled for Martin Senior Citizen Center April 4

MARTIN- The Retired Teacher's Association will be sponsoring The Photographers at the Martin Senior Citizen Center on Main Street, Wednesday, April 4 from 2 to 7p.m.

There is no age limit, no quantity limit, and no extra charge for groups. This is a great time to get those special family Easter pictures or even prom pictures.

All ages are welcome from infants to adults with satisfaction guaranteed or deposit refunded. ($5 deposit required at the time the pictures are taken.)

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Regional sports update:

OLC hosts AIHEC men's, women's basketball tourney

Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Oglala Lakota College along with the other South Dakota tribal colleges, Sinte Gleska, Sisseton Wahpeton and Sittling Bull, just completed hosting the 26th annual American Indian Higher Education Consortium conference in Rapid City, now it is time for the men's and women's AIHEC basketball tournaments set for National American University and South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City March 29-April 1.

Pool play gets underway on Thursday for the men at School of Mines at 9 a.m. with Fort Peck playing Turtle Mountain, 10:15 a.m. Chief Dull Knife vs. Blackfeet, 11:30am Oglala Lakota College vs. Little Big Horn, 1 pm Fort Berthold vs. Salish Kootenai, 2:15 p.m. Turtle Mountain vs. Little Big Horn, 3:30 p.m. Chief Dull Knife vs. Northwest Indian College, 4:45 p.m. Fort Berthold vs. Blackfeet, 6 p.m Salish Kootenai vs. Northwest Indian.

Pool play for the women on Thursday at National American University begins at 9:30 a.m. with Little Big Horn vs. Fort Peck, 11am Fort Berthold vs. OLC, 12:30pm Blackfeet vs. Salish Kootenai, 2 p.m Fort Berthold vs. Turtle Mountain, 3:30pm Fort Berthold vs. Salish Kootenai.

Men's pool play on Friday at NAU includes 9 a.m. OLC vs. Turtle Mountain, 10:15am Salish Kootenai vs. Blackfeet, 11:30am fort Peck vs. Little Big Horn, 1 p.m. Chief Dull Knife vs. Fort Berthold, 2 p.m .Fort Peck vs. OLC, 3:30 p.m. Fort Berthold vs. Northwest Indian, 4:45 p.m. Salish Kootenai vs. Chief Dull Knife and 6pm Blackfeet vs. Northwest Indian,

Women's pool play on Friday includes: 9:30 am Fort Peck vs. Dull Knife, 11 am Blackfeet vs. Fort Berthold, 12:30 pm Little Big Horn vs. Turtle Mountain, 2pm OLC vs. Salish Kootenai, 4pm Little Big Horn vs. Chief Dull Knife, 5:30 p.m. OLC vs. Blackfeet.

Following pool play, there will be a single elimination tournament for both the men and the women at the School of Mines on Saturday starting with the men at 9 a.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m. with the women and with the women's third place game at 2 p.m. Sunday, men's third place game at 3:15 p.m., the women's championship game at 4:30 pm and the men's at 6 p.m.

Last year the AIHEC tourney was hosted by Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan. with Salish Kootenai College defeating Haskell for the men's title and Haskell downing Northwest Indian College for the women's championship.

Oglala Lakota College's men's team is coached by Devonna Lone Wolf and includes Wallace White Dress, Willis Zephier, Dominic Saucedo, Carlin Red Blanket, Dace Thunder Shield, Eugene Swift Hawk, Steve Yellow Hawk, Vern Weston, Jeremy Buckman and C. Two Two. Mary Tobacco is the OLC women's coach and includes Sara Buckman, Joni Tobacco, Amber Sierra, TJ Randall, Talona White Woman, Tara Cuny, Leanne Gabalden, Kelsey Brave Eagle, Elaine Yellow Horse, Tate Locust, Weisha White Face, Tyann Pourier and Alberta Wright.

There will be an AIHEC DJ dance at Mother Butler on Friday from 9 p.m .until midnight. .

Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for seniors and children 10 and under are free.

There will also be a number of raffles.

Spring basketball season in full swing

PINE RIDGE - The 19th annual BJ Weston Memorial Pee wee basketball tournament got underway on Monday in Pine Ridge using three different gyms and preparing for 64 teams from around the region in four divisions, 7-9 year olds, 10-12 year olds, 13-15 and for the first time a 16-18 division.

The annual tourney honors the memory of young BJ Weston who was killed by a drunk driver north of Wounded Knee. Bodie Weston, BJ's father, members of the Weston family, Sandy Cuny and a large group of volunteers help to coordinate the double elimination tournaments that will include 120 games over the seven days in Pine Ridge high school gym, Pine Ridge Middle school gym and Red Cloud high school gym with the champions scheduled on Sunday, April 1 in the Pine Ridge high school gym.

This past weekend, youth tournaments were held in Chadron, Neb., Rapid City and Spearfish with several local teams doing well.

The sixth grade Lakota All Stars won the sixth grade division of the Queen City Classic in Spearfish and the seventh grade division of the MDU/Bank West Classic in Rapid City and included Brook Pond, Shania Richard. Tasina Helper, Shalene Zimiga, Danielle Mesteth, Lexi Amiotte, Shalene Richard, Larae Morgan and Frances Around Him, coached by Ted Standing Soldier, Jr. The seventh grade Lakota All Stars won the Queen City Classic and included Alana Brown Bull, Morgan Brewer, Paige Provost, Sharae Brewer, Marissa Around Him, Shaina Mesteth, Kateri Means and Tiara Little with Standing Soldier, Jr. The fifth grade Little Saders won the MDU classic in Rapid City with Christy Sioux Bob, Terra Garnier, Savanna Jensen, Crystal Waters, Santana White Dress, Tia Slow Bear and Cassandra Blunt Horn, coached by Dawn Hernandez and Matt Rama.

In the Chadron Hoopshoot over the weekend, the boys eighth grade team, Mahpiya Luta won their division with. The Pine Ride eighth graders coached by Casey Means won the MDU Classic with a win over St. Thomas More on Sunday.

Little Wound honors Cavaliers in ceremony

RAPID CITY - On Monday, the Little Wound Mustangs traveled to St. Thomas More to honor the Cavaliers, State A champs. Coordinated by adults from both schools, Little Wound and St. Thomas More players had lunch together and then presented each other with gifts.

"We needed to bring some closure to the state championship game when our team left the floor and did not return for their awards," said Dana Brave Eagle, Little Wound principal, "we wanted to honor both the State A champs, the Cavaliers and the Lakota Nation champs the Mustangs and we wanted to let everyone know that it was not a players decision to not come back but an adult decision. The day turned out really well, Dave Hollenbeck and long time coach, Dave Strain expressed an interest in supporting us when we go before the state and their superintendent said he would write a letter of support, the exchange of gifts was really neat."

Little Wound wrapped each Cavalier in a star quilt while St. Thomas More presented each Mustang with a Native Pride cap and t-shirt. Dave and Chekpa Claymore sang an honoring song and a song of encouragement and St. Thomas More presented a drum and a lance made by Nathan Little Wounded. Floyd Brings Plenty, council representative from Oglala/Whiteclay District presented St. Thomas More with a tribal flag and words of encouragement.

St. Thomas More beat Little Wound 71-61 in the State A Championship on March 1`7 while Little Wound beat the Cavaliers 49-46 for the Lakota Nation championship back on Dec, 15. For St. Thomas More, it was their only blemish on a two year record of 51-1 with back to back state titles.

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OPINION PAGE

Guest Editorial

The $200 billion question for Alberto Gonzales

By Indianz.com Editorial
March 26, 2007

If U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales still has his job by the end of the week, there's a big question Congress needs to ask him.

But it's not about his role in the latest scandal to grace Washington. Democrats, and even some Republicans, are calling for his head over the way the Bush administration fired several federal prosecutors who weren't loyal enough to the White House political machine.

This question is much more serious: How do you go from $200 billion in Indian trust fund liability to $7 billion in just two short years?

In March 2005, Gonzales went before a House committee to ask for more money to fight tribal trust fund lawsuits. At the time, about two dozen tribes had filed cases alleging mismanagement of their assets.

"The United States' potential exposure in these cases is more than $200 billion," he testified on March 1, 2005.

Two years later, more than 200 tribes have joined the crowded field. And the Native American Rights Fund lodged a class-action lawsuit on behalf of even more tribes who haven't been able to file a claim. Add the billion-dollar Cobell lawsuit over individual Indian trust funds and you have a rather big price tag. That's why Gonzales' credibility, already at stake in the U.S. Attorney dustup, faces further doubts after he and Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne on March 1, 2007, offered "up to" $7 billion to settle Cobell and all the tribal cases, plus pay for trust reform, in exchange for eliminating the federal government's "exposure."

So there it is again: How do you go from $200 billion in Indian trust fund liability on March 1, 2005, to $7 billion on March 1, 2007?

Hopefully, Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-North Dakota), the vice chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, will try to figure that out. He's called a hearing this Thursday to allow Gonzales and Kempthorne to "publicly discuss the origin of the settlement offer and to explain its details."

Given the political climate on Capitol Hill, it's likely Gonzales won't even appear before the committee. That means someone else from the administration will be giving the "no one did it" answers Indian Country that has heard for more than a century on every issue from trust to health care.

But even if Gonzales can't make the trip, that shouldn't stop the committee from asking tough questions about his role in the trust fund debacle. From the midnight rider in 2001 to the firing of former Special Trustee Tom Slonaker in 2002 to the time-out rider in 2003 to the ouster of two court investigators in 2004 to the removal campaign of Judge Lamberth in 2005 to the resistance of a settlement in 2006, the panel will find a trail that leads all the way to the president.

For the White House is where Gonzales got his start, as President Bush's top lawyer, before moving to the Department of Justice. One of his top aides at both places was Kyle Sampson, whose had his hands all over the trust fund since the start of the Bush administration in 2001 until he resigned two weeks ago, a mid-level casualty of the U.S. Attorney scandal.

Sampson is expected to spill the beans at another hearing this Thursday. Maybe Dorgan should schedule a session with him too so we can finally get some answers and get a real settlement to this mess.



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Other Views

Native youth not throw away kids and school-to-prison pipeline urgent challenge

Dear Editor:

Are native youth throw-away kids? The Rapid City Area Schools seems to think they are. For many years the Rapid City Area Schools has resisted change. Mona Bettelyoun says things are improving. We hope that is true but know that the extent of change must be very great and is needed immediately.

For more than 30 years the Title VII Indian Education Program has attempted to bring about changes. Those changes have been resisted and made very slowly, if at all. It has been one step forward and two steps back.

A remedies mediation team including Mary Wright and I negotiated an agreement with the district in the early 1980s. Part of that agreement was that the Indian Education director must become a part of the school district cabinet. The person currently filling that position is Dr. Art Zimiga. The district removed Zimiga this year and replaced him with a consulting team known as the Redstone Group.

Work groups were formed before the turn of the century to look at many changes needed in the RCAS. I served on a work group on the minority drop-out rate in 1979. A survey was designed, which in addition to the questions on the current survey asked students about their disciplinary record in school. Amazingly, the majority of students dropped out because of write ups in Central High School. They left the school instead of being sent to Juvenile Detention Center to become a part of the school-to-prison pipeline.

About five years ago there was a flurry of activity over the failure of Central High School to place Indians on sports teams and over the failure of the district to properly notify Indians of the talented and gifted program. The OCR of the Department of education found for parents in those complaints after the Rapid City school board denied their complaints. They made the district commit to a number of things, some of which have already gone by the wayside.

Several years ago the State of South Dakota finally appointed an Equal Justice Commission-most states did that more than 15 years earlier. That Commission held study groups in many communities and wrote a report from each study group.

About 20 years ago South Dakota was near the top of the list of states for over representation of minority youth in our criminal justice system. At that time they had about 45 percent of youth in the systems who were minority. It has only gotten worse since then.

In a report on Disproportionate Minority Contact, the Equal Justice Commission study group wrote a Rapid City/Pennington County Intervention Plan. Little, if any, of that intervention plan has been accomplished.

The report went through the percentage of Indian and all minority youth in the Criminal Justice System. They found, amazingly that there are less than 14 percent Indian youth in our population and about 17 percent in the all minority population.

In 2003 they found that 46 percent of Indians and 49 percent of all minority youth were arrested in the county and 53.5 percent of those arrested were for status offenses, not crimes if an adult. South Dakota now has the highest percent of persons, mostly Indian, in our system for status offenses.

More than 50 percent of Indian youth and 54 percent of all minority youth were detained in Pennington County and 852 youth were disposed of through probation in 2003. Of those 40 percent were native and all minorities represented 42 percent. Commitments to DOC were 60 percent native and 66 percent all minority youth.

Secure placement of youth were 63 percent native and 69 percent all minority youth. Secure temporary custody involved 71 percent native and 73 percent all minority youth. However revocation of probation occurred involving 72 percent of native youth.

The plan speaks extensively about the role of the schools in this. It says in a section entitled School Setting Improvement, the following"

"Schools must incorporate a more therapeutic school setting for those youth who are most at risk of failing, dropping out and becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. This includes creating positions for social workers within the school. …"

The plan was presented to the RCAS administration and other groups in Pennington County. According to the Human Resources Office, the Rapid City Schools employ two social workers. One is in special services stationed at Kibben Kuster and the second is at Valley View. No Caseworkers are at Central, North or Beadle, the schools most likely to contain the "high risk" students.

Valley View has only 25 percent minority and 41 percent low income following the transfer of many students from E.B. Bergquist several years ago. Beadle school has 72 percent

Please turn to Youth; A5

Finding My Voice

Youth identify with Hollywood


Dana Lone Hill

The youth of my reservation are lost.

I am sure they are not the only lost youth.

But the youth here are lost.

I wished I had the money to make a documentary on the youth here.

I see them "acting ghetto or gangster" like it's cool.

I see them identifying with other cultures.

It's bad enough drugs and alcohol reign so supreme, already.

But when Hollywood shows youth who are looking for an identity that it is tough to go around with a gun, shooting at people, or each other, it makes me sad that some of these kids had short lives and they don't know who they are, where they are from or what a great, strong people they belong to. They only identify with Hollywood.

Back when I wrote a blog about Wounded Knee, I did that for my children. I was writing all the time in a blogging community. I was literally attacked by a guy from Alabama for "living in the past."

Of course he not only attacked Indians on the reservations, he also attacked the Jewish saying they should forget the Holocaust, and Blacks telling them to forget slavery. I was very hurt, then I pulled my big girl panties up and went to word war with him. While some of the stuff I said was not very nice or does not need to be repeated because I can go off with my curse words at times...ok most of the time, but I was hit in the head with the realization that ignorance is still alive.

While I was trying to explain to him that history should be honored, he was saying history is garbage.

Then he had to be reminded that almost every holiday we have on our calendar is from a certain date in the history of someone, some people, somewhere. Anyway, he never "got it" and I chalked him up as ignorant and someone I would never want to meet.

I thought about what he said and I came to the conclusion that my children will always know about the past of our people. They will know of the massacres, the broken treaties, etc. At the same time, they will know what strong people we are.

That we endured, survived, and moved on. They will know this not to "cry around" about the past.

They will know this because it will show them as Lakota's they are capable of anything.

Dana Lone Hill is a 34-year old mother of 4, who recently moved back to the reservation, after an eternity on the housing waiting list. Although currently self-employed, she plans on continuing her education at the Oglala Lakota College.

Other Views

To the Red Cloud High Lady Crusaders and fans

To: Red Cloud High School Athletes and Fans

Girls State A Basketball Tournament

Congratulations on your extremely successful 2006-07 basketball season. You should be very proud of your accomplishments.

Black Hills State University was pleased to serve as the host site of this year's tournament.

It was my pleasure to be able to attend many of the games. Athletes, you are to be complimented on your performance on and off the court.

Fans, your enthusiastic support of these fine young women was inspiring. Together, you were outstanding representatives of your school and community.

I hope you had a pleasant time in Spearfish and at the University.

Please consider BHSU as your University in the future!

Best wishes for a great spring.

Kay Schallenkamp
President
Black Hills State University
Spearfish, S.D.

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Notes From Indian Country

Oh sovereignty, wherefore art thou?



By Tim Giago

(Nanwica Kciji)

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The quasi-sovereign status of the Indian nations of America has slowly eroded since the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 became the law of the land. The Act made it mandatory for the Indian nations to sign gaming compacts with the state governments wherein their Indian reservations were situated. The tribes, from that day forward, began to surrender much of their status as sovereign nations.

The tribes would only be allowed to establish gaming that was already permissible under current state law. In other words, if slot machines were outlawed within the state, the tribes could not, without extra special permission, introduce slot machines into their casinos.

When South Dakota opened up nearly all forms of gambling for the City of Deadwood, it then opened up the same gaming opportunities for the Indian tribes in the state. However, while allowing the steady growth in the number of slot machines in Deadwood, the state gaming compact restricted the Indian nations to a total of 250 slot machines for each tribe (there are nine tribes in South Dakota). The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe of eastern South Dakota last week brought a lawsuit against Governor Mike Rounds and the state for greatly diminishing their efforts at economic growth by this restriction.

In New Mexico, in exchange for limited non-Indian competition, the tribes signed compacts that would pay the state no more than 8 percent of its slot machine revenues. These compacts expire in 2015. Seeking a long-term extension of those compacts in order to bring about stability and certainty to their gaming and tribal government operations, the tribes moved to establish new compacts with the state.

The new compacts would extend the gaming compacts to the year 2037. The state will receive a gradual gaming revenue sharing increase to 10.75 percent over the life of the new compacts. The state proposed that the tribes set aside an additional 1 percent of their slot revenues for infrastructure improvements on reservations within the state that do not have casinos. The tribes immediately rejected this proposal. Setting aside a small portion of their casino profits to help the less fortunate tribes in the state was apparently unthinkable.

The only businesses in America that considers losers and the addicted as their best friends and customers are the gaming casinos. And you can take that to the bank.

Charles J. Dorame, Chairman of the New Mexico Indian Gaming Association in an oped piece in the Albuquerque Journal, even bragged about the sovereignty the tribes of New Mexico are willingly and gladly surrendering to the state. He wrote, "The proposed compact amendment significantly increases the level of state oversight. For example, state gaming representatives would have access to expanded slot data and the slot machines themselves, to slot accounting systems and to raw, unadulterated data."

He then unabashedly threw sovereignty out of the window with, "The amendment also would require each tribal regulatory authority to submit an annual compliance report to the state and to maintain all records relied upon in preparing the compliance report for review by the state gaming representative. In addition the state would have the right to request any additional documentation and to conduct its own inspection of the Gaming Facility, Class III Gaming activity, individual gaming machines and all records related to the Class III Gaming of the Tribe." Phew! He could have turned over the keys to all of the bathrooms while he was at it.

I wrote an editorial for I*ndian Country Today* newspaper in 1989 when I was its editor and publisher that read, "Why are the tribes submitting to blackmail by the state governments that forces them to hand over their limited sovereignty in order to operate a gaming casino? They should proceed with whatever it takes to build their casinos, including an unlimited number of slot machines, and then tell the state government to go to hell if it questions their sovereign right to do so." I stand by that editorial even to this day. To stand in fear of state government and to sell out their sovereignty, limited though it may be, for a casino, is not only mindless, but also totally untraditional.

If it wasn't for the haste preceded by the greed that caused many Indian tribes to plunge into gaming pell-mell, they would have listened to the warnings of the great tribal leaders like Roger Jourdain of the Red Lake Band of Ojibwe in Minnesota and Wendell Chino, the fearless leader of the Mescalero Apache Tribe in New Mexico, who warned them from day one to take their time and to not surrender one more ounce of their sovereignty in order to get into the gambling business. Jourdain and Chino must be spinning in their graves to see tribe after tribe sell out their very souls to build another casino.

To see the tribes of New Mexico eroding and surrendering their sovereignty for 30 more years of state-regulated gaming is indeed a sad day in the history of Indian country and a harbinger of the predictions so sadly rendered by Jourdain and Chino.

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Northern Perspectives

AIHEC conference 25 years ago



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

With the 26th annual American Indian Higher Education Conference being held in Rapid City, it took me back 25 years ago when Orville Ringing Shield, Janis Herman and I were co-conference coordinators of the AIHEC conference when it was held in Rapid City in 1982.

It was funny because everything was done by hand then. The computer would have been a great advantage back then for everything from making name tags to keeping up to date lists of those pre-registered.

Tom Casey was making his mark even back then. I still have a conference booklet that he created. It is pink and yellow and was quite professionally done. It probably belongs in the AIHEC archives, but I'm hanging on to it for my own archives.

Casey also did a photographic collage using an overhead projector of the conference highlights with a lot of people shots. He put it to music and it was hit and for 1982 that was quite innovative. My sense of technology wasn't very advanced back then, so I was impressed that even film could be developed that quickly and put on slides.

It is ironic that Casey and I are still highlighting many of the issues which are confronting Lakota people, students, and society in general. Many of the issues remain and it is only the players who have changed.

Those in the forefront of Indian education at the time were educators like Lionel Bordeaux at Sinte Gleska University, Joe McDonald of Salish Kotenai Community College, Dave Gipp of United Tribes Technical Educational College, Gay Lawrence-Kingman of National Indian Education Association at the time, and Elgin Bad Wound of Oglala Lakota College to name just a few. Of course, I cannot ever forget Lowell Amiotte and the late Vine Deloria. There were many other tribal college administrators that I worked with over the telephone and as an AIHEC staffer I recall that many were very kind and congenial.

Who knew that tribal colleges would represent such hope and success for those who would take advantage of the locale and tremendous bargain.

Having gotten my start in education at SGU dating back to the spring of 1977, I was witness to the tribal college movement's slow evolution and it is amazing to see the way in which some of the infrastructure has ballooned up over the years.

I recall coming through the Blackfoot reservation in the mid 1980s in northern Montana and stopping in at their tribal college. I think Carole Juneau was the president at the time. If I recall correctly, their college was housed in a couple of mobile homes. I also did a site evaluation of Turtle Mountain Community College for the North Central Association in 1986 and at the time it was nestled in between three bars downtown. I have seen pictures of TMCC and apparently they now have a beautiful campus.

Well anyway, so much of my recollection of tribal colleges. I guess I may have forgotten more than some may have gained about the early years. I remember Lionel explaining to me PL 471 funding on a blackboard at the old SGU building. It was an old brick building that apparently was the old Rosebud Sioux tribal headquarters and one could see the site of Chief Spotted Tail's house if you looked south.

I hope that tribal colleges have increased their Native staff as that one was one of my pet peeves. Native people need to be in charge of their own destiny and that means serving as role models in those institutions that serve their own people.

Congratulations also to students from Sinte Gleska University for winning the Knowledge Bowl at this years AIHEC.

Dr. Archie Beauvais (Sicangu) resides on the Rosebud with his son, Beaux. He earned a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) from Harvard University. A decorated Vietnam Veteran, he is functionally literate in Lakota and worked at Sinte Gleska University for 20 years as Dean/Chair of Tribal and Graduate Studies.

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Native youth

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minority and an astounding 92 percent low income students this year.

North has 64 percent minority and 83 percent low income students and Central has 22 percent minority and 24 percent low income. Central, however lost 242 students from the end of September to the meal count data for February.

It is believed that most of these students are Indian dropouts and only 79 are attending the Academies.

In a report of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund entitled Dismantling the School-to-prison Pipeline they state:

"Criminal justice policy in the United States has for some time now spurned rehabilitation in favor of long and often permanent terms of incarceration, manifesting an overarching belief that there is no need to address root causes of crime and that many people who have committed crimes can never be anything but "criminals." These policies have served to isolate and remove a massive number of people, a disproportionately large percentage of whom are people of color, from their communities and from participation in civil Society.

Historical inequities, such as segregated education, concentrated poverty, and racial disparities in law enforcement, all feed the pipeline.

The School-to-Prison Pipeline is one of the most urgent challenges in education today."

We must dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline flowing from our public schools in Rapid City, South Dakota. Our brown-skinned children are not disposable-they are sacred.

Hazel Bonner
Rapid City, S.d.

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The following school board positions will become vacant due to the expiration of present term of office of the following school board members:

Melvin N Cummings

Ruth Ann Cummings

(Two Three-year terms)

Circulation of nomination petitions may begin on April 3, 2007 and petitions may be filed in the office of business manager located at the Shannon County Schools administrative office building, Batesland, South Dakota, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. mountain daylight savings time.
Not later then May 4, 2007 at 5:00p.m.
or mailed by registered mail
not later than May 4, at 5:00 p.m.

MaDonna Peterson
Business Manager

Harney Peak Solstice



BLACK HILLS - Lakota people have reclaimed their identity by observing the spring equinox when the "thunder beings" have returned to renew the earth with its coming spring rains. The site near present day Custer is called Hinhan Kaga Paha where people gather and offer tobacco and prayers to welcome the renewal. Despite the distance many Lakota traditionally journeyed to the sacred He Sapa as their movement was in accordance with the location of the constellations. In the days of old long before contact with western civilization one can almost visualize the movement of the various Lakota nations as they enjoyed all that they needed right in their backyard and lived in the center of their universe requiring little travel.

It is a spiritual calendar which Lakota people attend to as they also traveled to other locations in the sacred He Sapa. Pe Sla is a place near Hill City where spiritual offerings are made in May to the animal and bird nation. Inyan Kaga is a place near Sundance, WY where Lakota people would converge and gather rocks for the annual sun dance. The summer solstice is associated with Pte He Hota or Devil's Tower during which time Lakota people would make offerings for the sun dance. This happened during late June during the summer solstice. Finally, Mato Paha or Bear Butte was a place for planning for the coming year and often occurred in September.



Senators sponsor medals of honor for Woodrow Keeble



"He was shot in the shoulder, but refused to leave until the fight was over and the enemy had been repulsed. For his action he was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart."

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senators from North Dakota and South Dakota say they have introduced legislation to award the Medal of Honor to the late Woodrow Wilson Keeble, a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux tribe who fought in World War II and the Korean War.

Sens. Byron Dorgan and Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said in a statement Tuesday that the Pentagon has told them the deadline expired for the president to award the nation's highest military honor to Keeble without specific authorization from Congress.

They said their bill, co-sponsored by Sens. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., and John Thune, R-S.D., would make clear the president has the authority to approve the award for Keeble.

He would be the first Sioux Indian to receive the Medal of Honor.

Keeble, who was known as Chief, is credited with saving his fellow soldiers' lives in 1951, during the Korean War, while he was wounded.

Woody Keeble saw extensive action in World War II and the Korean conflict, and his extraordinary bravery should soon be reflected with a Medal of Honor, even though he died in 1982.

Woodrow Wilson Keeble was born May 16, 1917, near Waubay in northeastern South Dakota.

His parents, Isaac and Nancy Keeble, were members of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate (Sioux) tribe.

Keeble was a good student and an outstanding athlete. He enjoyed writing poetry and reading, and also played football, basketball and baseball. As the star hurler for the Wahpeton amateur baseball team, he reportedly could throw a fastball 100 mph and was scouted by the Chicago White Sox.

When the U.S. entered World War II, Keeble enlisted and in 1942 was assigned to the 164th Infantry, which was sent to the South Pacific. He saw his first action at Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. The enemy shelled Keeble's position, killing many soldiers, and then continued their assault by rushing toward his unit. Keeble jumped up with his machine gun and began firing back. He was shot in the shoulder, but refused to leave until the fight was over and the enemy had been repulsed. For his action, he was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart."

Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing

P.O. Box 603 - East Hwy. 18 - Pine Ridge, SD 57770

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Executive Director
Administrative Office
(position is on a year to year contractual basis)
OPENING DATE: MARCH 12, 2007
CLOSING DATE: APRIL 27, 2007
Salary Is Negotiable

- How To Apply -

Submit a completed Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing employment application to the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Human Resources Office.

Attach all pertinent documents, Blood Degree if claiming Indian Preference, Veterans Discharge DD214, High School or GED Diploma, College Transcripts, College Diploma, Reference Letters, Licenses or Certifications and State Driver's License.

Resumes that are to accompany the employment application must have addresses and telephone numbers of past and present employers. All information submitted will be verified.

Will be required to take the drug and alcohol test. Selection for the position will be contingent upon a negative test result. Applicant is subject to Background Investigation. Expenses are at the applications costs. No late or incomplete application will be accepted.

For position description and additional information please contact the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Human Resources Office at (605)867-5161, ext. 104 or ext. 136.

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NOTICE OF SECRETARIAL ELECTION AND NEED TO REGISTER
ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE - JULY 26, 2007

The Great Plains Regional Director, under delegated authority from the Secretary of the interior, has authorized the superintendent of the Rosebud Agency to conduct a Secretarial Election to allow eligible members to vote to accept or reject 27 proposed amendments to the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Constitution.

The Secretarial Election will be conducted under regulations in 25 CFR 81. The Secretarial Election Board has chosen to use the following polling places, which will remain open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. local time.

Antelope	Community Building	Milk's Camp	Community Building
Black Pipe	Community Building	Parmelee	Community Building
Bull Creek	Gregory Auditorium	Okreek	Community Building
Butte Creek	Wood School Gym	Rosebud	Community Building
Corn Creek	Community Building	Ring Thunder	Bristow Ranch
Grass Mountain	Community Building	Soldier Creek	Community Building
HeDog	Community Building	Spring Creek	Community Building
Horse Creek	Community Building	St. Francis	Community Building
North Ideal	Guild Hall	Swift Bear	Community Building
South Ideal	Community Building	Two Strike	Youth Center
		Upper Cut Meat	Sacred Hall

Since this is a special election, you must register to vote in this election. All eligible members are entitled to vote AFTER they have registered for this special election. An eligible member is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe who will be eighteen (19) years of age by July 26, 2007.

IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE, YOU MUST REGISTER ON OR BEFORE JUNE 26, 2007

You, or any eligible tribal member, can register to vote in one of two ways; you can fill out the Registration form 8302 and return it to the Superintendent's Office in Rosebud or Mission using the envelope provided to you or you can personally register at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent's Office in Rosebud or Mission, South Dakota on or before **June 26, 2007.**

Registration Form 8302, Notice of Election, and dan explanation of the proposed amendments are available at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Offices in Rosebud and Mission,south Dakota as well as the Tribal Headquarters in Rosebud, South Dakota.

A voter's list will be posted no later than July 6, 2007 at the Tribal Headquarters in Rosebud South Dakota and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Offices in Rosebud and Mission, South Dakota. Registered voters may vote by arriving at the appropriate polling place within the prescribed voting hours. Non-resident members who have registered may vote by absentee ballot. Upon his or her request, the election board shall give or mail absentee ballots to registered voters. An absentee voter shall have no less than ten days from the hand out or mail out of an absentee ballot to receive and return the ballot.

- No absentee ballot will be counted if received later than the close of the polls -

If you registered previously for this election, (for the March 20, 2007 date) you do **NOT** have to register again. You can verify your registration by calling to:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Office in Rosebud, South Dakota at (605) 747-2224.

The results of the election will be posted at the Superintendent's Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs in Rosebud, South Dakota; Bureau of Indian Affairs, Mission, South Dakota; Rosebud Sioux Tribal Office, Rosebud, South Dakota; Rosebud Sioux Tribal Community Buildings and US Post Offices within the Reservation Boundaries.

MANY OF OUR ADDRESSES ARE NOT CURRENT. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW DOES NOT RECEIVE A REGISTRATION FORM BUT IS ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER, PLEASE HAVE THEM CONTACT LEE ANN BEARDT OR ANDREA WALN AT (605) 747-2224 OR STOP BY THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OFFICE IN ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA ON OR BEFORE JUNE 26, 2007.

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/s/ Cleve J. Her Many Horses
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Lacreek Electric Information Meetings
A representative of Lacreek Electric Association, Inc. will be at the places listed below to give members the opportunity to make payment, or ask questions about his or her electric bill.
April, 2007
Thursday, April 5
Parmelee Post Office
10:30 -11:30 a.m CST
Kyle Post Office
2 - 3 pm MST
Friday, April 6
Oglala Post Office
10-11 a.m. MST
Manderson Post Office
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Porcupine Post Office
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. MST

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Community Calendar
"Rez Happenings"

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
School pow wow on Friday, March 30 at St. Francis School and Friday, April 5 at Little Wound in Kyle with grand entries at 1 and 6 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

19th BJ Weston peewee tourney
Monday through Sunday, March 26-April 1, 2007 in Pine Ridge at the Pine Ridge High School, Pine Ridge Middle School and Red cloud School with four divisions including 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, for information call 867-1429, 867-2640, 685-8253 or 867-5435.

Gathering of Oglala Lakota Oyate
Thursday, March 29 at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge at 10 a.m. to look at and discuss issues involved with the Oglala Sioux Tribal government.

Child Welfare Workgroup meeting
Thursday, March 29 10 a.m-4 p.m. Lakota Oyate Wakanyeja Owicakiyapi hosting the follow-up strategy planning session with all child and family servicing agencies, concerned parents, community members and children are invited to attend,
for information call Elicia at 867-5752.

AIHEC Basketball Tournament
AIHEC national men's and women's basketball tournaments in Rapid City, Thursday-Sunday, March 29-April 1 at SD Tech and National American University, for information contact:
Devonna Lone Wolf or Chris Janis at 455-6000.

No School at Batesland School
Friday, March 30 because of a wake in the community, for information call 288-1948.

Traditional buffalo feed and Pow wow
Saturday, March 31 at Rapid City Central High School with the feed at 12 noon and the pow wow at 1:30 p.m. sponsored by the Title VII Indian Education program, for information call 394-4071.

OST Commodity Issue
Monday, April 2 in Pine Ridge and Wanblee at the warehouse, Wednesday, April 4 in Kyle at the CAP office, Friday, April 6 in Manderson at the post office and in Wounded Knee in the upper housing, Wednesday, April 11 in Martin at Sunrise Housing, Friday, April 13 in Porcupine at Evergreen Housing and at CAP office, Tuesday, April 17 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni, for information call 867-5511.

OST Education Committee meetings
Monday, April 2 at Little Wound School in Kyle, Monday, April 16 at Porcupine School, for information call Wanda at 867-5821, extr. 261.

Flea Market
Tuesday, April 3 at the Wounded Knee District CAP office in Manderson from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. sponsored by the Elderly Meals Program.

Photographer at Martin Senior Citizen Center
The Photographers will be at the Martin Senior Citizen Center on Wednesday, April 4, 2 p.m. - 7p.m.
Affordable pictures - Everyone Welcome!

School Board vacancies
Petitions available Tuesday, April 3 for two vacancies on the Shannon County School Board, two three year terms, for information call Madonna at 288-1921.

Geraldine "High Wolf" Janis Memorial BB Tourney
Thursday-Sunday, April 5-8 at the Pine Ridge high school gym featuring 16 team men's and eight team women's double elimination basketball tournaments, for information call Verlyn or Arrow at 441-5805 or Patti or Eric Yellow Boy at 867-6383.

Cancer support group meeting
Tuesday, April 10 from 6-7 p.m. in the West Conference room at Sioux San Hospital in Rapid City for the Native American Cancer Support Group meeting, for information 343-2650

OST Council regular session
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 17-19 at the council chambers, Red Cloud building in Pine Ridge.

3MC Youth Rodeo and School
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 20-22 at the Three Mile Creek Rodeo grounds, nine miles southwest of Kyle with rough stock school on April 20, timed event school April 21 and youth rodeo 10am April 22, for information 455-2797

Hanpapacun
A 16 team Lakota style Hand-game tournament with 16 sticks and open to all ages, Saturday, April 28 at the Wolf Creek School gym sponsored by Tusweca Tiospaye, for information call Mike at 867-6193.

Red Cloud Indian School: pennies a gift that keeps giving

PINE RIDGE - Pennies for Patients is an organization that raises money for cancer research.

It runs during the months of January and February. Sister Susan Biegert, SND at Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School began the fund raising with a kickoff campaign assembly in the gym. This year the student council helped Sr. Susan. One of the students dressed up like a penny and tried to fit into one of the jars that each class gets for collecting pennies. When he did not fit into any of the jars she told the students that it takes all of us to fill up the jars. Then the student council members passed out the jars and posted the Pennies for Patients' posters in the halls and the collecting began.

The amount last year was $940 so Sr. Susan told the school that this year "I wanted to raise $1,200." Everyday Sr. Susan would come by the rooms with her little penny markers. If they brought a dollar she wrote their name on the markers and post them in the hall. Let me tell you the hall was getting full of penny markers and on those jars! The pennies were bursting to come out of the top.

Are filling jars the only way to collect pennies? What can the students do to really promote the efforts? Several teachers had ideas for fundraisers and that really helped the Pennies for Patients cause.



Two Red Cloud Indian School students and part of the cash they collected for Pennies for Patients.

The third grade class had a cake raffle and was that a delicious hit. Those 25 cent raffle tickets were going like hotcakes. They made a nice little sum of money and "cha-ching" the money amount climbed higher.

The sixth grade class joined Sr. Susan in doing concessions at basketball games and had a sale of their own and again the pennies kept rising.

Eighth grade had a basketball free throw contest and who doesn't like basketball? "All I can say is, We're in the money!"

Fifth grade did a pancake supper one Friday evening and that really brought in the dollars as you can see by the two boys in the picture and their smiles. You can also see by the pictures how much fun the kids are having and that the people are really enjoying the delicious meal. They even provided entertainment for the little kids if they finished eating early before the parents.

The compassion part of the whole Pennies for Patients is that two of the classes donated all of their pennies to another class whose teacher has cancer.

Usually the winning class gets a pizza party, but these two classes did not think of themselves but gave to this class. This action of the students is very commendable. Sr. Susan is very proud of their generosity. "They are living the mission of Our Lady of Lourdes."

Last year Our Lady of Lourdes came in sixth in the state. This year Sr. Susan is proud to announce that Our Lady of Lourdes raised $1,831.50 and came in SECOND in the state. "I am already thinking and have plans on my goal for next year - $2008 - the year itself."

Our Lady of Lourdes elementary wants to thank all the parents, teachers, staff, and especially, the students, who worked so hard to bring in all those pennies. It paid off. "Our Lady of Lourdes may not have reached number one in the state but the students are number one to me." Said Sr. Susan.

Pine Ridge Hospital offers new procedure for heavy menstrual bleeding

PINE RIDGE - It is estimated that one in five women in the United States suffer from severe menstrual bleeding or Menorrhagia.

Women with this condition often experience fatigue, anemia, embarrassing accidents, restricted activity and possibly major surgery. Now, an advanced minimally-invasive surgical procedure available at Pine Ridge Hospital provides a safe and effective treatment option for Menorrhagia without many of the side effects and long-term risks associated with other treatment methods.

Hysteroscopic Endomtrial Ablation is an FDA approved alternative to hysterectomy for the treatment of excessive bleeding. Resctoscopy uses a slender electrode to emit precisely measured amounts of electric energy.

HEA is usually performed as an outpatient procedure. The patient goes home the same day as the procedure.

"We can precisely target the area causing heavy bleeding, without having to do a major operation." says Dr. Moise Mamouzette, obstetrician/gynecologist with Pine Ridge. He said the the National Uterine Fibroids Foundation states, "Hysterectomy is certainly a treatment option. It isn't, necessarily, your only option."

"Endometrial ablation is a common surgical procedure used for many years to remove the lining inside the uterus (endometrium) to reduce bleeding," explains Dr. Mamouzette "Today; however, there is a new generation of medical technology that enables us to perform this. This offers several advantages over other treatment methods."

By using hysteroscopic endometrial ablation to remove the uterine lining, the procedure leaves no scars and can usually be performed in less than one hour in an outpatient setting. Recovery time is very short, with most patients returning to normal activities in a few days.

"For women suffering from heavy menstrual bleeding, this is a real breakthrough," Dr. Mamouzette added.

"Most women will see a significant reduction in their menstrual bleeding and some will stop bleeding altogether." Studies show that over 60 percent of women treated with this procedure also report a decrease in dys-

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Rosebud is one of the best in the nation at fighting Wildland range fires

Dana Cook is new Rosebud Fire Management Officer

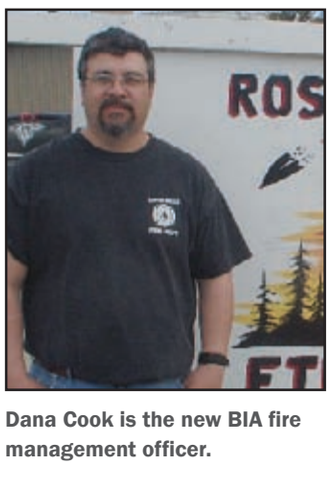
By Archie B. Beauvais and Beaux Beauvais
Special to the Times

ROSEBUD - Dana Cook, a Minnecojou Lakota, from the Cheyenne River reservation is the new Bureau of Indian Affairs Fire Management Officer at Rosebud.

One of his first impressions is that "Rosebud is a very elite at fighting range wild land fires and always has been."

Cook was discharged from the U. S. Marines in 1989 and in 1991 he met a Native American on the Plumas National Forest who offered to train him in the initial attack of wild land fires. He then moved to the Tahoe National Forest where he "marked" timber for thinning and removal. He fought many fires with a project hand crew and with a wild land type 3 and 4 engines until 1995.

In 1995 Cook took the Joint Apprenticeship Training Academy in Northern California and then became a permanent employee with the U. S. Forest Service. He was also a squad boss with the Tahoe Hotshots and became crew boss qualified in the Tahoe National Forest and received additional training, including some college coursework including a fire science course at Feather River College in Quincy, CA.



Dana Cook is the new BIA fire management officer.

In 1999 he joined the Tatanka Hotshots of the United States Forest Service in their inaugural season. He noted that the "Hotshots" trained at a vigorous pace and placed a high premium on physical fitness, and he elected to step down and soon after became the first dispatcher in the Great Plains region.

Cook then returned to Northern California on the Round Valley Indian reservation and got in to prevention work which involved writing fire permits, educating children, and doing fire inventory. He also was later engaged in fuel reduction work at Ft. Bidwell, CA. where he managed a five person fuels crew.

Later in 2006 he earned college credits in upper and lower division courses in biological sciences at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and continued to pursue a professional services track leading to a managerial position. Non managerial firefighters are considered in the technical services track. Cook, as a GS-11 rated fire management officer, has the opportunity to upgrade his

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Wanted fugitive fatally shot by Rosebud tribal police officers

ROSEBUD - Last Saturday, March 24, Rosebud Law Enforcement Services officers responded to a 9-1-1 call in the southwestern portion of the Rosebud at approximately 10 a.m. Escaped convict and transient male, Bruce Shifford Kale, IV, 26, of Missouri allegedly had come from the south by way of Kilgore, Neb. He had stolen gas from a station in Cody, Neb. according to a press release from Police Chief Charles Red Crow of the Rosebud Police department and had been pursued 50 miles by the owner who contacted tribal police officers.

Residents from the area reported after the fact, that a stranger had been in the Spring Creek area and was attempting to enter a house but was unsuccessful.

An FBI investigation is currently underway and

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menorrheal, painful menstruation. and symptoms associated with premenstrual syndrome.

During the ablation procedure, a slender electrode is inserted through the cervix into the uterus.

The electrode emits electrical energy into the uterus. After the procedure the electrode is removed from the uterus. This usually reduces or eliminates menstrual bleeding.

"Hysteroscopic endometrial ablation is quick, simple, safe and highly effective, especially for women who may not have responded to other treatment methods to control heavy bleeding," Dr. Mamouzette continued. Heavy menstrual bleeding is described as bleeding that lasts seven or more days per cycle or is so excessive that women need to change feminine protection products nearly every hour. Other treatment options for Menorrhagia include:

*Drug therapy, which is usually only effective 50 percent of the time, may cause undesirable side effects, and must be continued to remain effective;

*Dilation and curettage, which involves the scraping of the inside of the uterus, but may only be effective for a few menstrual cycles;

*Hysterectomy, which is a major surgical procedure requiring a hospital stay.

While highly effective, endometrial ablation may not be right for everyone. "Because this procedure changes the uterine environment, it is not recommended for women who wish to have children,"

Dr. Mamouzette explained. "It's best for women to consult with their OB-GYN to see if this procedure is right for them."

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skills and most often the training is rigorous.

Apparently, wildland firefighters such as those he supervises are qualified as "first responders" and their role is to control and stabilize the situations. At Rosebud there are presently four engine modules and enough firefighters "on call" to make up four hand crews consisting of 20 firefighters each. At one time Rosebud was able to field 10 hand crews and had a reputation as one of best in the nation.

"The wild land crew here is very aggressive on the ground. Rosebud has giving me an excellent opportunity and I feel very fortunate to be here. Cook said as he enjoys his second week on the job.

Previous to Cook's arrival Gene Emery served as the acting FMO and with a new FMO he continues to serve as a Fire Operations Specialist and Incident Commander.

Residents of Valentine, Nebraska still speak of the potentially disastrous fire last summer that burned the north edge of their town. A faulty power station apparently was the source of the burn and when two units from Rosebud rolled into town the people were happy that they specialized in fighting range fires. Positive comments can still be occasionally heard about the night the Rosebud firefighters made a significant impact on extinguishing the blaze.



SGU students AIHEC knowledge bowl winners

MISSION - Sinte Gleska University won the 2007 AIHEC Knowledge Bowl during a double elimination involving 46 teams. SGU beat Oglala Lakota College in the championship, while the College of Menoninee finished third. The American Indian Higher Education Conference was held in Rapid City the week of March 26 with many competions and college highlights.
Left to right. Top: Shere Wright, Chad Whirlwind Soldier, Lori Long Crow,
Botton row L-R : Tina Martinez, team coach, and Sylvia Lasley.

Homebuyers training April 12

WANBLEE - Are you thinking about buying a home?

Lakota Funds and Linda Brockway of ECHO INC. will be presenting Homebuyers Training at the Eagle Nest College Center in Wanblee on April 12 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Topics will include:

How to begin budgeting for homeownership.

Learn how to repair your credit.

Understand the ten easy steps to being approved for a mortgage.

This is a free training and everyone is welcome to attend.

Supper will be served. For more information contact Jennifer Richards at

(605) 455-2500 or visit www.lakotafunds.org.

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according to department policy and procedures the officers involved were put on administrative leave pending the outcome of a review of the shooting.

The pickup driven by the suspect had gotten stuck in a ravine and the station owner confronted him and asked him to contact local authorities.

He refused and pulled out a gun. As officers arrived they followed the suspect to a hill at which time he turned and faced the officers. He was told to lie on the ground, but instead pulled up his weapon in the direction of the officers and he was fatally wounded. The officers administered first aid to the suspect but were unsuccessful.

According to Red Crow, special agents determined that the fugitive had other weapons and that the pickup was, in fact, stolen from Wheeling, Montana. Prior to the officers arriving on scene, they were given information that the fugitive was from Missouri and was possibly armed and dangerous.

He was wanted for murder in Missouri.

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- NOTICE TO PATIENTS -
Rosebud Comprehensive Health Care Facility (Rosebud Hospital)
Business Office / Patient Registration / Contract Health

ELIGIBILITY FOR DIRECT CARE:

To be eligible for Direct Care at Rosebud IHS Hospital (RBCHCF) you must meet the following criteria:

1) Be an ENROLLED MEMBER OR DESCENDENT OF AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF a Federally Recognized Tribe/Nation of the United States LIVING within the United States. Canadian/MEXICAN tribal members are not eligible UNLESS APPROPRIATELY DESIGNATED IN THE SEVERAL TRIBES WITH COMMON BOUNDARIES.

2) Proof of eligibility is to be provided when you present to the clinic FOR THE FIRST TIME. HOWEVER, if required documentation of proof is not made available AT THE FIRST VISIT, IT MUST BE PROVIDED AT the next visit or within 30 days OF THE VISIT OR services will not be allowed at Rosebud IHS Hospital (Rosebud) UNTIL PROOF IS PROVIDED.

If enrolled: then you must provide proof of eligibility in the form of:
1. Tribal document which contains an enrollment number and degree of Indian Blood
2. and birth certificate
3. And social security card
4. BIA certification of descendant

If not enrolled, then you must provide proof of lineage in the form of:
1. Tribal document of parent/grandparent
2. and birth certificate(s) proving lineage
3. And social security card
4. BIA certification of descendant

It is the responsibility of the patient to obtain this proof.
All proof must be in original form.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTRACT HEALTH:

You may be eligible for Contract Health Care. This is care provided away from Rosebud IHS Hospital (Rosebud)

1. You must first meet the DIRECT CARE REQUIREMENTS AND you must reside within the Contract Health Service Delivery Area of Rosebud Hospital.
2. The Contract Health Service Delivery Area for Rosebud is Bennett, Gregory, Lyman, Mellette, Todd, and Tripp Counties of South Dakota. Also covered is Cherry county only in Nebraska. You must be a permanent resident verified by rent and utility, or employment verification.

NON-Indian Beneficiaries

Any non-Indian woman pregnant with an eligible Indian's child will be required to show proof that she is eligible for prenatal and postpartum services/care
BY PRESENTING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
1. Proof of Marriage
2. Paternity Affidavit or Notarized statement from the eligible male that she is pregnant with his child. This must be provided for each pregnancy.

Rosebud IHS Hospital (Rosebud) Emergency Room Services:

When a patient registers for Emergency Services, every patient will receive an MSE (Medical Screening Evaluation) to determine if a medical emergency exists and may not be treated in the Emergency Room if the provider determines there is not an emergency condition at that time. Those non-emergent patients will be referred back to the Rosebud IHS Hospital (Rosebud) Clinic to set up an appointment with their primary (non-emergent) health care issues. Those Non-Emergent Non-Beneficiaries will be referred to the Health Care Facility of their choice.

The emergency room is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week with either onsite or on call staff.

EFFECTIVE MAY 01, 2006, ALL PATIENTS ACCESSING CARE AT ROSEBUD WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY FOR DIRECT AND CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES. THIS ALLOWS THE ROSEBUD IHS TO UPDATE OUR DATA BASE TO ENSURE THE INFORMATION WE HAVE CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY IS CURRENT AND CORRECT. ANY DOCUMENTATION NOT RECEIVED BY THE 2ND VISIT OR WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE PATIENT WAS NOTIFIED THE DOCUMENTATION WAS NEEDED OR THE PATIENT WILL BE IDENTIFIED AS "INELIGIBLE" AND WILL BE UNABLE TO RECEIVE SERVICES AT ROSEBUD IHS UNTIL THE DOCUMENTATION IS PROVIDED. AS SOON AS THE DOCUMENTATION IS RECEIVED AND VERIFIED, SERVICES FOR WHICH THE PATIENT IS ELIGIBLE WILL RESUME.

I greatly appreciate your patience, understanding, and assistance to ensure Rosebud IHS Hospital is serving all patients that are eligible for both direct and contract health care.
If you have any questions, please call 605-747-2231 or 605-747-3236.

Shelly R Harris, CEO
Rosebud IHS Hospital

I have received the document titled "Notice to Patients - Business Office/Patient Registration/Contract Health"

_____
Patient Signature

_____
Date

Rosebud Comprehensive Health Care Facility - Soldier Creek Road - Rosebud, South Dakota 57570

ASK ANNA

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I have been reading your column in the *Lakota Country Times* for several months. Your advice and direction is indeed very helpful to others.

I am asking these questions of you. For two years I have known that I am to be making a significant move to another area. What area and state will I be moving? How much longer before I move? I have seen my community pipe in a vision. Who will be bringing it to me?

How long before I receive it? There are specific ceremonies I want to complete. These will help guide me on my path I have chosen to follow. Will I complete them and when? Will I continue to walk this path alone without a spiritual man as my companion? Will my specific health issues be resolved and improve? Eagerly awaiting your response. Thank you for taking the time to answer and direct me on my spiritual path!

Community Healer

Dear Community Healer:

I see Colorado - near and around Denver area. There will be further chances to move again; probably to the high dessert country in Arizona/New Mexico.

I am glad that you have had the dream of the Pipe. That information would be best coming from an Interpreter Man (medicine man). The Spirits will be communicating with him where/when/ and the homblacia (vision quest) attached to your dream.

The completion of your ceremonies (including for your health) will happen prior to your moving. It feels to me that all of these things take at least through the end of this summer to complete.

It "looks" to me though, that you will be moving when the snow is flying - so perhaps next winter?

Your journey is one of honor and so all will be provided for your preparation. Everything that needs to happen for you to being your work will be allowed. The biggest challenge is the "rush" that we as human beings try to get into when we know we are facing the challenges of a new direction. Patience is a lot easier to order someone to have than they realize. Like most of us though, you have no choice but to develop them (patience).

I see a successful journey - and I see you helping many people in the future. I see you working with people and helping bring them back to a close spiritual and Source connection.

I see your health improving with ceremony, other healing work and conscientious diet awareness.

Barb A., my business partner, and I would be happy to work with you on your health (we employ a method we call Balance Point Healing). Call the *Lakota Country Times* and leave your number; we will contact you.

Prayers and Blessings to you.

Dear Anna,

I haven't written to you in some time now so I thought I'd write you again.

I hope you are doing fine, as for me I'm somewhat okay but not really. I really don't know how I make it through each and every day because I just feel like something is going to happen and I don't know what.

I guess maybe you can clue me in on that (maybe?) well any ways, there are a few things that I'd like to share with you: My daughter did get out of jail but she don't want to straighten up, can you give me any kind of advice?

She was looking at prison time but she got probation and I thought that maybe she would like to start living a better life but she went right back into doing the same thing as usual. I don't know maybe I'm just feeling depressed but sometimes I just feel like giving up and I haven't prayed to my higher power in a long time, maybe that's what I should start doing.

Can you give me any ideas on how my life will be in the near future? My DOB is 08/24/1963. Do you see my aunt who got in a car accident back in Oct 2006 getting any better? My cousin died in that accident. I'm trying to go back to school in Denver, Colo.

Do you think that will work out for me? Also I'm having some major financial problems do you think I will get though this mess? I'm working on it but it just seems like its never gonna stop. well enough about all my problems.

Worried about everything

Dear Worried about everything:

In basic numerology you are a "six." People that are the number six generally are people that tend to accumulate things and are generally very physically oriented (this does not mean athletic, it means concerned more with things like houses, cars, the appearance of a good job, public image, etc.).

Their challenge is to learn to let go and let be, especially of old junk and grudges.Sixes like to hold a grudge - they are comfortable with them because they use it to create a self image of superiority.

A person that is a six will eventually accumulate all of the physical things they need and require to feel successful. A person that is a six needs to remember the Spirit and the Body - not just the mind. They are challenged with finding that balance. A person that is a six usually has good intellect and is very practical and concerned with financial solvency more than any other aspect of their life.

Your aunt is recovering - it is her heart (spirit) that is broken She has quite a journey in front of her to recover her balance - and she is not quite sure that she wants to. I see her as finding an easier road for herself; one of being helped and helping others.

Your daughter has not made a personal decision to live her life any way other than how she is living hers. She is in addiction and has to find the desire to create a different relationship with her self image than she has right now. Quite honestly she enjoys her addictions and has not suffered enough to really feel the damage that ownership by drugs and alcohol create. So far, she has been bailed out of all of her trouble so that the only worry has been by others that are so very nicely taking care of her (ennoblement). She will eventually find treatment and a better life - but her journey to wellness at this point, includes some real harsh happenings in her future. Quite simply, either she finds sobriety through treatment or prison. It is up to her.

Don't worry mom. Do pray - it softens impact and alters the future. Don't take your daughter's choices as a sign that you are not a good parent.

The influences of our children's world (peer pressure) has more determination over our children combined with social influence (television, music, movies) than any parent ever had. Very good parents have children that make very poor decisions.

Dear Anna,

How are you doing? I hope all is well. Today I am writing about my possibilities of having a child. I guess I want to know is can I have children, is it me with the problem or my significant other because there is no lack in trying and if I can is it going to be within this year or soon anyways I am concerned.

Concerned

Dear Concerned:

Yes, you can have children. I see a little boy being born, with a pregnancy probably this fall. Quit worrying and things will move along better - so to speak.

Dear Anna,

What do you know about breech babies? My baby is breech and I may have to have a c-section if it doesn't work out to have a normal delivery. I asked the doctor what causes a breech baby and he couldn't specifically tell me. Why is my baby breech?

Curious

Dear Curious:

Breech babies - well they are placed backwards in the womb. Their is risk to the mother and to the baby's back, limbs, etc. if they make their entrance to the world in the back wards way. Why are some babies breech?

Well, I don't know but when I ask Spirit why I was told: Some people are stubborn and begin their introduction to the Earth by not listening to directions. All babies are born out of a need to be here but those in the breech position are some of the most stubborn of people. They are survivors.

The baby can turn before birth. If not, a C-Section is not all that horrible. I delivered both my children in that way due to "conflicts" in presentation, such as the breech birth above (and the enormous size of my boys).

I recovered quickly, cleanly and was back in my size ten pants way quicker than my other young birth mother friends.

Pray for your child to turn. It is possible within prayer that this can happen. I will also pray and send you healing energy so the child may turn.

Good Luck and God Bless!

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

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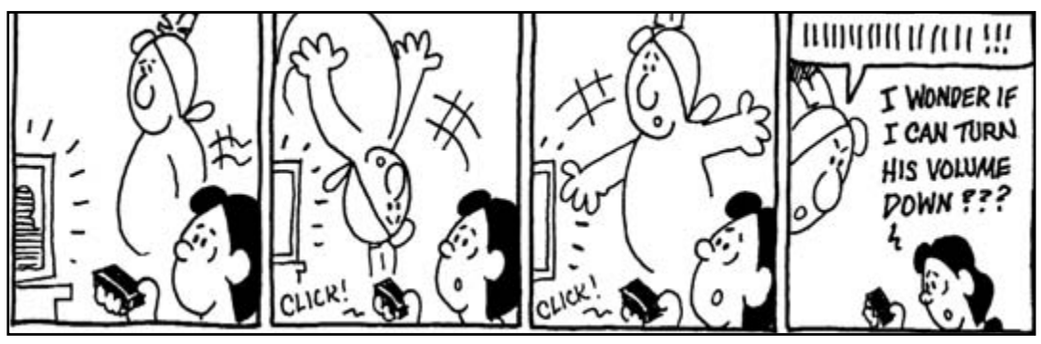
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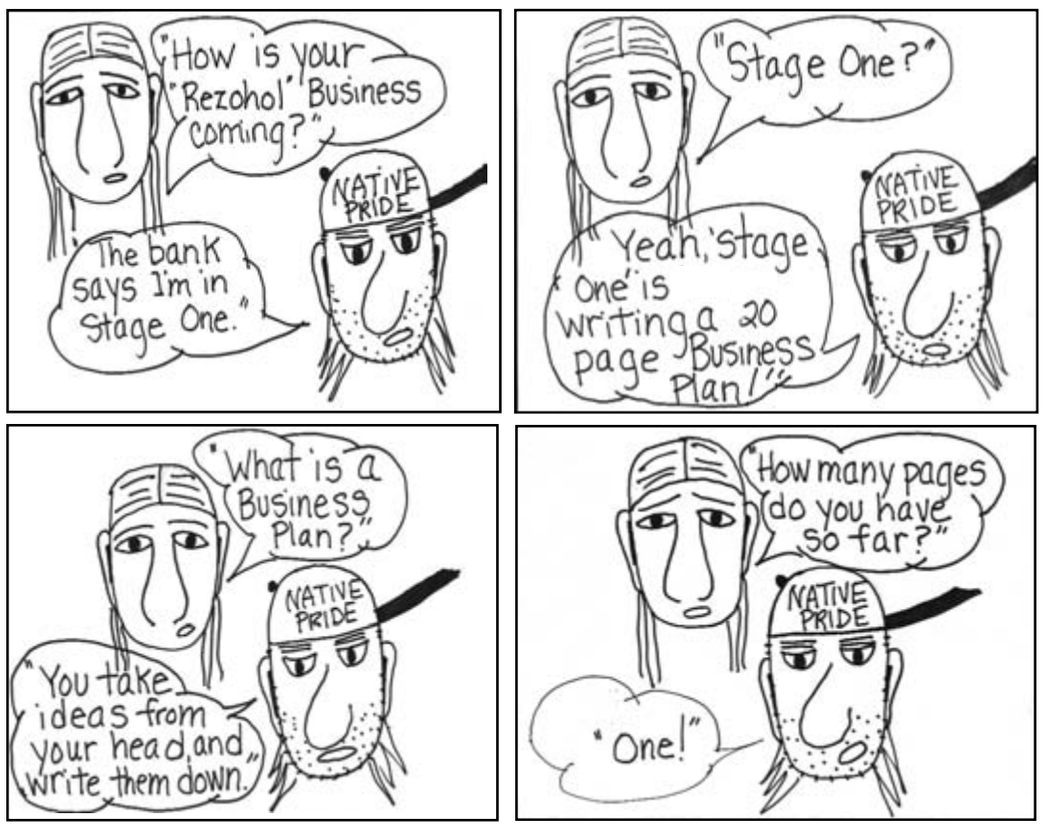
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Russell Yellow Thunder, 82.....Wakpamni
Virginia Ghost Bear, 63.....Batesland
Lavina A. Brewer, 61.....Wanblee
Morton Joe Pourier, 74.....Calico
Richard E. LeBeau, 55.....Eagle Butte
Valerie Rose Lamont Wooden Knife, 39
.....White River

Russell Yellow Thunder

WAKPAMNI - Russell Yellow Thunder, 82, died March 23 at Rapid City Regional Hospital of natural causes.

Survivors include his wife Amelia Yellow Thunder of Wakpamni Lake; a son Dennis Yellow Thunder of Wakpamni Lake and four grandchildren.

Visitation services was Wednesday, March 28 at the Russell Yellow Thunder residence in Wakpamni Lake.

A two night wake was Wednesday, March 28 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Wakpamni Lake.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, March 30, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Wakpamni Lake.

Officiating will be Rev. Cordelia Red Owl with traditional Lakota services by Mr. Rick Grey Grass.

Burial will be at St. Andrew's Episcopal Cemetery, Wakpamni Lake.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Virginia Ghost Bear

BATESLAND - Virginia Ghost Bear, 63, died March 26 Rapid City Regional Hospital of natural causes.

Survivors include a special friend Mike Diaz, Batesland; a son Wayne Has No Horse, Sioux Falls; daughters Lema Richards and Enallia Ghost Bear both of Batesland; Frieda Richards of Pine Ridge and a brother Don Ghost Bear of Batesland and numerous grandchildren.

A two night wake begins on Thursday, March 29 at the Batesland School in Batesland.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the Batesland School with Rev. Cordelia Red Owl and Rev. Herbie Star officiating.

Interment will be at Porcupine Presbyterian Cemetery, Porcupine.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Lavina A. Between Lodges-Brewer

WANBLEE - Lavina A. Between Lodges-Brewer, 61, died Friday, March 23, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include to sons, Jarrod Iron Horse and Victor Iron Horse, both of Wanblee; three daughters, Arvella Iron Horse and Jackie Waldner both of Wanblee; Woniya Herrera, Minitare, Neb..; one brother Wilbur Between Lodges, Pine Ridge; two sisters Matilda Little Killer and Darlene Mesteth both of Wanblee. A two-night wake was Wednesday, March 28, at Wanblee CAP Office. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 30, at Wanblee CAP Office with Deacon Gerald Bush officiating. Burial will be at St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Morton 'Joe' Pourier

CALICO - Morton "Joe" Pourier, 74, Calico, died Wednesday, March 21, at Pine Ridge Hospital.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Pourier was born on Dec. 24, 1932 to Aloysious Joe Pourier and Ramona Fielder in Lawton, OK. Mr. Pourier attended school at Crawford, Nebraska and Holy Rosary Mission in Pine Ridge. After his school years at Holy Rosary, he enlisted in the Army, and served in the 82nd Airborne Division during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged with honors. After his discharge from the Army, Pourier relocated to Los Angeles, Calif. and attended school. He later moved to Oakland, Calif. He returned to Pine Ridge and worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for two years as an electrician. For the next 30 years, he was employed with the Golden West Telephone Company where he later became its manager for the Pine Ridge District. Pourier was also a rancher for nearly 40 years. He is survived by sons William "Bill" Pourier, Lyle Jack, Ryan Pourier, Virgil Pourier and Cauley Pourier, all of Pine Ridge, and Joel Pourier, Shakopee, Minn.; daughters Susan Pourier, Calico, Reva Bad Wound, Rapid City, Ramona Sammarco, Easton, Penn.; sister Betty Pourier, Yukapa, Calif.; 20 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his father, A. Joseph Pourier of Pine Ridge, his Mother, Ramona Fielder of Eagle Butte and a son, Lance Pourier of Pine Ridge.

Vigil service was Friday, March 23 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pine Ridge. Funeral services were Saturday, March 24 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, with the Rev. Tom O'Neill, S.J., officiating. Interment was at Pourier Family Cemetery, Calico. Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Richard E. LeBeau

EAGLE BUTTE - Richard E. LeBeau, 55, died March 18.

Survivors include his wife Sharon Smith, Promise; two daughters M. J. Hill, and Bonnie LeBeau; two sons, Richard LeBeau and Ryman LeBeau; his mother Ryan Lebeau; his father Gilbert LeBeau; one sister, Bonnie LeBeau; one brother, Daniel Keith LeBeau; and four grandchildren.

Services were Friday, March 23, at John's Episcopal Church, Eagle Butte. Burial was at St. Mary's Episcopal Church (Black Tongue) west of Promise Oster Funeral Home, Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

Valerie Rose Lamont Wooden Knife

WHITE RIVER - Valerie Rose Lamont Wooden Knife, 39, died Thursday, March 22, at her home in Horse Creek Community.

Survivors include her husband, Stanley Wooden Knife; one daughter, Rachal Wooden Knife of Horse Creek; her parents, Richard Lamont of White River and Dora Brown of Wanblee; three brothers, Stanley Young Sr., Edward Bartlette and Bill Lamont; and two sisters, Ruth Lamont and Linda Lamont.

Wake services were March 24, at St. Thomas Church in Corn Creek, and Sunday, March 25, at the CAP Office in Wanblee.

Funeral services were Monday, March 26, at the CAP office. Burial will follow at Gethsemane Episcopal Cemetery in Wanblee.

Holmes Funeral Home of Valentine was in charge of arrangements.

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MINUTES

Shannon County Commissioners Special Session March 16, 2007

The Shannon County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on March 16th, 2007 for the purpose of Sheriff applications and final Legislative Audit results. Present Deb Rooks-Cook, Tom Conroy, Vanessa Roubideaux and Patricia J. Seegrist, Deputy Auditor. Absent Connie Whirlwind Horse and Inez White Hawk.

Meeting called to order by Deb Rooks-Cook, time being 10:28 a.m.

Present was Jane Colhoff, Judy Merdanian, Dian Keester, Russell Merdanian, David Keester, Twila Merrill, Lee Ann Keester and Lynn Bettelyoun.

Questions were immediately asked why applications were not being discussed in open session, why the Commissioners wanted Executive session to do this. These questions were asked by Jane Colhoff and Judy Merdanian.

Judy said she thought Jim Daggett was doing a wonderful job and unless it was made public about any complaints on him she didn't understand why Daggett wasn't being kept on as Shannon County Sheriff.

Tom Conroy reported Jim Daggett had done a Drug bust in Colorado with the FBI and DCI; which was above and beyond his normal duties and he thought this was an asset to Daggett.

Jane Colhoff stated the Commission needed to state its reasons as to why the positions in Shannon County needed to be advertised, and specifically wanted to know why Jim Daggett was being run out of a job when he was doing so well and hadn't said anything about wanting to leave.

Deb Rooks-Cook stated Jim Daggett had lied about needing 3 phones and not having tribal police back up. That Protection Orders were not served and Cook said Daggett was too expensive to keep.

Jane said the Commissioner's did not take any action on these issues at any time and that these issues could not be used against him.

Tom Conroy said that gas prices are up and no on should put his life on the line everyday for $15,000.00 a year, so wages were increased. One phone had been cancelled. Conroy states he had no problems with Daggett, spoke highly of Daggett and how he had worked to get a relationship with Public Safety. Conroy said Daggett had told him he was working on his off time for Hermosa and he thought this was not the Commissioners business how Daggett spent his off hours.

Connie Whirlwind Horse now present, time being 10:45 a.m.

Jane Colhoff spoke that it isn't against the law to have an off duty job.

Inez White Hawk present time being 10:45 a.m.

Russell Merdanian spoke that he was broke down along side of the road, when it was cold and that Daggett had stopped on his own time with his family and tried to help him and when they couldn't get his car running Daggett took him home. He said not many people do that for you.

Lee Ann Keester spoke about her daughter being severely beaten and Jim Daggett came on the week-end, to help with the situation. Said no on else she had called would even come.

Judy Merdanian asked again why the positions were advertised.

Deb Rooks-Cook stated that they have found out positions for Veteran's Service Officer, Highway Superintendent, Coroner and Sheriff could by law be advertised, so they had decided to do so.

Jane Colhoff spoke again about 4 year terms of these offices, and that Jim Daggett was on 6th year, so shouldn't be up for 2 more years.

Deb Rooks-Cook made motion to go into executive session, seconded by White Hawk, for applicant's background checks which are not for public open session. Time being 11:07 a.m. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 11:13 a.m.

Jane Cohloff stated that no other business could be discussed at the Special meeting.

Connie Whirlwind Horse told the people that Lance Russell, States Attorney, would be doing background check on the new applicant.

Judy Merdanian stated she thought those applicants not here for interview should be disqualified and stop wasting the tax payers money and time.

Tom Conroy made a motion to retain Jim Daggett as Shannon County Sheriff. Discussion was held, with Connie stating that Jim Daggett has worked 34 years and usually at 30 years most law enforcement retire. Conroy stated salary has to stay the same, but might need to work on expenses.

Motion was then seconded by Roubideaux. Vote taken Conroy and Roubideaux voting yes, Rooks-Cook, Whirlwind Horse and White Hawk voting no.

Judy Merdanian wanted to know that since the motion had died, then what would be done if the Commissioners did not make a decision today on a Sheriff, and why should money be spent waiting for the next meeting.

Jane Colhoff said the way the motion was made that Shannon County did not have a Sheriff until the matter is resolved.

Judy Merdanian said lets look at applicants and a decision be made today on the best qualified.

Jeff Not Help Him still had not shown up for appointment at 11:30 a.m.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Conroy to keep Jim Daggett on as Shannon County Sheriff till April 6th, 2007, until Lance Russell, States Attorney has time to do background check on new applicant. Voting yes, Rooks-Cook, Conroy and Roubideaux, Voting no, Whirlwind Horse and White Hawk. Motion carried.

David Keester stated that one of the Commissioners should step down because of conflict issues on the Sheriff position. This was denied as Commissioner Rooks-Cook said it was not on the agenda.

Jeff Not Help Him was present at this time, time being 11:34 a.m.

Judy Merdanian asked if Jeff Not Help Him was the most qualified person for the Sheriff's job, or was Jim Daggett.

Lance Russell was present at this time and stated that statement on who was the most qualified person could not be made at this time.

Judy Merdanian stated she was a taxpayer and she wanted the most qualified person for Sheriff.

Russell said conflicts could be presented and he would look at the issues by the next meeting.

David Keester stated that Inez White Hawk has conflicts with Jim Daggett and should step down.

Russell said he would need documentation on conflicts to go through before the next meeting.

Connie Whirlwind Horse stated she had received an accusing letter in the mail, which she stated was caused by the letter put in the Rapid City Journal.

Jane Colhoff stated Jim Daggett did not do the letter in the Rapid City Journal, that she had put it in.

Connie Whirlwind Horse stated Jim Daggett had refused to do an investigation on the Pop Machine in the Highway Shop, and had an issue on some bulls that were stolen.

Jane Colhoff said she wanted to know what proof Connie had and Connie said that was what she was told.

Lynn Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent spoke and said she had asked Jim Daggett to come to the Highway Shop and take pictures and investigate, but that he did not do so. Lynn said she took pictures.

Jim Daggett then stated he went to the highway shop and that he had contacted the BIA as employees were tribal members and he could not make any arrests or anything on tribal members. Said he needed a list of stolen property and that beer should not have been removed from pop machine, and that he should have been called immediately to investigate.

Deborah Rooks-Cook stated that a decision would be made on April 6th, 2007.

It was then decided that the agenda had not been approved and Tom Conroy made a motion to adjourn meeting.

Jane Colhoff said again that nothing could be discussed except the Sheriff Position.

Lance Russell stated that the Agenda could be changed and items added as long as the agenda was posted 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Deborah Rooks withdrew motion to adjourn.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to approve the agenda as read. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Judy Merdanian, asked the Commissioners that if the audience now left if there would be no further discussion's on the Sheriff position.

Al Schaefer, Department of Legislative Audit met with the Board to discuss the final findings on the 2004-2005 Audit. Gave each Commissioner a copy and discussion was held on several points. The findings are set unless something else comes up for review.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to accept the Legislative Audit Report as submitted. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Lynn Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent presented information on road that should be made into a T so you come to a complete stop and that the road needs to be 6 inches of gravel, so it needs to be taken back to the State. Also stated the signing and road project needs to be done in order, signing project after the road project.

Discussed Road Grader Repair which is estimated at $14,000.00 to $15,000.00, and the repair of the Tractors which is estimated at $5,000.00.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Conroy to approve repairs on the road grader.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Conroy to approve repairs for both tractors. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Commissioners told Bettelyoun to check Federal Surplus to get prices on a Back-Hoe.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to approve the following bills. All voting yes, the motion carried.

GENERAL

Conroy, Tom,Comm. Travel, 56.32

Rooks-Cook, Deborah, Comm. Travel, 104.00

Ford Credit, March Payment, 559.41

Golden West Telephone Phone, 207.02

Roubideaux, Vanessa, Comm. Travel, 40.96

State Treasurer, Mentally Handicapped, 180.00

Whirlwind Horse, Connie, Comm. Travel, 72.32

White Hawk, Inez, Comm. Travel, 57.60

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook, that the meeting be adjourned.

Next meeting to be on April 5th , 2007, at 10:30 A.M. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Connie Whirlwind Horse, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Shannon County

ATTEST:
Patricia J. Seegrist,
Deputy
County Auditor
Shannon County

Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court
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NOTICE OF HEARING

In the Matter of Guardianship of Zachary Lapointe, a Minor.

To all interested parties: Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held upon the above-captioned matter on the 23rd day of April, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. o'clock in the courtroom of the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court in Rosebud, South Dakota. Entered this 20th day of February, 2007. By the Tribal Court Judge Attest:
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CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL G SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4NE1/4, SEC 9-35-41 2.50 ACRES, CHURCH, GUILD HALL 100% EXEMPT

CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRALG NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4,12-35-44 CHURCH 100% EXEMPT

CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL G N1/2N1/2 OF LOT 4, 19-36-46 (8.67 A) CEMETERY 100% EXEMPT

CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL G S1/2SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4,SEC 26-39-43 CHURCH, GUILD HALL 100% EXEMPT

CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL G LOT 4, BLK 3 VILLAGE OF BATESLAND 100% EXEMPT

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CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL G LOT 7, BLK 3 VILLAGE OF BATESLAND 100% EXEMPT

CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL S1/2NE1/4SW1/4SW1/4,N1/2SE1/4SW1/4SW1/4,7-35-44 CHURCH ,HALL, RECTORY 5 A. EXEMPT EP

CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL E1/2SW1/4, 19-38-42 5 ACRES & BLDGS ARE EXEMPT CHURCH, RECTORY 5 A. EXEMPT EP

CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL E1/2SE1/4SW1/4,SEC 1 NE1/4NE1/4NW1/4, NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4, BARE LAND, NO VALUE BLD TAX EP

CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL NE1/4NE1/4, OF 36-38-44 SUBJECT TO R/W CHURCH 5 A. EXEMPT EP

CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL NE1/4, 7-39-41 5 ACRES & BLDG ARE EXEMPT CHURCH, CEMETERY 5A. EXEMPT EP

CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL NW1/4, OF 34-40-41 LESS 1.843 A R/W OF ROAD; 80 ACRES & BLDG EXEMPT CHURCH, RECTORY, HALL 80 A. EXEMPT EP

CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHEDRAL SW1/4SW1/4SE1/4, 11-42-47 5 ACRES & BLDG ARE EXEMPT CHURCH 5 A. EXEMPT EP

CHAPTER OF CALVARY CATHERDRAL G TRACT 25 IN 12-35-45 CEMETERY 100% EXEMPT

CORP OF PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE CHURCH JCLDS 60 E TEMPLE G 1/2SW1/4NW1/4SW1/4NW1/4, SEC 12-35-45 (1.25 A) PARSONAGE-TRAILER 100% EXEMPT

FIRST BODY OF JESUS CHRIST CHURCH G LOTS 20, 21, BLK 2 CHURCH 100% EXEMPT

LAKOTA BAPTIST CHURCH G LOT 12,13,14, BLK 6 SE1/4SE1/4SW1/4NW1/4, SEC 7-35-44 100% EXEMPT

LAKOTA BAPTIST CHURCH G W1/2SW1/4SW1/4, SEC 11-37-46 (20.00 ACRES) BARE LAND 100% EXEMPT

LAKOTA BAPTIST CHURCH G TRACT 1 IN SW1/4, SEC 34-40-43 CHURCH, RECTORY 100% EXEMPT

MAKASAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH G E1/2E1/2E1/2E1/2SE1/4SW1/4,EXCEPT 11A OF E1/2E1/2E1/2SE1/4SW1/4, CHURCH 100% EXEMPT

MENNONITE CENTROL COMMITTEE G BUILDING ON LEASED SITE 1999 SCHULT SERIAL #R288214 OFFICE 100% EXEMPT

PORCUPINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH G N1/2NW1/4NE1/4SE1/4, SEC 29-38-42 CHURCH, GUILD HALL 100% EXEMPT

RED CLOUD INDIAN SCHOOL G TRACT A IN SW1/4, LESS H1 (.21 A) SEC 23, TWP 36, RG 45 (1.41 A) BARE LAND

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RED CLOUD INDIAN SCHOOL G SE1/4SW1/4SW1/4SE1/4, SEC 32-39-46 CEMETERY 100% EXEMPT

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The Shannon County School District #65-1 is submitting an application for 07-08 year for funding under the Title VII of the Indian Education Act. A public hearing will be at Batesland Administration office.

The time and date of the hearing will be:10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2007

At this time the preliminary program will be reviewed and recommendations incorporated into the proposal. For further information contact:
Maurice Twiss,
Federal Programs
(605) 228-1921

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Statement of Net Assets—Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2006

	Primary Government	
	Governmental Activities	Total
ASSETS:		
Cash and Cash equivalents	$512,660.20	$512,660.20
Investments	250,000.00	250,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	$762,660.20	$762,660.20
NET ASSETS:		
Restricted	532,532.39	532,532.39
Unrestricted	230,127.81	230,127.81
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$762,660.20	$762,660.20

SHANNON COUNTY

Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

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Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes In Net Assets: Primary Government: Governmental Activities	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes In Net Assets: Primary Government: Total
Primary Government:						
Government Activities:						
General Government	$ 184,246.14	$24.360.60	$ 79.94	$	$ (159,805.60)	$ (159,805.60)
Public Safety	130,515.88	648.20	2,214.71		(127,652.97)	(127,652.97)
Public Works	175,484.64	400.00	243,187.33		68,102.69	68,102.69
Health and Welfare	15,358.70	210.00			(15,148.70)	(15,148.70)
Conservation of Natural Resources	15,613.07	5,691.00			(9,922.07)	(9,922.07)
Payments to Local Education Agencies	1,411.26				(1,411.26)	(1,411.26)
*Debt Service	27,548.78				(27,548.78)	(27,548.78)
Total Governmental Activities	$ 550,178.47	$ 31,309.80	$ 243,267.27	$ 2,214.71	$ (273,386.69)	$ (273,386.69)
Total Primary Government	$ 550,178.47	$ 31,309.80	$ 243,267.27	$ 2,214.71	$ (273,386.69)	$ (273,386.69)
General Revenues:						
Taxes:						
Property Taxes					$ 195,901.16	$ 195,901.16
State Shared Revenues					62,333.12	62,333.12
Grants and Contributions not Restricted to Specific Programs					2,869.00	2,869.00
Unrestricted Investment Earnings					26,498.87	26,498.87
Miscellaneous Revenue					5,399.65	5,399.65
Total General Revenues and Transfers					$ 293,001.80	$ 293,001.80
Changes in Net Assets					$ 19,615.11	$ 19,615.11
Net Assets-Beginning					$ 743,045.09	$ 743,045.09
Adjusted Fund Cash Balance - Beginning					$ 743,045.09	$ 743,045.09
NET ASSETS-ENDING					$ 762,660.20	$ 762,660.20

* The County does not have interest expense related to the functions presented above. This amount includes indirect interest expense on general long-term debt.

** This amount excludes the capital purchases that are included in the direct expenses of the various functions. See Note ___

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I would like to say
Happy Easter! To the
Lone Hill family
in Kyle & Porcupine,
Bianas Family,
Rhonda Th. Hawk
& family,
Rochelle Lone Hill
& family,
Lynelly Young
& family,
Mattie & family,
and also out to my
Easter Bunnies
Frank Yellow Hawk Jr., Malonnie Shay / Lyndon, Bobbi Jo, Emily Mae, Arna Camille & Takoja Andrew Zackery,
Happy Easter
Michelle Lone Hill

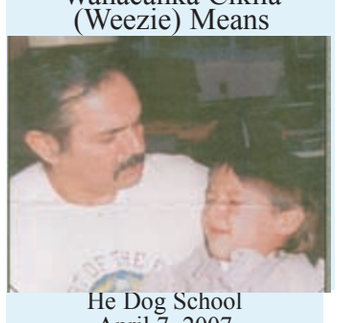
Congratulations to
Dakota Blue Legs!
You did it, you will be leaving for the Job Corps,
keep going and don't look back.
From: Fern

Happy birthday
my Beautiful granddaughters
Julia, Shiniya,
Tianna March
25th & April 1st
love Grandma

Happy birthday
To our beautiful niece
have a wonderful day you deserve it,
Faith Colleen Moves Camp
March 23, 2007
love you
Uncle Melvin and
Auntie Gwen Young Bear
also from: Tony, Cetan Luta and Harmony

Congratulations to the SICANGU MAGIC of Rosebud Sioux Tribe on winning the Queen City Classics... 5 x's Champs Sicangu Magic won, beating Rapid City Team 9th grade Division.
on March 24, 2007 in Spearfish, South Dakota
submitted by Darleen Black Spotted Horse of St. Francis, SDproud grandmother of Trevor Farmer

Memorial Feast &
Give Away -
Special Invitation
Dale H (Dace) &
Wahacanka Cikila
(Weezie) Means



He Dog School
April 7, 2007
2:00 PM
12:00 Noon Tombstone unveiling - Holy Innocents Cemetery - Wiping of Tears ceremony to follow.
All Family & friends are welcome to come join us with good thoughts and memories for these wonderful people who are sadly missed but not forgotten
The Family of
Dace & Weesie Means

3/23/2007
A Memorial Birthday to my mom February 18, 1991 to March 23, 2007
Thelma M. Long Soldier
Good Voice Elk
Mom I miss you and love you, think of you often
Love you children, Gwen & Melvin Young Bear, Shally Bullman, Arvilla and Richard Moves Camp, Martli Little Bald Eagle, Gary Good Voice Elk Jr., and all of you Takoja's : Tony , Alyssa, Samantha, Cetan Luta, Myron LBE, Martina, Dawn, Sylvia, Faith,Loretta, Brother, Harmony, Alisse, Ryan, Rhea, Shantelle, Jayden, Hyden, Bradley, Shirri, Yamni, and Sherena.

Dear Mrs. Rayhill
you are a good teacher.
From Kierran

Happy birthday
to my friend
Kellie
by your bro, you should know !

I would like to wish my
Granddaughter's
Winnie Whipple
and
Jada Knox
a Very Happy Birthday. I still remember the day you girls were born, seems like yesterday.
You are both growing up so fast.
I love you both with all my heart.
Love
Grandma Marion

Perry Thunder Hawk
Thanks for being a good friend.
I had fun this weekend, but thing for you are hard Right now.
Hold your head up and remember, I will always be here for you.
I hope you reach your dreams, and good luck on that road you decide to take.

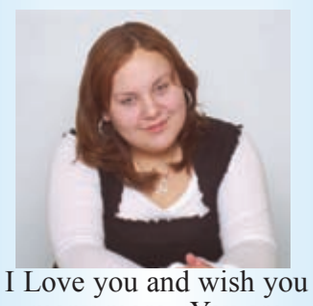
I love you Mommy



Love Baby Sara.

Happy birthday to my son
Wade Vocu
on3/25 and my dad
on 3/31
I love you both Carol

Happy Birthday!!!
March 31st.
"Winnie Whipple"



I Love you and wish you many more. You are growing up so fast and turning into a very beautiful young lady. Just remember you are still my baby. Hang tough in school. See you on your Birthday.

XOXO
My Prayers are with you,
Mom

A big congratulations to
Kalo Garrett,
who is leaving for Job Corps on 3/27/07, son you did it, keep reaching for those stars, I' am so proud of you. I love & miss you,
your mom
Fern Red Owl &
the rest of the crew.

Congrats to
Jasmine Rodriguez
on your birth of your baby girl,
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Happy 5th Birthday
Dawson Foote!
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LAKOTA FUNDS 20TH ANNIVERSARY POSTER CONTEST

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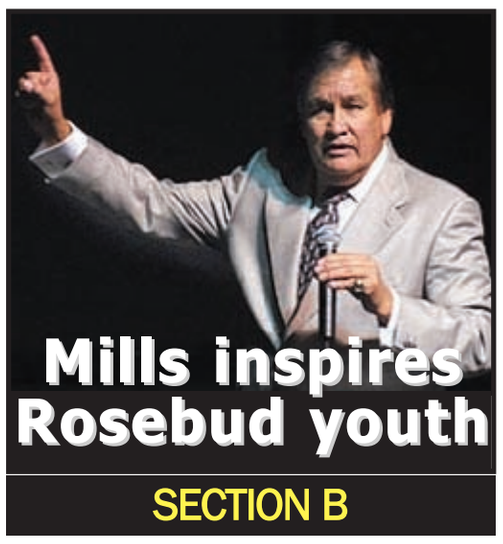
* Must be an enrolled member of th Oglala Sioux Tribe residing on the Pine Ridge reservation.
* Poster must promote community and business development, 20th anniversary emphasizing Lakota Funds mission statement, and theme of " Investing in the Oyate"
* Poster size needs to be a minimum of 24" x 36"
* ALL POSTER SUBMISSIONS WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF LAKOTA FUNDS.
* DEADLINE FOR POSTER SUBMISSION IS APRIL 6, 2007.
* ARTISTS UNDER AGE 18 MUST HAVE SIGNED PARENTAL CONSENT.

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Mills inspires Rosebud youth

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Pine Ridge Vision Center moves to new building, provides more services

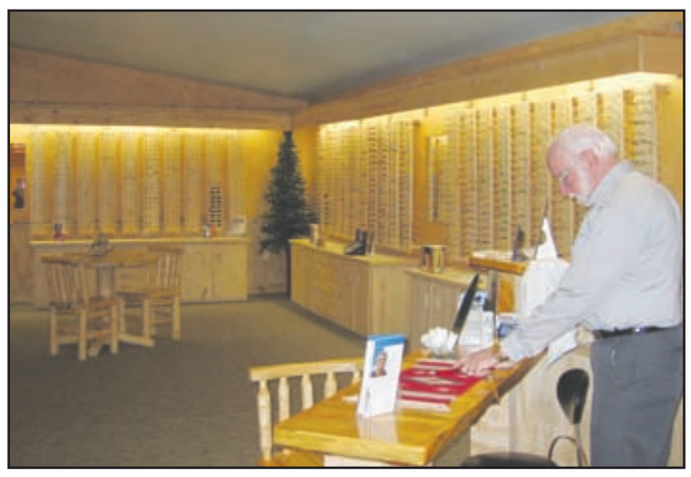
By Connie Blanco
Times Staff

PINE RIDGE - Since 2003, The Pine Ridge Vision Center has grown from adjusting glasses, screening, and giving away free lens cleaner at a table at the back of Big Bat's to a full blown vision practice in a brand new building in Pine Ridge.

Dr. Vernon C. Rockey, administrative director of Pine Ridge Vision Center, fully expects the center to carry the major patient load of their three visions centers. Even now they have a full appointment book everyday.

The other vision centers are located in Chadron and Gordon, Neb.

He also credits the Indian Health Center with their successful welcome into the Pine Ridge area. "In the beginning IHS welcomed our 300 frame dispensary as they were writing so many prescriptions that had to be filled somewhere, so why not right in Pine Ridge," he said. Once the dispensary opened, five to six people a day wanted eye exams and Dr. Rockey began to pursue a lease on land for the Vision Center. The lease was obtained after two years and "many hurdles" and the building broke ground in the summer of 2006.



Dr. Vernon C. Rockey, in the newly constructed Pine Ridge Vision Center's dispensary which provides customers with a choice of more than 800 frames. Photo by Connie Blanco.

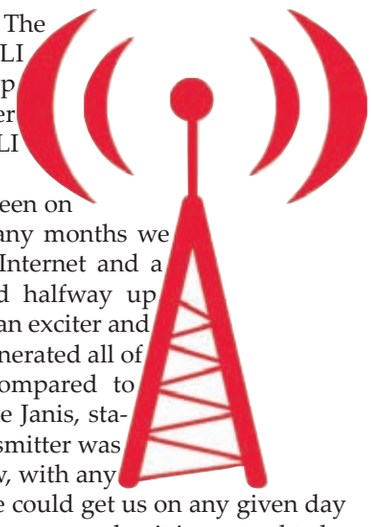
The 4,400 square foot structure also houses two rental suites occupied by Alltel Wireless and University of Colorado with separate footage of 1,575 and 1000 square feet.

"We decided if we were ever able to build we wanted the building to have all the frills that we had ever want-

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KILI Radio on full throttle

PORCUPINE BUTTE - The long wait is over, KILI Radio's engineer hooked up the new analog transmitter on Tuesday, April 3, and KILI Radio was back on the air.



"It's not like we haven't been on the air, it's just that for many months we have been relying on the Internet and a temporary antenna, placed halfway up KILI's 300 foot tower, with an exciter and a 300 watt amplifier that generated all of 250 watts of power as compared to 100,000 watts," said Melanie Janis, station manager after the transmitter was hooked up, "we never knew, with any certainty, how many people could get us on any given day depending on the weather or geography; it is so good to be back

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Black Feather wins $212,000 award in Pennington County court

RAPID CITY - On March 28 a Pennington County court awarded Robert Black Feather of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe $212,000 based upon a suit filed in 2000 against Prairie Bottle Market, Nash-Finch, Inc. and several Nash-Finch employees for an incident which happened in 2000.

After a five hour deliberation the all-white jury made the award in favor of Black Feather unanimously for inflicting battery and emotional stress.

The jury then all shook hands with Black Feather at the conclusion of the trial, which had been dismissed by the state's attorney.

A videotape of the incident had been in operation at the liquor store, but it disappeared and was never turned over to the police or to



Black Feather's attorney.

When asked what Lakota people can do when confronted with such treatment by businesses in border towns, Attorney Charles Abourezk said, "Lakota people know about places and can vote with their pocket books. They can choose not to do business with them and socially it will make change. Robert Black Feather is an example of what happens when you know you are right and it takes persistence. It's really important to hang in there until the end."

Abourezk, who represented Black Feather recounted events leading up to the nightmare event. On Sept. 30, 2000 Robert and his family were in Rapid City to purchase a steam cleaner at the Rushmore Mall. Black Feather then went into the Prairie Bottle Market which sells bottled liquor.

He was there to buy a bottle of rum as an offering and in honor of his mother, who had died in 1991. There was a female employee behind the counter with a male next to her.

The female was apparently staring at Black Feather and when he brought his intended purchases to the counter she said, 'You're drunk and I'm not going to sell you the rum."

Black Feather then proceeded to purchase a pack of cigarettes instead. The female clerk again said, "You're drunk" and grabbed the cigarettes.

He was shocked at that point, and communicated to the male clerk that he did not like the way he was treated.

She put the rum back and said to the male clerk, 'Shall we call security' and at that point they both

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TWO SECTIONS

RST Liquor Commission holds public hearing for Prairie Hills permit

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - The Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Liquor Commission met on Thursday, March 29 in the council chambers and took public testimony on the request for a liquor license by the Prairie Hills Square, Inc.

A final decision on the commission's decision will be forthcoming on Tuesday, April 10 according to commission member, Anthony Bordeaux, Jr.

Prairie Hills Square is anticipating a May 1 grand opening and will include a steak house for fine dining and facilities for exercise and tanning. A new deck is being built, along with a kitchen, a conference/reception and there will be 3-4 shops available for rental. The golf course will be ready for play on April 14



Troy and Gena Heinert are stepping up as local entreprenuers and will be opening the Prairie Hills Square. It will house a steak house, a conference/reception room, an excercise and tanning facility, golf course and 3-4 rental spaces for other local businesses.

Commission members are Chairman, John Charles Arcoren and members Anthony Bordeaux, Jr., Pete Reynolds and Theresa Stead. There is one vacancy and with four members there likely could be a deadlock when it comes down to voting on license issuance.

Troy and Gena Heinert of Mission apparently have applied for a tribal liquor license to sell beer on-sale and off-sale at the Prairie Hills Square. The former Prairie Hills golf club was previously ordered shut down by the RST tax commission as it owed a relatively large amount of back taxes to the tribe.

Heinert said that as local people they wanted to step-up and become entrepreneurs as an example of small business development for the area. He said, "It was a good hearing and

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Pine Ridge Vision Center

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ed. We always had thoughts of cutting back but the closer we got to the day of building we decided to go all the way. Fully handicap accessible, the entire building exterior is metal but the front is made out of T1-11 which is wood and the board walk is cedar and there are also some cedar steps. We used a gravel drive to stay with the rustic lodge type appearance."

Those frills include many innovative ideas that put the comfort and well being of the patients first. They include a full service 600 frame dispensary, three preliminary examining rooms, a visual therapy room where young people are actually taught the ability to see. He said there are many people that have never learned to see properly, and a Visual Field room where both side vision and are tested for various eye diseases.

"We are now able to treat glaucoma and even perform pre and post surgical cooperation with an ophthalmologist when eye surgery is indicated for a patient," he said.

There is also a room where people may sit comfortably while their eyes are being dilated.

And the new contact lens room is Dr. Rockey's favorite and it includes several of his



The front of the Pine Ridge Vision Center a few months ago. The building now houses three businesses and is handicap accessible.

Below: Pine Ridge Vision Center employees Marci Rockey, Nancy White Eyes, Winona Richards, Marth Pettigrew and Georgette Peddy. Photos by Connie Blanco.



25 hand-made cabinets that are used throughout the vision center. "We wanted a rustic feel and the woodwork and cabinets stay close to that theme." The center decor includes native artwork with some enclosed in wood frames, also made by Dr. Rockey.

Contributing to the employment in Pine Ridge, the Vision Center increased their employees from one and a part time to five employees all of which are hired locally. Employee training is provided weekly to through on-line resources from Vision Source and Office Mate.

"Another positive thing that is going to happen, probably this summer is "The Exam Writer" which is a computer in each examining room, where the doctor will record his findings and then billing, insurance filing, lab orders, and other doctor correspondence, will be done automatically from that one station. All of the offices will be networked in June or July so patient records can be accessed in all three offices. Pine Ridge Vision information can be accessed at www.visionsource.pineridgevision.com.

Office hours are 8:30 to 5 p.m. five days a week Monday through Friday with four full time doctors rotating to staff all three locations.

The phone number for Pine Ridge Vision center is 867-2772.



Running of the Bulls

This photo is of a Bull on the loose, after escaping from a rancher delivering to the local locker service at Martin. The chase was on during a slight snow fall on Tuesday.

PHOTO BY MANUAL BLANCO.

RST Liquor

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the first one I had been to. We had a lot of support. Most of the objections were not against us, but against alcohol in general.

Whitney Meek made a good comment about prohibition. The licensing process makes it respectable. It puts regulation on it and all we can do is follow the ordinance…we didn't want the golf course closed down."

There were approximately 30 people in varying stages of entering or exiting the public hearing which appeared to be taped by the commission. Chairman Arcoren said, "This is a hearing for Troy and Gena Heinert for on-sale and off-sale. We are not here to debate the public, but to take information. Please keep your statements within three minutes so that everyone has the opportunity to speak."

From the testimony rendered there appeared to be many who were in favor of the sale of alcohol on the Rosebud reservation even though a tribal resolution exists calling for an alcohol free environment.

A couple of community members appeared to challenge the commission to exercise their full options under the liquor ordinance. Seemingly, they were saying that the commission needed to issue a permit in the case before them and not be denying all that come before them.

They were also saying that if the commission was not going to properly regulate the sale of liquor one way or the other then maybe they should simply vacate their functions and do away with the ordinance.

Another community member said that if a permit is issued in the case before them then the commission needs to go back and issue a license for all the ones that have been denied in the past.

Community member, Raymond Wright, said that he lives not far from the Prairie Hills establishment. He said, "I have lived out there for 15 years and seen more wrecks and picked up bottles. My deal is I oppose a license. My kids can ride and not worry about drunks…I enjoy having a quiet road."

Leroy Hairy Shirt of St. Francis community said, "Put it 50 miles from the reservation. It ruined 17 years of my life from alcohol."

According to Anthony Bordeaux, Jr. commission member, Tillie Black Bear of the White Buffalo Calf Woman Society also testified later against the issuance of a liquor permit.

For certain the public debate surrounding the issuance of RST liquor permits for those doing business on tribal lands is an emotional one.

It is a microcosm or smaller "snapshot" of what is happening on the Rosebud reservation but which applies to all of the people as a whole.

There are some who promote the idea of socially acceptable and responsible drinking, while others say that the tax income that is levied on the sales of alcohol will go to support the youth and prevention programs.

The other sentiment is that the tax income generated is a relatively small price to gain for the immeasurable toll that is realized when alcohol is combined with other negative issues that plague society in general.

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called for security.

The security guard said that if he did not leave he would be arrested. One employee grabbed his wrists and Black Feather said, "Get your hand off of me." He was then grabbed in a bear hug.

They pulled him out the door and one of them tripped him onto the sidewalk and pinned him down causing injury. A third individual then came out of Prairie Market and put his knee into the back of Black Feather and caused a ruptured disc which results in medical expenses totaling $12,000.

The police arrived at that point and arrest him and his wife then has to bail him out.

According to Abourezk the whole experience was very humiliating for Black Feather to be thrown to the ground and arrested in front of his family.

Mr. Abourezk, in his closing argument, recalled a statement by a former Rapid City police chief made to him years ago in describing the prejudice Native Americans felt.

The police chief told him he could imagine a little bit what it was like to be Native American, because he used to wear the blue uniform.

He said that when he went into a restaurant for lunch, he would get stared at, the restaurant would become quiet, and he felt like running out of the restaurant.

The police chief then said that this must be a little bit of what Native Americans experience on a daily basis. "But, I can take my blue uniform off at night, but Indian people cannot take their skin off."

Abourezk told the jury that they would have to decide whether Robert Black Feather overreacted or was a model of restraint.

But you have to imagine a lifetime of such experiences inside of Robert Black Feather's skin.

KILI Radio 90.1 FM

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on."

Lightning hit the old antenna in mid-April of 2006; KILI limped through the following week but went down for the count on April 23. The first plan included replacing the station's antenna and transmission line at a cost of $75,000, the next plan included replacing the transmitter as well and including a new grounding system and air conditioning unit for the equipment room and the cost went up to $210,000. In late May the station submitted a proposal for a digital conversion project and in early June, KILI learned that the station was to receive grants worth more than $300,000 from the Department of Commerce and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to replace transmission equipment at KILI and to do a digital conversion.

"After I heard that KILI was back on, I drove to the southern edge of Rapid City and was able to pick it up loud and clear even with other stations surrounding the signal," said Milt Lee, a Rapid City resident who does contract work for the station, "it was so exciting to have it back, a good solid signal."

Early on in the process, the station found out that it would need to upgrade the electrical breaker panel to handle the new equipment as well as a backup generator awarded to KILI in December by the South Dakota Broadcaster's Association out of Pierre. Formal notice of the grants took place in August, bids were awarded in November and equipment was delivered in mid-January.

The new antenna and transmission line were installed the third week of January which improved the signal to an expanded broadcast area, according to Janis, the electrical upgrade was finished in early March, the back-up generator was hooked up and tested in late March and the transmitter on April 3. During the break-in period, the transmitter will run at 60 per cent, about 60,000 watts and will eventually be moved up close to 100 per cent of power at 100,000 watts.



Melanie Janis, KILI Radio station manager, with her grandson, proudly show the new transmitter that enabled the radio to go up to nearly full power this week. The KILI signal can be heard in the Black Hills area this week. Photo by Amanda Takes War Bonnett.

Over the last 11 months more and more people have used the internet to listen to KILI," said Janis, "and you would be surprised about some of the far away places people pick up on KILI."

On KILI's web site at www.kiliradio.org, listeners e-mail the station to say they are listening and really appreciate the opportunity to hear the music and shows generated from KILI and include listeners from Sweden, Switzerland, Wellington, New Zealand, Frankfurt, Germany, Essex, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Sydney, Australia, Camp Zuma Japan and Nurmijarvi, Finland outside this country and many states across the US including Avondale Estates, GA, Colorado Springs and Ft. Collins, Colorado, Walker Lake Paiute and Duck Valley Reservations in Nevada, Redwood falls, East Lake and Stillwater, Minnesota, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation in Canada, Palestine and Fort Hood Texas, Florida, Maine, Wisconsin, Washington, Illinois, Oklahoma, California and Kansas.

In addition to the 80K back-up generator that has been installed, KILI is continuing to work through the process to install a 65KW wind turbine just south of the station at Porcupine Butte. Honor the Earth with Winona LaDuke, Pat Spears and Bob Gough of the Intertribal Council on Energy Policy and All Tribes Foundation with Faye Brown are all assisting the station with the renewable energy project.

"It was amazing, during the test with the generator when it was up and running and we made the switch the transfer was seamless and when we simulated a storm or electricity outage, it took all of 10-11 seconds for the back up generator to come on and provide electricity to run the station," said Janis.

The new digital transmitter, the new grounding system and a few additional support items are yet to be installed but will be in the coming weeks.

"We have missed a full power KILI Radio," said Paul Iron Cloud, past tribal chairman, "we as a nation take our station for granted and now I hope people realize just how important KILI has been to all of us."



New businesses, new buildings on Pine Ridge

KYLE - In the year of 2006, there was an estimated 800 business licenses that were issued from the tribe, the majority of those would be from individual vendors.

Ivan, Sorbel, director of the Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce in Kyle, said the chamber has a membership of 113 businesses.

In the past two years, new businesses have cropped up in the Pine Ridge area, including two new businesses in the Kyle area. The Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort Motel and Restaurant, located six miles southwest of Kyle is a motel with wireless Internet, a fine dining café, gift shop, camping, RV park, trail rides, conference room and are currently adding cabins.

Rusty Puckett and Kathy Stover of Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort are one of three finalists in the Awards in Business Excellence. The ABEX awards are from the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Winners will be announced at the Governor's Giant Vision Business Competition Thursday, April 12 at the Sioux Falls Washington Pavilion.

One mile south of Kyle, Theresa and Rafael Mendoza opened their café the Food Hut, which offers fast food service with a dining area, with a small convenience store and will eventually expand their giveaway merchandise. They currently have blankets and other merchandise that can be used for 'giveaways.' They are open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week. Their menu includes Indian tacos, soup of the day, hamburgers, chicken and other fast food items.

On May 4, Cangleksa Inc. will celebrate with a grand opening the construction of their building just east of Kyle. The new shelter is part of a newly constructed $1.35 million 9-acre complex which includes a $1.25 million shelter, the Tokahe Wicayapi Visitation Center and a new maintenance building.

The new 7,800-square-foot shelter will comfortably house up to 36 women and children as well as office and meeting space for the administrative and counseling services of the organization

The new $20 million Prairie Winds Casino recently moved to their new casino building and are planning their grand opening for June. The slot machines were moved two weeks ago and the new restaurant is now open for business.

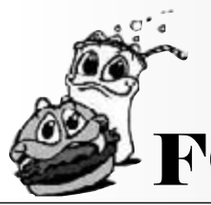
The new restaurant offers the same fine menu and buffet as the old restaurant. The décor of the restaurant includes art master pieces by area artists which it gives customers a sense of eating in a beautiful gallery. The newly built casino motel is expected to open in the summer. The 78 room motel provides customers with indoor swimming and a hot tub. The motel is near completion and was awaiting the water booster relays to be added to the complex to provide increase the water pressure.

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Salish Kootenai sweep AIHEC basketball tourney

Oglala Lakota women take second

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Salish Kootenai College defeated Northwest Indian College 98-89 for the men's championship Sunday in Rapid City while Salish Kootenai won a seesaw affair over Oglala Lakota College 76-69 for the women's title.

Oglala Lakota College hosted this year's American Indian Higher Education Consortium men's and women's basketball tourneys this past weekend in Rapid City as Salish Kootenai College of Pablo, Mont. swept both the men's and women's championship games on Sunday at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology gym. For the Salish men, it was back to back titles, they beat Haskell Indian Nations University last year in Lawrence 77-70. Last year, Oglala Lakota College beat Salish in overtime to make it into the semis and eventually ended up third beating Blackfeet 79-49 in the women's tournament while Haskell Indian Nations University downed Northwest Indian College 84-46 for last year's title.

Delbert Trombley, tournament, MVP, led Salish Kootenai with 24 points in the championship game over NWIC after Salish grabbed the lead in the first half 46-38. Trombley was assisted by Howard Walker's 24 points, Ed Running Rabbit chipped in 19 and Justin Tonasket added 12. Blackfeet College defeated Little Big Horn 89-87 for third. Turtle Mountain, Oglala Lakota College, Fort Peck, Fort Berthold and Chief Dull Knife rounded out the field.

All star selections included: Howard Walker and Ed Running Rabbit/SKC, David Maddock and Doug Williams/NWIC, Elvis Old Bull Jr./LBH, Alvin Yellow Owl/Blackfeet, Dave Gorneau/TM, Johnathan Bear/FB, Lucas King/CDK and Dominic Saucedo/OLC. Turtle Mountain earned the sportsmanship trophy. Luczas King won the Slam Dunk contest.

Salish Kootenai and OLC started out fairly even but Salish went on a 22-0 run midway through the first half and led 34-24 at the half. OLC went on their own 18-0 run in the second half and pulled within two points until Salish rallied at the end of the game to take a seven point win for the championship. Bobbie Woodworth led Salish with 26 points, Angie Red Star helped with 14 and Geneva Cochran chipped in 10 while Tate Locust led OLC with 23 points, Tyann Pourier helped with 15 and Tera Cuny chipped in 14. Little Big Horn knocked off Turtle Mountain 88-75 for third. The women's tourney included Blackfeet, Fort Berthold, Chief Dull Knife and Fort Peck.

"We came out really cold in the first half and maybe even a little nervous," said OLC head coach, Mary Tobacco, "we found our rhythm in the second half and came up just a bit short, last year we were third, this year second and who knows maybe we will continue the climb all the way into the championship trophy nest year."

Salish Kootenai's Bobbie Woodworth, with 91 points in the tournament earned the MVP award while all star selections included Carla McLean and Rikki Ollinger/SKC, Tyann Pourier and Tera Cuny/OLC, Level Spotted Bear and Ray Lee Pretty Weasel//LBH, Serin Davis and Shannon Gunville/TM, Mary Standing Alone/FB and Janelle Talawyna/FP.

Turtle Mountain took home the team sportsmanship award.

Next year's AIHEC basketball tournaments will be in Bismarck hosted by the North Dakota tribal colleges and United Tribes Technical Education Center.



Highlights from Great Plains All Star games

WHITE RIVER - White River hosted the Great Plains senior all star classic on Tuesday as Lower Brule's Kyal Middletent drives for a reverse layup. The black team beats the white team 100-80 in the boys game and the black team downs the white team 81-52 in the girls competition; photos courtesy of Randy Bachelor, White River.

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Bring Back The Kids concert with 3-point shoot-out at SGU

MISSION - Sinte Gleska University, Lakota Studies student, Harold Charging Hawk, is spearheading an effort to "Bring back the Kids" who have been a witness to the recent rash of suicides among the youth on the Rosebud reservation.

A Christian concert along with a three-point contest is being planned for April 14, Saturday at the SGU Multipurpose center from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Charging Hawk is being joined by Chris Stewart, Stacey Charging Hawk, Dave Garcia of Denver, Colo., and Joe and Doris Cardswell, a group of volunteers who will coordinate registration, the three-point shootout and supper which will be served at 6 p.m.

Charging Hawk said, "We want the kids to be joined by their parents and grandparents and if this is successful we will do it on a continuing basis."

Area ministers from the Rosebud area have been invited as well as number of Christian bands who will highlight the concert including, Resurrection, Wanikiya, Tiospaye Gospel of Eagle Butte, Ray Stewart, Glen Old Lodge and Richard Iyotte. Iyotte originally posed the idea.

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Guest Editorial

An open letter to the Mustangs

By Birgil Kills Straight
Kyle, S.D.

Congratulations to a wonderful season! You have given us many hours of happy times, fun times, as we travel around the country watching you play round ball.

My wife and I missed only one game, the game at Little Wound when you played St. Francis.

I went to Omaha on business and my plane was delayed in Omaha so I missed the connection at Minneapolis and my wife made a trip to Rapid City airport for nothing!

However, you gave us house of delight as you handle the ball as professionals!

Masterful and so much energy to burn, I get tired just watching you run, rebound and shoot!

Every one of you hit the three pointers with ease.

I enjoy the moment when I see you after hitting an especially tough shot, when you jump up and down with excitement, genuine thrill, adrenaline pumping, and a big smile on your face. You, as a team, accomplish what many people, many politicians, can't do, bringing people (fans) together for one common goal, to watch and enjoy youth in their glorious moments.

We share happiness together. You were medicine to us aging adults as veins and arteries in our bodies accommodate blood gushing through pumped by our happy hearts!

Returning from long trips such as Canton, my wife and I relive certain parts of a game when Rich, spins around with ball in hand and shoots over the tall guy and effortlessly puts the ball in through the hoop.

Or when Brice takes the ball away from the opponent and the ref blows his whistle (my wife would scream "that was not a foul, get some glasses, geeez!").

Or Devon hitting one from near the center line, or TJ runs through three guys and jumps, 'whoosh' or Shilo running through heavy traffic and comes back out and turns and hits a three pointer, or Ty runs through the lane for a lay up… you get the picture.

Most of you will be leaving Little Wound in May to points unknown only to you.

Perhaps, you will look back and see Brice, Ty, Casey, and Orin joined by some younger eager junior classmen standing there but ready for fall when the LNI will bring many young men from Lakota and Dakota country to be like the 2006-2007, Mustangs of Little Wound.

Your records will be challenged by your younger brothers, by another Lakota team, cheered on by pretty Lakota girls.

Another season of basketball will come but people will remember the Mustangs when they beat two of South Dakota's number 1 teams in one season!

This past couple weeks, we went through hectic times.

We hurt when you hurt.

We're ecstatic when you're happy. It will pass.

We will stood behind you when you honored the Cavs last Monday. I have never heard of a team, Lakota or white, do this in the past. You are the first as you are #1 to many of us.

Be proud.

Your ancestors will be proud of you as they remember the Woope Sakowin (Seven Laws) of the Lakota:

(1) Wacante Ognake: give, share, help, be generous;

(2) Wowaunshila: have pity and compassion;

(3) Wowauonihan: respect and honor;

(4) Wowacin Tanka: patience and tolerance

(5) Wowahwala: be humble, seek humility

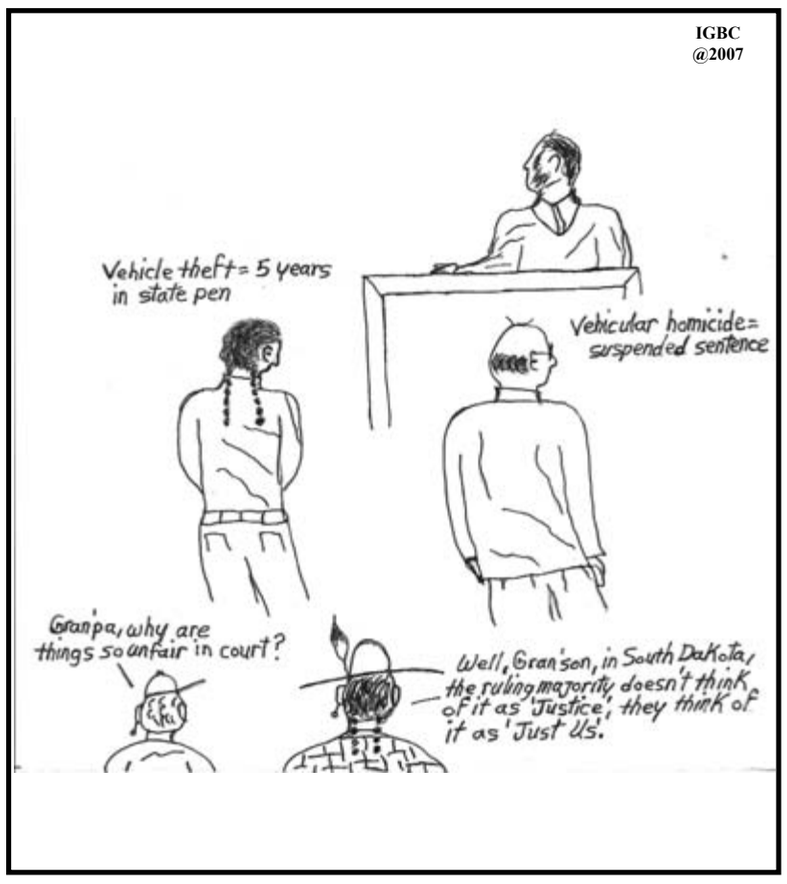
(6) Woohitike: have principles, discipline, brave, courage;

(7) Woksape: understanding, wisdom.

Think of opposite meanings of these Lakota Woope Sakowin, that is what you have heard and seen this past couple weeks.

But, remember most of all, you are Lakota, you will survive and you will live.

You will be remembered as one of the greatest Lakota high school basketball teams in history.



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A Lakota Perspective

The meaning of Sicangu Oyate



By Lydia Whirlwind Soldier

The Lakota people are great storytellers. The storytellers are the keepers of oral tradition; this includes tribal and family histories.

These stories have been translated and sometimes misinterpreted by some who have not heard the story told by tribal historians. The stories are of bravery, fortitude, generosity and wisdom, of great deeds, of great warriors and women; the stories are of victories, misfortunes of war, grief, death and survival. These stories embrace strands of teachings and reach into our ancestral past and extend into all aspects of our lives. They intrigue and inspire us.

They teach us that we can take the misfortunes of the past and find strength that helps us grow with pride and confidence. These stories tell us who we are, they teach us we have a special place and uniqueness in our tribalism and, just as important, the stories tie the Lakota Oyate together as a great nation.

As children we listened to these stories of greatness with wide-eyes ready to burst with excitement and unending questions. Yet, as children we were taught not to interrupt adults, therefore, many of us heard this particular story often. It sometimes brought tears as we marveled at the bravery of our people.

This is the story of how the Sicangu Lakota Oyate received their name. The French called us Brule. We called ourselves Sicangu Lakota. The Burnt Thigh People. We are a subdivision of the Lakota Oyate. (Nation).

Our name, Sicangu originated during the dog travois days, long before we captured Spanish horses that had somehow escaped from their Spanish owners. This was a time before the destruction of our land by overgrazing. The land was covered with indigenous plants that were sometimes thigh or waist high, with ravines filled with trees and wild fruit bushes. The Lakota respected this land and left the land as they found it, taking only what was needed for survival.

The story begins when a small group of Lakota traveled across what is now known as the northern Plains. As the group traveled along with their pack dogs they sent out scouts to survey the terrain for buffalo herds, sources of water and places to camp.

When a thunderstorm approached they decided to camp for the night. The thunder cracked and rumbled and the lightning lit up the evening sky. The scouts returned quite excited. A prairie fire was spotted northwest of their destination. The scouts reported that the fire ravaged everything in its path and advised the people to turn and head south or east to outrun the fire.

In the early morning light the entire western horizon glowed red from the fire. The people broke camp and scouts took up the rear. They traveled until fatigue, worry, and illness overtook the elders.

Early the next morning the smoke dimmed the sun and the high winds swirled up whirlwinds of embers and smoke. The wind seemed to follow them, picking up and switching direction.

In the chaos, families encouraged the young adults to try to outrun the fire telling them to try to reach a river. The headman called a quick council when he realized they could only move as fast the slowest frayed and weakened elder. As a group they came to a decision that they had to find a way to save the children

One elder woman said the only way they could save the children was to run back through the fire. The scouts were sent to the highest hill to determine the safest place to cross back over the fire. They scanned the countryside and in the distance, miles and miles away they saw landmarks they knew lay near the Mnisose. They knew they could not reach the river to save the elders.

The pack dogs were turned loose as the flames and smoke approached. Shouting voices were lost in the wind and in the roar of the fire. The elders prepared the children. Water bags that were carried by each member were emptied onto robes. The elder women who knew they could not run back through the flames took off their buckskin dress, soaked them in water and swaddled the children.

Those who were able cleared an area by stomping and pulling out the tall dry grasses where they would leave the elders who could no longer go on. The remaining water was poured on and around the elders before they turned and prepared to run back through the flames.

The women who would attempt to save the children tenderly hugged those they were to leave behind, keening and remembering the ties that sustained them through difficult times. Leaving them behind was not easy, yet they had to save the children.

The flames in the tall dry grasses licked and roared in the wind as the fire approached. The heat was unbearable. The children were given to the fastest and strongest

Please turn to Sicangu; A5

Words from the 'trenches'

We all need quiet time



Connie Smith-Blanco

Yesterday a very "round" robin and I shared the same space, neither one of us willing to give up our special place in the sun. Since it was spring I took some time staring at her deciding if her roundness was from a winter full of even rounder worms or whether she was expecting some baby robins in the near future. She sat quietly, two feet from me, and watched me like she was trying to decide if I had a good excuse was for being just as round as she was.

I wondered if she was staking out her territory on that branch by my porch in order to make her nest. I kept waiting for her to get spooked and fly away but she never did, she just continued to stare at me as she sat on that branch all cozy and content.

Even when I leaned closer to her she only blinked. And even as I talked to Manuel through the screen door on the porch, she held her ground.

Well, I could hold my ground too. I was cozy and content sitting on my chair in the spring sun. I had already sent the children to the basketball goal' at the end of the driveway and told them, "go play" (that's mommy talk for leave me alone for awhile)

And I gently "suggested" to my husband that this was a fine day to see if his new power tools were still working. (that's wife talk for "honey could you finish some of those odd jobs in the kitchen that you started almost a year ago?)

So having gone to all that trouble in order to have my quiet time (on the new porch my husband did finish with his power tools) I wasn't giving up my space up that easily.

I stared at her, she stared at me and if we weren't careful we could both doze off any minute. Naps and quiet time have always been my friends.

That's the funny thing about my current relationship with Spring. In my younger years when I first got spring fever I would run around like crazy doing all the things I was too depressed to do in the winter months.

I still get Spring fever, but now the only thing that runs around like crazy is my mind, while the rest of me is looking for a nice quiet place on the porch where I can get warm in the sun.

If the robin had ever before made a nest, filled it with youngins, and then filled the youngins with food while juggling a full time job "and" a full time husband, then she understood my need to just "be" on this fresh spring day.

Sometimes I just need to have that quiet time on a lazy afternoon.

When my children were young I always made them take afternoon naps and told them it was "their" quiet time. It didn't fool them then, and it doesn't fool them now.

They may have outgrown naps and quiet time, but I don't think I ever will. And I don't think that robin will either.

I expect to share my place in the sun with her for the rest of the summer. It's what keeps us going here in the trenches.

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Notes From Indian Country

The dark legacy of the Indian boarding schools



By Tim Giago

(Nanwica Kciji)

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It is not in the least bit uncommon for the thousands of Native Americans pushed through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Church operated boarding schools for more than 100 years, to have suppressed memories.

I wrote a book of poetry that was published in 1977, called "The Aboriginal Sin." A mainstream publisher would never have published the book, but the only Native American publishing house in the Nation, The Indian Historian Press, Inc., instead published it. The book is now many years out of print.

A Cahuilla Indian man from California, Rupert Costo, a man who had been a product of an Indian mission boarding school, read the packet of poems I had written in the 1950s, poems I wrote whenever I had this deep feeling of depression related to my 10 years at a Catholic Indian mission boarding school on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. As editor of the Indian Historian Press, Inc., he said to me, "These poems must be published."

A young reporter working for the Albuquerque Journal by the last name of Talley did a book review for that newspaper.

When she called the mission school I had attended, Holy Rosary Mission, she was told by one priest that I had never gone to school there and by another that I had only gone to school there for six months.

These priests could lie with a straight face because since I had been a student there the school had changed its name to Red Cloud Indian School. I had several of my former classmates write affidavits swearing that I had indeed attended Holy Rosary Mission. One former student, Gerald Clifford, now deceased, wrote, "I definitely remember Tim as a student at HRM during most of my school days there and although he may not have attended Red Cloud Indian School, he did attend Holy Rosary Mission." Thank goodness my family had saved many of the photographs taken of me while I was a student there because when I visited the mission school after the book came out, all of my photos had mysteriously vanished.

I can understand why the Catholic Church and its servants at Holy Rosary Mission would deny my very existence. It was because I had opened a can of worms and they were trying to stuff them back into the can. They were afraid of the notoriety and of the possibility of losing the thousands of dollars they solicited every day for the school. They were also in denial that any abuses had ever taken place at the mission school. My book of poetry exposed all of that.

Many former students wrote or called me to tell my how much they enjoyed the book and how much it had helped them to face their own demons. Now remember, this was 30 years ago, long before the national scandals about the abuse of children by Catholic priests ever hit the mainstream headlines. I recently wrote a book, Children Left Behind, and added the poems from The Aboriginal Sin into the book because I felt that they were a vital part of my life's experiences at the boarding school.

I also included many of the photographs of me while I was a student at the school so that the Catholic Church would have a hard time denying my presence at the school.

Two months ago, at a book signing, I spoke to about 250 people at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque. I noticed some of the elderly Indian women dabbing at their eyes during my talk. When I was done I took questions from the audience. A very elderly Indian man, with the help of his niece, stood up and leaned on his cane

The elderly man was from the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in Northwestern New Mexico.

He began his question with, "I went to a mission boarding school," and then he stopped speaking. Tears began rolling down his face and he apologized to me for crying. But he could not ask the question he wanted to ask because he was too overcome with grief.

I understand how this Jicarilla Apache man felt because when I speak about the time my eight year old sister, along with dozens of Lakota girls the same age, was raped at the mission school by a pedophile, I often get choked up, but I continue because I want people to know the horrible damage done to Indian children by the boarding schools over the more than 100 years they existed.

I want people to know how we were beaten with leather straps, shorn of our hair, and used as child slave-laborers at these boarding schools.

Thousands of former boarding school students, now in their old age, experienced and witnessed the many abuses.

The terrible impact of those days still haunt them and that is why I am glad that I have been able get many of them to unbind their years of suppression. When they start to speak, hesitantly at first, they soon get into the emotions of it and it seems that the floodgates are opened for the first time in many years, and the words and tears flow easily.

My younger sister told me about her abuse on her deathbed and I, along with her three children, finally understood why she had become a violent, alcoholic woman for so much of her life.

She died angry at the world and all alone. If only she had spoken sooner maybe we could have helped her.

My book and my lectures are now opening many of the Native minds that have forced out these terrible memories all of these years. Many of the problems of alcoholism and drug abuse now prevalent in Indian country can be traced back to the physical, emotional and sexual abuse suffered at the hands of our keepers in the BIA and mission boarding schools.

As we, the Indian people, revive the memories of those dreadful days, perhaps the process of healing can now begin.

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Sicangu Oyate

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women and warriiors. At what was considered the right moment the people began to run back through the flames. Some ran stepping high while the smoke engulfed and billowed over and around them. The flames pushed and pulled by the wind surrounded the people. Some smothered by the smoke coughed and struggled through. The people who made it to the other side and had not gotten lost in the smoke had not come through unscathed. Most had severe burns on their thighs, but the children they carried across the fire were safe.

It was a sad and dreadful time. The smoke still drifted from the live embers on the soot-covered ground as the fire passed. The people who had made it through forgot about their burned thighs and rushed back following the fire, searching for their loved ones. They lost the majority of their elders. Many people were orphaned. The elders who gave their lives so willingly to save the children were found and given a ceremonial burial. Some of the young who had outrun the flames returned, while others were never seen again.

As a tribe they shared a grieving beyond anything they had ever experienced in the past. The grief was like the smoke that engulfed them and seeped into every pore. Yet, as true Lakota, they knew when to let go. They came through the fire stronger in character and hope with clearly defined spiritual beliefs and a deep vivid sense of family

Memories of the past do not dissipate instead they define a people who rose out of the smoke and embers to continue their journey. A common greeting between the elders became "Ake pejito akan wakinajin." "I have once again come to stand on green grass." Meaning they had survived a terrible crisis. Since that time they carry the name Sicangu Lakota proudly for they know that many gave their lives to save the wakanyeja - he sacred ones - the children.

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NOTICE OF SECRETARIAL ELECTION AND NEED TO REGISTER
ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE - JULY 26, 2007

The Great Plains Regional Director, under delegated authority from the Secretary of the interior, has authorized the superintendent of the Rosebud Agency to conduct a Secretarial Election to allow eligible members to vote to accept or reject 27 proposed amendments to the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Constitution.

The Secretarial Election will be conducted under regulations in 25 CFR 81. The Secretarial Election Board has chosen to use the following polling places, which will remain open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. local time.

Antelope	Community Building	Milk's Camp	Community Building
Black Pipe	Community Building	Parmelee	Community Building
Bull Creek	Gregory Auditorium	Okreek	Community Building
Butte Creek	Wood School Gym	Rosebud	Community Building
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Grass Mountain	Community Building	Soldier Creek	Community Building
HeDog	Community Building	Spring Creek	Community Building
Horse Creek	Community Building	St. Francis	Community Building
North Ideal	Guild Hall	Swift Bear	Community Building
South Ideal	Community Building	Two Strike	Youth Center
		Upper Cut Meat	Sacred Hall

Since this is a special election, you must register to vote in this election. All eligible members are entitled to vote AFTER they have registered for this special election. An eligible member is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe who will be eighteen (19) years of age by July 26, 2007.

IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE, YOU MUST REGISTER ON OR BEFORE JUNE 26, 2007

You, or any eligible tribal member, can register to vote in one of two ways; you can fill out the Registration form 8302 and return it to the Superintendent's Office in Rosebud or Mission using the envelope provided to you or you can personally register at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent's Office in Rosebud or Mission, South Dakota on or before **June 26, 2007.**

Registration Form 8302, Notice of Election, and dan explanation of the proposed amendments are available at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Offices in Rosebud and Mission,south Dakota as well as the Tribal Headquarters in Rosebud, South Dakota.

A voter's list will be posted no later than July 6, 2007 at the Tribal Headquarters in Rosebud South Dakota and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Offices in Rosebud and Mission, South Dakota. Registered voters may vote by arriving at the appropriate polling place within the prescribed voting hours. Non-resident members who have registered may vote by absentee ballot. Upon his or her request, the election board shall give or mail absentee ballots to registered voters. An absentee voter shall have no less than ten days from the hand out or mail out of an absentee ballot to receive and return the ballot.

- No absentee ballot will be counted if received later than the close of the polls -

If you registered previously for this election, (for the March 20, 2007 date) you do **NOT** have to register again. You can verify your registration by calling to:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Office in Rosebud, South Dakota at (605) 747-2224.

The results of the election will be posted at the Superintendent's Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs in Rosebud, South Dakota; Bureau of Indian Affairs, Mission, South Dakota; Rosebud Sioux Tribal Office, Rosebud, South Dakota; Rosebud Sioux Tribal Community Buildings and US Post Offices within the Reservation Boundaries.

MANY OF OUR ADDRESSES ARE NOT CURRENT. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW DOES NOT RECEIVE A REGISTRATION FORM BUT IS ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER, PLEASE HAVE THEM CONTACT LEE ANN BEARDT OR ANDREA WALN AT (605) 747-2224 OR STOP BY THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OFFICE IN ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA ON OR BEFORE JUNE 26, 2007.

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Leadership stabilizing at the Bureau of Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON, DC - Carl Artman was confirmed last month as the new assistant secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and now the agency is able to stabilize its leadership team. Artman appointed George Skibine, of the Osage Nation of Oklahoma, as the acting principal deputy assistant secretary at the BIA.

The BIA was previously administered by two non-Indians, Jim Cason. Associate director secretary at the Interior Department had been in charge with Mike Olsen, an attorney. Neither were confirmed by the Senate or nominated by the president.

The Bush administration is close to being considered a "lame duck" administration and more permanent appointments will need to be made in order to further stabilize the new functions of the BIA after it reorganized.

In the time remaining, Artman has as his priorities Indian education, land-to-trust applications and designing programs to combat methamphetamine.

The other members of Artman's team who were hired before he was confirmed are Pat Ragsdale, a Cherokee who serves at the director of the BIA, Chris Chaney of the Seneca-Cayuga who is the head of law enforcement and Tom Dowd of the Hopi tribe who administers the newly created Bureau of Indian Education.

Billy Mills inspires Rosebud youth to 'dream'

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - Legendary 10,000 meter 1964 Olympic champion, Billy Mills, from the Pine Ridge reservation was on the Rosebud and his two day visit was timely. In recent months, the Sicangu Oyate Lakota have been emotionally saddened by the death of several youth to suicide, automobile accidents and violence.

A number of approaches have been attempted, including the convergence of several suicide task force meetings. Young people have the need to witness the testimony of positive Native role models and some are taking this approach. Richard Iyotte, the Manager of KINI FM at St. Francis has also undertaken this strategy and focused on the programming of positive cultural and academic personalities to let the youth know that they are special and can achieve.



Billy Mills speaks to students at TCHS.

Mills spoke to the student body at the Todd County High School on Wednesday, March 28 after being introduced by Rosebud Sioux tribal President, Rodney M. Bordeaux.

The one hour talk was carried live over KINI FM during which Mills explained his pursuit of a dream that he refused to relinquish. Leading up to his amazing feat he described all the many miles he logged and all the times he dreamed of winning. With so many practice miles to his credit, it was no accident that he ultimately won out over the leading competitors. Luckily, the winning moments of his win in Spain have been carefully preserved in a black and white 90 second video and his victory is an emotional moment for Lakota people of all ages.

Mills' Olympic gold medal helped to pave the way for his life's work and he never wasted time in raising millions upon millions of dollars for charity. At 69 years old, he is stilling "running strong" and has sought to give many thousands of dollars back to many of the Lakota reservations on the northern plains mostly for low energy assistance.

Mills' life and his subsequent tireless work to impact the life of Native people is the stuff that new generations of Native people will likely emulate or follow. For Native youth it is a way to take the focus off of themselves and undertake projects that will give them pride and purpose as they perceive the "big picture" that is reservation life.

At the conclusion of Mills' presentation, he could be heard telling the youth that his travels have taken him to 91 countries. During each stop he concludes his talk by asking how many want to share a dream with him. He says that different cultures react in different ways to that request. Some will put up their arms and others may be reluctant to draw attention to themselves.

He says something to the effect that when Native youth are asked about their dreams, they do not raise their hands, but he can see the dreams in their eyes. Everyone has a dream and it is a simply a matter of establishing what that dream is and going after it feet first.

Billy Mills also spoke at the RST veterans affairs building on Wednesday night to a gathering of survivors who have lost loved ones. He said, "They were a support system to me. I have lost loved ones too." He then spoke at St. Francis Indian School, Todd County Middle School and at White River High School.

Dr. Dan Foster of the I.H.S. Mental Health department was instrumental in conducting the fundraising in order to bring Mills to the Rosebud reservation.

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Every Tuesday night throughout April and May from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Porcupine School, open to everyone and sponsored by the Indian Health Service Diabetes Prevention program, for information call 867-3137.

School Board vacancies
Petitions available Tuesday, April 3 for two vacancies on the Shannon County School Board, two three year terms, for information call Madonna at 288-1921.

Woksape Tipi presentation
Russell Means on empowerment, American Indian contributions in history and the truth about colonialism and his new autobiography "Where White Men Fear to Tread", Thursday, April 5, 10 a.m. at Piya Wiconi, Oglala Lakota College's main office southwest of Kyle, for information call: 455-6069.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
School pow wow on Friday, April 5 at Little Wound in Kyle with grand entries at 1 and 6 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

Prairie Wind Casino
Announces that their new casino is open for the public to come and visit.

OST Commodity Issue
April 6 in Manderson at the post office and in Wounded Knee in the upper housing, Wednesday, April 11 in Martin at Sunrise Housing, Friday, April 13 in Porcupine at Evergreen Housing and at CAP office, Tuesday, April 17 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni and Wednesday, April 18 in Oglala, for information call 867-5511.

Geraldine "High Wolf" Janis Memorial BB Tourney
Thursday-Sunday, April 5-8 at the Pine Ridge high school gym featuring 16 team men's and eight team women's double elimination basketball tournaments, for information call Verlyn or Arrow at 441-5805 or Patti or Eric Yellow Boy at 867-6383.

Youth Basketball Tournament
Thursday-Sunday, April 5-8 at Loneman School in Oglala with divisions including 3rd grade co-ed, and girls and boys divisions in fourth/fifth grades, sixth and seventh grades, eighth and ninth grades and tenth and eleventh grades, for information contact: Melissa 454-2352 or Julie at 867-5990

Cancer support group meeting
Tuesday, April 10 from 6-7 p.m. in the West Conference room at Sioux San Hospital in Rapid City for the Native American Cancer Support Group meeting, for information 343-2650.

Homebuyer Training
Thursday, April 12 at the Eagle Nest college center in Wanblee from 5-7 p.m., training is free and supper will be provided; Lakota Funds will be presenting with Linda Brockway of Echo, Inc., for information call 455-2500.

OST Education Committee meetings
Monday, April 16 at American Horse School in Allen and Monday April 30, to be announced, for information call Wanda at 867-5821, ext. 261.

38th UNDIA Time-Out Week and Wacipi
Monday-Sunday, April 16-22 at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks with grand entries set for Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m., for information call 701 777-4291.

OST Council regular session
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 17-19 at the council chambers, Red Cloud building in Pine Ridge.

3MC Youth Rodeo and School
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 20-22 at the Three Mile Creek Rodeo grounds, nine miles southwest of Kyle with rough stock school on April 20, timed event school April 21 and youth rodeo 10 a.m. April 22, or information: 455-2797.

Lakota Omniciye Wacipi
Friday-Saturday, April 20-22 in Spearfish at the Young Center on the campus of Black Hills State University 7 pm on Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday with a theme of "Walking Strong in Two Worlds", for information call 642-6578.

MADD Dash 5K run/walk
Sunday, April 22 at Canyon Lake Park in Rapid City, registration from noon to 12:45 p.m. and race time at 1 p.m.

Hanpapacun
A 16 team Lakota style Hand-game tournament with 16 sticks and open to all ages, Saturday, April 28 at the Wolf Creek School gym sponsored by Tusweca Tiospaye, for information call: Mike at 867-6193.

AHS approved for accreditation, hosts Lead-Deadwood delegation

By Connie Smith-Blanco
Times Staff



The Lead-Deadwood group was led by Tim Kosters, elementary principal; Greg Calabro, guidance counselor; Larry Woodle. fourth grade teacher; Cheryl Wilder, literary leader; Pam Smith, math recovery instructor; Edith Steger, kindergarten teacher and Carol Greco, second grade teacher. Photo by Connie Blanco.

ALLEN - American Horse School was unanimously approved for accreditation this year from the South Dakota Board of Education. Don Leikvold from the Lead-Deadwood Schools, and also on the accreditation team, was so impressed with the school during their accreditation visit, that he sent the elementary principal and six teaching professionals from the Lead-Deadwood Schools to see it first hand.

American Horse School is one of Pine Ridge Reservation's K-8 schools with an enrollment of 230 students with a service area of the Allen, Martin and Porcupine area.

The group arrived Wednesday morning, March 28 and were given a personal tour of the school American Horse School Principal Gloria Coats-Kitsopoulos. Of interest to the group was the American Horse School classrom Tiospayes and the innovative curriculum that it's principal and school board have developed the last five years. Classrooms or Tiospayes are named for South Dakota native animals with names such as buffalo, owl, coyote, etc.

The Core Knowledge Curriculum has been very successful at the school and has been widely praised by students, teachers and community members. It has been beneficial in teaching literature and promoting reading levels within the school. The curriculum focuses on language arts and provides resources without having to purchase textbooks every year.

The Lead-Deadwood group enjoyed lunch at the school and visits to various lower grade Tiospayes in the morning and upper grade Tiospayes in the afternoon. Visits were made to the Lakota Studies classroom, Teacher Resource room, Business and Administrative offices as well. The Teacher Resource Room got the group's attention as it is stocked with multi-level reading and teaching materials. They were impressed with the resources available to each teacher and Tiospaye in the school.

Frances White Lance and Phillip Waters, Lakota studies instructors, explained some of their program's resources to the group.

More than 900 attend AIHEC, $100,000 disbursed in scholarships

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY- In a meeting room at the Ramkota Inn, nine Native authors chatted with people who had come to see them, and at the back of the room, a table was piled high with their published works.

On one side of the room, Geraldine Goes In Center talked to a woman about her publications, *Jokes Heard Around the Rez* and *Lakota Cook Book.*

Farther into the room, Russell Means stood engrossed in conversation with a young man, and Donovin Arleigh Sprague leaned against a wall next to Joseph Marshall.

Marshall is Sicangu Lakota and is well known for his books. On the other side of the room, Don Montileaux signed copies of his illustrated book, Tatanka and the Lakota People, and talked to fellow author Ed McGaa.

The Native American authors' reception was just one of the offerings of the 26th annual American Indian Higher Education Consortium Conference held in Rapid City on March 24-27.

The writers introduced themselves-Karen Lone Hill, Leon Hale and LaVera Rose were the other three authors-and then people took seats in the packed room to listen to a special presentation by Dr. Craig Howe entitled Hate Speech, Horses and Hostages: The Untold Story of Lewis & Clark in Teton Territory.

Howe, who was raised north of Martin, told the audience that he researched documents such as maps and journals kept by Lewis and Clark's expedition crew to develop an alternate theory of the explorers' encounters with the Teton Sioux: that the Tetons were not "the vilest miscreants of the savage race," as Clark said in an early example of hate speech, but instead were the victims of the explorers' horse thievery and hostage-taking.

While Howe spoke, some of the authors had to leave to judge competitions elsewhere in the building.

There was a carnival atmosphere at the conference, with more than a dozen rooms holding something of interest-games, competitions, art, food, and presentations, offered all day long and into the evening.

Some events were intellectual, such as Howe's presentation; others, like the hand games in the Rushmore Room, were just for fun. Monday night's activities ended with a dinner and powwow, and Tuesday night ended with a dance.

About 900 people registered for the event, and that number was augmented by spectators, vendors, and others, according to Jonnie Clifford, of Oglala Lakota College and 2007 conference coordinator.

The students took over two convention areas in the Ramkota Inn, and walls and display boards held posters advertising upcoming events: a chess tournament, Student Congress elections, showings of student films, a Mount Rushmore-Crazy Horse tour, one-act plays.

Hallways looked like bazaars offering jewelry, art, music CDs, movie DVDs, and lots of books written by and about indigenous people.

Also lined up in hallways and a display room were booths sponsored by institutions of higher education, both tribal and non-tribal.

On Sunday night, the American Indian College Fund scholarship winners were announced, according to Tom Shortbull, president of Oglala Lakota College. Each of 33 colleges gets about $100,000 from AICF, and each college sets its own criteria and decides how to disperse the money, he said.

This year's AIHEC president is Cheryl Crazy Bull, former vice president of Sinte Gleska University on Rosebud Reservation and current president of Northwest Indian College on the Lummi Reservation near Bellingham, Wash.

Crazy Bull said there are 35 tribal colleges that the consortium supports with advocacy and member services. The first AIHEC conference was held in Rapid City 26 years ago; the next annual conference will be held in Bismarck, N.D.

Porcupine School students to be tested April 10-12

PORCUPINE - Porcupine School will be testing students for Dakota Step from April 2 to April 20. Students in grades 3 to 8 will be tested April 10 to 12. There will be no school for grades K-2 on April 10 to 12. Make up testing will be April 16 to 20. If parents have questions, they can all the school at 455-6450.

Parents are encouraged to prepare their children for testing with the following:

-Have your students get a good night's rest before the testing.

-Eat a good breakfast.

-Encourage your student to listen carefully to the directions that are given for the test and follow them. If the directions are not clear, tell them to ask their teacher to repeat or explain them.

-Encourage your student's to do their best and not give up.

-Help your child to understand that the DakotaSTEP gives him or her a chance to show what they know about a subject.

-Ask your child to maintain regular study habits. Do not ask your child to give extra study time for the Dakota STEP. The test covers more schoolwork than your child can learn in a few extra hours.

-Students who are calm and sure of themselves do better on tests.

Little Wound School lists April events

KYLE - Little Wound School April events include the following:

Friday, April 6 to 9-	Spring Break
Thursday, April 5-	High School track meet at TCHS
Sunday, April 8,-	Junior Class flea market
Tuesday, April 10-12-	DakotaSTEP testing for 8th grade
Tuesday, April 10-	High School track meet at Kadoka
Friday, April 13-	Blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 14-	ONEC meeting
Monday, April 16-	School board meeting on budget
Tuesday, April 24-	K-5 Career Day
Thursday, April 26-	Lakota Spelling Contest
Friday, April 27-	Prom Night

Lakota Funds open house June 22

KYLE - Friday, June 22 at the Lakota Trade Center in Kyle, celebrating Lakota Funds 20th anniversary and small business success on Pine Ridge Reservation with and open house, food, children's entertainment, door prizes, artists booth and musical entertainment, for information call 455-2500.

Jacob Loafer, 93..... Wanblee
Dennis Lovejoy, 47.....Batesland
Jennie Elizabeth Hunt, 94.....Eagle Butte
Richard 'Rick' White Sr., 53.....Kyle
Bernard Leonard Ring, 66.....Norris

Jacob Loafer

WANBLEE - Jacob "Toka Kokipe Sni" Loafer 93, was born on April 19, 1913 in Norris to William and Hattie (Charging Bear) Loafer. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

He was united in marriage to Maria Brushbreaker on May 9, 1936. To this union was born a son, Jacob Ignatius Loafer, Jr. who preceded him in death.

He was later united in marriage to Corrine Rich and to this union were born seven children.

A son, Virgil Loafer, also preceded him in death.

He entered the U.S. Air Force on February 13, 1962. He attained the rank of staff sergeant and was honorably discharged on October 31, 1964.

On July 26, 2006 Jacob and Marie were reunited in marriage until he left for his journey to the spirit world.

One of Jacob's favorite saying was provided by the late General Douglas McCarthur--"Good soldiers never die, they just fade away. . ."

Jacob is survived by his wife, Marie Loafer, Wanblee; sons Delbert Loafer, Rapid City; Jacob Loafer, Black Hawk; Daryl Loafer, Little Eagle; daughters Marilyn "Eileen" Madsen, Maplewood, Minn.; Zanetta Olson, Plymouth, Minn.; Lorena Loafer, Springfield, Minn. and Debra Rojas of Minnesota, nin extended children and numerous grandchildren and great grand children.

A first night wake begins at 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 4 at the Crazy Horse School Teen Center, Wanblee; a second night wake begins 2 p.m., Thursday at the Mother Butler Center, Rapid City.

Funeral services at 10 a.m., Friday, April 6 at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church with

Rev. Dave Matzko officiating.

Interment will be at 2 p.m., Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Dennis W. Lovejoy

BATESLAND - Dennis W. Lovejoy, 47, died Saturday, March 31 at Pine Ridge Hospital.

Survivors include, two brothers, Troy R. Weston, Pine Ridge, and James T. Ubanks, Gordon, Neb.; and two sisters, Deloris D. Lovejoy, Pine Ridge, and Linda Gembica-Lovejoy, Niantic, Ill.

A two-night wake was Wednesday, April 4, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Batesland.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Friday, April 6, at the church with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating.

Burial will be at Church of God Cemetery in Allen.

Jennie Elizabeth Hunt

EAGLE BUTTE - Jennie Elizabeth Hunt, 94, Eagle Butte, died Friday, March 30 at her home.

Survivors include nine daughters, Lurene Rabern, Ten Sleep, Wyo., Joan "Honey" Webb, Betsy Ducheneaux, and Janice Eberhard, all of Eagle Butte, Shirley Atkinson, Cheyenne, Wyo., Sharon Hannum, Fort Pierre, Midge Tiokasin, Sells, Ariz., Joni Nelson, Evans, Colo., and Janet Campbell, Gettysburg; and two sons, Gene Hunt and Everett Hunt, both of Eagle Butte.

Funeral services were Wednesday, April 4, at Eagle Butte High School Auditorium.

Burial was at Eagle Butte Cemetery. Kesling Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

Richard L. "Rick" White Sr.

KYLE - Richard L. "Rick" White Sr., 53, died Tuesday, March 27 at Pine Ridge Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Karlene Jo White, Kyle; two sons, Richard White Jr., Porcupine, and Wacey White, Kyle; five daughters, Deanna White, Porcupine, January Rose Brunch and Krista White, both of Rapid City, Samantha "Sami Jo" White, Minneapolis, and Robin "Bobbie" White of Kyle; two brothers, Victor Janis and Olin Janis, both of Porcupine; three sisters, Debbie Janis, Dawn Janis and Shawna Janis, all of Porcupine; his stepfather, Doug Janis Sr., Porcupine; and 12 grandchildren.

A one-night wake was Sunday, April 1, at Little Wound School in Kyle.

Funeral services were Monday, April 2, at the school with the Rev. Dave Morrison officiating.

Burial was at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery in Rockyford.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

Bernard Leonard Ring

NORRIS - Bernard Leonard Ring, 66, Norris, died Tuesday, March 27 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include, his wife, Janice, Norris; his children, Mike, Highmore, Keith, Gillette, Wyo., Melissa DeKay, Rapid City, and Travis Wooden Knife, Rapid City; one sister, Erna Totton; three brothers, Lawrence, Robert and Rueben, all of Norris; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services was April 1, at the center. Burial will take



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I will miss you dearly:
love you
I know you knew that you are my hero
Rest in peace
YiYi

In loving memory of Angie

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If I could give you diamonds for each tear you cried for me, If I could give you Sapphires for each Truth you've helped me see, If I could give you ruby's for the heartache that you have known, If I could give you pearls for the wisdom that you've shown, then you'll have treasure, mother, that would mount up to the skis, that would almost match the sparkle in your kind and loving eyes.

But I have no pearls, or diamonds, as I am sure you're well aware, so I'll give you gifts more precious, my devotion, love and care

We have been truly blessed with you in our lives; you leave a void that will be filled with all our fun, happy, precious moments spent with you.

All our love, your family,

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ASK ANNA

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

Thank you for all the help you've done for many people here on the reservation.

First of all, there is a situation where I work. There are three women who have ganged up on one other woman and do harassing things to her. She is at her wits end in trying to defend herself and it has come to the point where she got really bad headaches. I have tried to help her in a way by advising her and listening to her, and even with that I got a headache also. I notice these three women seem very angry and jealous of her, but I think they are generally like that with many situations in their lives.

So my question is, is it possible that people can become so angry and jealous that they could send off enough bad energy enough to give other people headaches? Maybe it's not on purpose but it's too coincidental not to wonder if they are somehow putting out such bad vibes that it physically hurts the people they are after? Is there a way that she can protect herself? I don't know what her belief system is for sure but I think she's a Christian. Do you see me being able to spiritually protect myself from them? Do I need to do more than smudge this environment?

And, lastly, they seem like they are on a rampage, when do they stop? I know there is a spiritual law that says what goes around comes around, so when do they have to answer for all this negative mean-spirited behavior?

Pilamaya Anna Bee. Many people respect your opinion.

Signed: It's getting scary

Dear It's getting scary:

Yes. Extreme tension and the energy of anger hit the "energetic body" or body energy field very hard. The proof of that is something everyone can identify with: If you walk into a room where someone is very angry, it is immediately felt, and in fact, generally illicits an angry response or excited response from everyone that enters the room. Teachers know this - that is why they work hard to control the environment of their students through calm reactions and calming responses. Furthermore, the emotional response of fear or anger can constrict blood vessels at the cortex area of the brain - thus: headaches!

My business partner and I often "take" illnesses from people - including headaches. We are empaths. We "contage" what we are surrounded with. We use this ability in our healing sessions, and in fact, many times do take the illnesses that others have from them. The difference is that we do not hold onto the symptoms - because they do not belong to us.

Your friend that is suffering so much needs to consider her health as jeopardized: by the bad "vibes" and by the actions of these insecure sick women. It is almost impossible to survive in a successful way in an environment that is dominated by a conspiracy to get rid of you. It is unhealthy and destructive to the psyche of the victimized person to remain in the environment. I recommend that your friend and you begin to document everything that these women conspire to do.

If I were your friend, I would find another job. It may be easier than suffering in an unfriendly environment.

You have very strong faith. You can pray for her and pray that she develop a relationship with God that allows her the understanding that she is safe.

For your own protection continue to sage and pray. Check with your interpreter man to find out what he recommends in the way of tobacco ties or prayer flags and where they should be located. Carry some tourmaline (black is recommended) and place rose quartz strategically in locations around your office. Rose quartz brings calming and loving energy in; black tourmaline is a defender against negative energy. It will gather it for you.

Don't worry. These women are setting themselves up for disaster. The bad thing is it isn't that fast - the good thing is: when it comes, it comes hard and quick and is totally emotionally embarrassing and devastating. Just wait.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

All requests may be subject to publication.

Clearly mark Ask Anna on your request. This column is meant for entertainment purposes only.

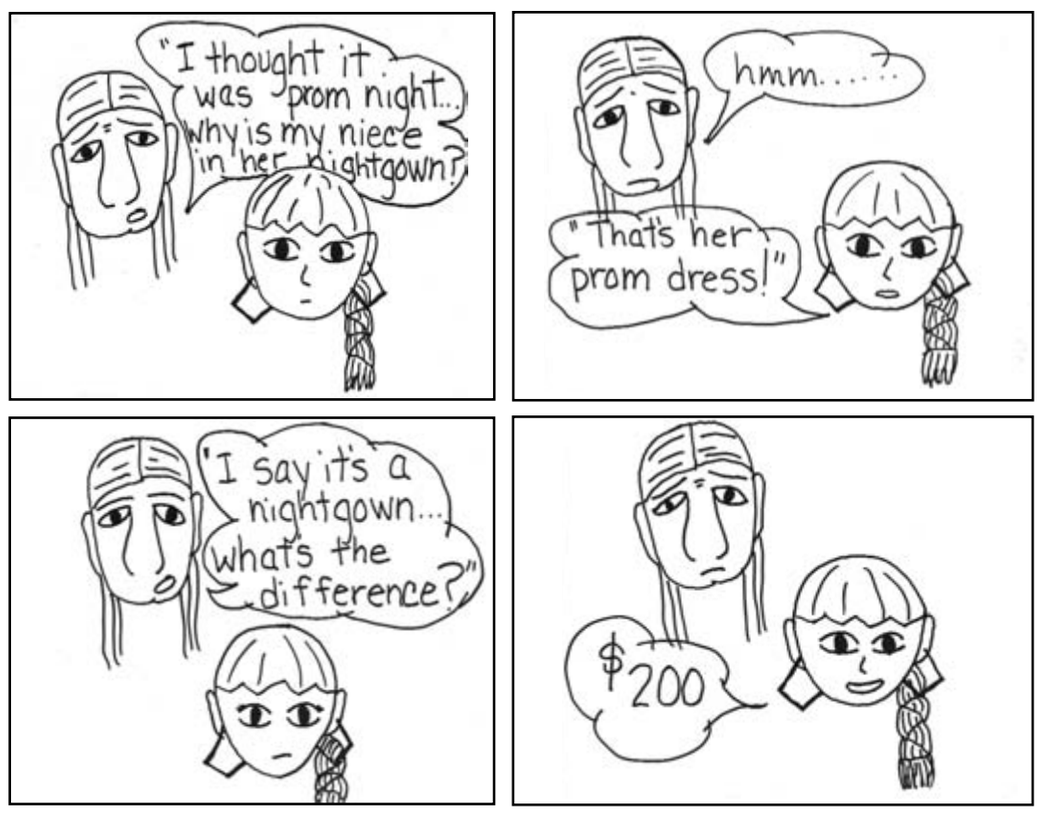
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KIndergarten Registration for District # 3

April 11, 2007

1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

Registration will be held in the Kindergarten classrooms at Mirage Flats & Hay Springs.

Visitation Day:

April 13, 2007

8:00 to 11:00 A.M.

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MINUTES

Shannon County School Board Meeting March 26, 2007 Batesland, South Dakota

The Shannon County School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 26, 2007 at Batesland, South Dakota. The Board met informally with consultants from McPherson-Jacobson, regarding the timeline for the superintendent search they are conducting, prior to the regular meeting. President Eagle Bull called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board members present: Angie Eagle Bull, Ruth Cummings, Melvin Cummings, Todd O'Bryan.

Members absent: Chuck Conroy

Others present: Dr. Margo Heinert, Superintendent, Maurice Twiss, Special Services Director, MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager, Vickie Grant, Assessment Coordinator, Ted Hanson, Special Education Director, Robert Two Crow, Lakota Studies Director, Bob Hall, Rockyford Principal, Monica Whirlwind Horse, Rockyford Asst. Principal, Marlene Stout, Red Shirt Principal, J. Wayne Goff, Batesland Principal, Loretta Giago Wolf Creek Principal, Dana Christensen, Technology Director, Myron Pourier, Facilities & Maintenance Director, Karen Bowen-Raymond, Curriculum Coordinator, Patti Nelson, Administrative Secretary, Amanda Takes War Bonnett, Lakota Country Times, Connie Blanco, Lakota Country Times.

All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

7196 Approval of Agenda: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by R.Cummings to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.

7197 Approval of Minutes: Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by M. Cummings to approve minutes of the 2/26/07 regular meeting and the 3/13/07 special meeting. Motion carried.

7198 Family Literacy Initiative: Amanda Takes War Bonnett and Connie Blanco presented a proposal for board consideration to purchase subscriptions to the Lakota Country Times for families of school district students to promote reading in the home and serve as a school/home communication resource.

7199 Application for Public School Exemption: Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by M. Cummings to approve an application for public school exemption for a Shannon County student, as listed on file. Motion carried.

7200 Financials: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by R. Cummings to approve the financial and payroll report, receipts and disbursements, as listed. Motion carried.

7201 Amended School Calendar: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by R. Cummings to approve the 2007-08 school calendar, as amended. Motion carried.

7202 Executive Session: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by O'Bryan to go into executive session at 6:29 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion carried. President Eagle Bull declared executive session ended at 7:01 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

7203 Personnel: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by R. Cummings to approve personnel recommendations, as listed. Motion carried.

7204 Certified Staff Contracts: Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by M. Cummings to approve certified staff contracts for 2007-08, as listed. Motion carried.

7205 Staff Years of Service: Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by M. Cummings to formally recognize staff for their years of service in 5 year increments for years of continuous, uninterrupted employment with the school district. Motion carried

7206 April Board Meeting: The April Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 23, 2007 at the Rockyford School beginning at 5:00 p.m.

7207 Reports: Principals and Administrators gave verbal reports to the board, informing them of highlights and progress in each departments.

7208 Adjournment: Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by O'Bryan to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed by MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager

PERSONNEL

Resignation: Rene Olson-Rockyford Physical Education Teacher effective end of contract, Babette Thin Elk - Rockyford Lakota Studies Teacher effective end of contract, David Peterson-Rockyford 1st grade Teacher effective end of contract.

Retirement: Judie K Bowes-Rockyford, Librarian effective end of contract.

Classified Terminations: Tammy Ghost Bear-Wolf Creek Busdriver to Rockyford Bus driver.

In-House Transfer Request: Duane Pourier Sr.-from Wolf Creek Busdriver to Rockyford Bus Driver.

Administrator Contracts for Approval: Christensen Dana, Director of Technology $48,669.56, Eagle Bull Darrell, Director of Student Support and Intervention $53,521.71, Giago, Loretta, Principal Pre-K-4 $55,000, Grant, Vickie School Improvement/Data collection/ Assessment Director $68,001.92, Hall Robert, Principal Pre-K-5 $67,198.49, Hanson, Ted, Director of Special Education $55,000, Peterons-MaDonna, Business Manager $55,000, Pourier, Myron, Director of Transportation/Facilities maintenance $51,500, Twiss Maurice, Federal Programs Director $77,767.61, Two Crow, Robert, Director of Lakota Studies and Social Science $56, 689.55, Whirlwind Horse Monica, Principal 6-8 $55,000.

Contracts for Approval: Barbara Marks-Batesland Bus Driver from 3-8-07 to 5-22-07 $2,500, Barbara Marks-Batesland bus driver amendment $3,000, Casey Morton-Wolf Creek Special Education Aide from 3-08-07 to 5-23-07 $3,510.00, Tina Andrews-Wolf Creek Special Education Aide from 3-8-07 to 5-23-07 $4,680.00, Christopher Gibbons-Rockyford

Preschool Special Education Aide from 3-8-07 to 5-23-07 $3,900.00, Terri Rosane-Batesland cook from 3-8-07 to 5-23-07 $2,912.00, Tim Villa-Rockyford Special Education Aide from 3-8-07 to 5-23-07 $4,680.00, Stanley Whipple-Batesland Busdriver from 3-8-07 to 5-22-07 $3,500.00.

Certified Teacher Contracts for Approval: Anduja Angela $41,500, August, Ann $47,000, Ballhagen, Renee $37,500, Barnett, Robert $37,500, Bauer,Kathryn $31,500, Bear Runner, Sonia $39,000,Benson, Travis $45,500, Bertram Beverly $31,500, Blacksmith, Sandra $41,500, Brave Heart, Evaleen $43,000, Briggs Ann Marie $41,500, Brown Brian $31,500, Buckman,Wilburt Jr $37,500, Buresch Cynthia $47,000, Byhre, Susan $41,500, Carlow Micheal C $31,500, Carlow,Stepahnie $31,500, Carrick Marsha $39,000, Chase, Steve $47,000, Child, Sandra $31,500, Cope, Stacey $37,500, Cummings, Norma $47,000, Cunningham,Gina $41,500, Dorcey, Judy $43,000, Emery, M Tim $39,000, Fanning, Tara $31,500, Graham, Donna R $47,000, Grinnel,l Meralli $43,000, Gulbranson, Sandii $31.500, Hall, Jane $47,000, Hillman, Doris $45.500, Holtmeier, Paula $41,500, Hoyt, Bonnie $39,000, Huether, Amy $41,500, Iron Cloud, Ardis $31,500, Jackson,Nona $41,500, Joebgen, Karen $47, 000, Jumping Eagle Donna $31,500, Kadlecek,Tara Dawn $41,500, Kaser Rebecca $45,500, Hoffman Jodi $31,500, Keiser, Krista $39,000, Kegan, Cindy $39,000, Krotz, Carol $47,000, Kuxhaus, Amie $33,000, LaRoche, Del Rae $47,000, Left Hand, Delores S $37,500, Left Hand,Levi $45,500, Left Hand, Shirley $45,500, Lemmon Emily $43, 000, Lone Elk Sandra L $37,500, Ludens Gayle $43,000, McBride Janna $31,500, Means Kathy $43,000, Metzger,Jeannine $43,000, Miller Lynette $39,000, Moore Krista $41,500, Nichols Temple $31,500, O'Daniel, Jodi Stoddard $39,000, Ohrtman Susan $37, 500, One Feather Lynda $39,000, Poor Bear Pte SkaHinanpaWin $31,500, Pourier Shawna $31,500, Red Shirt Ramona $31,500, Reeves Marvel $47, 000, Richards Gary $37,500, Rininger Clifford $47,000, Rous Connie $43,000, Sasse Joni $39,000, Sauder Susan $45,500, Schulz Denise $43,000, Skeie, Douglas $37,500, Speed, Ryan $37,500, Stein, Lynn $41,500, Stein, Marcia $47,000, Swallow, Lorraine $45, 500, Thunder Bull, Marla $37,500, Two Bulls Dorothy $31,500, Two Elk, Carmelita $47,000, Two Lance, Josephine $45,500, Van Briggle, Marilyn $47,000, Villa, Kimberly $43,000, Vocu, Lucy $41,500, Weisz, Jodi $47,000, Wellnitz, Lois $47,000, Whipple,Regina $43,000, White Bear Claws, Marjorie $41,500, White, Terri $39,000, Winkler, Karla $31,500, Wipf, Lisa $43,000, Youel, Janell $41,500, Ziegler, Mary $33,000, Zimmerman, LeeAnn $31,500.

Wolf Creek School Recommendations:

Melvin Rossman Jr-Special Education Aide No alternate, Helen Buckman-Special Education Aide No alternate, Pamela Blue Horse-Special Education Aide No alternate, Corey Hairy Shirt-One on One Special Education Aide No alternate, Tegan He Crow-Preschool Aide No alternate.

Rockyford School Recommendations: Ulike Fire-Pulliam-Special Education Aide Alternate, Pamela Standing Soldier, Charles Montileaux-Special Education Aide No alternate.

45 Day Completions: Stephanie Janis-Rockyford Receptionist, Lorelle Knight-Rockyford Preschool Aide.

Description of goods or services

Ann Red Owl $96.40, Frankie White Dress $5,100.00, SPED Parent $53.76, YMCA Northern Hills $280.00, SPED Parent $278.40, SPED Parent $53.76, Golden West Tele $41.55, MaDonna Peterson $450.00, Stephanie Wince $10.00, Dawn Lonberger $96. 40, Alco $24.32, Madonna Peterson $177.20, Wayne Goff $858.00, Maurice Twiss $331.00, George Dahir $1,000.00, OST Dare Programs $100.00. Ann Red Owl $84.40, SPED Parent $140.80, SPED Parent $334.08 Total $9,510.07.

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A&B Welding supply $21.60, ASBSD registr $35.00, AT&T long distance $794.27, Abouresk & Zephier fees $74.65, Abra Auto Body & Glass $380.00, $262.00, Vendor total $642.00, Advanced Business & Computing $4,940, All Season Sports $166.25, Alltel $852.09, Amiotte Lowell presentor $250.00, Apple Computer Inc $310, $29.95, $499, $318, Vendor Total $1,156.95, Apple, Corina parent leadership $100, $93.60, Vendor Total $193.60, Apple, Melinda leadership $100, $93. 60, (V $100, $93.60) Vendor total $0.00, Armstrong Extinquisher $3, Arthur Sharon leadership $100, $64, Vendor total $164, Atlas Pen & Pencil Corp supplies $56.64, Audio Visual Aids Copr $240.50, BHSU tuition $12,117.60, Batesland School Grinnell $175, Lefthand $83.50, Vendor total $258.50, Beane, Ronnie leadership $100, $64.00, Vendor total $164, Bear Runner Sonia $105.60, Bearing, Monica leadership $100, $116, (V $100, $116), Vendor total $0, Benson Carrie leadership $100, $116, Vendor total $216, Bird, Jackie presentor $1,500, Black Feather Denise leadership $100, $93.60, Vendor total $193.60, Black Hills Electric $2,944.60, Blacksmith Karen leadership $100, $112.12, (V $100, $112.12) Vendor total $0.00, Bohlender Melody travel $81.62, $122.40, $96. 40, Vendor total $300.42, Bornsen Candy $23.04, Bowman Jiles $14.85, BP gasoline $367.11, Bradford James saving bonds $240.12, Brewer Brenda leadership $100, $116, Vendor total $216.00, Brewer Richard $100, $116, (V$100) Vendor total $116, Brown Bear Dorothy leadership $100, $70.40, Vendor total $170.40, Brown William leadership $400, (V$400), Buckman Frances $100, $116, vendor total $216.00, Business & Legal Reports $210.81, Business Office System toner $48.20, Carlow Micheal $64.00, CDW Government Inc $120, $232, $498, vendor total $850.00, Cedar Face Becki leadership $100, $41.60, vendor total $141.60, Chapman Malcom leadership $700, Chris Supply Co $18.33, $251.72, $177.72, $126.31, vendor total $574.08, Christensen Dana travel $178.80, $40, $143.40, vendor total $362.20, Clifford Christine leadership $100, $93.60, vendor total $193.60, Clifford Geraldine leadership $100, $93.60, (V$100, $93. 60) Vendor total $0, Clifford Melinda leadership $100, $64.00, vendor total $164, Clifford Briggs Ann Marie $143.40, Coats Tournament Marvin fees $110.00, Cole Pest Control $200, $139, $138, $303, Vendor total $780.00, Computer Village repairs $99. Condon Hope leadership $100, $116, vendor total $216, Condon Sharon leadership $100, $70.40, vendor total $170.40, Conroy Charles mileage/travel $28.80, $292.60, vendor total $321.40, Corporate Card $11, 938.32, Cournoyer Russell speaker $150, Cross Duane $100, $93.60, Vendor total $193.60, Cross, Miguel $100, $93.60, vendor total $193.60, CSC Foundation $25, Culligan Water Conditioning $904.95, Cummings Melvin $44.16, $287. 80, Vendor total $331.96, Cummings Ruth $23.68, $200, Vendor total $223.68, Dakota Business Center $40.50, Dakota Supply Group $316.04, Dare George $600, Data Computer Products $492.58, Debbies Cakes & Floral $54.00, Deleon, Haroldene $100, $93.60, vendor total $193.60, Deleon Lisa $100, $93.60, Vendor total $193.60, Delinger Shawn $100, Donovan Mark $70.40, $143.40, Vendor total $213.80, Ducheneaux Tawa $250, Eagle Bull Andrea $46.72, Eagle Bull Darrell $150, $76, Vendor total $226, Ecoffey Alan $186, Eddies Truck Sales $110.15, Environmental Products $576.24, Evergreen Office $353.88, $195.96, $596.45, $25.90, $143.53, $219.50, $25. 98, $459.90, $73.58, $148.69, $177.18, $66. 74, $96.39, $74.75, $35.53, $48.20, $93,17, $22.56, $962,96, Vendor total $3,820.85, Family Thrift Center $150.72, $84.78, $34, 10, $48,75, $81, Vendor total $389.35, Farm Plan Muddy Creek $5,319.00, Fast Wolf Antonette $100, $75. 04, vendor total $175.04, Fast Wolf Jamie $100, $75.04, (V$75.04, $100) vendor total $0, Featherman Delano $100, $93.60, vendor total $193.60, Federal Reserve Bank $4,223.88, (-$4,223.88) vendor total $0, Ferguson Carol leadership $100, $93.60, Vendor total $193.60, Florida Micro LLC supplies $779.70, Foreman Sales & Service parts $300.64, $546.90, $308.54, $14.32, $26. 49, vendor total $1,196.89, French Flowers supplies $28, Garrett, Rebecca leadership $93.60, Ghost Bear Tammi $100, $64, vendor total $164, Gibbons, Terri Jo supplies $29.68, $155.40, vendor total $185.08, Gibbons-Booth Maxine leadership $222.40, Global Publication services spplies $99.50, Goff Wayne saving bonds $903.80, $385.80, vendor total $1,289.60, Goings Chloeah leadership $216, Golden Corall Family Steakhouse trip $373.89, $117.47, vendor total $491.36, Golden WestTechno Inc phone systems $510, $509.60, $509.60, $509.60, $509.60, $509.60, $509.60, $509.60, $509.60, vendor total $4,586.80, Golden West Telephone $1,192.24, Gordon Superfoods $61.01, Gourd Bill leadership $193.60, Grant Vickie travel $296.96, Great Plains Communication $738.76, Greenwood Publishing group $132. 37, Grims Pump Service $330.67. Halverson Marilyn $160.40, $155.40, vendor $315.80, Harlow's Bus Sales parts $36.24, Harmon Law Office $1,085, Heart Bonnie savings $300, Harvey Tammi $0, J Hawk $75.04, Heartland paper $4,705.60, Hinkins Equipment supplies $72.10, Hernandez Lynn leadership $153.60, Hills Tires & Supplies $584.00, Hillyard supplies $1, 174.64, $844.67, $1156.48, $264, vendor total $3,847.79, Hobart Sales & SERvice $52.75, Hollow Horn James leadership $222.40, Holtmeyer Paula $143.0, Homestead building supplies $361.94, House of Vacuums repairs $106.58, Hrinda Deb services $4,547.20, Husker Auto parts $2575, $861.20, vendor total $3,436.20, Internal Revenue Service fees $2,211.09, International Laser Group supplies $280. 70, $539, $467.60, $425.90, $633, $178, $492, vendor total $3,016.20, Iron Bird Diane leadership $216, Iron Cloud Ardis TIE $143.40, Johnson Machine supplies $41.20, $60.80, Pourier Ronamil $166.40, Ramkota travel $1.064, Rapid Chevy parts $104.82, Red Cloud Alfred Bernard $128, Red Cloud Indian School $70.40, Red Cloud Kathy leadership $152, Red Cloud Toni leadership $164, Red Feather Debra $164, Red Paint Carlow Stephanie $152, Red Star Anson $216, Ree Terri $2,000, REves Marvel Travel $143.40, Rhineheart Institutional foods $1,038.32, Renaissance Learning $578.10, Rininger Clifford $46.62, Ross Margaret travel $48, Ross Winona leadership $70.40, Roth Jackie leadership $143.40, Rowland Carrie $216, Rowland Phoebe $216, Rowland Sharon $216, SASD handbooks $250, SDASBO $140, SD teacher job fair $150, Solomon Sanitation $3,895, Sam's club supplies $911.78, Sasse Joni travel $57, Scholastic Book Fair $385, School Specialty $878.80, SDN Communications $1,870.22, Servall Towel & Linen $4,523.80, Shannon County School District $12,500, Shannon County School IMprest $8,164.95, Shannon County school lunch $3,934.93, Shedeed Nancy training $134.40, Shoulders Victoria leadership $141.60, Singing Horse Trading post supplies $98, Sioux Nation Shopping Center supplies $352.27, Skillpath Siminars training $536.95, Soo construction repairs $764.40, Sportsman Lanes trip $58.50, Spotted Bear Jennifer leadership $664.00, Stan Houston supplies $202.50, Star Susie leadership $116, Stern Oil Co propane $37,533.50, Swallow Lorraine TIE $88.36, Swallow Mary leadership $289.48, Swallow Shawn leadership $99.36, Swan Heather leadership $222.40, Tatonka Capital Corporation lease $839.20, Technology for Education Inc license $161, Temperature Technology $197.20, Thin Elk Wilma leadership $141.60, Town of Batesland water & sewer $500, True Value supplies $136.57, Tutoring Promise sessions $3,335, Twiss Maurice leadership $155.40, Two Elk Carmelita savings bonds $1541.52, University of Sioux Falls $3000.00, Vitalia Margerette $64.00, Vocu Thomas leadership $64, VSP Vision service plan $456.27, Wagner Jobie $41.60, Walmart Community supplies $131.61 Waters Crystal $216.00, Waters Loren leadership $216, Wechsler Brian leadership $259.40, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield $136,271.99, West River Foundation $125, West River International horn $47.78, WESTCO propane gasoline $17,570.22, Western Communications $1923.40, Western Dakota Technical Inst $300, Whalen Russell leadership $164.00, Wheeler Cindy $164, Whirlwind Horse, Jean $141.60, White Bear claws Leah $216, White bill $250, White Dress Jolene $222.40, White Terri leadership $250, White Whirlwind Charlotte leadership $216, Whiting Joyce leadership $141.60, Work Place Pro supplies $2,570.52, Wreck A Mended Body work repairs $1,555.40, Yankton Debbie leadership $134.40, Yellow Cloud Julie $141.60, Youel Janelle saving bond $400, Zimiga Brenda leadership $221.12, Fund Total $403,336.90.

Capital Layout Fund

Apple Computer equip $3,324.32, Best Busines Products lease $683.35, Corporate Card pymt $2,985, Lakota Language Consordium $374.45, Tatonka Capital Corp lease $4,186, Western Document Imaging copier $8,321.84, Fund total $19,874.96.

Special Education Fund

Behavior Analyst supplies $307.65, Black Hills Special services $2,486.68, Brave Heart Evaleen travel $42, Brimark Inn travel $135. Center for disabilities Regis $660, Childrens Care & rehav develop services $8,074, Children Care Hospital $5,059.81, Childrens Home society tuition $4,162.71, Corporate Card paymt $82.46, Donavan Mark Travel $70.40, Evergreen Office $239, Golden Corral Family Steak house $51.13, Hanson Ted travel $275.20, Holtmier Paula travel $109.20, Houghton Mifflin Co. supplies $333.75, Just for kids speech therapy $6,890, Keegan Cindy $42, McDonalds meals $50, Moon Jim travel $63.36, Pearson Assessments $98.50, Ross Donna services $1,625, Shannon Co. School Impress $860.80, Sioux Falls School District tuition $87.29, Sky Ranch for boys tuition $3,320., USD School of Med. Services $1,027.20, Wells Spring Inc. tuition $529.88, Youel Janell $42., Fund total $36,725.02

Food Service Fund

Augustana College registration $1,310, Blue Ribbon Maintenance Supply $882.84, Child & Adult Nutrition food service $987.54, Food Service of America $6,970.77, Gordon Super foods supplies $10.50, Harkers food service $9,091.38, Hillyard supplies $591.19, Kemps/Gillette Dairy food service $2,926.95, Reinheart Institutional foods $22,161.64, Reitz Carol travel $104.96, Sensible Food Service $1,879.68, Fund Total $46,917.45.

Federal Programs Special Services

Division of Criminal Investigation background checks $748, Heathershaw designs supplies $769.72, Occupational Health Network Inc $700, Shannon county school imprest $484.32, Fund Total $2,702.04.

BS/Trust Agency Account

Barnett Robert supplies $21.36, Gordon Super Foods $24.54, Pizza Hut Gordon meals $86.15, Fund total $132.05, Checking account total $509,688.42.

Shannon County School District
Disbursment Report
February 28, 2007

Fund/Account	Amount
General Fund	$236,975.60
Capital Outlay Fund	$93,016.94
Special Education Fund	$43,612.57
Food Service Fund	$69,662.15
T/A Support Services	$1,731.38
T/A Wolf Creek	$0.00
T/A Batesland School	$971.72
T/A Rockyford	$0.00
Total of All Funds	**$445,970.36**

Shannon County School District
Payroll Report
February 28, 2007

Types of Services	Salaries	Benefits	Total
1000 Instruction service	$393,712.98	$103,245.25	**$496,958.23**
2000 Support Service	$203,640.47	$53,828.98	**$257,469.45**
3000 Other Community serv	$5,201.38	$726.45	**$5,927.83**
6000 Co-curricular	$11,070.37	$868.98	**$11,939.35**
General Fund Total	**$613,625.20**	**$158,669.66**	**$772,294.86**
Special Education	$140,011.20	$41,610.44	**$181,621.64**
Food Service	$15,337.10	$4,310.05	**$19,647.15**
Total All Services	**$768,973.50**	**$204,590.15**	**$973,563.65**

Shannon County School District 65-1
REVENUE REPORT
February 28, 2007

Revenue Sources	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Education Fund	Pension Fund	Food Service	T/A Service	Impact Aid
Local sources							
Taxes	$ 6,747.90	$3,491.61	$1,629.36	$349.17	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$56,693.65	$ 9.63	$0.0	$0.00	$0.00	$733.00	$0.0
County Sources							
County Apportionment	$ 0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
State Sources							
State Aide	$353,844.00	$0.0	$119,338.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$234,033.49	$0.0	$4,437.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Federal Sources						$0.0	$0.0
Other	$596,670.49	$0.0	$63,256.27	$0.0	$52,094.23	$0.0	$0.0
Operating Transfer In							
Total Revenue For Fund	**$1,247,989.71**	**$3,501.24**	**$188,660.63**	**$349.17**	**$52,094.23**	**$733.00**	**$0.0**

MINUTES

Little Wound School Regular Meeting November 6, 2006

Little Wound School Board Members Present: Everett Janis, Linda May, Cecelia Fire Thunder, Archie Hopkins

Little Wound School Board Members Absent: Taylor Little Whiteman/late arrival Little Wound School Board Members Excused:

Others Present: Linda Hunter, Dorothy Thunder Bull, Paula Pourier, Terry Albers, Darlene Cross, Edson Briggs, Raylene Briggs, Clint May, Dana Brave Eagle, Bill Clifford, Chuck Jacabs, Maza Owecazo Otipi (Rep.), Security First Representatives.

Call Meeting To Order: at 6:05 pm Everett Janis, School Board President.

Wochekiye: Cecelia Fire Thunder

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Linda May seconded by Cecelia Fire Thunder to approve the agenda. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

Personnel: Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda May to go into executive session at 6:15 PM Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried. Declare to come out of executive session at 6:40 pm

High School: Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda May to approve the request for enrollment for two high school students. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

Elementary: Motion by Linda May seconded by Cecilia Fire Thunder to advertise for a second grade teacher until filled. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried. Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda May to advertise for a student assistant until filled. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

Extra Duty: Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda May to offer a contract to Shon Janis for the High School wrestling coach for the 2006-07 school year. Vote: 4-for 1-absent Motion carried. Motion by Linda May seconded by Cecelia Fire Thunder to offer a contract to Jonathon Derby for the High School Freshman Coach position for the 2006-07 school year. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

Approval of School Board Minutes: Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to approve the October 24, 2006. Special meeting minutes with corrections. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

School Board Report: Linda May, Cecelia Fire Thunder/Update

Superintendent Report: Linda Huntermet with Melanie Janis to have her draft an update and the School Board Election on October 16, 2006 after the board meeting.

Met with Middle School Principal concerning, Student expulsion, M.S. coaches bonuses, Teacher meeting on corrective action status, M.S. Playoffs against Red Cloud, held meeting with parent on late enrollment, (Transfer), called prior school for records.

Took leave on personal family business, Met with my secretary on Monday October 23, 2006 to go over weekly activities, Attended teacher training Lab in Spearfish, S.D., Co-Facilitated a Parent Special Topic night on October 25, 2006, Participated in LSAPP information meeting, met with Emily Iron Cloud, Koenen the new director, Attended the Midwest Regional SPED Law Conference, some highlights: Extended school year services, writing legally correct and educationally appropriate IEP's, I brought back a very good resource manual which can be accessed in Terry Albers office, Planned with the Administrators team on the football playoffs (activities), Held two school board meetings, Held principals meetings on Tuesday of the month, items covered: Office Halloween Trick or Treat, establishing a in-school suspension, Language Workshop, Community request for use of gym, attendance policy, Bigfoot Conf. meeting., Met with Wells Fargo out of Mission on a public relation kind of meeting to solicit our school business.

Areas of Concern: The high school gym floor needs emergency repairs, so I held a meeting with the High

School Principal and the Support Services Director to begin the process for repairs.

Student Council Report: Kelsie Brave Eagle & Cole Hunter, Homecoming Report, Fundraising, They will respond to Mrs. Tapio's article in the paper on the Little Wound High School Homecoming Them "Jims Boys are Mustangs Toys", Blood Drive, Care packages to Senior Citizens next week, Winner Football playoffs, ACT test seniors, Pilot sample - Seniors, Family Fun Night Booth, NACW-Buffalo Kill, Oct. 18, 2006 1st Qtr. Ended, Lights at the football field / Cecelia Fire Thunder will help student council on the process of getting light for the field.

Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda May to approve the three reports that were given. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

Old Business:

a. Workman's Comp. Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda May to pay the $10,230.00 for Workman's comp. premium for the month of November, and advertise for two more weeks and to bring it back to December Budget Meeting. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

b. Terry Albers: Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve the Professional Development request form for staff. Vote: 4-for 1-excused, motion carried.

c. Mazaska Owecoso Otipi Financial Inc. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Cecelia Fire Thunder to approve the request to put Mazaska Owecaso Otipi Financial Inc. (Partnership for housing) on the vendors list for payroll deduction. Vote: 4-fo 1-absent, motion carried.

New Business:

a. Charter Bus Repairs: Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda May to approve the emergency repairs for the Charter Bus. Vote: 3-for 1-excused, 1-not voting, motion carried.

b. Revision of policy Re: School Board Stipends: Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder to leave the stipend as is and add a $50.00 stipend to activities, graduation, etc. (No second). School board would like more discussion on this, Linda Hunter, superintendent will bring this back to the school board at the next meeting.

c.Tuition Agrement: Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda May to accept the tuition agreement. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

d. High School Gym Floor, Roof. Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda

May to approve the emergency repairs for the gym floor. (contingent on the BIA's approval). Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

Consultants: None

Travel: Approved at October Budget meeting.

Adjournment: Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Archie Hopkins to adjourn at 9:06 pm. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

Everett Janis, Little Wound School Board President

Dorothy Thunder Bull, Recording secretary. Approved on 12-4-06.

Little Wound School Budget Meeting November 20, 2006

School Board Members Present: Everett Janis, Archie Hopkins, Linda May, Cecelia Fire Thunder

School Board Members Absent: Taylor Little Whiteman

School Board Members Excused:

Others Present: Linda Hunter, Morris Brewer, Paula Pourier, Dorothy Thunder Bull, Leona Bull Bear, Devonna Bush, Dana Brave Eagle, Imogene Roy, Sandra Old Horse, Amelia Blackbear.

Call meeting to order: at 6:00 pm by Everett Janis, Chairman

Wochekiye: given by Cecelia Fire Thunder

Approval of Agenda; Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda May to approve agenda. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

Personnel: Motion by Linda May seconded by Cecelia Fire Thunder to go into executive session at 6:05 pm. Vote: 4-for 1-absent. Motion carried. Declare to come out of executive session at 6:20 pm

Elementary: Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda May to offer Beulah Spider, White Crane, a contract for the student assistant position for 2006-07 school year and to name Denise Black Feather as alternate. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried. Motion by Linda May seconded by Cecelia Fire Thunder to offer Malcolm Carey a contract for the second grade teacher for the 2006-07 school year.

Middle School: Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda May to terminate Lakota Language Teacher. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried. Motion by Linda May seconded by Cecelia Fire Thunder to advertise the Lakota Language Teacher until filled. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

Financial Report: Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda May to accept the financial report given by Paula Pourier, Business Manager. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

Supervisor Report: Motion by Cecelia seconded by Linda May to accept the supervisor reports. Vote: 4-for 1-absent. Motion carried.

Old business: a. Workman's Comp: Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda May to go with Business Manager's recommendation to stay with First American Insurance. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried

b. Speech Agreement: Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda May to approve contract with change in the language recommended by the Little Wound School Attorney, Charlie Abourezk. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, Motion carried.

c. Errors & Omission Insurance Renewals: Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda May to approve the Errors & Omissions Insurance renewals for $6,632.00 to begin 1-22-07 thru 1-08 Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

New Business: a. Incentives Staff & Students, Board: Motion by Linda May seconded by Cecelia Fire Thunder to approve the incentives for the students, staff and School Board. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried. Staff at $300.00, Students at $100.00, School Board at $300.00. total School incentives-$80,000.

b. Update on Roof and gym floor / Linda Hunter: Fax from Phil Livermont/infor; November 21-22, 2006-Black Hills roofing will move equipment in, December 1-06-start flooring, December 15, 2006-floor and roof will be completed.

Consultants: a.Corrective Action (4) Terry Albers. Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded byLinda May to approve consultants. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

b. Middle School-Tammy Steele: Motion by Linda May seconded by Cecelia Fire Thunder to approve the consultant for Middle School, Marcel Bull Bear for Lakota Traditional values. Vote:4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

Community Concerns: Sandra Old Horse: Concerned about the Homecoming theme, Election Board for Little Wound School Board, Leona Bull Bear: Concerned about the Special Education Director and the Program funding.

Travel: Motion by Linda May seconded by Cecelia Fire Thunder to approve travel for the month of December 2006. Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Cecelia Fire Thunder seconded by Linda May to adjourn at 7:40 pm Vote: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried. Everett Janis, Little Wound School Board President, Dorothy Thunder Bull, Recording Secretary. Approved 12-4-06.

NOTICE

Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court
Rosebud Sioux Reservation
Rosebud, South Dakota
NOTICE OF HEARING

In the Matter of Guardianship of Zachary Lapointe, a Minor.To all interested parties: Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held upon the above-captioned matter on the 23rd day of April, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. o'clock in the courtroom of the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court in Rosebud, South Dakota. Entered this 20th day of February, 2007. By the Tribal Court Judge Attest:

- Help Wanted -
OUTSIDE SUMMER HELP

Outside summer help to work with the linecrew. To request an employment application and further information,contact:

Lacreek Electric
PO Box 220
Martin, SD 57551
or call Wayne Sterkel or Les Byrne at 605-685-6581 or 1-800-655-9324. Position open until filled.

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Red Cloud Indian School

Accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-08 School Year:

Administrative Assistant
High School Attendance Manager
Bus Driver (Must have CDL)
High School Counselor
Elementary Counselors
Elementary Teachers
Theology Teacher
Computer Technology Teachers
Math Teacher

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled
Applications can be found on our website or requested via mail, phone, or email.
Send completed application, letter of interest, resume, and credentials to:

Robert Brave Heart, Sr.
Superintendent
Red Cloud Indian School
100 Mission Drive
Pine Ridge, SD 57770
605-867-5888
bbraveheart@redcloudschool.org

Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing
P.O. Box 603 - East Hwy. 18 - Pine Ridge, SD 57770
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Executive Director
Administrative Office
(position is on a year to year contractual basis)
OPENING DATE: MARCH 12, 2007
CLOSING DATE: APRIL 27, 2007
Salary Is Negotiable
- How To Apply -

Submit a completed Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing employment application to the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Human Resources Office.

Attach all pertinent documents, Blood Degree if claiming Indian Preference, Veterans Discharge DD214, High School or GED Diploma, College Transcripts, College Diploma, Reference Letters, Licenses or Certifications and State Driver's License.

Resumes that are to accompany the employment application must have addresses and telephone numbers of past and present employers. All information submitted will be verified.

Will be required to take the drug and alcohol test. Selection for the position will be contingent upon a negative test result. Applicant is subject to Background Investigation. Expenses are at the applications costs. No late or incomplete application will be accepted.

For position description and additional information please contact the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Human Resources Office at (605)867-5161, ext. 104 or ext. 136.

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Oglala Sioux Tribe

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JOB TITLE: Purchasing Manager
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Opens: 3-20-07 Closes: 4-11-07

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Little Wound School
Kyle, South Dakota
JOB VACANCIES
(03-06-07)

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2006-2007 school term:

High School Dept.
Principal

Middle School Dept.
Principal
Lakota Language Teacher
P.E. Teacher

Elementary Dept.
Principal
Student Assistant

$1,000 Sign On Bonus to all new certified teachers!

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Superintendent
Personnel Director
K-12 Social Worker
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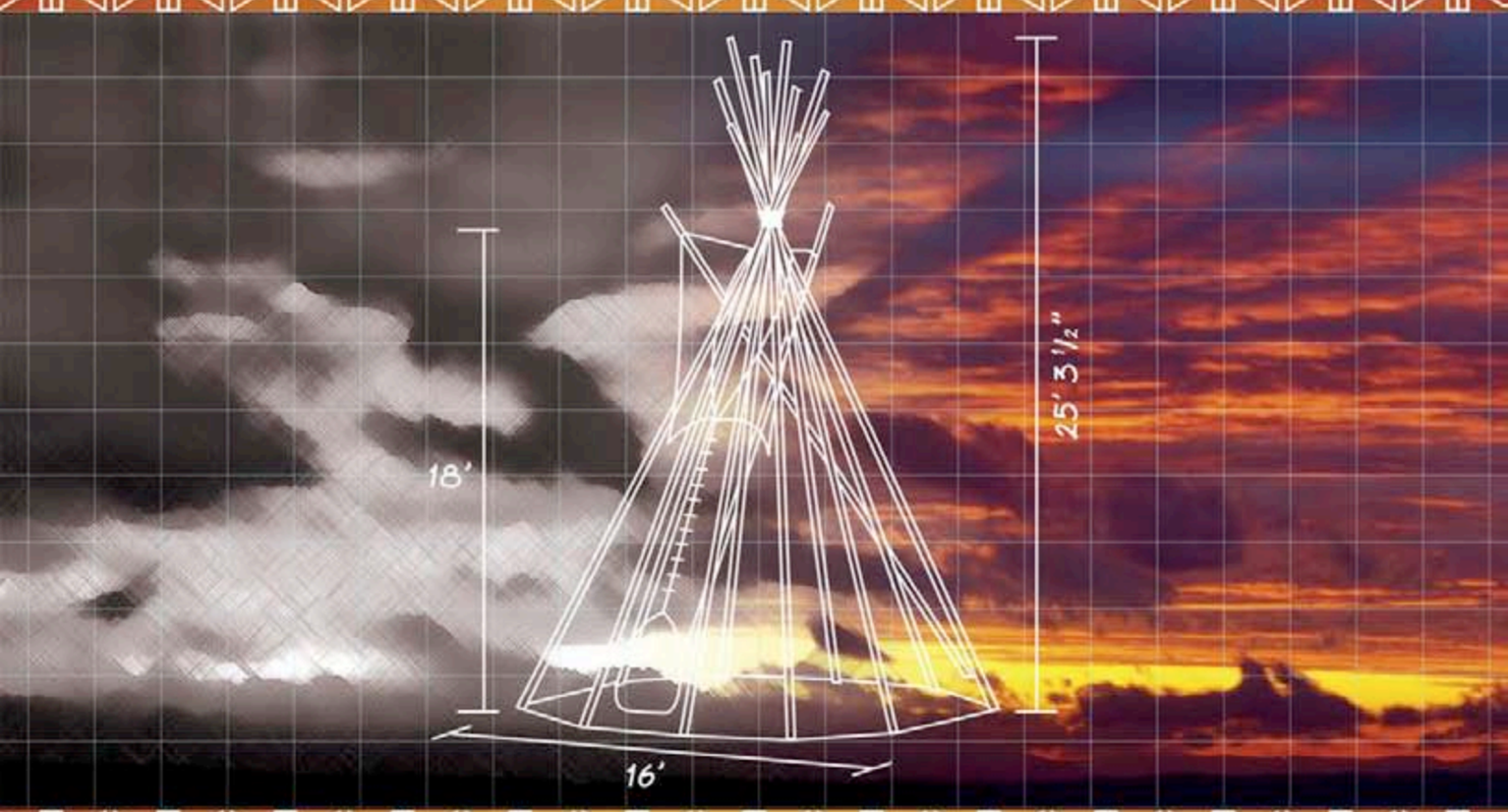
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The deep wounds of injustice

Editor's Note*In March 2000, the United States Commission on Civil Rights, after holding a one-day hearing in Rapid City, issued a report critical of the treatment of Native people in the state's criminal justice system.**

Calling the Civil Rights Commission's findings "garbage," then-Governor Bill Janklow ordered a study of racism in criminal justice to be done by the University of South Dakota's Government Research Bureau.

In 2003, USD Professors Richard Braunstein and Steve Feimer issued a report that found disparities across the board in the criminal justice system, from arrest to parole, but could not attribute those disparities to race.

Braunstein and Feimer reported finding "numerous disparities" in sentence length and granting of probation or suspended impositions - outcomes imposed by judges at time of sentencing - but with the limited data they had, they could not determine if those disparities resulted from judicial bias or defendant conduct, such as prior criminal records or conviction of a violent crime, both of which would warrant longer sentences.

To determine whether bias in the judiciary was perceived or actual and to what extent, the Unified Judicial System, in 2004, established the Equal Justice Commission to study the issue and report on its findings.

The commission met on all reservations but Flandreau and in Rapid City, Pierre, and Sioux Falls, holding meetings and listening to people recount their experiences with the criminal justice system.

The commission's report came out in 2006 and included perceptions of bias at all levels of the criminal justice system, with some criticisms directed specifically toward the judiciary. The following article is the second of a series on findings of the commission report.

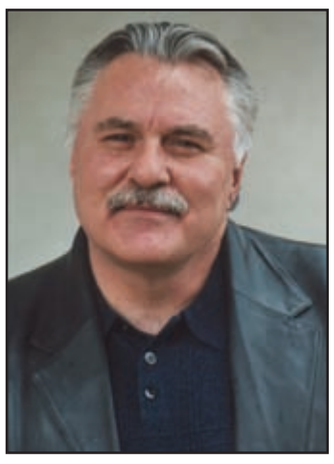
By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Arrest statistics paint a stark reality of American Indians in Rapid City and although they account for only 12 percent of the city's population, 54 percent of adult and juvenile arrestees in 2006 were Native.

According to Rapid City Police Department statistics, those arrestees were charged with 48.4 percent of felonies and 54 percent of misdemeanors.

Disproportionate representation of Native defendants is an undeniable fact, University of South Dakota's Associate Professor Richard Braunstein said in his 2005 study of race and criminal justice. But reasons for the disparity can't be explained "simply by calling for opinions, and the statistical studies do not reveal any definitive answers," Braunstein said.


Laurette Pourier


Charlie Abourezk


Steve Allender

TOUGH TO PROVE

People who told their stories to the Equal Justice Commission at its statewide meetings in 2004-2005 relayed their perception that minorities are charged with crimes under circumstances that whites are not charged.

Tracey Fischer, EJC executive director, said, "There's a lot of anecdotal information out there, but because there's no hard data, it's hard for those people, who perceive bias, to prove their cases."

But bias is "definitely there," according to Laurette

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RST council passes motion declining purchase of 800 acres of land

No extension granted in closing the deal, RST now owns successful bid

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - A couple of weeks ago many Rosebud reservation residents were discussing an impending land deal that was going to be sealed by the Tribal Land Enterprises, a chartered entity of RST. A couple of inquiries for information was requested for the public to be fully informed of the basic facts surrounding the potential land acquisition which had been bid upon at a public auction held off of the confines of the Rosebud reservation. That latter fact may have some bearing on the issue and will be discussed later in this article.

No information was forthcoming at that time and the RST council had not addressed the issue in an official sense. TLE Director Calvin Waln, had attended a public auction and bid up to $1,250 per acre for a total tract of land amounting to 800 acres in total and amounting to a figure of $1 million dollars. TLE had discussed a bidding strategy prior to the auction; however, it was abandoned because of inclement weather.

The total bid per acre appeared to take many people by surprise and prompted a lot of discussion to the effect that when Lakota people desire to sell their land, they may be offered no more than $300 per acre. Another consideration that seemed to surface was the fact that non-tribal ranchers and farmers in the area would now be of the assumption that future proposals to sell land to RST would bring them a similar inflated per acre price.

RST President, Rodney M. Bordeaux, issued a press release on April 10 in which he writes, "I do support the purchase of the Zibell Estate land in southeastern Todd County. This land was bid for $1,250.00 per acre or $1 million dollars for 800 acres. The decision of the tribal council to disapprove the purchase of this land has created problems for future land purchases. We must remember the history of our people, our leaders who fought and sacrificed for our tribal sovereignty, our ancestral homelands and do what we can to protect and build upon what they achieved."

Without delving into the history of the Tribal Land Enterprises, the tribally chartered entity appears to be a highly successfully model of land acquisition and management on behalf of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. In fact, Ross Swimmer of the Trust Reform Office in Washington, DC praised the model that was created specifically for RST to manage its land holdings.

This unique and highly successful program is an entity that is sometimes cloaked in a certain mystique around the Rosebud; for, unless one is a landowner or a leasee, most tribal members have little understanding of the function and daily affairs of TLE. The organization will likely benefit from future advertisement and information sharing as to their pur-

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TWO SECTIONS

Fogg, Kamerzell and Moffitt now on Martin City Council

MARTIN - The much anticipated Martin City Council Election set for June 5 has been cancelled.

The anticipation stemmed from a judge's earlier verdict that the Martin election system would change to an "At Large" voting system beginning with the upcoming City Council election in June. The judge's decision came from a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of two city residents who challenged the city's voting system as unfair practices.

This At Large system would have provided each voter with three votes that they could choose to vote as they wished, even if it meant voting all three votes for the same candidate.

The judge made the ruling in response to what appeared to be unfair practices and purported violations of individual voter rights in Martin.

However, the Martin City Council will seat three new council members on the size member council, despite the election cancellation. These individuals filed certificate of nomination in the office of the Finance Officer and would have run unopposed for the three open council seats. Certificates of Election will be issued in the same manner as would be done following an election.

The new council members will be Cecilia "Tootie"

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RST Liquor Commission approves license for Prairie Hills Square

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

MISSION - The RST Liquor Commission held a regular meeting for Friday, April 6 on the request from the Prairie Hills Square for a license to sell beer off-sale and a full beverage service on-sale.

Prairie Hills Square will now await word from the Todd County Commissioners as to their approval of the new business to sell off-sale beer at that location. The commissioners apparently will discuss the permit request on April 18. Troy Heinert said, "We're excited. It is a big responsibility that we are ready to take on. We hope to provide a good atmosphere. Everybody has been positive."

Located a couple of miles south of Mission the business offers a golf course for area golfers that served as a location for Easter egg hunters on Saturday. According to Troy Heinert some 300 youngsters participated and hunted for 400 plastic eggs which contained prizes.

According to commission member Anthony Bordeaux, Jr. the commission initially voted and the result was a 1-1 tie. Commission Chair, John Charles Arcoren, then voted to break then tie and voted in favor of granting the liquor license. The commission has a vacancy for two members and is advertising for tribal members to apply for a seat on the commission.

In recent weeks, Heinert and wife Gena, the new owners have undertaken some major renovations of the former Prairie Hills golf club. They are building a new deck and will also offer a conference room and reception area in addition to exercise and tanning facilities. In addition,

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Pourier, one of the founders of Society for the Advancement of Native Interests - Today. She said she's heard from people who were stopped by police officers, asked for identification, and asked what they were doing even though they were not engaged in criminal activity.

"Police of their own accord stop people because they're Native … because they're brown," Pourier said. "It's my feeling that cops may be out there looking for someone to arrest.

"I hate to say that, too, because there are some nice cops," Pourier said.

THE POLICE RESPONSE

Rapid City Police Captain Steve Allender calls attention to 2006 domestic violence statistics to dispute allegations of police bias. State law and department policy require an officer to make an arrest in a domestic violence situation if there is evidence that an assault occurred.

Officers might exercise discretion in other assaults, Allender said, but in domestic violence situations, "when that call comes in … officers know an arrest will be made," Allender said. The officer "has only one decision to make, and that's whether an assault has occurred."

With officer bias apparently eliminated, American Indians fared even worse, statistically speaking: according to 2006 domestic violence data, 75.5 percent of felony arrestees and 59.9 percent of misdemeanor arrestees were Native.

Last year the police department responded to 102,063 calls for assistance, resulting in 9,796 arrests. For efficiency's sake, the department assigns patrols to nine areas of the city, with approximately the same call load in each section.

Downtown and North Rapid bring in more calls for service than the rest of the city combined, Allender said.

"That's something that's offensive to people who live on the north side of town," Allender said. "But no matter how you cut it, that's a fact."

The department's patrol map doesn't show race, income, property values, age of homes, or age of citizens, Allender said. "Our business is to provide police services. All we need to know is where to send police officers and how many."

Race is not necessarily the determining factor in the high crime rate; Lakota Homes and Sioux addition - two areas north of Interstate 90 with heavy Native populations - are "absolutely a success story," Allender said. Lakota Homes is "the second lowest area for calls."

If racism is a factor in the number of Native people arrested, it possibly originates with the people calling dispatch for police assistance. "The police department is an extension of the average citizen. We're responding to something they find concerning," Allender said.

When the department heightens its efforts in concentrated areas of crime, arrest rates go up.

Four years ago, in response to an inordinate number of victims along the bike path north of Omaha Street, the police initiated Operation Safe Path, Allender said. The city cleared brush to reveal creek banks, dispersed the concentration of homeless people, and enacted a zero tolerance policy for drinking in that area.

"It's probably accurate to say we've made hundreds of arrests of dozens of people" near the bike path, Allender said.

The department's actions were successful. "Homeless victimization has virtually stopped in those areas," he said. "However, those efforts have been viewed as oppressive and uncaring, the reason being that it apparently targets Native American and homeless people."

SOCIOECONOMIC PROBLEM

"Oftentimes it's the minorities who get pushed into the basement of society, and then society criticizes them for having basement behavior," said Rapid City lawyer Charlie Abourezk, one of founders of the Community Relations Council, a volunteer citizens' group started in 2003 to mediate complaints about law enforcement officers.

The disparity in arrests has less to do with race than it does with poverty, Abourezk said. Dire socioeconomic conditions coexist with violence, low self-esteem, and addiction, and in our area, Native people are disproportionately impoverished, he said.

Abourezk offered a comparison situation: In Chicago, thriving factories pulled out of the inner city and took their business to third-world countries, and nearby white employers refused to hire black people. The inner city was "left to implode on itself," leaving survival dependent on an illicit economy of drugs, prostitution, and crime.

The same dynamics correlate to South Dakota Indian reservations and neighborhoods, Abourezk said.

Reservations are saddled with a 75-80 percent unemployment rate, Abourezk said. "Kids there are so optimistic when they graduate," looking forward to going to college or to off-reservation towns to find jobs, but then, "a few years later, they hit a wall of employment discrimination," he said. "Their hopes start to dwindle," and they return to the reservation and start to decline.

"It's tough to be a young Indian male," Abourezk said. Rage and anger grow into a sense of hopelessness, and they engage in self-destructive behavior, maybe joining gangs for safety and a sense of belonging. "When society alienates you, you reach out," he said.

Petty crimes spill over into drinking, and drinking engenders more serious crimes, Abourezk said.

"Do we make law enforcement carry the burden of that? Or society?"

A SPIRITUAL DISCONNECTION

Pourier doesn't like contemplating whether Native people commit crimes at a higher rate. "I hate it, because it makes me sad," she said.

But if indigenous people have a higher crime rate, Pourier blames history and its resultant economic and spiritual poverty.

Indigenous people were conquered and forbidden by law to practice their religion, and paternal treatment from the U.S. government, with subsidies and commodities, "stripped our males of their role, which was protector and provider," Pourier said.

"The people didn't get to observe ceremonies, our traditional processes for dealing with pain and grief," she said. "So where did it go? It became internalized."

Internalized grief results in depression and alcoholism, or it's projected outward as anger and crime, Pourier said.

A disconnection of spirit leads to a life pattern of wandering and searching and an inability to sustain relationships, she said. "The spirit has been violated and it's never been healed."

"When you hurt so bad you can't stand to take another breath," chemical abuse becomes a solution, Pourier said.

If Native people are committing crimes at a higher rate, she said, "it goes back to a much deeper wound than what we see on the surface."

THE STATEWIDE SITUATION

In South Dakota, Native people account for 8.8 percent of the population, according to U.S. Census Bureau data. But 27.7 percent of adults and 30.1 percent of juveniles arrested off reservations are Native, according to data voluntarily submitted by 91 percent of the state's law enforcement agencies to the state Division of Criminal Investigation.

Those figures don't include arrests made by the South Dakota Highway Patrol, which does not collect race data.

Twenty-two legislators introduced a bill during the 2007 legislative session designed to identify whether officer bias is a factor in traffic stops.

The pilot program would have been conducted in at least 15 counties, and law officers, including highway patrol troopers, would have been required to collect data on traffic stops, including the officer's perception of the race of the driver, the violation, whether there was a search, and the outcome of the stop (warning, citation, arrest).

The bill died in the House Transportation Committee after Attorney General Larry Long and Highway Patrol Colonel Dan Mosteller testified against it.

Long told legislators that supervisors can monitor for officer bias by watching audio and visual recordings of stops captured by cameras in patrol cars.

Mosteller objected to "shotgunning the whole state because of some perceptions" and instead suggested minorities can make complaints to the agency if they perceive officer bias. If nothing comes of the complaint, he said, "that's why we have the attorney general."

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there will be rental space for other businesses. Heinert said, "We are building the kitchen this week. I found a place of kitchen equipment and I also submitted our building plans to the state."

Heinert also said he listened to some of the helpful suggestions that were offered during the RST Liquor Commission hearings. For example, he noted that the lighting in the parking lot will be improved.

Heinert said that as young entrepreneurs they decided to step forward and build a business that will ultimately employ 15-20 local people and give them a good steady job.

The fact that Prairie Hills Square has been granted a license by the RST Liquor Commission is likely generating discussion and debate as to its merits. There has been some controversy regarding the issue of additional licensing of liquor sales since there exists a tribal resolution that called for the Rosebud reservation to be alcohol free by the year 2000.

RST Liquor Commission Chair, John Charles Arcoren, did say that their legal counsel asked them to send a letter to Troy Heinert asking him to comply with the hours that have been set forth indicated their hours of operation.

In addition, some argue that it is hypocritical to sell alcohol products at the Rosebud Casino Fuel Plaza and the Rosebud Casino when other requests from businesses to sell alcohol are being turned down. The other sentiment is that if the tribe is going to grant a license to a new business to sell alcohol then it should act retroactively to give it to others.

Section 10-2-6 of the RST ordinance gives the commission absolute discretion to approve or disapprove an application in accordance with the provisions governing its administration.

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poses. In actuality, there apparently are other services which tribal members can avail themselves of even if they are not landowners and that fact will become evident, perhaps, now that it has attracted the attention of the RST council.

Waln addressed the RST council in an official meeting last week and pointed out that certain relevant policies to guide future fee land acquisitions are being developed.

It was at the very same meeting that RST District 3 council representative, Robert Moore, sponsored a council motion relative to the intended purchase which read, "Motion by Robert Moore that we not purchase the Zibell land at $1,200 an acre and to work with the Tribal Attorney, Mato Standing High and the TLE Director to recover any expenses incurred through the bond."

Moore's objection in part, centered around the fact that TLE had presented a petition to finance the land deal after the fact. He also noted that if a line of credit had been approved by the council it would have necessitated a waiver of sovereign immunity and he is adamantly opposed to that.

RST council representative, Cyril "Whitey" Scott, also from Antelope said that he was not opposed to acquiring the 800 acres as bid upon, however, he was opposed to the process which was utilized for the successful bid.

RST council representative from Rosebud community, Fern Bordeaux-Bolz, who also sits on the TLE board generously agreed to provide an account of the events surrounding the successful bid by TLE on behalf of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and which has not been resolved to date.

There exists an Isolated Tracts Act which was originally created for RST and it allows the tribe to use these tracts as mortgage for a loan. In 1994 there was an assessment done and the value of the isolated tracts amounted to $2.1 million. TLE was able to purchase the Mustang Meadows ranch and more recently the Ethel Taylor ranch at a price of $641,000.

Bordeaux-Bolz said that such land acquisition work is something that has a certain sentimental and historical aspect to it, and the tribe should always pursue such acquisition when the opportunity presents itself. She said, "Once our land no longer exists, we no longer exist." She noted that the Isolated Tracts Act mandates that the BIA Regional Director initiate the process to put the fee land into trust and, thus, making the process more efficient and speedy.

Apparently as the land in question in the Hidden Timber area came for bid, TLE Executive Director, Calvin Waln, had in his possession a petition to participate in the bidding process that had been signed by four of the seven TLE board members. Wells Fargo Bank was of the understanding that the bid would not exceed $800 per acre as recommended by the appraiser, however, that figure did not hold true.

The actual site of the 800 acres lies north of the Hidden Timber dam and approaches the Tripp County line in southeastern South Dakota. Hidden Timber lies in a southeasterly direction from the town of Mission.

Bordeaux-Bolz also agreed that a "fee acquisition policy" needs to be created by TLE in order to serve as a guide for future land bids. During the day of the auction, after TLE made a bid of $1,250 per acre a couple from New Mexico dropped out of the bidding and thus, the winning bid was held by TLE.

The couple apparently made it known that they wanted to purchase more land in the Hidden Timber area. One council representative was heard on KINI radio last week noting that people from the Rocky Mountain region are wanting to retire to remote and pristine areas much like that which exists on the Rosebud reservation.

Another objection to purchasing the land even with the successful bid was that the tribe has openly said that their priority is to buy back tribal lands in Mellette County that have been lost in the past due to a variety of unknown reasons. Bordeaux-Bolz said that since the successful bid on the 800 acres, four ranchers in the Mellette County area have offered to sell their land to TLE. Waln stated that prior to this bid one person owning land in Mellette County had asked for $1,250 per acre for his land. Two others in Mellette County have asked high prices on their offer to TLE.

Another concern that is being expressed is that RST will likely lose the $100,000 "earnest" money which it put up as security for the bid. Also, there is concern that since the auction was held on state property that RST may or may not be liable for a suit for the total of $1 million dollars now that the motion has been made and passed not to go forward with the purchase.

Bordeaux-Bolz said that a legal opinion has yet to be rendered on the whole process and that TLE may still want to purchase the land. Waln has been directed to ask for an extension in closing the deal.

Waln said that all of his efforts to secure an extension of time for closing had failed.

TLE apparently is healthy financially speaking and as a chartered entity it has been quite successful in managing its assets. She said TLE makes dividend distributions twice yearly to its shareholders and the tribe. The one last fall saw TLE give a check to the tribe in the amount of $500,000.

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Moffitt, City Council At Large; Judy Kamerzell, City Council At Large; and Robert A. Fogg, Jr., City Council At Large.

The three remaining seated City Council Members are Dave Bakley, Janelle Haynes and Greg Kamfe. Former Council members Gwen Ward, Todd Alexander, and Rod Anderson did not run for re-election.

The new Martin City Council will be seated during the first City Council meeting scheduled for July, 2007.

It has been reported that the judge's "At Large" ruling earlier this year will be challenged by the City of Martin. But at this point, the new council members will be seated in July and prepared to do City Council business during their first July meeting.

Conference champs, Pine Ridge, Little Wound dominate West River basketball selections

Mendoza will not return as Lady Thorpe coach

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

MARTIN - Coaches and administrators from the six West River conference schools gathered in Martin on Wednesday to make the all conference selections for girl's and boy's basketball. The conference includes Bennett County, Todd County, St. Francis, Little Wound, Pine Ridge and Red Cloud.

The 2006/2007 basketball season saw three teams qualify for state tournaments including state runner-up finishes for both the girls and the boys as Bennett County girls took second in state this year in Spearfish and the Little Wound boys took second in the recent State A tourney in Rapid City; Red Cloud girls won Region 8A and took eighth in state.

The Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes won the conference and finished the regular season undefeated and ranked number one in the state; Bennett County won District 14A and Region 7A and lost to Vermillion in the State A championship game. Christian Janis, Lacey Weston, Nichelle Red Owl and Saadia Tasso of Pine Ridge earned all conference honors. Bennett County's Maggie O'Neil, Keely Krolikowski and Mary Jo May also were all conference.

Red Cloud's Marque Lunderman and Ida Clark, Todd County's Tia McCloskey and Shelby Hunger and Marcia Rodriguez of St. Francis were also all conference. Honorable mention nods went to Robin Webber and Sophia Janis of Pine Ridge, Amy O'Neil/Bennett County and Shaina Clifford and Lisa Bear Robe of Red Cloud.

Bill Mendoza, Pine Ridge's first year head coach announced at the meeting that he was returning to school and would not be back next year to coach. Mendoza had been an assistant coach for the boy's team last year and finished up with a 21-1 record in his first year as head girl's coach at Pine Ridge.

Three conference boy's teams made it to region championship games as Little Wound beat Todd County in the Region 7A championship and Red Cloud lost to eventual State A champs St. Thomas More in the Region 8A championship. The Mustangs went on to lose to the Cavaliers in the State A championship game in Rapid City in mid-March.

All conference selections went to Brice Hornbeck, Rich Big Boy and TJ McCauley/Little Wound, Christian McGhee, Lester Gotheridge and Billy Scott/Red Cloud, Gunner Krogman, Steve Antoine and Vern Menard/Todd County, Travis Spotted War Bonnett, Taylor Brushbreaker and JJ Arcoren/St. Francis, John Provost and Michael Jack/Pine Ridge and John Slattery/Bennett County.

Honorable mention nods went to Ty Lunderman and Devon LeBeau/Little Wound, Dave Giago, Mike Twiss and Bryer Iron Cloud/Red Cloud, Aaron Stodard, Jordan His Law and Mark DuBray/Todd County, Travis Spotted Horse and Gary Whipple/St. Francis, Oris Morrison, Mitch Bagola and Austin Red Shirt/Pine Ridge and Delmar Toczek and Jake Sasse/Bennett County.

Track season opens with Red Cloud in Hot Springs, Pine Ridge in Kadoka

Lady Crusaders win medley, 3200 relays, Johnson wins 100

HOT SPRINGS/KADOKA The 2007 high school track season is finally underway; Douglas postponed their Earlybird track meet twice and Hot Springs postponed theirs once and finally the first meets took place in Hot Springs and Kadoka on Tuesday.

Red Cloud's girl's 1600 medley relay team beat Custer by seven seconds to take the gold; Desirae Blacksmith, Josie Johnson, Ida Clark and Danielle Locust participated. Red Cloud came right back and won the girl's 3200 relay with Blacksmith, Clark, Saige Pourier and Laree Pourier, beating Crawford. Josie Johnson, a freshman at Red Cloud won the 100 in 13.2 and took third in the 200 with a 28.9. Saige Pourier was third in the 800.

Red Cloud boys took second to Custer in the 1600 medley relay with Art Vitalis, Christian McGhee, Dave Giago and Billy Scott; Red Cloud boys also took fifth in the 1600 relay with Art Vitalis, Dave Giago, Billy Scott and Wade O'Bryan running. Red Cloud's next track meet is in Belle Fourche on Saturday.

Pine Ridge took 12 athletes to Kadoka on Tuesday and had to brave cold, windy and wet conditions. Alex Pine took second to Takini's Kiko Mendoza in the 1600 and Jimmy Waln was fourth in the 110 hurdles. Pine Ridge will be back in Kadoka on Tuesday.

Lakota All Stars take 19th BJ Weston

PINE RIDGE - With eight points, five steals and five rebounds, Francis Around Him, tournament MVP, led the Lakota All Stars to a 35-23 win over the Lakota Pride last Sunday for the 10-12 year old division championship during the 19th annual BJ Weston Memorial Pee Wee basketball tournament in Pine Ridge.

Although the tournament has always featured co-ed teams, the Lakota All Stars triumph was the first time an all girls team had won a division in the 19 years of the BJ Weston tourney.

After being down early in the game, the All Stars tied it up at eight a piece in the second period and used a strong fourth quarter, outscoring the Lakota Pride 14-5 to break open a close game and earn the win. Paige Provost helped out with eight points and nine rebounds, Shaniah Richard added seven points and seven rebounds while Sharae Brewer chipped in six points and seven rebounds.

Steve Yellow Hawk came off the bench to lead the Pride with 11 points and Loren Ashley hit two threes and eight points.

Wakinyan took third and Double Trouble was fourth. Brook Pond earned the Ms. Hustle award, Adonis Saltes/Mr. Hustle, Ebert Long Soldier had the most threes in a game while Loren Ashley hit the most threes for the tourney.

All tourney awards went to Shaniah Richard, Sharae Brewer and Paige Provost/Lakota All Stars, Trevor Brave Bird, Steve Yellow Hawk and Jory Weston/Lakota Pride, Jacob Jumping Eagle and Alvin Janis/Double Trouble, Jeff LeBeau and Jacob Brewer/Wakinyan.

Christian McGhee opened the first quarter with a pair of threes and a two on his way to a team high 22 points and 10 assists in leading Red Cloud to a 86-65 win over the Untitled for the first ever 16-18 championship in this year's BJ Weston tourney. Red Cloud went up 19-14 after one and led 43-32 at the half. Lester Gotheridge hit for 16 points and grabbed 17 rebounds while Art Vitalis hit four threes and 14 points and Billy Scott chipped in nine points and 10 rebounds.

Michael Apple had a game high 24 points to lead the Untitled, Ty Lunderman helped with 16 points and Rod Richards added 10 points.

Code Blue was third while Running Sioux was fourth.

McGhee was selected as the MVP and won most threes in a game. Brice Hornbeck was Mr. Hustle and Lunderman had the most threes in the tourney. All tourney selections for the 16-18 division included Michael Apple, Jerad White Face, Rod Richard, Michael Jack, Travis Spotted War Bonnett, Brice Hornbeck, Dustin Shangreaux, Dave Giago, Lester Gotheridge and Billy Scott.

The Blue Boys went out quickly to a 27-13 lead over the Lakota Threat in the 13-15 division championship game at Pine Ridge high school but Jeremy Blacksmith led the Threat back to a 46-46 tie before the Blue Boys closed out the 50-48 win as MVP Carl Swallow took the ball from the half court line to the three point line and pulled up for a two point jumper at the buzzer for the win. Swallow hit for a game high 19 points, Kiley Weston added 14 and JD Plume cchipped in12 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Blacksmitrh led the Threat with 16 points and 10 rebounds, Emerson Bob Tail Bear helped with 10 points.

Sioux Runners took third while KT Ballers finished fourth.

Christian Janis earned Ms. Hustle, Kiley Weston was Mr. Hustle, Swallow had the most threes I a game and Lars Backward had the most threes in the tourney. All tourney selections included JD Plume, Truman Rossman and James Pine/Blue Boys, Alyssa Cottier, Jeremy Blacksmith and Joe Bissonette/Lakota Threat, Lars Backward, Aaron Long, Spur Pourier and Julian Fast Wolf.

The Little Saders scrapped their way to a 7-6 halftime lead in the 7-9 division but OST Finest came on strong in the second half to win the championship 16-9.

Jay Olivares led the way with six points while Lynette Cuny heled out with four points and eight rebounds. Dalton Lessert led the Little Saders with six points.

The Little Thorpes took third while the Wizards finished fourth. Koby O'Rourke was MVP, Lynette Cuny was named Ms. Hustle and Alehandro Rama was Mr. Hustle.

All tourneys included Tyrell Pulliam, Dalton Lessert, Mike Hernandez, Chris Carlow, Will Garnier, Jay Olivarez, Aaron Black Bull, Yamni Cournoyer, Christie Bissonette and Teton Saltes.

Easter Egg Tourney attracts 43 teams, over 500 participants

WOLF CREEK - "Anytime you are able to provide activities for over 500 children, you are moving in the right direction," said Easter Egg tournament coordinator Yvonne "Tiny" DeCory.

She said, "special thanks go to Wolf Creek School, the 21st Century Millenium program and ballplayers from the Divas and Wakinyan for helping to make the weekend a success."

Red Cloud knocked off Running Sioux 61-49 for the 16-18 title as Dave Giago lit it up with 22 points, four steals, five assists and nine rebounds and Lester Gotheridge helped with 20 points and 14 rebounds. Billy Scott was named MVP while the all star selections included Shilo Pierce, Jake Pond, Michael Jack, Hobart Locke, Dave Giago, Billy Scott, Art Vitalis and Lester Gotheridge.

The Blue Boys knocked off Running Sioux for the 13-15 championship. Carl Swallow was named MVP, Shauna Long was Ms. Hustle and all stars included Joe Bissonette, Jeremy Blacksmith, Dalton Buckman, Spur Pourier, Lars Backward, JD Plume, Kylie Weston, Tawnee Shay Hunter, Lyle Jacobs, JC Long Soldier and Carl Swallow.

Lakota All Stars knocked off the Lakota Pride Junior in the 10-12 championship game as Sharay Brewer was named MVP.

All stars included Trevor Brave Bird, Anthony Hopkins, Shania Richard, Francis Around Him, Adonis Saltes, Jeff LeBeau, Jacob Jumping Eagle, Francis Good Lance, Jacob Brown, Paige Provost and Ebert Long Soldier.

Lil Saders knocked off the Running Wizards for the 7-9 division championship and outstanding players included Shaylene Richards, Yamni Cournoyer, Kiya Provost, Aaron Black Bull, Tea LeBeau and Drew Espinoza.

Lil Saders won the six and under "small fry" division beating OST Finest and outstanding players included

DJ Vitalis, Jr., Alehandro Rama, Kateri Weston and Duece Martin.

Daylon Black Bull was the Knock Out champ while Jeff Pourier and Tre Goings were three quarter court champs.

Metcalf sentenced for stealing from domestic violence program

SIOUX FALLS (AP) - The former co-director of a South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault office has been sentenced to prison for stealing thousands of dollars from the group.

Mary Metcalf, 48, of Sioux Falls earlier pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Sioux Falls to one count of theft from programs receiving federal funds. She was sentenced to 12 months and one day in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release.

Rosebud Casino

OPINION PAGE

Guest Column

Maybe we are headed in the wrong direction

By Rev. Francis Apple Sr.
As'a Kuwapi
Special to the Times

A Sauk and Fox chief by the name of Black Hawk is quoted as saying the following:

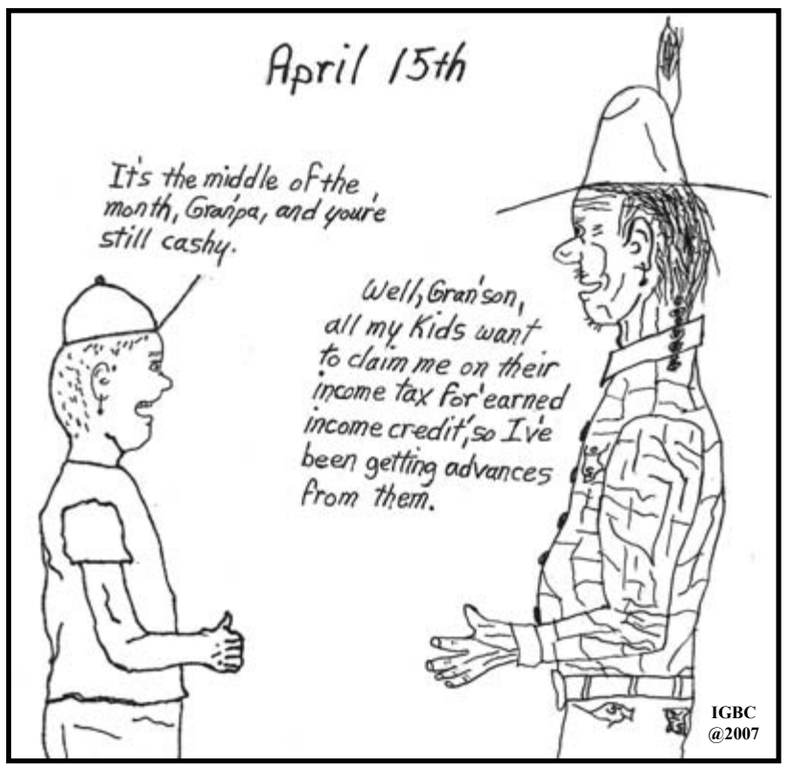
How smooth must be the languages of the whiteman when he can prove in court a wrong into right and a right into wrong.

Wicasa itacan wan Cetan Sapa eciyapi ca he heya keyapi. Wasicu iyapi ki he tokehci mato sin un slayapi s'e onahun waste yelaka owayasu oti el takunl hecetu sni eyas hecetu keyapi na yuwicakapi na takunl hecetu eyas hecetu sni keyapi okihipi.

Today this corrupt language is used with the cannupa waken in the ceremonies. The old ones are saying if this continues Tunkasila just might take his (wowakan) back (something to think about).

Lehanl wasicu iyapi he e ca cannupa el a'ikoyagya wicoskan. Tanka lake ki heyapi. Lena wicohan ki yuwaikceyapi hantas ungnan Tunkasila wowakan he hektakiye ikikcu woinapeke. (Hokahey) asa kuwap. Leca icage ki iyukcan po. Sicaya unyanpi selececa.

New agers think about this. Maybe we're headed in the wrong direction.



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Finding My Voice

Why *unci* is special


Dana Lone Hill

Let's hear it for them, huh?

How many of you have one in your family or know of one raising grandkids?

I am sure almost everyone does. They care for their young like lions, well female lions. They are over-protective, aged with that Indian sense of humor and always come to the rescue for their grandchildren. Thank god for grandmothers.

I have my maternal and paternal grandmother still and "Indian way" I have many more. I am so lucky. My kids have their great grandmother on their dad's side.

What a rock she is. She is 77 years old, still works serving meals for the ederly, everyday. She is currently raising one grandkid and five great-grandkids.

You know she told me once, "I never had a life of my own, I always raised someone else's kids, but if I don't do it who will?

They are *unsica* (pitiful.)"

She walks with her head held high, she demands respect, not in a way where she tells you straight out to respect her, but her presence and her aura demand respect. I know I did her wrong once when I was helping make potato salad for some holiday and I drained all her pickle juice out of the pickles.

She didn't say anything but the looks she gave me, I knew I had to find some pickle juice ASAP. She is a strong woman, I don't know one of her grandkids that are not scared of her.

In fact one of her grandsons, and I witnessed this, once said "Gram, can I call you the Dalai Lama?"

She responded "What? Why would you call me that?"

"Because when you walk in a room, everyone bows down to you." he said smiling.

"You don't call me nothing but grandma!" she said with a curse word thrown in there. That wiped the smile off his face and he put his head down.

As soon as she went out of the room, we all laughed at him.

He did use a word to describe her, Matriarch.

I looked this term up and he's right. Wikipedia says The term is usually applied to the oldest female in an extended family, who by virtue of her position has a degree of granted authority because others have trust in her.

Now how many of us know women like that? Let's hear it for the uncis! (grandmothers.) If they didn't raise us, they sure had a hand in raising us. They passed on all their virtues of respect, heart, hope, humor, and most important of all love. To all my dozen or so grandma's reading this, I love you all. (I really should have saved this for Mother's Day! *josh*)

As for you gacas, (grandpas) I will be writing in the paper about you soon.

Dana Lone Hill is a 35-year old mother of 4, who recently moved back to the reservation, after an eternity on the housing waiting list. Although currently self-employed, she plans on continuing her education at the Oglala Lakota College.

Other Views

A mother's plea for justice

Dear Editor:

I am asking help to FREE my son from an unfair and unjust 50-year sentence he is presently serving in the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

Throughout the 16 years he served in prison, he has filed appeals fighting burglary and robbery charges by raising arguments alleging Illegal Arrest, Ineffective Assistance of Counsel, Violations of his Constitutional Rights and Violations of South Dakota Law concerning Juveniles.

At the time of his arrest, my son was 16 years old when he was kidnapped from my home by two white detectives claiming his probation officer ordered his arrest despite the fact that he wasn't even on probation. He was shackled up and taken down to the local county jail were he was intimidated and coerced into false and incriminating statements against himself without the benefit of counsel or parental supervision.

In fact he was forced to write the statement three times before they were satisfied! I was not notified until hours after his illegal arrest and interrogation!

This grave injustice against my son is not uncommon in the racist State of South Dakota.

Like so many other of our young Native men and women currently struggling for Freedom across the country, my son was clearly and inarguably "Framed and Rail Roaded" into the system.

He is not a murderer, a rapist or a child molester!

Far less time is given to individuals for worst crimes in this state. Why do we allow this to happen to our people because they are Native?

What was the outcome of the committee who met in Pierre that was to address issues regarding the disparities affecting Native Americans incarcerated for longer sentences than non-Indians?

My son is going up for parole April 24, 2007 at 8 a.m. I am asking you, the People of the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota Nations, to please help me FREE my son from this injustice. I want my son home!

He was incarcerated illegally for 16 years and needs to be home with his family

Please help by:

*Being present at his parole hearing on April 24.

*Write a letter of support for David Arapahoe to the SDS Board of Pardons and Parole, P.O. Box 5911, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5911, Attention: Ed Lightenburg or to our Native Parole Board member, Debra Flute

*Help with monetary funds for his Defense Committee

*Contact support organizations that can help

I know I speak for everyone with loved ones in the system. We need to work together to fight against the disparities and injustices placed on Native People.

Call, 605-867-2394, and 605-441-8130, e-mail: spalawinyan_06 @yahoo.com

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Pine Ridge, S.D.

Other Views

BIA violates trust responsiblity in election process

Dear Editor:

I am a candidate for the office of the president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The Constitution of the Oglala Sioux Tribe cannot, by federal law, be inconsistent or in conflict with the Constitution of the United States. The Constitution of the United States mandates that elections will be conducted by a majority rule of the whole number of electors (voters), or 50.5 percent. On the Pine Ridge reservation, it is generous to say that there are approximately 40,000 members (2003 Census).

Of that 40,000, 60 percent are 18 years old and above. Which means that there are 24,000 whole electors. Of that 24,000, the Oglala Sioux Tribal election MUST have 12,001 voters to certify it's election. So, 4,000 votes cast represents less than 15 percent of the voting population. Tribal ordinances and resolutions have been illegally skewed to benefit a select few to maintain office at the convenience of their families, and the expense of the rest of the people who suffer in poverty.

This is called 'condition of servitude" and the Oglala Sioux Tribe cannot legally pass any resolution or law governing the people unless they at the very least, maintain 'majority rule." Otherwise, they are subjecting it's citizens to the same conditions as SLAVERY. There is no excuse for not conducting a proper election.

Federal background checks are mandatory, and the impeachment ordinance is a moot point since there is no re-election avenue for one who is impeached during their term. Besides that, the election process is conducted within the time frame of the same term. If they have been disqualified then there still has to be a run off of the two candidates.

Any and all tribal ordinances/resolutions inconsistent with federal law are considered to be a depredation upon the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the rest of the Great Sioux Nation members as stated in Article 3 of the Treaty of 1851: "The United States bind themselves to protect the aforesaid Indian Nations against the commission of all Depredations by the people of the United States."

By allowing the current president to attain the position of tribal president through default, the BIA once again violated it's trust responsibility to protect the individual members of the tribe. Futhermore, the very act of taking office unlawfully disqualifies him from the tribal election as a dishonest act.

Federal status 18USC 371 Conspiracy, 18USC-2(a) and (b) Aiding and Abetting, 18USC-3 Accessory after the Fact, 18USC-241 Conspiracy against the Right of Citizens, and 18USC-242 Deprevation of the Rights Under Color of Law, can all be applied to each and every individual who participated in the deception and certification of the 2006-07 tribal election. This includes members of the election committee, judges who certified the candidates, the candidates currently posing as officials, council lawyers, police officers who escorted White Plume from the building and the BIA official who confirmed the election certification. Sovereign immunity does not apply, and these individuals are not above the law.

The other candidates and myself are eligible to file a federal tort claim against the BIA and government under 28USC-71.

This is the very reasons that I and others decided to run for office to change these dysfunctional tactics used by people who continue to receive funds in the name of being "Indian." Yet what have any of them done for the Indian people?

Here are a couple of examples: The Supreme Court decision in 1980 regarding the Black Hills (Great Sioux Nation vs. United States) issued a monetary settlement regardless of whether we wanted it or not, which resulted in Presidential order from President Clinton mandating meaningful consultation with the Indian tribes. However, to date none of the tribes associated with that litigation have challenged that ruling. For one thing, the settlement should have been for continued lease of the 1868 territories and NOT FOR TITLE.

Another thing, there has never been, "just and proper compensation" given to the individual members of the Great Sioux Nation, as mandated by federal law.

This is why today's Cobell settlement is attaching a 'rider' stating that there will be no further claims against the Federal Government (I am absolutely OPPOSED TO THE COBELL SETTLEMENT AS IT STANDS) Secondly, how is it that 90-95 percent of our tribal programs are being administered by women. This is discriminatory on its face and yet as a 'tribe' our women are by tradition, keepers of the laws of God. This is where the oppression of the men and their role has been perpetuated.

Except for non Indians controlling the voice of the Lakota Nation, and the poor performance of the local radio station.

These things have been developed for years and we still have no real leaders to protect our children from the many depredations that plague our nation. No one resolution to protect us and re-enforce our treaty rights to land, housing, welfare, education and health care. Once again, the form of governing for the Great Sioux Nation is virtually non existent and yet our programs are continuing in the name of the federal identified individuals who carry a U-number.

The tribe enjoys tax exemption at our expense, the tribal council enjoys sovereign immunity at our expense. For these reasons, I have been encouraging per capita payments to the individual members of the Great Sioux Nation, so that

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Notes From Indian Country

Traditional Indians never said, 'God is on our side'



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Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, speaking about the religious convictions of President George W. Bush said, "I worked for two presidents who were men of faith and they did not make their religious views part of American policy."

She also said that when Bush speaks of his war commitment he says, "God is on our side. President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War said, "We are on the side of God." I would think that the people of Islam would object to the comments of Dubya and the people of the Confederacy would certainly take exception to the comments of Lincoln.

Since this is Holy Week in the Christian world one can find its reflection even in the Sunday comics, or "Funny Pages" as we old timers used to say. Sunday's comic pages had strips from The Family Circus, Hi and Lois, For Better or Worse and all the way to B.C. containing references to the Bible and to Jesus Christ.

Radio and television commentator Bill O'Reilly is notorious for saying that "We are a Christian Nation," and he means this unequivocally to the near exclusion of all other faiths.

For those who are not Christians the two holidays that makes them feel like strangers in America are Easter and Christmas.

Nearly all-traditional Native Americans are at odds with the cultural and spiritual imperialism brought to this country from Europe that made their own religious convictions inferior and unacceptable to the devout Christian Pilgrims and the other Christian denominations that settled this land.

Christianity brought into play the concept of Manifest Destiny. This was the policy adopted by the new government of the United States that looked west for expansion and used the doctrine of Manifest Destiny as a weapon of growth for a young, Christian nation. According to Webster, manifest destiny is an ostensibly benevolent or necessary policy of imperialistic expansion.

In other words, the founders believed that it was decreed by God that they move west by whatever means even if it meant crushing and destroying the thousands of indigenous people already residing on the lands they coveted.

France planted flags in the territory that would be known as the Louisiana Purchase and claimed it as their own. They did not consult with the people of the many Indian nations already living on those lands since time immemorial. And then France turned around and in 1803 sold the land they did not own to the United States under the auspices of Thomas Jefferson.

We often joke in Indian country that perhaps we should now plant the flags of our sovereign Indian nations upon the lands stolen from us and reclaim it for our own. Of course, we also often joke about our lax immigration policy that allowed so many illegal immigrants to enter our country in the first place.

But jokes aside, it took a powerful religious bent starting with the Papal Bulls to Manifest Destiny to all but destroy the indigenous people of the Western Hemisphere.

During this Easter Week I think all Native Americans should go back to their roots and examine the costly programs of this Christian Nation that took away nearly all of their freedoms.

The thing most Americans fear is to have another nation impose its religious beliefs upon them or worse, to have one religion become so dominant that it can displace all of their religious convictions with its own set of beliefs.

Most Native Americans had no choice when it came to religion. The United States government divided the Indian reservations up like so many pieces of pie and different religious groups were given land to build churches and schools in order to indoctrinate through education. Children were oftentimes taken from their homes in the middle of the night and hauled away to these religious and state-run boarding schools. The policy of "Kill the Indian; Save the Child" was the pogrom intended to acculturate and assimilate those people the United States could not otherwise conquer.

Some portions of the program of cultural imperialism, particularly that portion handed over to the different church denominations, did work and as happened throughout the Americas under the Spanish invasion, thousands of Indians capitulated and became Christians. The Spaniards had a more liberal interpretation of "kill the Indian, save the child." They literally killed those standing in the way.

But always making a mockery of total success for the American government and the Church were those hardcore traditionalists who refused to be indoctrinated. Many of these so-called non-believers were considered to be "off the reservation" and were hunted down and killed. Those not killed outright were imprisoned. They were labeled as "renegade Indians" and outlaws.

Isn't it enlightening what a nation of Christians can do for the good of mankind?

Undeterred, these "renegades" took their traditional religious beliefs underground. Because of the relative isolation of Indian reservations, they found the sanctity to practice their beliefs away from the unforgiving and prying eyes of the federal government and its minions in the different church groups.

One should never forget that by making religion a part of its policy the United States forced its will and its religion upon the indigenous people of this continent. Although extremely spiritual in their own beliefs, the Indian people never said, not once, that, "We are on the side of God."

Those Indians labeled as renegades by the government survived and are now bringing back the traditional spirituality to the Native people. And those who turned their backs on the traditionalists are now scampering, while still clinging to their Christian beliefs, to include this "old" indigenous spirituality into their own Christian beliefs.

Well, they can't have it both ways.

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Northern Perspectives

Border towns present a certain risk for some



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

The traffic into Valentine, Neb. can be phenomenal on a Friday night. Many Rosebud residents make the trek for a variety of reasons. In a span of 30 minutes my son counted over 100 vehicles headed from the Rosebud reservation to Valentine. Who knows if they were headed for the casino, to the movies, or to shop.

We have a lot of teachers who commute to the Rosebud each day and it is likely that they make up some of that traffic.

We are notorious for patronizing such stores as ALCO, Henderson's and the Pizza Hut and those numbers probably go up during the first of the month.

If only those businesses could give back to Rosebud as much as we give them, but that's another topic for another day.

Who could forget the good food at Subway or the good desserts at Peppermill.

Rosebud reservation resident do have to be a little vigilante, however, and pay attention to the laws and ordinances as they make the 30 minute trip to Valentine or the 40 minute trip to Winner.

My sense is that less people tend to head east towards Winner as it is more distant and the area is known to have the highway patrol on the lookout for license plates with the number 67.

Over the years almost all of the motorists I have seen pulled over across the county line are tribal members with 67 plates and it always makes me defensive as some of our folks simply cannot be burdened with high fines if they have committed an infraction.

I see the reverse where many white folks traverse our reservation community at a high rate of speed without regard for our posted speeds and that is equally as frustrating to witness.

It can be a risky trip for some as insurance coverage has to be up to date, all tail lights must be intact, and all need to know that law enforcement is a bit more impersonal and strict.

In Indian Country we are all related and even law enforcement is sensitive to that connection and so we deal with each other with a bit more compassion than one might expect out in the Interstate or somewhere like that.

A couple of weeks ago, we saw a tribal member pulled over off the highway in Winner with 67 plates and it seemed odd that the highway patrol would venture into the heart of the city when that should be the domain of the municipal police.

In Valentine we saw a tribal member with 67 plates pulled over and surrounded by six police cruisers from the city and the county.

I thought that show of force was a little excessive and that is the kind of thing we need to watch for as tribal members who spend a lot of money in border towns.

The business relationship that has been engendered between tribal shoppers and border town businesses is one that is usually carried out without incidence despite the fact that in Winner some businesses did not take checks written on Todd County banks in the past.

I do have to acknowledge the fact that some businesses have genuinely reached out to Lakota people in an attempt to bridge any cultural divides.

The thing about Lakota shoppers is that they are rather sophisticated and know that their patronage can often make or break a business or at least get their attention.

As such then, we must all be aware of the specific ordinances and societal rules that govern our behavior when we patronage off-reservation border towns.

We know that there are risks, but there are also some great benefits to making our lives just a little more livable as we shop for bargains and perhaps a good meal.

Dr. Archie Beauvais (Sicangu) resides on the Rosebud with his son, Beaux. He earned a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) from Harvard University and is a 2006 Harvard AOCC Award recipient. A decorated Vietnam Veteran, he is functionally literate in Lakota and worked at Sinte Gleska University for 20 years as Dean/Chair of Tribal and Graduate Studies.

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they will have the resources to defend themselves in this cut throat State of economic depression for the reservations. Will everybody please take the wax out of their ears.

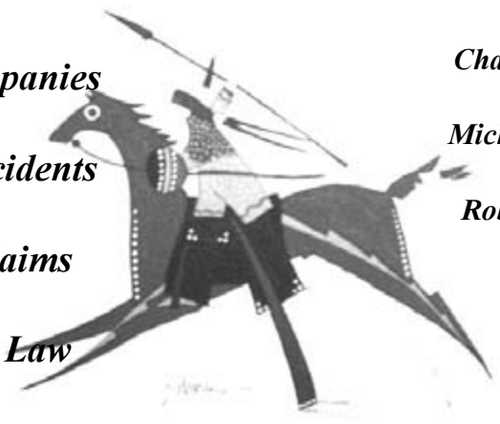
And for the record, I was born in Pine Ridge as a member of the Great Sioux Nation. Not AIM or GOON. And if our children are half-breed and do not speak the language, that is a responsibility of the elders who have become racist against their own kind which is contrary to Lakol Wicohan. I do not cater to any of this, and I never will.

Larry Swalley
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Shannon County School District Vacancy

Updated: April 2, 2007

The Shannon County School District 65-1 is accepting applications for the following non-certified and certified positions.
All positions are OPEN TILL FILLED unless indicated

Batesland School

1-Cook (experience preferred) Open till filled

1-Grade 4 Teacher-(South Dakota K-8 Teacher certification required) School year 2007-2008

Wolf Creek School

1-Maintenance (2 years experience with Maintenance, boiler, air conditioning, refrigeration and carpentry certifications preferred, other duties to be established)

1-Alternative School Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required) School year 2007-2008

1-Permanent Substitute (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)

1-Special Education Teacher (K-8 South Dakota Teacher Certification with Special Education endorsement required) School Year 2007-2008

1-Preschool Aide-(48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment) closes 4-13-07

Rockyford School

1-Bus Mechanic (Experience preferred) -Open till filled

1-Custodian (experience preferred)

1-Grade 7 & 8 Science Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required) School year 2007-2008

1-Counselor (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification with counselor endorsement required)

1-Cook (Experience preferred)

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1-Librarian Aide-(48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment)

1-Physical Education Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification with Physical/Health endorsement required) School year 2007-2008

1-Grade 1 Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher certification required) School year 2007-2008

1-Lakota Studies Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher certification with Lakota Studies endorsement preferred) School year 2007-2008

1-Special Education Aide-(48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment)

For more information contact:
Ann Red Owl - Human Resources Facilitator
Phone: 605-288-1921 Fax: 605-288-1814

The Shannon County School District provides equal opportunity in employment to all persons regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion or disability.

Background checks: **SDCL: 13-10-12**. The Shannon County School District requires a pre-employment Background check on all persons who will be applying for employment. **Temporary employment pending receipt of negative results of the criminal background check and pre-employment drug tests.**

AIHEC lists local winners in student competitions

RAPID CITY - Oglala Lakota College recently released the competition winners at the American Indian Higher Education Consortium spring conference held at Rapid City last month. There were academic, cultural, and athletic competitions for students from the 33 United States tribal colleges and one Canadian tribal college.

The following are the AIHEC competition winners from Oglala Lakota College and Sinte Gleska University. The full list of winners can be viewed on the *Lakota Country Times* website.

Art Show

First place: Beadwork, Stephanie Sorbel, Oglala Lakota College;

Quill work, Stephanie Sorbel, Oglala Lakota College;

Textiles, Gabrielle Knife, Oglala Lakota College;

Functional Crafts, Luta Martinez, Oglala Lakota College;

Second place

Leather work, Mike Curran, Oglala Lakota College;

Dimensional work, Tanya Parker, Sinte Gleska University;

Third place

Jewelry, Valerie Collins, Oglala Lakota College;

Critical Inquiry

1st place, Sinte Gleska University "Law & Order, Is There Justice on the Reservation" with Tanya Parker and John Reynolds.

2nd place - Oglala Lakota College "Indian Recognition Act, is it effective or not effective"with Alana Appleand Jerrod Hernandez.

Knowledge Bowl - 5 team members: 1st place - Sinte Gleska University with Sylvia Lasley, Shere Wright, Hattie Dunham, Lori Long Crow, Chad Whirlwind Soldier.

2nd place - Oglala Lakota College with David White Bull, Tanya Sharp Fish, Kevin Kille, Carmen Fourd, Kimberly Killer.

Speech

First place

Oral Interpretation, Mimi Little Whiteman, Oglala Lakota College; Duo Interpretation, Mimi Little Whiteman & Farrah Big Crow, OLC; Persuasive, Glorianna Cordova-Under Baggage, Oglala Lakota College; Informative ,David Tucker, Oglala Lakota College;

Second place

Oral Interpretation, Donna Hall, Fort Berthold Community College; Duo Interpretation, Nataniel Madsen & Jessica Buettner, College of Menominee Nation; Persuasive, Randy Elliott, Northwest Indian College; Informative ,Tino Tadena, Haskell Indian Nation;

Third place

Oral Interpretation, Angel Brady, Fort Berthold Community College;

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Individual

2nd place, Sid Bahr, Oglala Lakota College;

Traditional Plants

1st place, Ulrike Werner, Oglala Lakota College;

3rd place, Heath Ducheneaux, Oglala Lakota College;

Business Bowl

1st place - Spreadsheets - Will White Eyes - Oglala Lakota College

2nd place - Management - Will White Eyes - Oglala Lakota College

3rd place - Accounting - Nichole Cottier - Oglala Lakota College

3rd place - Personal Finance - Stephanie Sorbel - Oglala Lakota College

Business Plan

Second place - "Red Wire" Oglala Lakota College, Jesse Short Bull, James LaPointe, Pierrette Rave, Madonna Whirlwind Horse, Glorianna Cordova

Oral Presentation

3rd place - Donald Belile, Jr. - Oglala Lakota College

Film Festival

1st place, Insomnia, James LaPointe, Oglala Lakota College.

2nd place, The Road to Wounded Knee, Jesse Shortbull - Oglala Lakota.

Mr. AIHEC, Elijah Hopkins, Fort Peck Community College

Ms. AIHEC, Tanya Sharpfish, Oglala Lakota College.

Writing

Personal Narrative Memoir: 7th place, Objects in the Mirror, Kristiaan A. Rawlings, Oglala Lakota College

Men's Basketball

Champions: Salish Kootenai College

2nd place: Northwest Community College

3rd place: Blackfeet Community College

Men MVP, Delbert Trombly, Salish Kootenai College

All Stars

Howard Walker, Salish Kootenai College

Ed Running Rabbitt, Salish Kootenai College

David Maddock, Northwestern Indian Community College

Doug Williams, Northwestern Indian Community College

Elvis Oldbull, Little Big Horn College

Alvin Yellow Owl, Blackfeet Community College

Dave Gourneau, Turtle Mountain Community College

Jonathan Bear, Fort Berthold Community College

Lucas King, Chief Dull Knife Community College

Dominic Saucedo,Oglala Lakota College

Sportsmanship, Turtle Mountain Community College

Women's Basketball

Champions, Salish Kootenai College

2nd place, Oglala Lakota College

3rd place, Little Big Horn College

MVP: Bobbie Woodworth - Salish Kootenai College

All Stars

Carla Mclean, Salish Kootenai College

Rikki Ollinger, Salish Kootenai College

Tyan Pourier, Oglala Lakota College

Tera Cuny, Oglala Lakota College

Lavel Spotted Bear, Little Big Horn College

Raylee Pretty Weasel, Little Big Horn College

Ferin Davis, Turtle Mountain Community College

Shannon Gunville, Turtle Mountain Community College

Mary Standing Alone - Fort Berthold Community College

Janelle Talawyna - Chief Dull Knife Community College

Sportsmanship - Turtle Mountain Community College.



Salish Kootenai College won both the men's and women's AIHEC basketball tournaments hosted last week by Oglala Lakota College and played in Rapid City at National American University and South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Salish Kootenai men beat Northwest Indian College 98-89. Salish Kootenai women knocked off Oglala Lakota College 76-69 for the championship. Oglala Lakota College was coached by Mary Tobacco and included Joni Tobacco, Tate Locust, coach Mary Tobacco, Elaine Yellow Horse, Alberta Wright, Tera Cuny, Weisha White Face, Talona White Woman and Leanne Gabaldan; Amber Sierra and Tyann Pourier not pictured. Photos courtesy of Marilyn Pourier.

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NOTICE OF SECRETARIAL ELECTION AND NEED TO REGISTER
ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE - JULY 26, 2007

The Great Plains Regional Director, under delegated authority from the Secretary of the interior, has authorized the superintendent of the Rosebud Agency to conduct a Secretarial Election to allow eligible members to vote to accept or reject 27 proposed amendments to the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Constitution.

The Secretarial Election will be conducted under regulations in 25 CFR 81. The Secretarial Election Board has chosen to use the following polling places, which will remain open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. local time.

Antelope	Community Building	Milk's Camp	Community Building
Black Pipe	Community Building	Parmelee	Community Building
Bull Creek	Gregory Auditorium	Okreek	Community Building
Butte Creek	Wood School Gym	Rosebud	Community Building
Corn Creek	Community Building	Ring Thunder	Bristow Ranch
Grass Mountain	Community Building	Soldier Creek	Community Building
HeDog	Community Building	Spring Creek	Community Building
Horse Creek	Community Building	St. Francis	Community Building
North Ideal	Guild Hall	Swift Bear	Community Building
South Ideal	Community Building	Two Strike	Youth Center
		Upper Cut Meat	Sacred Hall

Since this is a special election, you must register to vote in this election. All eligible members are entitled to vote AFTER they have registered for this special election. An eligible member is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe who will be eighteen (19) years of age by July 26, 2007.

IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE, YOU MUST REGISTER ON OR BEFORE JUNE 26, 2007

You, or any eligible tribal member, can register to vote in one of two ways; you can fill out the Registration form 8302 and return it to the Superintendent's Office in Rosebud or Mission using the envelope provided to you or you can personally register at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent's Office in Rosebud or Mission, South Dakota on or before **June 26, 2007.**

Registration Form 8302, Notice of Election, and dan explanation of the proposed amendments are available at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Offices in Rosebud and Mission,south Dakota as well as the Tribal Headquarters in Rosebud, South Dakota.

A voter's list will be posted no later than July 6, 2007 at the Tribal Headquarters in Rosebud South Dakota and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Offices in Rosebud and Mission, South Dakota. Registered voters may vote by arriving at the appropriate polling place within the prescribed voting hours. Non-resident members who have registered may vote by absentee ballot. Upon his or her request, the election board shall give or mail absentee ballots to registered voters. An absentee voter shall have no less than ten days from the hand out or mail out of an absentee ballot to receive and return the ballot.

- No absentee ballot will be counted if received later than the close of the polls -

If you registered previously for this election, (for the March 20, 2007 date) you do **NOT** have to register again. You can verify your registration by calling to:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Office in Rosebud, South Dakota at (605) 747-2224.

The results of the election will be posted at the Superintendent's Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs in Rosebud, South Dakota; Bureau of Indian Affairs, Mission, South Dakota; Rosebud Sioux Tribal Office, Rosebud, South Dakota; Rosebud Sioux Tribal Community Buildings and US Post Offices within the Reservation Boundaries.

MANY OF OUR ADDRESSES ARE NOT CURRENT. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW DOES NOT RECEIVE A REGISTRATION FORM BUT IS ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER, PLEASE HAVE THEM CONTACT LEE ANN BEARDT OR ANDREA WALN AT (605) 747-2224 OR STOP BY THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OFFICE IN ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA ON OR BEFORE JUNE 26, 2007.

Sincerely
/s/ Cleve J. Her Many Horses
Superintendent



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Two Sections

Community Calendar
"Rez Happenings"

Open gymnasium
Tuesday nights at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge from 4:30-8 p.m. open to all ages sponsored by the Oyate Blihelya Diabetes Prevention Program.

Volleyball night
Every Tuesday night throughout April and May from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Porcupine School, open to everyone and sponsored by the Indian Health Service Diabetes Prevention program, for information call 867-3137.

School Board vacancies
Petitions available Tuesday, April 3 for two vacancies on the Shannon County School Board, two three year terms. Deadline for return of petitions is 5pm, Friday, May 4 for information call Madonna at 288-1921.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
School pow wow on Friday, April 13 at Wolf Creek School outside of Pine Ridge with grand entries at 1 and 6 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.; finals set for Friday, May 4 in Pine Ridge.

Prairie Wind Casino
Announces that their new casino is open for the public to come and visit.

OST Commodity Issue
Friday, April 13 in Porcupine at Evergreen Housing and at CAP office, Tuesday, April 17 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni and Wednesday, April 18 in Oglala, for information call 867-5511.

Bde Tanka boy's high school tourney
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 13-15 at Standing Rock high school in Fort Yates for the 3rd annual boy's high school double elimination basketball tournament, for information Burl Elk 701 854-7540.

Men's Basketball Tournament
12 team men's basketball tournament, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 13-15 at the Wounded Knee District School gym in Manderson sponsored by Wounded Knee District college center, for information call Troy or Luke at 867-5352.

Youth Basketball Tournament
Friday and Saturday, April 13, 14 at the Legion Auditorium, Martin Activities Center in Martin with four age divisions 7-9. 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, double elimination, for information contact Rich at 454-1174, Hermus at 454-1945 with a meal served at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Round Dance
Saturday, April 14 at the Crow Creek Tribal gym in Ft. Thompson with dinner at 5 p.m., sponsored by Bad Nation Singers, for more information contact Gerald or Darrel at 245-2416.

Sobriety Dance
Spring Easter break Sobriety Dance, Saturday, April 14 at Mother Butler Center in Rapid City from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. with Country Charm, for information call Ruth at 455-5273 or Mary at 441-3171.

Lands and Inheritance meetings
Sunday, April 15 at Wakpamni CAP at 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 18 at LaCreek District CAP at 7 p.m. and Thursday, May 17 at Wounded Knee District CAP office in Manderson at 5:30pm; how do the new inheritance laws affect you, the new grazing fees and the Indian Land Consolidation Act movement.

OST Education Committee meetings
Monday, April 16 at American Horse School in Allen and Monday April 30, to be announced, for information call Wanda at 867-5821, ext. 261.

OST Council regular session
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 17-19 at the council chambers, Red Cloud building in Pine Ridge.

Youth Ag Conference
"Protecting the Environment for Future Generations is the theme for the presentation at 10:15 a.m. at Piya Wiconi, OLC's main office southwest of Kyle, Wednesday, April 18, for information call 406 252-2886.

3MC Youth Rodeo and School
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 20-22 at the Three Mile Creek Rodeo grounds, nine miles southwest of Kyle with rough stock school on April 20, timed event school April 21 and youth rodeo 10am April 22, for information 455-2797.

Lakota Omniciye Wacipi
Friday-Saturday, April 20-22 in Spearfish at the Young Center on the campus of Black Hills State University 7 p.m. on Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m on Sunday with a theme of "Walking Strong in Two Worlds", for information call 642-6578.

Blue Bird sentenced to 34 years for drug dealing

By Carson Walker
Associated Press

PINE RIDGE - In July 1999, when a sitting U.S. president visited an Indian reservation for the first time in 63 years, Geraldine Blue Bird was in the spotlight.

As he heard about conditions on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, one of the nation's poorest areas, President Clinton expressed amazement that Blue Bird lived with 27 members of her family in her dilapidated four-bedroom house and a trailer out back.

``Don't forget us,'' she implored.

After that well publicized visit, donations came in from around the country _ including a new trailer for Blue Bird.

Today, that light blue doublewide is boarded up, seized by federal agents. Nearly eight years after becoming a symbol of Pine Ridge's extreme poverty, Blue Bird was sentenced for one of its most common crimes: drug dealing.

Blue Bird, 51, was sentenced in Rapid City on Wednesday to 34 years in federal prison. She was convicted last fall of conspiracy to distribute cocaine, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, possession of a firearm in relation to drug trafficking and conspiracy to distribute marijuana.

She was ``pretty much the ringleader'' of a conspiracy based out of her home that trafficked an estimated $2 million worth of cocaine from Denver to Nebraska and South Dakota over three years, beginning in 2002, U.S. Attorney Marty Jackley said.

Twenty-eight people, including family members, have been indicted in the investigation. Most have pleaded guilty and several testified against the leaders, including Blue Bird.

In court Wednesday, Blue Bird minimized her role.

``I'm being held responsible for a lot of things I wasn't involved with,'' she said. ``There are things that I've been accused of and convicted of that I really didn't do.''

At the sentencing for Blue Bird's son, Colin Spotted Elk, in February, a 15-year-old boy who shot and killed another teenager at Blue Bird's home testified that he and other juveniles held money and distributed drugs for Blue Bird and Spotted Elk.

The boy said he helped break up marijuana that Spotted Elk sold and that he cut papers out of magazines that Blue Bird used to repackage cocaine for sale on the street.

Blue Bird's granddaughter Antonia Blue Bird, 26, lived in the old house that was the backdrop for Clinton visit when she was growing up, and moved back in after her grandmother was arrested.

``I left and she started dealing drugs and became rich,'' she said last week.

Antonia Blue Bird said that despite dire poverty - she remembers having popcorn, oatmeal and Kool-Aid for meals - her grandmother still invited people in if they had no other place to go.

``She gave everybody food. She had a really big heart. She was a really nice person,'' she said. ``Maybe that's what triggered it _ not having enough money.''

Group seeks to keep state, Indian country free from uranium and radiation pollution

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent


Cindy Gillis, left, attorney for Defenders of the Black Hills, and Charmaine White Face leave the Pennington County Courthouse on Thursday, April 5. Photo by Vicky Wicks.

RAPID CITY - A lawsuit filed by Defenders of the Black Hills to stop a Canadian company from testing for uranium was put on hold in Seventh Circuit Court on Thursday, April 5.

Judge Jack Delaney said the South Dakota Board of Minerals and Environment in Pierre has to have time to look at findings of an archaeological study of the proposed mining site.

Until that happens, Delaney cannot rule on other points of the Defenders' appeal of Powertech's permit to do test drilling north of Edgemont, in the southwest corner of the Black Hills.

Cindy Gillis, a Rapid City attorney representing the Defenders, asked Delaney to order that tribes be involved in the archaeological study, because tribes have burial grounds and historical and cultural sites throughout the Hills.

But Delaney said that was not within his jurisdiction. Delaney also declined to grant a preliminary injunction against Powertech to prevent them from drilling. Before an injunction could be imposed, all sides would have to have the opportunity to testify, and they were not prepared to do that on Thursday, Delaney said.

The archaeological study has been conducted by Mike Fosha, assistant state archaeologist, according to Roxanne Giedd, assistant attorney general. Fosha will testify before the minerals board at a hearing at 10 a.m. on April 19 at Department of Energy and Natural Resources in Pierre.

Giede said that plaintiffs in the lawsuit will have the opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

Delaney said the other issues in the lawsuit can be reopened after the board has reviewed the archaeological data.

However, Delaney did comment on one point of appeal: the plaintiffs' contention that the state board didn't give them enough time to get an attorney.

Notice of hearing was posted in October for the January meeting, Delaney pointed out, so plaintiffs' failure to get an attorney was not the board's fault. "How long do they have to wait?" Delaney asked.

Delaney also told Gillis that future filings would have to include identification of members of Defenders, as well as ACTion for the Environment, a Black Hills environmental activist group that joined into the lawsuit.

Charmaine White Face of Rapid City has headed up the Defenders' actions against uranium mining. Defenders members represent Rosebud, Cheyenne River, Standing Rock, Crow Creek, Lower Brule, Pine Ridge, and Yankton Sioux reservations, as well as various locations in the Hills.

Defenders of the Black Hills is asking tribal governments to declare reservations as nuclear free zones, to keep air and water free from uranium and radiation pollution. White Face said the resolutions would give tribal governments power and set an example for the rest of the state to follow.

Lakota Funds, small business development center work together to provide capital for entrepreneurs

KYLE - Donna Leavens, Regional Director of the South Dakota Small Business Development Center from Rapid City, and Ward Cheney District Director of SCORE came to the Lakota Funds in Kyle Tuesday April 3 and presented information about the services they can provide Pine Ridge Reservation entrepreneurs.

Wawokiye Business Institute Success Coaches in attendance were Tonia Young, David White Bull, and Jason Brave Heart. They were joined in the Tribal Business Information Center by Taffy Lafferty, Lakota Funds Loan Portfolio Manager and loan officer, Tony Taylor. Ivan Sorbel from the Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce and local entrepreneurs Tilda and Mark St Pierre along with Lakota Funds Executive Director Dowell Caselli-Smith were also in attendance.

Levens provided information on the Small Business Administration 504 loan fund that her program administrates and that is available to reservation entrepreneurs. She also provided information on the SBA 7 (a) lending opportunities. Cheney presented information about how the retired executives from the area could team with WBI coaches to assist entrepreneurs in specific businesses.

Brave Heart drilled them with a lot of questions and then remarked, "This is really exciting. When they are ready we can now reach out to connect our clients with this high level of expertise and additional capital access." Mark St Pierre noted that, "having a mentor in a specific business could dramatically improve the possibilities of success."

Young noted that, "Clients who take the Core Four business planning course through Oglala Lakota College and work with a WBI coach will be prepared and anxious to connect with expertise like this. As coaches we can smooth the way for them and help them establish a good working relationship."

Lafferty suggested that the West River Centre be scheduled to come down on a regular schedule and the coaches could set up client appointments for them in advance. The coaches agreed and will be working with Leavens on a schedule of visits. Reservation entrepreneurs who feel they have their business idea well enough developed to benefit from this should contact the coaches at Lakota Funds (455-2500). This goes for those interested in SBA loan programs as well.

Lakota Funds staff will be making a return visit to the West River Small Business Development Center on the School of Mines campus April 30.

Their objective will be to establish a productive working relationship built on trust and solid information about the services available and how best to access them for Reservation entrepreneurs. The final goal for both parties is to bring a substantial increase in the amount of capital being effectively directed providing goods and services on the reservation.

ASK ANNA

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

It is evident that many, many tribal leaders have and continue to sell their people out for personal benefit. Since the fur-trappers came to the Great Sioux Nation, they attempted to figure out how to steal everything from the Lakota Oyate.

They tried to slaughter us, hang us, murder us, breed us out, and turn our Oyate in alcoholics, sexual abusers, addicts, and professional victims. America could not annihilate the Lakota and have found prisons as an effective extermination process.

Why do I say that our people are being sold out you ask, When criminals are allowed to run a tribal government, with no fear of prosecution and are allowed to use the government to retaliate against the Oyate, it doesn't get any clearer.

I believe that many of our tribal leaders have been working with the white government for far too many years and that is the reason the government will not prosecute those so-called "traditional" leaders... My question is, "What should the Sicangu Oyate do to rid themselves of that type of government" ?

Tribal member

Dear Tribal member:

(Please consider this answer not as an accusation that illegal activities are present in the current Sicangu administration - I am speaking of the three reservations (specifically) where I have personal experience and understanding - where I know of many injustices, some big and some not so big.):

Pray. That is first. Secondly, this is generational and has been fostered ever since, as you say the fur trappers came to the Great Sioux Nation: the sins of the fathers (so-to-speak) visited upon their sons.

The leaders that espouse to support traditional values often times forget the lessons they are teaching their children.

The United States government refuses in most instances to get involved as the Lakota Oyate are a separate and viable nation.

Involvement in local prosecutions for local crimes (not murder, but political crimes) is not within their scope of prosecution and would further violate the autonomy of the Lakota Nation. Therefore, that leaves only one alternative:

The People have to decide to investigate and prosecute.

The People have to make it unattractive to mis-distribute funds, utilize positions of authority for personal gain through favoritism and graft and use their personal titles to persecute and prosecute selected victims. Self-governing in and of itself implies the responsibility of a balanced government. Some of the solutions are easy: new constitutions that separate the power base - separation of the courts from the council - completely.

The judicial and the administrative functions of a government have to be separate or the problems continue to flourish - because its too easy to get away with it.

That's the government side of helping reduce political crime. The secondary solution is within the traditional values that your grandfathers used: Ostracism.

They used to put people out of the tribe. This is a difficult solution because of the vast gossip base. Truth is sometimes fogged over with emotionalism and exaggeration, not to mention blatant out and out lying about each other.

There is a saying: Absolute power corrupts absolutely.

That is why the council and the chairman or president of the council need the checks and balances of a good constitution and good governmental infrastructure.

Every person that I speak with will tell me they do not support a corrupt government, yet, the government is allowed to go on many times in an illegal way - sometimes not out of a direct desire to be criminals, but sometimes out of a desire to help their own family members.

Since, we all have compassion for our own family members it is better to eradicate the opportunity to use illegal and corrupt practices to help them.

A division of responsibility can begin to heal that; the rest, really, is up to each individual person to be honest and to Tunkisila, to answer the prayers of The People.

Dear Anna,

I am writing you to ask you a few questions. I have been with this guy off and on for about three years now and recently we been together for about four months, no break ups but he is away at this time and he thinks that I am doing something down here and I keep telling him that I am not.

I asked him what is he up to because he is accusing me of doing things but what I wanted to ask you is: Is he is up to something or what is going on?

I always tell him the one that accusing is the one that is doing something but what I want to know are we going to make it this time or are we both just wasting our time being together? Also recently my ex started to come around again what is going on with that, please help me because I am so confused .

Confused

Dear Confused:

Yes, you are wasting each other's time. You have never resolved any issues that were between you; and there is no trust. Why bother? Yip, yap, grumble, complain, accuse, anger, retaliation, ya da, ya da, ya da. Your ex wants sex, apparently he enjoys at least that with you. Don't expect a bad man to get better just because he has horns.

You will find a new mate in about three years - after you have had time to heal yourself from co-dependency and insecurity. He is worth the wait, and you need the healing or the same results will happen with the new man that has happened in the past. Life will get better, and so will the quality of man and relationship that you desire. Good Luck.

Dear Anna,

I love your column, and I thought your answers were very compassionate. I wonder if you can help with a couple of dilemmas? I guess my question is, do you see any location/state where I might be able to make a decent living?

I don't have many qualifications, just secretarial background and a therapeutic massage license. Looks like I can't make a living here where I am, and I have an opportunity to move to Florida this year to take care of my ailing parents. I could go to school and try to get a certificate or something but I haven't found my 'true passion' career and I guess I may never.

Not sure I can afford to live in Florida the rest of my life after my parents are gone though. Do you think I could make a decent living in North Carolina?

Looking for guidance

Dear Looking for Guidance

Big cities offer the best opportunity for financial opportunity. Florida is an excellent place for holistic healing skilled people. It takes a long time, however, to build clientele. I do see you going to school and I would look in areas of herbology and nutrition.

Those are informational skills that can lead you anywhere.

A massage license is a good thing; but specifically aimed for those people that want self-employment. It is rare to find an established health practice that will pay a decent livable wage to massage healers.

I know many successful massage therapists - and all of them work for themselves.

You can begin to build clientele while you live with your parents; before you have to pay rent. You can attend school at the same time.

Your "true passion" seems to be the desire to help others. That is a good trait, and you will find success after a few years of application. Blessings to you. Enjoy Florida - it's a beautiful place to call home.

Dear Anna,

How are you? I love reading your column and I like the advice and answers you give the people, so I was wondering if you can give me some advice or answers.

My mom has cancer, she had it for a long time now. She goes to sweats and ceremonies and she says it helps but I don't know if it does. Anna, do you see my mom getting better or what?

This boy and I used to go out and we went out for awhile, sometimes

I miss him though.

Do you think we will ever go back out or do you see us as old friends?

There are some girls who have been trying to fight my sister for a long time now and I wish that they would just leave us alone or hurry up and fight us, what do you think about all this?

Do you think I should just let it go, I mean they are just little girls right?

Looking for answers

Dear Looking for answers:

Yes, going to ceremonies and sweats has helped your mother. She might not be alive right now if she wasn't following this path. She has had a rough journey but she is holding her own and not sinking into despair.

I think she is wonderful and it doesn't help her for you to worry about her choices; you can help her the most through your personal support and prayers.

Your mom is better - but she needs more rest. Try and shoulder some of the responsibilities from home a little bit more for her.

I know you miss your ex boyfriend - but other than a possibility for a brief time back together it is over for now. Perhaps years from now you may consider each other as an option in life. You will have a new boyfriend soon - probably sometime in late May or early June.

The girls that are trying to fight your sister are basing their stupid and ungraceful plans over some even more stupid gossip.

It is something that one of the girls said that your sister said - about her and some boy. These girls are headed for far bigger trouble than you and your sister.

Try and avoid them. I see that is hard to do; so if they should approach you in the parking lot of the grocery store or the street use your cell phone and call for help.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

All requests may be subject to publication.

Clearly mark Ask Anna on your request. This column is meant for entertainment purposes only.

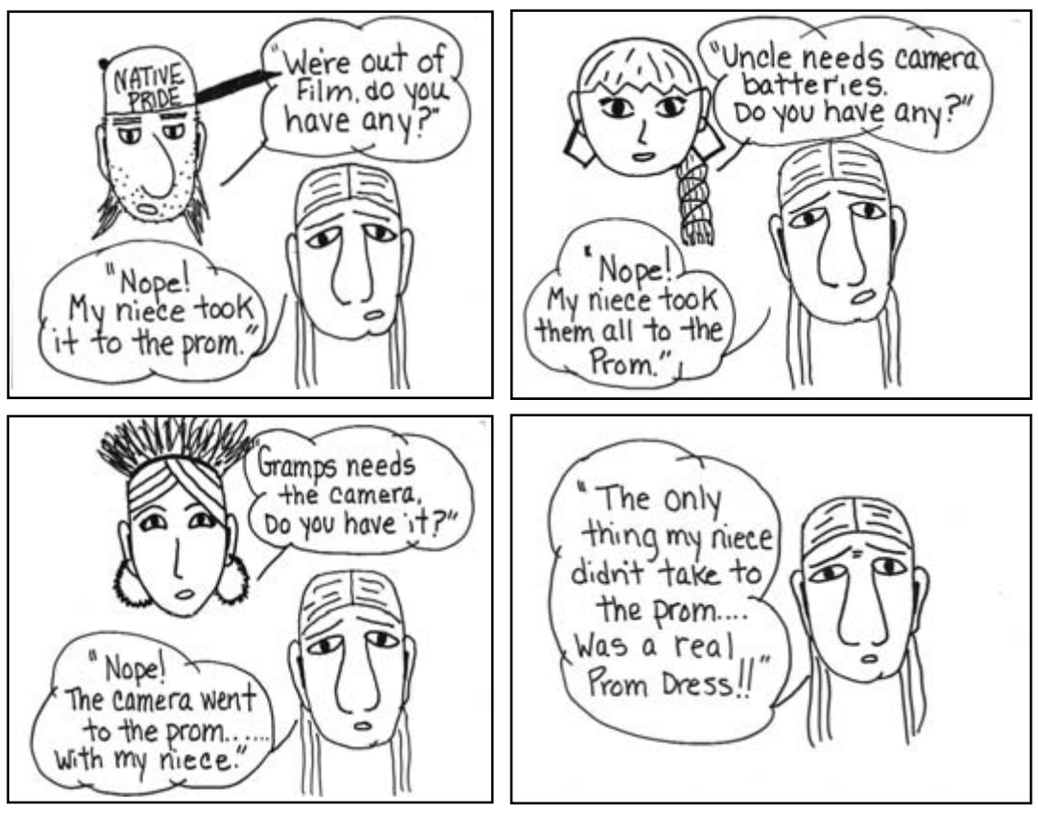
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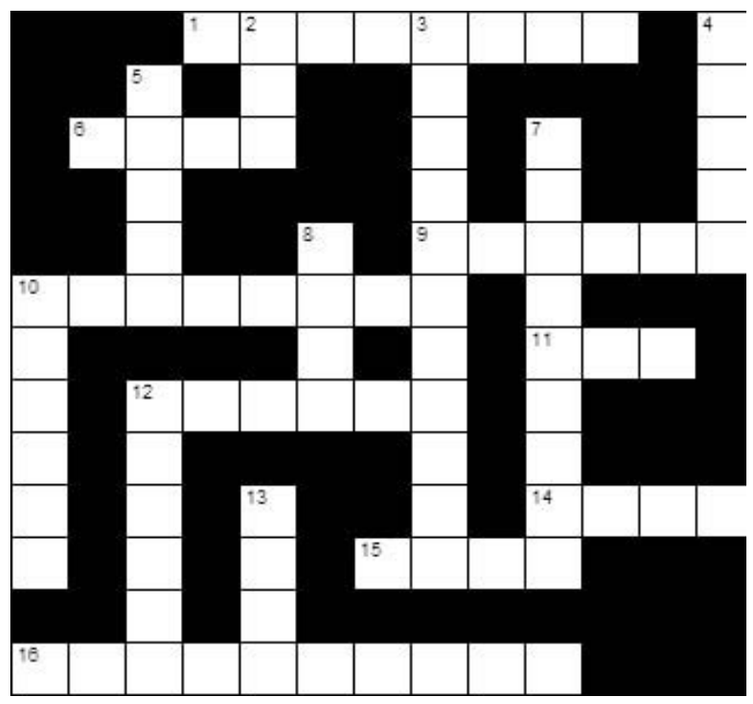
Crossword Puzzle

(answers in next week's issue)

CLUES

Across
1. spouse (my other skin)
6. friend
9. ghost
10. Creator/God
11. father
12. family
14. fire
15. house
16. They are playing

Down
2. mother
3. I don't know
4. uncle
5. niece
7. elders
8. no
10. where
12. nephew
13. fat



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Gilbert Walking Bull, 76.....Hot Springs
Niobert Black Bear,46.....Norris
Darlene Crazy Thunder,56.....Pine Ridge
Michelle Bullman, 23.....Kyle
Caroline Thunder Hawk,85.....Porcupine
Marlene Faye Fire Cloud,infant.Cherry Creek
Charles "Charlie" Gotheridge,80.....Martin
Darren Dupris, 36.....Eagle Butte



Gilbert Walking Bull

HOT SPRINGS - Gilbert Walking Bull, 76, died April 7 at his home in Hot Springs.

Gilbert's parents were Edna Weasel Walking Bull and Charles Walking Bull. Gilbert's paternal grandfather was James Moves Camp, A Lakota sacred man. His maternal grandfather was Henry Weasel.

Gilbert was raised by his grandparents, the Moves Camps, from the age of four and was a traditional Lakota Sacred Man as his grandfather. Gilbert was also a blood relative of Sitting Bull and of Crazy Horse.

He was a man willing to share from his heart with all that knew him and all who came to him. His family and many friends will greatly miss him.

Gilbert is survived by his wife, Diane Marie Walking Bull, of Hot Springs; three sisters; Wanda Walking Bull of Ill., Chris Hunter of Calif., and Tanpa Portell of Ga., his only aunt, Gladys Two Bulls of Pine Ridge; and many cousins, nephews and nieces. Gilbert is preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Wake services were Wednesday April 11, through Friday morning, April 13, at Gilbert's home. There will be a traditional Lakota Funeral Service held Friday, April 13, at 10 a.m. at Gilbert's home.

The address is 26971 SD Highway 89, Hot Springs, which is five miles north of Minnekhata Junction, phone number 605-745-4119 for additional directions.

Burial will be on Gilbert's property.

Arrangements have been placed in the care of McColley's Chapels of the Hills of Hot Springs.

Niobert V. Black Bear

NORRIS - Niobert V. Black Bear, 46, Norris, died Monday, April 9, 2007, at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls. Arrangements are pending with Sioux Funeral home in Pine Ridge.

Darlene Crazy Thunder

PINE RIDGE - Darlene Crazy Thunder, 56, Pine Ridge, died Monday April 9 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include one son, Lee Folsom, Pine Ridge; one stepson, Reginald Black Elk, Rapid City; one stepdaughter, Rayette Black Elk, Pine Ridge; one sister, Mary Rose Dillon, Martin; two grandchildren.

A wake service will be Thursday, April 12, at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge. Second-night wake will be Friday, April 13, at Mediator Episcopal Church in Kyle.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m.,Saturday, April 14 at Mediator Episcopal Church in Kyle, with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating.

Michelle Bullman

KYLE - Michelle Bullman, 23, Kyle, died April 5, in Alliance, Neb.

Survivors include two daughters, Shonte N. Gibbons and Myra M. Gibbons, both of Martin; two brothers, Franklin Garnett, Alliance, and Michael Garnett, Wanblee; and one sister, Kitrina Garnett, Alliance.

A wake service was Tuesday, April 10, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall in Kyle.

Funeral services were Thursday, April 12, at the hall with Brother Don Mink officiating.

Burial will be at St. Stephen's Catholic Cemetery in Kyle. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

Caroline Good Shield Thunder Hawk

PORCUPINE -- Caroline Good Shield-Thunder Hawk, 85, Porcupine, died Thursday, April 5 at Bennett County Hospital in Martin.

Survivors include one daughter, Violet Good Crow, Porcupine. Wake services were Wednesday, April 11, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Hall in Porcupine.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 13, at the hall with deacon Gerald Bush officiating and traditional Lakota services by Rick Two Dogs.

Burial will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Cemetery in Porcupine. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

Marlene Faye Fire Cloud

CHERRY CREEK - Marlene Faye Fire Cloud, infant, Cherry Creek, died Friday March 30 at Sioux Valley Hospital in Pierre. Survivors include her parents, Mark Fire Cloud and Toni Taken Alive, both of Cherry Creek.

Funeral services were Saturday, April 7, at Cherry Creek United Church of Christ with the Rev. Richard Charging Eagle and deacons Ted Knife and Sylvester Waloke officiating. Burial was at the United Church of Christ Cemetery under the direction of Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge.

Charles S. 'Charlie' Gotheridge

MARTIN - Charles S. "Charlie" Gotheridge, 80, of Martin died Thursday, March 29 in Hot Springs.

Survivors include two daughters, Marjorie Gotheridge, Hot Springs and Brenda Gotheridge, Cornell, Wis.; two sons, Charles Gotheridge and David Gotheridge, both of Martin; seven sisters; and two half sisters.

Funeral services April 4 at American Legion Auditorium in Martin. Burial was at Martin Community Cemtery.

Ziegler Funeral Home of Martin was in charge of arrangements.

Darren Dion Dupris

EAGLE BUTTE - Darren Dion Dupris, 36, of Eagle Butte died April 6 at the Eagle Butte hospital.

Wake services will be Friday at the HV Johnston Cultural Center.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14 at the HV Johnston Cultural Center in Eagle Butte with Deacon Ted Knife and Helene Circle Eagle officiating.

Burial will be in the United Eagle Butte Cemetery under the direction of Luce Funeral Chapel of Eagle Butte.

In loving memory of Jason Lee Two Eagle
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We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday, and the day before that, too. We think of you in silence, and often speak your name. All we have are memories, and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts.

From Mom,
Taeler and Jaylen

In loving memory of Lila A. Spider
on April 30th, 2007

Auntie it will be one year since you left us, there ain't a day that goes by that we don't think of you and miss you!

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MINUTES

Shannon County Commissioners Meeting
April 5, 2007

The Shannon Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on April 5th, 2007, at the Courthouse in Hot Springs. Present Connie Whirlwind Horse, Deborah Rooks-Cook, Tom Conroy, Vanessa Roubideaux and Patricia J. Seegrist, Deputy Auditor. Absent Inez White Hawk.

Meeting was called to order, time being 10.41 a.m.

The agenda was read for conflicts. None stated.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve the agenda as written with the addition of wages for highway that was omitted. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to approve the Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as follows. All voting yes, the motion carried.

To the honorable Board of Shannon County Commissioners.

I Hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 30TH day of March, 2007.
Total amount of deposit in Bank of the West $4,036.03 Total amount of deposit in Wells Fargo $1,388.70 Total amount of deposit in First Western Bank HS $4,842.69 Total amount of actual $2,476.80 Total amount of checks in treasurer's possession exceeding three days $ 1,189.98 Money market savings: Bank of the West $ 2,236.82 Wells Fargo Bank $1,134.36 First Western - HS $579,404.07 Certificates of deposit - First Western HS $250,000.00

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts which have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:Sheriff Change fund: 200.00 Returned Checks: Atkinson Jennifer $40.00, Big Crow Duane Sr. $39.60, Blackfeather David $75.00, Brings Patton Linda $55.00, Burgess Jeanne $45.00,Eagle Bull, Annette M. $43.00,Feather Earring Tamera, $41.55,Garnett Aqualyne $64.00, Goings Tanya L. $71.00,Haller Wanda $25.00,Janis Jennifer $90.50,Lone Hill Trina $20.70, Mesteth Perry $63.00, Morrison Nadine $15.00, Old Horse John $15.00,Pourier Joel $349.00, Red Cloud, John $45.90, Ross William $53.00,Blethen Rene $48.25,Broken Nose Leroy $44.50, One Feather Delmar $187.02, Parton Joy $32.00,Puckette Derek $24.15,Total $848.396.52

DATED THIS 30TH DAY OF MARCH, 2007
/S/Patricia J. Seegrist_____
PATRICIA J. SEEGRIST, DEPUTY COUNTY AUDITOR OF SHANNON COUNTY. THE ABOVE BALANCE REFLECTS COUNTY MONIES, MONIES HELD IN TRUST, AND MONIES COLLECTED FOR AND TO BE REMITTED TO OTHER ENTITIES: SCHOOLS, TOWNS AND STATE.

Commissioners held a discussion on returned checks and that something needed to be done on them. Commissioners want the Treasurer and States Attorney to come to the next Commissioner meeting.

Minutes of March 2nd were discussed and 3 motions needed to be changed to being seconded by White Hawk instead of Whirlwind Horse and it was not noted that Tom Conroy left the meeting at approximately 11:10 a.m.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve the minutes of March 2nd, 2007 with corrections and approve March 19th minutes as read. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve the following bills. All voting yes, the motion carried.

GENERAL
Comm. Salaries (5-Comm), March Salaries, $575.00; Auditor Office Salaries, March Salaries, 1,277.20;Treasurer Office Salaries, March Salaries, 1,275.66; States Attorney Salary, March Salary, 825.00; Dir. Of Equal. Office Salaries, March Salary, 1,267.75;Reg. of Deeds Office Salaries, March Salaries, 1,273.56;Vet's Service Office Salary, March Salary, 900.36;Sheriff Office Salary, March Salary , 3,027.66; Coroner Fees, March Fees, 150.00;Jim Daggett, April Blue Cross Prem., 307.85; South Dakota Retirement, March Retirement, 1,258.84;US Postal Service, Postage, 353.72;Wells Fargo Bank, March W/H/SS/MDCR, 1,934.06;AllTel, Phone, 242.83;Bennett County Booster, Publishing, 363.00;BP, Fuel, 886.55;Conroy, Tom, Travel, 56.32;Deborah Rooks-Cook, Travel, 35.84;Deborah Rooks-Cook, Travel, 23.04; Culligan, Supplies/Dispenser, 35.55;Fall River County Sheriff, Prisoner Keep, $3,355.00; Forney's Standard Service, Fuel, 80.71;Lakota Country Times, Publishing, 630.36;Martinez, Audrey, Training, 165.60;McLeod's Office Supply, Commission Record, 220.71;1A Supplies , HP Ink, 149.50;Pennington County Jail, Prisoner Housing, 400.00; Pennington Co. States Atty., Mental Illness Hearing, 200.00;Roubideaux, Vanessa, Travel,40.96; Russell, Lance, Mileage, 147.20; SDAAO, Registration, 90.00;SD Veterans Service Officer, Dues, 50.00;Shannon County Sheriff, Petty Cash, 279.92;Sioux Funeral Home, Body Bags, 225.00; Whirlwind Horse, Connie, Travel, 72.32;White Hawk, Inez, Travel, 57.60;

COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE
CRBR-Construction-Salaries March Salaries,7,725.88; Including Overtime for Lynn Bettelyoun, Overtime, 204.75;Wesley Bettelyoun, Overtime , 173.25;Walt Swan, Overtime, 23.63;South Dakota Retirement, March Retirement, 717.54;Wells Fargo Bank,March W/H/SS/MDCR, 1,733.04;A&B Welding, OXY/Acet., 28.80; Bettelyoun, Lynn, Gas and Keys, 100.96;California Contractors, Supplies, 2,738.70; Culligan, Dispenser, Supplies, 64.60;Days Inn, SDACHS Conference, 177.00;Farm Plan, Mech. Books, 548.23;Great Plains Comm., Invoices, 334.27;Great Western Tire, Tires, 954.60; Homestead Building, Supplies,Toolls,$3,172 .75;Husker Auto Parts, Oil, Etc., 5,937.54; LaCreek Electric Assoc.,Electric,179.31; Lakota Plains Propane, 770 Gas LP, 1,199.89; Newman Traffic Signs, Signs, 374.04;Pine Ridge Auto Parts, Supplies, 114.58;Pine Ridge Oil Co., Vehicle Service, 139.50;Postmaster,PO Box Fee, 28.00;SDACHS, Registration Fee, 65.00; Sioux Nation Shopping Ctr., Supplies, 997.01; Town of Batesland, Feb. & Mar., 100.00; Westco, Tires and Fuel, 3,078.31;Western Communications, Rent, 40.00;

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
EM March Salary, March Salary, 323.00; South Dakota Retirement, March Retirement, 38.76;Wells Fargo Bank, March SS/MDCR Tax, 49.42;

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve coroner travel to Pierre for meeting on April 18th, 2007. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to approve Credit Card Policy, which is the policy that the credit card is under supervision of the County Treasurer, who will make reservations as needed. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Discussion was opened on Security guards and wages, with Lynn Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent. Bettelyoun stated she needed 1 more security guard to cover the hours needed so they would not be working 40 hours. Bettelyoun stated since they have been doing security there has not been a break in, although there have been some attempts. Bettleyoun said that Public Safety, when called does come.

Bettelyoun said she has some applications for second guard position and they need drug testing. Said Stacey Garnett is the only security guard right now and has been working 5-12 hour days.

Inez White present, time being 10:57 a.m.

Got her an agenda and asked her to read for any conflict items on it. None were stated.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to approve hiring Stacey Garnett, as Security Guard for Shannon County Highway, at $9.00 per hour for 40 hours per week, and then found for Lynn Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent to hire one more security guard. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Commissioners ened up discussion on Employee Policy for Sick Leave, Annual Leave, Overtime and Holidays. Deputy Auditor presented Resolution for Employee Policy for approval.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to approve Employee Policy Resolution as follows, and that this Employee Policy Resolution be given to all new employees who will read and sign that they have received a copy. All voting yes, the motion carried.

SHANNON COUNTY EMPLOYEE POLICY RESOLUTION #2007-03

WORK WEEK, OVERTIME PAY FOR HOLIDAY, AND FOR OVER 40 HOUR WORK WEEKS FOR HIGHWAY DEPT.-
Work week to be eight (8) hours, between 7:30 A.M. and 4.00 P.M., with one-half (1/2) hour for lunch, will constitute a day's work. Five (5) days, from Monday morning at 7:30 A.M. to Friday night at 4:00 P.M., will constitute a week's work.

OVERTIME -
All hours in excess of forty (40) hours each week shall be paid for at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the hourly rate. Work performed on Sunday and holidays will be paid for at the rate of two (2) times the hourly rate for hourly highway employees.

SICK LEAVE -
Employees who have completed sixty (60) days of employment shall be entitled to a half (1/2) day per month, six (6) days per year, sick leave for the first year of employment. Beginning with the second year of employment, the employee shall be entitled to one (1) day per month, twelve (12) days per year, sick leave, which can be used, to the extent the same is earned and accumulated at any time during the year. The foregoing leave, when granted, can be used for dental and eye treatment or surgery. If at any time the County should question the validity of the sickness or if sickness is more than 3 consecutive days, the employee shall be required to furnish adequate proof of actual sickness from a physician which the County may request from the employee. This provision applies to full time employees only.

The County shall pay two (2) times the hourly rate to the employees for the number of hours worked by the employees for the following holidays or days celebrated for these days
(1) New Years Day
(2) Martin Luther King Day
(3) Presidents Day
(4) Memorial Day
(5) Independence Day
(6) Labor Day
(7) Native American Day
(8) Veterans Day
(9) Thanksgiving Day
(10) Day after Thanksgiving
(11) Christmas Day
Any day designated by the Board of County Commissioners as a legal holiday

If the holiday falls on a Sunday, Monday will be the day observed as the holiday. If the holiday falls on a Saturday, Friday will be the day observed as the holiday. Holidays will be paid on a regular hourly wage rate to employees. Employees working on holidays will be paid at two (2) times the hourly rate.

VACATION -
For full-time employees on the payroll of the County as of January 1, 2007 the following vacation entitlements will apply:
After one (1) year of service---------- Six (6) days
After two (2) years of service ---------- twelve (12) days
After five (5) years of service ---------- fifteen (15) days
After ten (10) years of service ---------- eighteen (18) days

Vacation time will be pro-rated upon the discharge or termination of the employee. Vacation time can only be carried over for up to 80 hours maximum; any other vacation time will be lost if not used up by December 31st each year.

Highway Department employees have the option of working four (4) ten (10) hour days Monday through Thursday as their work week during the period that Daylight Savings Time is in effect.

PAYDAY:
Payday each month will be the next to the last working day of the month. PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5TH DAY OF APRIL, 2007.

RETROED BACK TO JANUARY 1ST, 2007.
/S/Connie Whirlwind Horse
Connie Whirlwind Horse, Chairwoman
Board of Shannon County Commissioners
ATTEST:
/S/Patricia J. Seegrist
Patricia J. Seegrist, Deputy Auditor
Shannon County

Weed Supervisor application was presented. Discussion was held on budget and grant money.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Conroy to approve Dave Hauck if he can provide a doctor's statement on health. Wage will be $15.00 per hour and will take effect upon receiving all information. All voting yes, the motion carried.

A Nepotism Policy was brought up for discussion. Deputy Auditor gave each Commissioner a pack of e-mails from various counties state-wide with their nepotism policies. Commission wants States Attorney and Auditor to put together a nepotism policy and bring back for Commission approval.

Wages for highway department was discussed and Commission wants States Attorney and Auditor to draw up a wage schedule for the highway department with different classifications.

Tom wants scale and budget to bring back on May 3rd.

Motion by White Hawk , seconded by Conroy to get nepotism and wage scale and budget for May 3rd , 2007 meeting.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to change May meeting from May 4th, to May 3rd, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Conroy to approve account at Ziggy's for the highway department supplies. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Road removal was brought up on County Road #5. Commission moved road removal to May 3rd, 2007, meeting.

Joel Wendell, Director of Equalization met to present an abatement on Tract B of Lot 3, Section 2, Township 36, Range 41, on Hal Chase Jr.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Conroy to approve abatement in the amount of $2.17 for the year 2005, and $2.33 for the year 2006. Reason: This property was assessed twice. This parcel should have been deleted for 2005. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Wendell also wanted to set Equalization Meeting for April 20th, 2007, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to set Equalization Meeting for April 20th, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Wendell also asked the Commissioners for travel approval for Spring Workshop in Aberdeen for Deputy Director of Equalization on May 8th to 11th, 2007.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to approve travel of Deputy Director of Equalization to attend Spring Workshop in Aberdeen on May 8th to 11th, 2007. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Lynn Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent had to leave meeting at 11:45 a.m., there was a problem at the highway department.

Fuel bids were received for unleaded gas-300 gallons and red diesel---2000 gallons.

UNLEADED
RED DIESEL
Westco------BID--$2.31 per gallon $2.36 per gallon Pine Ridge Oil NO BID NO BID Muddy Creek-----$2.44 per gallon $2.416 per gallon

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve Westco Bid for 300 gallon unleaded at $2.31 per gallon and 2000 gallons of Red Diesel at $2.36 per gallon, as low bid. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Public Comments: Jane Colhoff stated that the ads for Sheriff advertised as must be certified to apply for Sheriff. Lance Russell, States Attorney, was called into meeting. Two of the applicants were not certified. Deborah Rooks-Cook stated they didn't have to be certified, only certifiable.

People who were present were Judy Merdanian, Dian Keester, David Keester, Twila Merrill, LeeAnn Keester, Bernice White Hawk, Jeff Not Help Him and Russell Merdanian.

Jim Daggett commented that the State says you need to apply to the State if not certified so a back ground check can be done and the State can verify if a person can be certified.

Question was asked if qualification is for public record.

Lance Russell, States Attorney, stated he needed to speak to the Commissioners in executive session.

Russell Meridanian asked to speak and stated he had dealt with many soldiers, marines and others around the country, and wanted to speak his approval for Jim Daggett as Sheriff.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to go into executive session, with Lance Russell, States Attorney, for legal issues, time being 11:58 a.m. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Came out at 12:14 p.m.

Tom Conroy, stated he was making a motion to appoint Jim Daggett, as Sheriff, seconded by Roubideaux. Voting Yes-Tom Conroy and Vanessa Roubideaux; Voting no Connie Whirlwind Horse, Deborah Rooks-Cook, and Inez White Hawk.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to appoint Jeff Not Help Him as Shannon County Sheriff. Voting Yes-Deborah Rooks-Cook, Connie Whirlwind Horse, Inez White Hawk; Voting No-Tom Conroy and Vanessa Roubideaux. Motion carried.

Conroy asked if Jeff Not Help Him was not certifiable, then what happens.

Lance Russell, States Attorney, stated there are procedures to follow and that if Jeff Not Help Him is gone for training, there will have to be a deputy to do the work.

Tom Conroy questioned as to when Jeff was to start work.

Lance Russell, stated that Jeff Not Help Him would have to go to the Academy and could be gone for up to 3 months.

Jeff Not Help Him was present again, time being 12:20 p.m.

Tom Conroy, asked Jeff questions on background check and whether he thought he could be certified. Jeff answered he thought he could.

Connie Whirlwind Horse, stated Jeff could start immediately.

Lance Russell, States Attorney, stated the problem is not having a letter from the State stating Jeff is certifiable. Russell told Commissioners that the motion they made should be amended to reflect this.

Connie Whirlwind Horse asked Jeff if he could find a Deputy while he was gone.

Jeff Not Help Him stated he thought he could pass the test and it would only take about 3 weeks.

Mrs. Bernice White Hawk asked to speak and starting speaking against Jim Daggett. Deborah Rooks-Cook, said there would be no accusing going on as Daggett had been voted out.

Judy Merdanian stated that she was a rancher and tax payer and she knows Jim Daggett to be an honest man.

Judy Merdanian also stated she was very disappointed in the Commission; they had a qualified Sheriff and didn't want to keep him.

Jane Colhoff stated she would see the Commission in Court.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Roubideaux to adjourn meeting, time being 12:45 p.m. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Connie Whirlwind Horse, Chairwoman
Shannon County Board of Commissioners ATTEST:/S/Patricia J. Seegrist Patricia J. Seegrist, Deputy Auditor Shannon County

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Superintendent
Red Cloud Indian School
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Aunty Gina S.B.

Happy Birthday on April 3rd to my handsome little man Teron M. Lone Elk who will be turning 6 years old.
My son, my baby, I love you so much and thank you for keeping me strong and for being there for me through my toughest times. Your a strong and respectful little boy who is the best of me and you make me proud of you each and every day. I hope you like your birthday and enjoy your weekend swimming and doing what you love the best. I know I tell you this every day and night, but I love you with my whole heart forever and ever.
Hugs & Kisses,
Your mama Brionne

Happy birthday to our grandma / Unci Emma Turning Hawk on March 22,We hope you have a good day because you deserve it, you're the best grandma/ unci and we are glad your ours. We love you, From your granddaughter, Amy Poor Bear and grandchildren Amanda, Lane, Charles Jr. and Alexis Iron Rope.

Happy Birthday April
We love you and look forward to your trip this summer.
Manuel,Brandon, Roseanna
Jenni, Michael & Sara

Happy Birthday to :
Steve King Way in New York City coming from the Standing Bear's in South Dakota.

I would like to tell my precious daughter Alvena Nancy Rose No Horse,
I love her with all my heart & soul I'm so glad she came in to my life she would always be the joy of my life love your
Ina Felicia Bull Bear

Happy Memorial Birthday goes out to
Edsel Standing Bear
&
Enos Poor Bear Sr.
on 4/10
coming from the Standing Bear's in South Dakota.

Happy Birthday
on 3/31 to my baby girl
Alexis Iron Rope
from: mom Amy Pour Bear,
your big sis Amanda, big bros.
Lane and Charles Iron Rope

In memory of our grandma Patty Iron Cloud from Jaylin and Janessa Garnette, Jade Good Crow on 3/27/07

**Happy Birthday on 3/29 to Lil Bo Vocu
We love you.
From grandma Carol & family**

Happy Birthday
grandpa Buzzy
I love you lots.
From Lea

**Happy Birthday
Lara Herman
you are now 4 years old hope you have a great birthday we love you so much From:
Jayvier, Jayden
and your #1 auntie
Reddah**

**Happy 2nd Birthday to our Beautiful Angel Zoey Elizabeth Iron Cloud on April 7th, 2007
Love-
Grandma Enore,
Grandma Jewell, &
Grandma Dreamis!!**

**Happy Birthday to grandpa Buzzy Vocu on 3/31. From Breanna
I love you**

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to our lil brother and son,
Cyrus D. Gonzales,
on March 30, 2007. We love you lil man, you bring us smiles and laughter each day with everything you do! Were glad your in our lives, you are mending our hearts in more ways than you know! So have a happy birthday an have fun with your cake and ice cream we love you!! Dad (Ron), Mom (Josie), Rob, Gina and Legend to!

Happy Easter to My papa Leo, grandma Joann, Auntie Tiara, grandpa Duane & family grandma Glenda & kids, Auntie Monica & uncle Align, Camden, Tanner & Addison, auntie Shelby, uncle Clint
love you guys hope to see all of you on Easter Ciara Mesteth

**Happy Birthday
Takoja Lara Lynn Herman
you are now 4 we love and adore you. Papa Ray TWB
Sr. and unci Delores TWB**

Happy Belated Birthdays to the following family in March:
Deveryl Tallman
Tacara Blacksmith
Tony Tallman
Florence Shots
Egan Longman
Larianna Richards

Happy Birthday
to my sister who is 16
love your little sister

I would like to tell
Cheyenne Grosz
that I enjoy getting your letters. In a couple of weeks I will see you Again so keep your head up and smile!
Thinking Of You KIDD

Happy Memorial Easter
to our baby brother and son
Ryan Teague Janis,
We love you Ryan and we wish you a happy easter, not a day goes by that your not talked about or thought of, we miss you and love you so much! It's been 4 months now since you left us but the memories are still with us and always will be. It's still hard to think that your gone but we know deep in our hearts that we'll see each other again!
Always Loving you and Missing you....Dad, Mom, Gina, Rob, Cyrus and Legend.

Happy Birthday to Lara Lynn Herman who will be four years on 4/16/2007 hope your day is the best day you ever have and still more to come this is coming from: auntie Beth & uncle Brice Sonja, Daryl

Happy Belated Birthday to the Commings Triplets Koby, Kory and Kody who turned 3 on 3/28/07 and to Coy Cummings on 4/8/07 Dang little brothers, you guys are groing up really fast. Hope you boys have fun on your birthday. Love you boys from: your big sister in SunRize: Laura Ann Cummings

This goes out to the workers at The Lakota Country Times great job !

I would like to say happy birthday to my sister MaTeisha on 4-22-05 hope you don't eat too much cake and be nice to us for once and at least smile on your big day.love you sis, from Jerome and Tyler

I just want to wish my daughter MaTeisha Gay
a Happy 2nd b-day
on 4-22-05 hope you have one
love you lots from your dad
Mike
enjoy your day princess.

Happy 2nd Birthday
to our Princess
Zoey Elizabeth Iron Cloud
on April 7th, 2007
Love Always-
Aunt Jeri, Uncle Que, Jayden, Trevin, & Baby Que!

Happy 40th Birthday
Becky Three Stars
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your aunt and
your
children !

Happy Belated Birthday to both of you!





Happy Belated Birthday
to both of you -
Jolena & Natalynn
Poor Bear.
We love you.Dad,
Audrey,
Steph & Jovannah.

**Auntie Vanessa
I am so happy for you and you new baby.
love
Brittany**

We would like to wish our granddaughter Lara Herman a happy birthday on 4/16/2007
Who will be 4 years old
Wishing her many more to come.
Happy Birthday
Lara Lynn Herman
coming from uma & papa
Takes War Bonnett

Happy 26th Birthday!
April Louise Miller



I can still remember when you were only one!
Love you Sweetheart, my first born!
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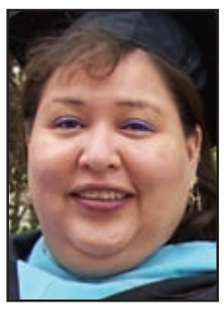
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SDHSAA deals out penalities to LWS in wake of State A fiasco



Brave Eagle

Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PIERRE - After a three and a half hour meeting in Pierre on Wednesday, the South Dakota High School Activities Association board placed the Little Wound boy's basketball program on one year probation for the 2007/08 school year and required the school to develop a sportsmanship program for both adults and students. An earlier motion to just require the development of the sportsmanship program failed by a vote of three for and five against; the motion adding the one year probation to the sportsmanship program passed 7-1.

"Overall, I think it was a little harsh," said Dana Brave Eagle, Little Wound high school principal, "but it will go a long ways to helping all of the adults involved with the boy's basketball program to establish and maintain a high quality program."

The SDHSAA is governed by an eight member board of directors who with a central staff direct and coordinate interscholastic activities between member schools. Activities include athletics, speech, music, student council and publications as the association works to equalize activity opportunities and standardize qualifications for participants, for coaching and directing procedures and treatment of visiting teams and participants in all activities. Currently the SDHSAA board includes Wally Bosch/ Yankton, Brad Olson/ Aberdeen, Tim Hadorn//Milbank, Larry Ball/Murdo, Bob Sittig/Baltic, Curt Hart/Alexandria, Christena Schultz/Bridgewater-Emery and Bryan Brewer/Pine Ridge.

For the board meeting, Brave Eagle was joined by Janice Richards/Little Wound School board chair, Everett Janis/board member, Linda Hunter/superintendent, Wilbur Ferguson/athletic director, Jamie Feather Earring/boy's basketball coach and Travis Brave Bird, assistant coach.

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Kyle woman one of many in desperate need of home repair

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor

KYLE - Donna Peniska's family is in need of help. Her family lives in Kyle in a two bedroom home, owned by Donna's elderly mother, Myrnette Short Horn. The home is a former 'Igloo' home, that was acquired through the housing by the Short Horns during the 1970s.

Currently living in the home is Donna, her three children and her mother. They have lived there for two years with her mother. Because the home is not owned by the housing authority, they can't help with the repairs. Peniska said she has asked Medicine Root tribal council representatives for help, along with requests at the district and at the president's office in Pine Ridge and hasn't been able to get assistance.

There is a water leak in the kitchen and in the bathroom. When they use the water, it runs through the floorboards in the kitchen. In the bathroom, mold is growing on the walls from the moisture of leaking water. The home is small for the family but they manage to fit.

Peniska said it gets depressing to try to cope with the leaking water and damaged floorboards and leaking bathroom. She encourages her children and without anyplace else to go, they struggle with cleaning up the leaking water, the cold that seeps in from the door and windows that isn't properly insulated and a heating stove that doesn't work. The home is heated by the burners on the cooking range. She and her children often get headaches from the dry heat. Her three children ages, 11, 12 and 16 attend Little Wound School.

She wants to be able to provide a warm home for her children but doesn't have the funds to do so. She isn't financially stable to repair the home herself. She has been sanctioned from TANF and receives food stamps.

Peniska said she wanted to tell her story as she is desperate to fix her home for her children's sake and hopes that by telling her story someone would read her story and be able to help her fix her pipes, her heating stove and the poorly insulated doors and windows.

Donna Peniska's phone number is (605) 454-0086.

Austin Watkins, Medicine Root district council representative, has seen the Short Horn home and has been trying to find help for her. He said he has two other families in the same situation he has been trying to help.

Last month, Oglala Sioux Tribe's President John Steele testified before the oversight hearing on Indian housing before the Senate Committee on Indian Housing and stated the dire needs of residents that live on Pine Ridge reservation. He spoke to the committee of the

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Donna Peniska stands near the water damaged floor. The sink and the bathroom are in needs of repairs. Donna, her three children and her mother live in a two bedroom and are seeking help for repairs to their home. Photo by Amanda Takes War Bonnett.

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Socio economic reasons for deeper sentencing



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Randal Connelly

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RAPID CITY - American Indian defendants in South Dakota are more likely than whites to be sentenced to prison rather than serving probation, and their prison sentences are longer than those of white defendants, USD's Associate Professor Richard Braunstein said in his 2005 study of racial disparities in the state's criminal justice system.

But the reasons for the inequality are not racial, he said.

Some of the reasons underlying this fact are socioeconomic: "Poor, under-educated and under-employed defendants of both races received harsher treatment than better-situated defendants in the system," Braunstein said.

Poverty, lack of education, and unemployment plague American Indians more than they do whites, he said.

But legalities of crimes committed by Native defendants are also considered at time of sentencing: Native defendants are more likely to

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Ditch clean up scheduled for Pine Ridge roadways

PINE RIDGE - Several organizations have been coordinating and combining their efforts to promote cleaner communities this month and next month.

To support their efforts, Oglala Sioux Tribe President John Yellow Bird Steele has signed a proclamation April 12 acknowledging April as "Month of the Child." The proclamation urges all tribal, Indian Health Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs and South Dakota state organizations to participate in scheduled events.

The document also urges communities and organizations to prevent littering in ditches and communities all year long. He declared April 23 as week of the child. Young people are a major resource on the reservation and as being caretakers of young Lakota people and the land, efforts will be made promote a cleaner environment for them and the land.

Bob Pille, director of the Environmental Protection Program, said in a recent youth survey, "The children brought out they wanted a cleaner reservation and environment."

Pille and others have coordinated their efforts to schedule cleanup, especially on the roadway ditches. Michael Catches Enemy, director of OST Natural

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overcrowding with the housing situation, the need for at least 3,000 homes and 300 are currently needed just for this next year. His testimony was reauthorizations of funds and how more funding is needed.

He spoke of the lack of home repair funds for the housing, which currently manages 1,700 homes some are in need of repair. He spoke of the outcomes that come from families living in such conditions as poor housing conditions, poverty and high unemployment. These conditions eventually lead to the social problems families experience such as domestic violence, depression and addiction.

Peniska's and her mother's home is just one of the many families in need of homes and home repair on the reservation.

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Resources Regulatory Agency, said May 7 is considered Respect Water Day, which has already been a tribal ordinance. That day is a reminder of the importance of water. He said there will be clean up events taking place at Moccasin Park and White Clay Creek. He said the schools and Oglala Lakota College staff and students make efforts to participate in the clean up activities.

Mary Tobacco, the tribe's health educator, has listed the schedule of clean up events for the public to know and encourages community members to help. She said canvas bags were purchased to discourage the use of plastic garbage bags, which aren't biodegradable.

The month of the child schedule is as follows from Billy Mills Hall from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Friday, April 20, Ditch Clean Up, Pine Ridge to Oglala

Friday, April 27, Ditch Clean Up, Pine Ridge to Oglala

Thursday, April 26, Youth Fair, Pine Ridge Village

Thursday, May 3, Youth Fair, Porcupine

Friday, May 4, Ditch Clean Up, Junction 18 to Sharp's Corner.

Parents are encouraged to attend the health fairs with their children, health educational materials will be provided.

All the efforts will work fantastic if we all entities work together, said Pille. Public Safety will provide help with the ditch clean ups along the roadways scheduled for meth materials. Apparently, people who manufacture meth sometimes dump their waste materials in ditches. Although that is not known to happen in the area, it is a safety precaution.

The clean up events are sponsored by OST Child Care, OST Health Education, Environmental Protection, OST Land Office, Public Safety, President John Steele Administration, Indian Health Services, Transportation, AATCHB Healthy Start, AATCHB Healthy Smiles, KILI Radio 90.1 FM, Oglala Sioux Tribal Programs.

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have committed violence, to have caused injury to the victim, to have used a weapon, and to have been intoxicated at the time of the crime, Braunstein reported.

Although alcohol abuse is high for all defendants, Indian defendants are more likely than whites to have alcohol issues tied in with criminal behavior. Of Native defendants, 82.5 percent are intoxicated at the time of the crime, compared with 50.7 percent of white defendants, Braunstein said.

Kevin Krull, Chief Deputy State's Attorney for Pennington County, said, "If it wasn't for alcohol and meth, we'd probably have only three or four attorneys in this office instead of fifteen."

Need for treatment

"You have the classic dilemma, we're punishing people for conditions rather than crimes in the majority of cases," said Randal Connelly, a Rapid City attorney who has represented criminal defendants for 30 years.

Connelly believes very strongly in immediate chemical dependency treatment for most defendants in alcohol or drug-use cases.

There's a window of opportunity to reach people who are arrested while intoxicated, and "timing can be critical in the treatment process," Connelly said.

After arrest, a person faces loss of a job, driver's license, spouse, and freedom, and "those are fairly critical points in a person's life," he said. "If there's any hope for that person to come to grips with cause and effect … it's critical that help is there at that time. I'm not a counselor, but that's a fact."

Instead of building more prisons to warehouse addicts, Connelly said, he would like to see more residential treatment facilities to offset the problem of waiting lists and delays for admission.

Barriers to probation

Mike Stonefield, who recently retired as director of Pennington County Public Defenders Office, said defense attorneys, preparing for plea negotiations with the prosecutor, often try to determine what the defendant needs. "How you're going to get there might not be so obvious," he said.

Chemical abuse or addiction is the primary reason people get into trouble, Stonefield said, but there might be a need for counseling or treatment of other issues, "other paths you could put them on."

A young defendant could be steered toward Job Corps, or someone who commits theft might need treatment for gambling addiction, he said.

But treatment of the offender is not the only consideration in sentencing. Public safety and, if there was a victim, his or her state of mind at the time of the crime also come into consideration, Krull said.

"Society can't function if people aren't held accountable for what they do," he said.

If the offender "was willing and able to carry out a threat, behaved violently or recklessly, had a high blood alcohol content, used a knife or gun in commission of the crime, or has an extensive criminal history," Krull said, penitentiary time is more likely to be part of the sentence.

Stonefield agrees that some defendants aren't good candidates for probation and treatment. "That's part of the problem that any court is going to face, that there are people … who come in over and over - paint huffers, serious drunks with lots of DUIs - it seems there reaches a point that you just can't do anything with them. I think it's a small minority, but you really do just have to put them away for awhile" to protect society, he said.

Availability of treatment

Although the court and the state work on different bottom-line evaluations of poverty, it is fairly safe to say that indigent defendants who qualify for a public defender also qualify for chemical dependency treatment programs paid through the South Dakota Division of Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

At this time of year, however, treatment centers can run out of state and federal funding, as some have already this year, and it won't be replenished until June 1, Brenda Boetel, assistant director at City County Alcohol and Drug Programs in Rapid City, said.

A couple of facilities in the Black Hills are out of money right now, Boetel said, and "when treatment centers are out of money, they stop treating people."

Defendants needing treatment can be referred to treatment facilities on reservations or Indian Health Services, but Boetel said a shortage of beds and long waiting lists are problems there also.

City County also runs out of state money at times for treatment beds, but since it is also subsidized by both the city and county for detox beds, it continues to operate. "Our philosophy here is we're going to keep going. We're not going to turn somebody away because we're out of money," Boetel said.

Funding "becomes a balancing act at the end of a fiscal year," according to Robin Erz, assistant director with the division, which works to place indigent defendants in appropriate treatment facilities.

But if residential treatment beds are not available, other services such as detox, outpatient treatment, or individual counseling, can fill in the gap, Erz said. And if one area of the state is under financial duress, "we shift funds to meet the needs of the public," she said.

Brian Kanz, division program specialist, said if nonresidential treatment isn't adequate for the patient, the treatment facility needs to contact him for solutions. Kanz said he normally keeps his response time to 72 hours. "It's a matter of communication," he said.

Kanz pointed out that the division won't fund treatment for felony defendants facing prison until after they're sentenced; there are treatment programs in prison, paid for with state dollars, and state-paid treatment before prison would be a waste of resources.

As a private attorney, Connelly serves clients who are not indigent, but many don't have health insurance and aren't able to pay the cost of residential treatment.

"There's a significant number of people who need inpatient treatment, and it's not available," Connelly said. Even if a treatment center has a bed available, he said, the cost is prohibitive: a 28-day residential treatment program can cost $8,000 to $10,000, he said.

Although the residential treatment program at the Human Services Center at Yankton is a good program, it's a "nonentity" because of the waiting list, Connelly said. It can be months before a bed opens there, he said.

In the meantime "you look for stopgap alternatives just to keep [defendants] afloat," Connelly said. "It's like putting them in the hall of the hospital and hoping they don't bleed to death."

Local monitoring

A universally popular program in the criminal justice system is the 24/7 program, a system by which defendants report to City County to have their breath or bodily fluids tested to ensure they're not using alcohol or other drugs.

The program has been used in selected locations, including Pennington County, and earlier this year Attorney General Larry Long successfully asked the legislature to establish a statewide program.

Connelly called 24/7 "a godsend," and said that "an incredible number of clients say they love it - it reinforces their need to stay sober."

After defendants find sobriety, "They of their own initiative become more productive," Connelly said.

Stonefield said 24/7 as a sentencing option is "just a terrific idea." A number of his clients went through the program and were doing well. The threat of prison or jail reinforced their commitment to sobriety, he said; "This brings home pretty quickly to a person what's more important, to have four beers tonight or to have freedom."

"I would put it to clients that way," Stonefield said. "They would see it wasn't so complicated after all."

Socioeconomic solutions

"The unhappiness so many poor people live with is part of what pushes them toward crime," Stonefield said. Poverty also pushes people toward drugs and alcohol, which provide a temporary escape from reality, and when people are intoxicated, their inhibitions are lowered and "they do things they wouldn't do otherwise," he said.

"I don't have any doubt about that at all," Stonefield said.

Braunstein supports "greater knowledge of and empathy for" the socioeconomic conditions that are used as indicators of risk of offending, re-offending, and flight, and therefore account for disparate treatment of Native Americans in the criminal justice system.

He further suggests that the state's structural and economic policies should be examined to determine if they can reduce the impact of poverty and other non-legal factors.

"Through increased dialogue, productive reform, and further monitoring of the system, it is likely that conditions in South Dakota will improve," Braunstein said.

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Little Wound

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Following events that took place after the State A championship game in Rapid City on March 17, representatives from Little Wound were asked to attend the April board meeting in Pierre. St. Thomas More beat Little Wound 71-61 to win their second straight state championship; when the game was over, Little Wound's coaches and players left the floor and went to the locker room and when representatives of the SDHSAA including Bryan Brewer went to award the second place trophy and medals no one came out to accept the awards. Articles debating the issue appeared in the Rapid City Journal for days following the state tournament and what seemed to be a magical moment in local sports history pitting the Lakota Nation champ, Little Wound against the defending state champ, St. Thomas More before a packed house at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center of 8,463 very vocal fans became the focus of a wide ranging discussion on sportsmanship, racism and respect.

"It really is about sportsmanship and respect all the way around, "said Brave Eagle, "in some of the discussions, it was the students and ballplayers who got the blame but during the board meeting, adults stepped up and took responsibility for not allowing the players to go out and receive their much deserved awards.

"We don't always realize how much pressure we put on these young players to win," said Eldon Marshall, White River boy's basketball coach, "the expectations to win at any costs are there every time we lace up the shoes and sometimes it is overwhelming to our players."

Marshall was one of several supporters who attended the board meeting in Pierre to provide support for the Little Wound team and to also emphasize that Native teams represent not only their community but also all of Indian Country as ambassadors of the Lakota Nation. Additional supporters in attendance included Jess Mendoza of Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Roger Bell/Takini, Dave Strain, Dave Hollenbeck and Craig Nowotny/St. Thomas More,Ted Rowland/Pine Ridge and Cody Russel/Lower Brule.

Probation will last one year and if there are any problems that come up during the probation year, Little Wound boy's basketball could lose any opportunity to participate in postseason play. Pine Ridge high school is in their second year of a school wide probation that covered all sports not just basketball, they had a problem with ineligible players this year in volleyball and lost out on the opportunity to participate in district competition following completion of the regular season.

"We are looking on the positive side of this unfortunate set of circumstances, we are going to move ahead and improve on a basketball program that is already one of the best in the state," said Brave Eagle, "and next week during a school wide assembly we are going to award the second place medals and the runner-up trophy to the Little Wound boy's basketball team who completed a great season this year."

Overview of the RST proposed gaming ordinance and its major features

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - In January a second reading of the RST amended gaming ordinance was held by the Rosebud Sioux tribal council and the accompanying RST resolution 2006-199 adopting the ordinance was submitted to the National Indian Gaming Commission. NIGC is governed by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988. The previous RST gaming ordinance which was amended is listed as 87-03.

Without regard to the local issues which may surround implementation of the ordinance, an overview of selected portions of the ordinance is highlighted in order to provide a sense of its intent.

According to Mike Boltz, RST council representative from St. Francis, who is also a long time business owner, the current gaming ordinance is not dramatically different than the original version. However, he did point out that the inclusion of a board of directors and a review board may be added features of the newer ordinance.

There is a public service announcement calling for five new gaming commissioners to apply for the commission and it is likely that this issue is related to this relatively new ordinance. It is a point that will definitely require clarification as it is potentially confusing for tribal members. Current commission members will likely be allowed to apply if there is a new commission assembled.

Net revenue from tribal gaming may only be used to fund tribal government operations and programs, for the general welfare of the tribe and its members, to promote tribal economic development, to donate to charitable organizations and to help fund operations of local government agencies. These criteria are most likely self evident when the required annual is accomplished each year.

The board of directors as outlined in the ordinance has been previously authorized by RST tribal resolution and its formation appears to be forthcoming. Their role is spelled out in several non-regulatory functions including such functions as setting hours of operation to the approval of employee policies. The board requires three members and each one must have a degree or experience in several business related fields or knowledge of the Indian regulatory act.

The board of directors is appointed by the tribal council and the ordinance spells out four criteria which safeguard gaming operations from a conflict of interest.

The role of the gaming commission appears to complement that of the board of directors, as much of the criteria for suitability and length of appointment is similarly spelled out. However, the role of the gaming commission is regulatory and does not include the daily management of gaming operations.

The gaming commission's duties range from hiring, supervising gaming commission staff, to examining and monitoring all gaming activities, to issuing gaming licenses to all management officials and employees.

The terms of office for the gaming commission include one year for the Chair, subsequent three year terms for succeeding Chairmen, and the Vice-Chair and commissioners serving two year initial terms and then, three years terms after that.

There is also a list of ethical standards that both must agree to be bound by before taking office.

Finally, the board of review was established to serve as the final review for employee disputes, with the exception of actions taken by the gaming commission. Such disputes may include terminations, fines, or internal employee disputes.

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OUR VIEWS

Where is the violence coming from?

The recent Virginia Tech shooting, "lockdown" at Todd County High School, the threat at Central High School in Rapid City plus the past violence in the schools including the killings at Red Lake High School in Chippewa country in the past five years is a sad reminder that the threat of violence reaches into the homes of all people no matter which community they reside in.

Often community members can be heard voicing their opinion that they hope someone does not show up with a gun and inflict violence upon our children.

As it is many children have already been traumatized by having to experience a lockdown scenario.

One Rosebud Sioux Tribe council representative explained to the police department yesterday in the council chambers that a couple of parents said their children were afraid to go back to school and had lost respect for law enforcement because of the manner in which the lockdown had occurred.

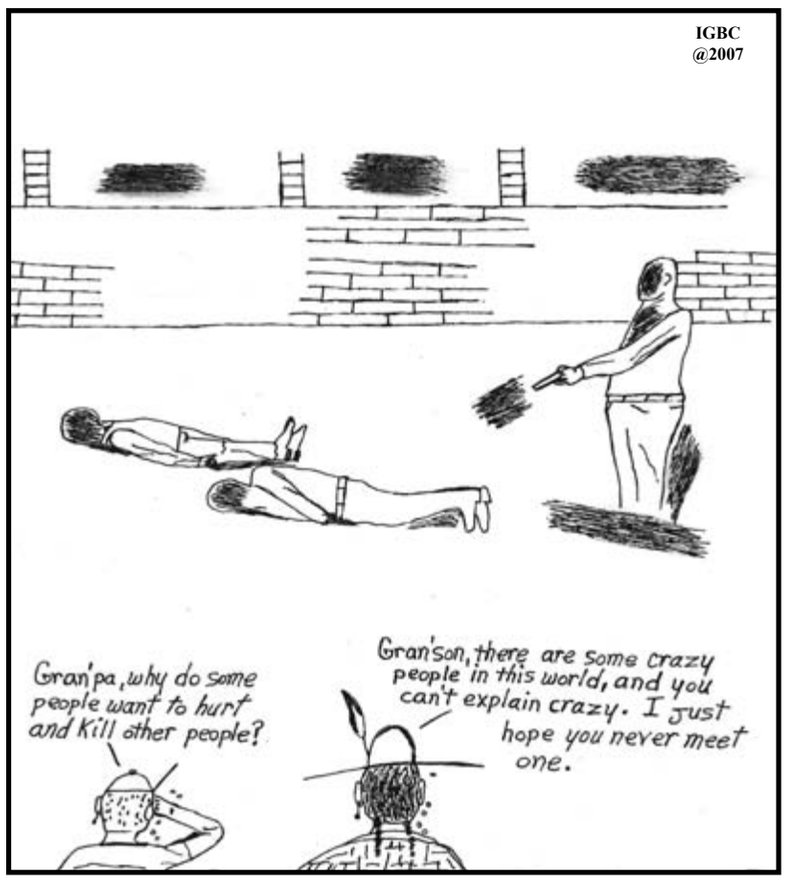
The officer responded that during such a threat law enforcement does not know who the shooter is and everyone in the building is considered a suspect.

Such scenarios are very real introductions for our young into the harsh reality of what is reflected by society at large.

There are many influences invading our reservations boundaries and such threats even those which originate within are scaring our children and changing the landscape of tribal culture and forever breaking down the wholesomeness which once was ours, including our *tiwahes.*

The morals and values of our youth come from family, from the parents, from caregivers, from grandparents, from those that help build their foundations. Maybe that is where we need to start pouring money to:

Building the strength of family power and structure back up .



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Notes From Indian Country

Worrying that bone to death



By Tim Giago
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When I was a boy we lived in the Pine Ridge Reservation community of Kyle. My father, Tim, worked as a clerk and butcher for Chris Dam, a man who owned the local market.

One Sunday I found my father sitting on the steps at our house watching intently as our pet Bulldog, Butch, carried a large bone in his mouth that my dad brought home from his job as a butcher. Butch would dig a hole, place the bone in the hole, quickly cover it with dirt and then walk around the yard sniffing the air. He would then rush back to the hole he had just dug, dig up the bone, and find another spot to dig so he could re-bury the bone.

This activity went on for quite a long time as Butch repeated his activity and finally my father said, "That dog is going to worry that bone to death." His comment has come back to me several times over my lifetime because the term is so applicable to what is happening around us for as far back as I can remember.

When I watched the 24/7 news channels go on and on about Anna Nicole, my dad's comment came to mind. When I watched the media overkill on the Hurricane Katrina, the tsunami tragedy in the Pacific, and now the media strangulation of Don Imus, my father's words come back to me.

It seems that any event the mainstream media feels is newsworthy is an event that will be played over and over with slight variations until we finally just tune it out.

These media decisions are apparently made in some corporate office in New York City and the deciders seem to believe that whatever the easterners find newsworthy is a reflection of how the rest of America must feel. And that is totally wrong.

The Anna Nicole story played for about two issues on the inside page of our local daily here in Rapid City, SD and then it was gone.

I never saw one line about it in the Indian newspapers I read. But the bottom line is that we are not idiots. If there is a story the mainstream media finds intriguing, we read it, we understand it, and then we move on. We don't need to see it day after day, night after night, and hour after hour.

As much as the mainstream media would have you believe, we are not a nation of sheep.

What other news stories are being ignored while the MSM (mainstream media) pontificates and hyperventilates over stories of sensationalism?

The 24/7 news channels have clearly influenced the once staid network news channels to fall in line.

What used to pass as news is nearly unending "Infotainment."

Well, I and many other Americans do not want to be entertained by our news sources. We want the hardcore facts presented to us in an intelligent manner so that we can sift through them and make up our own minds about what it means to us.

This past week the two Reverends, Al and Jesse, showed up on nearly every news channel on the airwaves.

It is true that millions of other American, including me, detested the horrific comments made by Don Imus on his radio and television show. They were thoughtless, heartless, and racist.

But I do not need the media to use Al and Jesse to beat me over the head hour after hour. Believe it or not, most Americans are not racist and most of us went to the heart of this matter immediately.

I was in the news several years ago and my political situation caused Rush Limbaugh to make some comments about me on his radio show.

Because I am an American Indian, he chose to use an array of tired clichés such as "smoke signals, tipi, and powwow" to indicate how hip he was on Indian issues. Well, I do not live in a tipi or use smoke signals to communicate but I will admit to attending one or two powwows each year. It was just the idea that in order to define who I was, Limbaugh had to bring in what amounted to racist speculations to make a connection to me.

The MSM needs to get out of New York City and come out to the hinterlands to discover that there are folks out here that do not subscribe to their brand of news.

We read it or see it one time and that is enough. We do not want to, or need to, be literally inundated with news about Anna Nicole, Don Imus, or the two Reverends. They might even ask themselves if these stories are really news?

Didn't such stories used to be seen on Entertainment Tonight only?

The few times the Indian people of America see the national media is when there is something tragic or controversial happening.

Remember the hours of coverage at Wounded Knee II in 1973?

The media came, they saw, and then they left, never to return.

How many of you have ever wondered what happened in the aftermath of Wounded Knee II?

Remember the school shooting tragedy on the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota? What happened at Red Lake after the tragedy?

These are stories that also need to be told.

Heading into an election year you can bet your boots that the MSM will find many bones to worry to death while we, the real mainstream, continue to turn off our television sets and radios sick and tired of a media that treats us like a bunch of thrill seeking idiots.

Did we bring this upon ourselves? Edward R. Murrow must be spinning in his grave.

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Language is identity

Dear Editor:

There are four categories of youth on our Pine Ridge Reservation.

"Owakpamni oyanke ki lel leca icage ki okaspe tob unpi"

The four categories are as follows:

"Yukan okaspe topapi hena lena e pi:

He looks Lakota, but speaks only a limited surface English language. He does not live up to the white man's culture. Because he speaks English only, he missed out on the teachings from the sacred Lakota language that was given to the Lakota by the creator.

Umani Sni- Owanke ekta Lakota, eyas ecela hayakabyela wasicu iye. Wasicu ta wicoiye ki atayas yahloke sni. Wasicu hca wicoun ki he atayas owasiye sni. Ho nakun ecela wasicu iyapi ki heun Tunkasila Lakol iyapi wan ihanke waken ca unk'upi, he nakun ojula nansnan.

Because of our language erosion, our youth are in trouble. They are desperately trying to reconnect to spirituality but praying with our sacred pipe with the corrupted wasicu language is just not doing it.

The old ones are saying that is why many people are sick and dying too much dysfunctionalism.

"Gnunipi"- Lakol iyapi he gnuni unkayapi hetan hca leca icage ki onuniyata unpi. Tohanya okihilaka wasicu iyapi wan wowicasa sni na wamanupi ya a'ikoyake, he cannupa waken hel o'ikoyagye wacin wicoskan. Tankalake hena heyapi tanyasni ya cannupa wan yuha skatapi ca heun otahci unkujapi na t'a unkayapi. Icabsayakel wicoun.

Because they speak a language that is foreign to the sacred ipe, they lost their reverence for Grandmother Earth. They discard their trash in the highway ditches and anywhere in their housing area. They no longer live in harmony with Grandmother Earth.

"Wo'ohola hetan ipayeh iyayapi"- Icin wasicu iyapi canke takuya Lakota ki lila waken kilapi hena yuwaikceyapi. Unci Maka ekta a'iunkoyakapu ki he ojula nansnanpil. Ho, heca un canku oskokpa nains wicoti hena tuktetukakes wahpaye sica hena ehpeyapi. Tuweni Unci Maka ahokipapi sni.

New agers that come from the well to do families are seemingly okay. They are very responsible and do well in school. They don't know what life is like to live in poverty. Their parents have high paying jobs and usually have cattle.

"Igluhake"- Tecaya tiwahe o'ic'hipi etan upi hena tanyan wicoun s'elececa. O'ic'iye wacinpi na owayawa ekta onajin tawapi ki waste, Takuni ikakijapi sni na wahpanilya wicoun ki he slolyapi sni. Hunku na at'kukupi ki wowasi ya wankapa wokajuju hena eca yuhapi. Iyuha kinil pte yuhapi.

Francis Apple
Kyle, S.D.

New standard of bilingual fluency

Dear Editor:

Writing from a standard of bilingual and biliterate Lakota-English fluency is a new axiom in commenting about especially Lakota and/or English culture. There is a difference in this type of expression because one can check with the other to get better insights and although there are many similarities as well as huge differences - this dual interaction and process yields depth as well as vigor.

And it makes for a more interesting, varied and freer environment in which to bring forth inclusive understanding of the false barriers that divide people today.

Lakota language suppression did not succeed so we are now free to bring back he knowledge of *Unci Maka* Grandmother Earth, *Woawanyanke* government, *Wowasi* work, and many other areas of essential information.

Thus, the following is not brought forth as a matter of argument but to reveal information as to how the *Titunwun Lakota* maintained their social order and spiritual life as well.

The Lakota title to this last segment is:

Wowahokunkiye

Waniyetu Ota kin hena wicagluonihan po! Nihun na Niyate kin wicagluonihan po! Ti wicakte sni yo! Wasicihaha sni yo! Wamanu sni yo! Wicakesni Waya-atanin sni yo! Wa asin sni yo! Wakantanka Tunkasila cekiya po!

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Pray to Grandfather, the Creator God!

The above is also written manually using the original Titunwun Lakota Alphabet of 41 letters copyrighted in 1982.

There is no typewriter yet with the distinctive circle, half-circle designs of the Lakota alphabet.

Wicahpi Wanjila
Leroy C. Curley
Tunwun Lakota Treaty Council
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Guest Column

Conflicts in society

Dr. Jim Wilson
Special to the Times

Recent headlines concerning societal disparities, again momentarily, have our attention. Implications beg the question of why those Sioux Indians just can't or won't be like us?

They won't be farmers on hardscrabble land even Homesteaders found inhospitable and no manufacturer would risk his own money on, they won't stay in school to get an education clearly designed for world economic competition in urban employment settings, they join the military in disproportionate numbers but many receive less-than-honorable discharges, they crowd the jails and prisons and keep the cops busy around the clock both on the Reservations and in our small towns and cities, and they kill themselves with alcohol, drugs, knives, cars, guns and ropes.

There isn't much argument that there are ongoing conflicts between the various Sioux Tribes and their surrounding neighbors, but too many people attribute the current negative consequences to group reactions to bad federal and state government policies. A quick glance back at some other groups will help us better understand that there also are other significant factors at work.

Central governments have often adopted policies harmful to minority groups; remember the Pilgrims, the farmers, the sheep-men, the German and Polish Jews, the Japanese-Americans, the German-Americans? The framers of the US Constitution warned of the tyranny of the majority.

My argument is not with government-to-government conflict; it is with the leadership of any society that fails to prepare and unite itself in the face of clear and present danger from outside that group which pretends to remain autonomous (Sovereign). Government-to-government conflicts play themselves out in processes involving two, or more, sets of representative agents (or belligerents, if you will) while societal conflicts are internal within a single society. Defining and sustaining a culture or a society is a principal function of its leadership.

The basic (internal) societal conflict may arise from many causes (cause and effect) but there is always one common factor: an individual who sparks the fire. Looking at two divergent types of social setting in the overlapping spectrum of society in which each of us might find ourselves may help us better see the bases of some conflicts.

In the basic Traditional setting we see individual behaviors largely sublimated to the perceived good of the group (family, community, etc.) and therefore, any self-caused or external endangerment to any member is endangerment of the group.

And, likewise, any individual advancement or improvement accrues to the greater good of the group. The Traditional setting is most likely to be found in rural or small town and city areas with relatively sparse populations. The primary reasons for maintaining traditions are survival of the group and continued benefits derived from the ongoing presence of the contributing members.

In the basic Non-traditional setting we see individuals expressing a high degree of individual preference and behavior.

The individual may be very mobile, belonging to different groups at different times for a variety of reasons or perceived needs. The individuals may, or may not, develop specialized skills or perform any non-replicable tasks and his absence or presence has little impact on group survival. The primary reasons for maintaining membership are maintenance or growth of political or economic benefits for the individual and continued highest and best use of resources committed to the tasks at hand chosen by the leadership.

It is not difficult to see that many individuals might find themselves in conflict at various times with either of these divergent groupings, but surely (one presumes) everyone can find a place of comfort somewhere in between. The processes of instilling comprehension and self-adopted roles in the larger society we define as an education system.

And, ultimately, finding a rewarding role to play in society is what each of us hopes to achieve. But, to find so many in conflict at all times is to tell us that there is a structural problem with the system. And that realization leads us to ask who defines the system, who applies the system and how vigorously the system is applied.

Before proceeding, in honor of disclosure, let me share that I am an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, that I was born in the BIA hospital in Pine Ridge, that I spent 11 years in a BIA Boarding School and graduated there from, that I spent four years in the USN, that I am a life member of the Mt. Rushmore VFW, that I used the GI Bill to go to college, and lastly, that I do have an attitude: I strongly believe that we can as Sioux Indians preserve and grow a magnificent cultural and political tribal life with a positive role for every individual while fully participating in the larger American economic and political life.

Defining and sustaining a culture is a form of Nationalism presumed to be positive, but we have seen many abuses. Indian tribes in America have adapted in many ways. Some have shown more willingness to give up tribal ways than others, but there is little evidence that giving up a cultural heritage assures worldly success or that sustaining and growing a cultural identity precludes a worldly success. In other words, it seems that what matters most is the unity of the society.

In all societies we see individuals who seek to spark the fires which will burn the houses of political opponents while their own stature grows. And, these individuals frequently attract those who feel left out or ignored. Understanding these things should give us reason to abandon policies which exclude participation and encourage those policies which expand inclusion. But it is not enough to adopt these general principles; we must actively pursue from the moment of birth the importance of the contributions of the individual to the greater good of the society into which he is born, and we must continuously remind of the harm done the society by both harmful acts and failure to intentionally improve one's personal value to the society.

Platitudes and generalities make good press, but what must be done to change direction when we do see the problem? You can't snap your fingers and make habits and addictions disappear, you can't order people to change overnight and you can't change policies every Monday morning. If we remember the old saying about idle hands we know we must put people to work, for believe it or not, work breeds the work ethic. Visible, paid work is the most valuable work because it has multiple benefits; it precludes other things from happening, it shows young people that work is good, it may bring personal economic benefits and community pride.

And, in almost every case it costs less than any alternative.

Visible, unpaid community work is next in value because it helps the community provide services and facilities, but its greatest value is in the sense of community that it creates. And every child must have a job.

That job is getting educated!

Finally, there are institutions to be built which are most effective when they rise from the sweat and tears of the stakeholders who struggle for their birth and growth and which will employ our educated children.

When people are busy, shoulder to shoulder, with their neighbors, building their own societies there is little time for conflict. Watching a parent or child go to work every workday is rewarding.

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Pine Ridge Elementary lists achievers

PINE RIDGE - Pine Ridge Elementary School recently released their student lists of achievers for honor roll and attendance.

3rd Quarter Attendance and Honor Roll K-3

Kindergarten-Andrea Akers

Perfect Attendance-Taylor Holiday, Students of the Month-Jan.-Laura Whirlwind Horse, Feb-Leighton Shangreau, March-Cole Swallow. Honor Roll-Patricia Bad Milk, Rayen Carlow, Trenton Herman, Taylor Holiday, Griffey Holy Elk, Trinity Hunter, Jodee Mills, Isabella Ramirez, Charles Schrader Jr., Leighton Shangreau, Cole Swallow, Shelby Steele Tymes, Laura Whirlwind Horse.

Kindergarten-Cis Lamont

Perfect Attendance-Kiera Bagola, Jamie Turning Holy, Keonraad Caldwell. Students of the Month-Jan-Devin White Calf, Feb-Kylee Red Bear, March-Keonraad Caldwell. Honor Roll-Kiera Bagola, Kianna Whirlwind Holy, Devin White Calf, Keonraad Caldwell, Dante Bravo,Haylee Cottier, Kaleen Walking Eagle, Jamie Turning Holy, Kylee Red Bear, Starla Jumping Eagle, Dakota Curley

First Grade-
Elizabeth Big Crow

Perfect Attendance-Krystal Bear Robe, Brianna Goings. Students of the Months-Jan-Kyle Morrison, Feb-Maria White Calf, March-Allan Smith. A-Honor Roll-Miracle Spotted Bear, Katlin Rabbit. A/B Honor Roll-Tiara Mesteth, Duane Stover, Chaz Rodriquez.

First Grade-Dianne Schrader

Perfect Attendance-Albert Brave III, Aaliyah Provost, Tianna Akers, Trace Davis. Student of the Months-Jan-Teressa Colhoff, Feb-Adrianna Smith,March-Trent Little Dog. A-Honor Roll-Tyrell Pond, Lessaness Goings, Raina Clifford, Johna Red Cloud, Millennium Fast Horse, Jymie Behan,Gabrielle High Hawk, Terrence Two Bulls, Carl Martin, Wiconi Runs Above, Adrianna Smith, B-Honor Roll- tommi Red Feather, Wayne Kinney

Second Grade-
Donna McGhee

Perfect Attendance-Wambli Red Cloud. Student of the Month-Jan-Kit Cottier, Feb-Lane Bacon,March-Brandon Goings A-Honor Roll-Lane Bacon, Montel Carlow, Ramana Goings, Lawrence Martin

Second Grade-
Dawn Brave Eagle

Perfect Attendance-Jerome Bissonette, Kristfiene Blue Bird, Jaden Turning Holy. Students of the Months-Jan-Michael Bettelyoun,Feb-Xavier Leftwich, March-Shaylee DeSerrsa, April-Stephon Dixon. A-Honor Roll-Duran Thunder Hawk, Jaden Turning Holy. A/B Honor Roll-Kristiene Blue Bird, Brad Goings, Anthony Running Horse.

Second Grade-
Kittie Woodden

Perfect Attendance-Thelma Pond, Student of the Months-Jan-Kincaid Caldwell, Feb-Amber Red Feather, March-Samual Bear Robe, A/B Honor Roll-Samual Bear Robe, Keeva Blue Bird, Cheristine Mousseau, Stormiee Red Bow,James Yellow Hair, John Yellow Hair

Third Grade-
Delores Red Shirt

Perfect Attendance-Dylan Brave, Shelbi Lame, Samantha Bear Robe, Tyrell Andrews, Student of the Months-Jan-William Eagle Elk, Feb-Bryan Harris, March-Tia Two Bulls, A-Honor Roll-Brittany Backward, Meredith Sahme, Tyrell Andrews, A/B Honor Roll-Cole Mesteth, Shelbi Lame

Third Grade-
Georgine Pourier

Perfect Attendance-Sierra Bagola, Shelby Merrival,Adaynia Poor Bear, Misun Rendon, Shaylene Richard, Student of the Months-Jan-Danae Watters, Feb-Tiana Walking,March-Kylah Piper, A-Honor Roll-Joseph Cournoyer, Koty Janis, Terrell Pulliam, Shaylene Richard, Kordell Shangreaux, Jewel West, A/B Honor Roll-Sierra Bagola, Tessa Black Elk, Mark Cedar Face, Shelby Merrival, Misun Rendon, Tiana Walking, danae Watters, Ferris White Bull

Third Grade-Amy Dolezal

Perfect Attendance-Silvina Cruz, Geena Janis, Shawin Thunder Hawk, Norman Two Bulls, A-Honor Roll-deondra Merrival, Trista Merrival, Isnala Roan Eagle, Carly Shott, A/B Honor Roll-Kristin Big Crow, Jeffrey Brown, Shawin Thunder Hawk

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Fourth Grade-Marc Wess

Perfect Attendance-Gail Janis, Tashiana Hernandez, A-Honor Roll-Kayla Red Cloud, Luke Yellow Hair, Katrina Colhoff, Vanessa Black Bear, Tony Red Feather

Fourth Grade-Joy Valandra

Student of the Month-Jan-Jerica Dreamer, Feb-Tear Ecoffey, March-Kayana Janis,

B-Honor Roll-Kristin Bissonette,Janelle Black Elk, Tear Ecoffey, Delores Janis, Kayana Janis, Mariah Shangreaux, Darien Richards, Kristina Walking Eagle, Michelle Wounded Horse

Fourth Grade-Patty Koenig

A-Honor Roll-Shi Dawn Hawk Wing, Jordan Red Cloud, Maricruz Rameriz, Ch arles Richards, Rhea Running Hawk, Lorence Pumpkin Seed,Perfect Attendance-Easton White Pipe, Alex Red Cloud, Brandon Mesteth,

Fifth Grade-Linda Yellow Boy

A-Honor Roll-Cole Reddy, Sharee Brown, B-Honor R oll-Karlee Big Crow, Jesse Trueblood, Glenda Red Feather, Angel Red Cloud, Adonis Saltes, Jeremy Bettelyoun, Zaniya White Dress, Shianne Dillon, Robert Young Dog, Shelly Jack, Sharae Hamel Beane, Perfect Attendance-Jeremy Bettelyoun, Adonis Saltes, Jesse Brown Glenda Red Feather, Student of the Month-Angel Red Cloud, Zeno Rendon, Lareese Blue Legs

Fifth Grade-Francine Janis

A-Honor Roll-George Yellow Horse, Ida White Dress, Perfect Attendqance-Jacob Brown, Joe Morgan, Rhiannon Bad Heart Bull, B-Honor Roll-Rhiannon Bad Heart Bull, Alana Andrews, LeAnn Featherman, Maria Harris, Dusty Jumping Eagle, Students of the Month-Maria Harris, Mario Harris, Rhiannon Bad Heart Bull

Fifth Grade-
Tonia White Bear Claws

A-Honor Roll-Amelia Red Fish,Kaitlyn Martin, Stella Cadwell, Jacob Dreamer, B-Honor Roll-Bradley Janis, Everado Ramirez, Michael Walking, Michael Brings Plenty, Ron Martin, Halee Oakie, Feather Titus, Students of the Month-Kaitlyn Martin, Ron Martin, Halee Oakie, Perfect Attendance-Bradley Janis, Kaitlyn Martin, Michael Walking, Stella Cadwell, Ron Martin, Everado Eamirez, Feather Titus, Michael Brings Plenty, Halee Oakie

Sixth Grade-
Steve Shangreaux

A-Honor Roll-Anissa Martin, Robert Martin, Tevin Plenty Wounds, Brooke Pond, Shaniah Richards, January Tobacco, Perfect Attendance-Juliana Alford, C herie Clifford, Tasina Helper, Reuben Smallwood, Robert Stover,

Sixth Grade-Ruth Pourier

Perfect Attendance-Jerome Piper, La Rae Morgan, B-Honor Roll-Brandi Grant, La Rae Morgan, Tony Brewer, Students of these Months-Jan-Eddie Two Hawk, Feb-Tonyt Brewer, March-Brandi Grant

Sixth Grade-
Lloydell Big Crow

Perfect Attendance-Joseph Merrival, Cindi Gibbons,Student of the Month-Jan-Andre Gibbons, Feb-Ashley Belt,March-Mariah Montileaux

Seventh Grade-Lolly Steele

Perfect Attendance-Michael Backward, Louise Bell, Tre Janis, Deanna Little Hawk, Tianna Yankton, Bert Montileaux

Seventh Grade-
Aspen Rendon

B-Honor Roll-Cara Whirlwind Horse, Blanche Bell, Paige Provost, Jasmine Ringing Shield, Kaylene Colhoff, Perfect Attendance-Destiny Yellow Horse, Taylor Jacobs, Casey Red Cloud, Blanche Bell, Paige Provost, Jasmine Ringing Shield, Kaylene Colhoff, Lassandra Hoof, Lane Pourier

Eighth Grade-Alicia Stolley

A-Honor Roll-Orien Brown, Vince Martin, Oletha Mousseau, Ty Reddy,Amber Twiss, A.J. Watters, Students of the Months-Jan-A.J. Watters, Feb-Ty Reddy, March-Oletha Mousseau

Eighth Grade-
Denise Douville

Perfect Attendance-Sara Little Hawk, A-Honor Roll-Kassel Little, B-Honor Roll-Tiara Eagle Elk, Charlie Tyon.

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OST Education Committee meetings
Monday, April 30, American Horse School in Allen at 10 a.m., Monday, May 14 at Porcupine School at 10 a.m. for information call Wanda at 867-5821, ext. 261.

38th UNDIA Time-Out Week and Wacipi
Monday-Sunday, April 16-22 at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks with grand entries set for Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m., for information call 701 777-4291.

3MC Youth Rodeo and School
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 20-22 at the Three Mile Creek Rodeo grounds, nine miles southwest of Kyle with rough stock school on April 20, timed event school April 21 and youth rodeo 10 a.m. April 22, for information 455-2797.

Lakota Omniciye Wacipi
Friday-Saturday, April 20-22 in Spearfish at the Young Center on the campus of Black Hills State University 7 pm on Friday, 1 and 7 pm on Saturday and 1 pm on Sunday with a theme of "Walking Strong in Two Worlds", for information call 642-6578.

Black Eagle Pow wow 2007
Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21 at the Santa Ana Star Casino outside of Bernalillo, New Mexico with grand entries set for 7 p.m. on Friday and noon and 7 p.m. on Saturday and prize money for all dance and drum categories, for information call 505 281-8876.

MADD Dash 5K run/walk
Sunday, April 22 at Canyon Lake Park in Rapid City, registration from noon to 12:45 p.m. and race time at 1 p.m.

Memorial Dinner and Giveaway
For Robert Quigley at the Lakota Vet's gym in St. Francis on Monday, April 23 at 6 p.m., for information call 747-5936.

Walk and Blessing
5th annual walk and blessing of Wakanyeja Ceremony participants grades K-six at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee departing at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 25, from the Eagle Nest College Center, for information call 462-6274.

OST Council meeting
Regular session of tribal council, Wednesday-Friday, April 25-27 at the Red Cloud building in Pine Ridge, 10 a.m. each day.

Tornado spotting training
Thursday, April 26 at the Eagle Nest college center in Wanblee from 1-3 p.m. with Susan Sanders of the National Weather Service, for info call 462-6274.

Spiritual Gathering
8th annual spiritual gathering at Eagle Nest Butte on Friday, April 27 departing Crazy Horse School in Wanblee at 9 a.m., for information call 462-6274.

Foundation board vacancy
Deadline for expressing interest in the Wounded Knee District School Foundation is Friday, April 27, for information call 867-1176.

Car Show and Swap Meet
Saturday, April 28 at the Pejuta Haka college center parking lot in Kyle with set up 7-10 a.m., 10 a.m -5 p.m. open to the public and judging at 5 p.m. for hot rod, vintage or custom vehicles, sponsored by PHCC student organization, for information call 455-2450.

Hanpapacun
A 16 team Lakota style Hand-game tournament with 16 sticks and open to all ages, Saturday, April 28 at the Wolf Creek School gym sponsored by Tusweca Tiospaye, for information call Mike at 867-6193.

Co-ed Softball tourney
Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29 at Oglala field, for information call Daisy at 441-9453.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
School pow wow finals set for Friday, May 4 at Pine Ridge School with grand entries at 1 and 6 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

Mother's Day Slugfest
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 11-13 at Manderson ballfield with 12 co-ed team bracket, for information contact Frank at 455-6369 or Steph at 441-3578.

Lands and Inheritance meetings
Thursday, May 17 at Wounded Knee District CAP office in Manderson at 5:30 p.m.; how do the new inheritance laws affect you, the new grazing fees and the Indian Land Consolidation Act movement.

Pine Ridge High School place in science fair

PINE RIDGE - Pine Ridge High School held it's Science Fair on Feb. 15 and the first, second and third place winners were then entered into other science fair competitions this year.

The National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair which is sponsored by the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, was held March 22-24 in Albuquerque, N.M. More than 300 projects were entered with 75 projects at the high school level. All projects wee submitted to a Scientific Review Committee before they were accepted as entries into the fair. Pine Ridge High School had four student entries accepted with two place winners.

The entries for NAISEF were Mark Little Hawk for Body Language, Shaina Lays Bad for Human Embryology, Shonda Morrison for Observing Diatoms and Nichelle Long Soldier for Does Temperature Affect Buoyancy?

Shaina Lays Bad placed second in Health and Medicine and Shonda Morrison placed second in Botany at NAISEF. All four students are seniors.

The 52nd High Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair was held on the same date March 23 at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City. There were more than 450 entries with four place winners.

The entries for the 52nd High Plains Regional Fair were Kim Hill for *Observing the Effect of Acid Rain,* Alexandria Mousseau for *Modeling a Closed Circulatory System,* Poncho Aguilar for *Comparing Bean and Corn Seedlings,* Bessierose Cloud for *Observing Embryonic Development,* Shawn Keith for *Reaction Time,* Liane Her Many Horses for *Model of Double Heliz,* Stan Brewer for *Observing Oxygen Production,* Stephanie Poor Bear for *The Counterfeit Drugs,* Aimee Pond and Cassie Salway for *Suspect Dyes,* Danelle McBride and Daneesha Warrior for *Modeling the Role of Bicarbonate in Homeostasis,* and Cecil Little Hawk and Mike Ward for *Muscle Fatigue* and Randee Pourier for *Fake Drugs.*



52nd High Plains Regional Science Fair. (L-R) front row: Daneesha Warrior, Danelle McBride, Stephanie Poor Bear, Cecil Little Hawk, Bessierose Cloud (back row) Mike Ward.

Cecil Little Hawk and Mike Ward placed second in Team and Danelle McBride and Daneesha Warrior placed third in Team. Stephanie Poor Bear placed third in physical science and Bessierose Cloud placed third in Biology at the 52nd High Plains Regional Fair.

Each of these projects will now be entered into the Oglala Lakota College sponsored Reservation Wide Science and Technology at the Piya Wiconi Campus.

"These students spent countless hours both in and out of the classroom to design and complete these science fair projects and we wish to congratulate them on their tremendous efforts," said Sylvia Pendleton, science teacher, "we hope to continue to see our students involved and successful in these science fair competitions. Many thanks to the students for their fine work and to their families for their support. A special thanks to Miss Nellie Long for driving and chaperoning the students."

Mother's Slugfest tournament May 11

MANDERSON - There will be a Mother's Day Slugfest co-ed tournament on May 11 to 13 at the Manderson ball field. Prizes include hooded sweaters, tshirts and other awards.

There is an entry fee. Mother's one pitch will be on Sunday. The first game will be 7 p.m. on Friday.

For more information contact Frank at 605-455-6369 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. or Steph at 441-3578. Sponsored by Bad Company Softball team and families.

Chess championship seeks monetary help

PINE RIDGE - Latisha Leftwich, a 7th grader at the Pierre Indian Learning Center placed in the K-12 category at the South Dakota Girls Championship chess tournament. She earned the opportunity to be sponsored by the South Dakota Chess Association and sent to the Susan Polgar National Open for girls where she would represent South Dakota in the tournament. This tournament is held in conjunction with the U.S. Open July 28 at Cherry Hill, N.J. The state and national organizations contribute a total of $500 toward her expenses. Latisha is looking for donations to help offset expenses.

Donations can be sent to Elizabeth Rowland, Box 1552, Pine Ridge, S.D. 57770. Call 867-2418 or 391-9222.



Blue Bird files appeal

SIOUX FALLS (AP) - Geraldine Blue Bird of Rapid City, who was sentenced to 34 years in federal prison for several drug convictions earlier this month, has filed an appeal to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Her notice of appeal was filed in U.S. District Court in Rapid City on April 4 the same day she received her sentence.

Blue Bird, 51, was convicted last fall of conspiracy to distribute cocaine, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, possession of a firearm in relation to drug trafficking and conspiracy to distribute marijuana.

Prosecutors said Blue Bird hosted a conspiracy that trafficked an estimated $2 million worth of cocaine from Denver to Nebraska and South Dakota over three years. Twenty-eight people, including family members, were indicted. Most have pleaded guilty, and several testified against the leaders, including Blue Bird.

During her sentencing, Blue Bird said she was being held responsible for many things she didn't do.

Eight summers ago, President Bill Clinton honored Blue Bird for taking in people who needed a meal or a place to stay despite her own poverty. Twenty-eight adults and children lived in her four-room, dilapidated house and in a trailer when Clinton's visit made her a symbol of the desperate conditions on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

After the presidential visit, donations came pouring in and Blue Bird got a new doublewide trailer as a result. The light blue house in Pine Ridge was seized by federal agents and now sits unoccupied and boarded up.

Blue Bird's sentencing had been delayed several times because she had been in the hospital.

Her son, Colin Spotted Elk, 26, was sentenced in February to 29 years for his part.

Mother's Day Walk May 13

PORCUPINE - On May 13, to honor all mothers, aunties, grandmothers, sisters and nieces, there will be a walk starting at Porcupine Clinic.

The walk will be from the clinic, one mile east of the clinic and back again. T-shirts were donated by Paul Krizek of Running Strong for American Indian Youth and there will be roses and carnations, bottled water and refreshments after the walk. Registration at 9 a.m. with the walk at 10 a.m. The walk is sponsored by Oyate Blihelya, Charlie Standing Bear, Director; Community Health Representative, Marilyn White; ONTRAC, Juanita Scherich, director; Lakota Oyate Wakanyeja Owicakiyapi, Susan Dubray, director; Porcupine District, Monet Two Eagle, assistant; Public Safety, Public Health Nursing, Porcupine Clinic, Lakota Oyate Oskata Wiconzani Oynake (Community Wellness) and Oglala Sioux Tribe Health Education.

For more information contact Mary Tobacco, 867-2067, Suzanna Kills Back, 441-0183 or Karen Red Star at 867-5655.

Volleyball night
Every Tuesday night throughout April and May from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Porcupine School, open to everyone and sponsored by the Indian Health Service Diabetes Prevention program, for information call 867-3137.

Open gymnasium
Tuesday nights at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge from 4:30-8 p.m. open to all ages sponsored by the Oyate Blihelya Diabetes Prevention Program.

Wallace Blue Legs, 74..... Wanblee
Roy Chief, 79.....Pine Ridge
Clara M. Irving, 74..... Rapid City
LaStella Hanson, 38..... Gordon, Neb.
Renee M. Janis, 72..... Kyle
Nancy Red Cloud-Perez, 63.... Pine Ridge
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Marie t. Hawkins, 72..... Rapid City
Kenneth Provost, 72..... Eagle Butte
Dion Dupris, 36..... Eagle Butte

Wallace Blue Legs

WANBLEE - Wallace Blue Legs, 74, Wanblee, died Saturday, April 14.

Wallace was a veteran of the U.S. Army Survivors include one son, Lyle Blue Legs Sr., Pine Ridge; one stepson, Wesley Hawkins Sr., Wanblee; two daughters, Meredith Blue Legs, Wanblee, and Donna DeCost Blue Legs, Chadron, Neb.; six step-daughters, Melda Hawkins, Watertown, Joanne Rockwood, Waubay, Ione Hawkins-Bingham and Charlotte Conroy, both of Wanblee, Paulette Whirlwind Horse, Kyle, and Violet Young Bear, Rapid City; three sisters, Nancy Blue Legs, Martin, Gertie Yankton, Sand Creek, and Sarah Standing Bear, Kadoka.

A two-night wake will be on Thursday, April 19, at Wanblee Recreational Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 21, at Wanblee Recreational Center with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl, the Rev. Craig West, the Rev.

Dick Lee and the Rev. Carol Lee officiating. Burial will be at Gethsemane Episcopal Cemetery in Wanblee. Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Renee Marie Janis

KYLE - Renee Marie Janis, 72, died Tuesday, April 10 at Pine Ridge Hospital.

Survivors include two sons, Nicholas Janis, and Wade Janis, both of Kyle; one brother, Richard Palmier, Kyle; one sister, Joan Palmier, Rapid City; and 12 grandchildren.

A wake service was Sunday, April 15, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall in Kyle. Funeral services were Monday, April 16, at the hall with the Rev. Rob Kroll officiating.

Burial was at St. Stephen's Catholic Cemetery, in Kyle. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Roy Chief

PINE RIDGE - Roy Chief, 79, Pine Ridge, died Saturday, April 14 in an automobile accident. Roy was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Survivors include one son, James Chief, Pine Ridge; and two grandchildren.

A wake night wake service was April 17 at Joyner Episcopal Hall in Pine Ridge. Funeral services were Wednesday, April 18, at the hall, with the Rev. Rhoda Mesteth officiating.

Burial was at Chief Family Cemetery in Pine Ridge. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Clara M. Irving

RAPID CITY - Clara M. Irving, 74, Rapid City, died Saturday, April 14 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include one son, Bill Pourier, Pine Ridge; three daughters, Susan Pourier, Calico, Reva Bad Wound, Rapid City, and Mona Sammarco, Easton, Pa.; one brother, Chuck Irving, Santa Cruz; and three sisters, Gertie Twiss, Rushville, Neb., Arvine Pilcher, Sunnyvale, Calif., and Mary Irving, Minneapolis.

A one-night wake will be Thursday, April 19, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall in Pine Ridge. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 20, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Pine Ridge, with the Rev. Peter Klink officiating. Burial will be at Irving Family Cemetery in Calico. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

LaStella Hanson

GORDON, NEB. - LaStella JoAn Hanson (Jonas) was born on May 8, 1968, in Hettinger, N.D.

She died on April 14 at the age of 38, in an automobile accident, near Pine Ridge.

She was the second of four children born to James "Jim" and Cherylene Jonas.

She attended St. Mary's Catholic Church and Lemmon High School. She excelled not only in her studies, but also on the basketball court and the track field.

After graduating from high school Stella married David Hanson on Dec. 24, 1986. She then went to nursing school at USD, in Vermillion. Stella graduated from college in 1994.

In that time David and her had four beautiful children, Kesalia, Gus, Melena, and Corinda. After nursing school Stella and her family moved to Batesland, where they resided for a short time. The family then moved to Valentine, Neb., where Stella started her nursing career. She worked there for one year then took a nursing job at the Bennett County Hospital, while living in Eli. She then accepted a position at the Pine Ridge Hospital where she had been employed there for nine years at the time of her death.

Stella loved working in her garden and teaching her children about how growing a garden was a lot like life, she would say "Life is always growing and blooming." Stella was always willing to give a helping hand. She was very proud to be a mother and grandmother.

She loved her family with all her heart. Stella is survived by her three daughters, Kes of Chadron, Neb., Mel of Eli, Neb., and Cori of Gordon, Neb., and her son, Gus of Cheyenne, Wyom., and one grandson, Kingston.

She is also survived by her mother, Cherylene of Lemmon, one sister, LaShawn of Gillette, Wyo., and one brother, Jimmy of Gillette, Wyo.

Funeral will be held Thursday, April 19 at the United Methodist Church, in Gordon, Neb., with Pastor Jack Abbott officiating.

Chamberlain-Pier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Nancy Red Cloud-Perez

PINE RIDGE - Nancy Red Cloud-Perez, 63, died on April 12 at the Pine Ridge Hospital.

Survivors include a son Travis Thunder Hawk of Pine Ridge; daughters: Brenda Brewer, Oma Perez, Amy McBride all of Pine Ridge; Susan Red Cloud of Rapid City; her father: Chief Oliver Red Cloud of Pine Ridge; brothers Verdell Red Cloud, Guy Red Cloud, Paul Red Cloud and Marty Red Cloud, Sr. all of Pine Ridge; Lyman Red Cloud of Rapid City; a sister Theresa Red Cloud of Pine Ridge, and 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A two night wake was on April 17 at the Old Pine Ridge High School Gym in Pine Ridge. Funeral services were Thursday, April 19 at the old Pine Ridge High School Gym in Pine Ridge.

Officiating was Rev. Steve Sanford with traditional Lakota Services by Steve Dubray and Irby Hand. Burial was at Holy Cross Episcopal Cemetery, Pine Ridge.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Niobert V. Black Bear Jr.

CORN CREEK - Niobert V. Black Bear Jr., 45, died Tuesday, March 2 at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Survivors include his wife, Agatha Witt, Corn Creek; one son, Niobert Black Bear III, Corn Creek; three daughters, Rosa Jumping Bull and Sheila Jumping Bull, both of Oregon, and Carol Black Bear, Corn Creek; four brothers, Eddie Black Bear, Pine Ridge, and Monte Black Bear, Luke Black Bear and Avery Black Bear all of Rosebud; and three sisters, Jackie Black Bear and Sherrie Black Bear, both of Pine Ridge, and Jennifer Iron Shell, Rosebud. Wake services were April 12 at Corn Creek Community Hall.

Funeral services were Saturday, April 14, at the hall, with the Rev. Abraham Tobacco, the Rev. Pedro Sharpfish and the Rev. Darrell New officiating. Burial was at Corn Creek Community Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Marie T. Hawkins

RAPID CITY - Marie T. Hawkins, 72, Rapid City, died Sunday, April 15 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include two sons, Stan Hawkins, Black Hawk, and Edwin Hawkins, Rapid City; three daughters, Teresa Hawkins, Patricia Hawkins-Schwartz and Twila Dell, all of Rapid City; her sister, Grace Brigg, Allen; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday, April 18, at Serenity Springs Funeral Chapel. Vigil services were Wednesday, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church.

Funeral services were Thursday, April 19, at the church, with the Rev. Mike Malloy officiating.

Kenneth Provost

EAGLE BUTTE - Kenneth Provost, 72, Eagle Butte, died Monday, April 9 in rural Eagle Butte.

Wake services were at Eagle Butte Community Building.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 14, at the community building with Ron Black Bird, Merle Whistler and the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating. Burial will be at Eagle Butte City Cemetery.

Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

Dion Dupris



EAGLE BUTTE - Darren Dion Dupris, 36, of Eagle Butte died April 6, at the Indian Health Service hospital in Eagle Butte.

Funeral services were April 14 at the HV Johnston Cultural Center in Eagle Butte with Deacon Ted Knife and Helene Circle Eagle officiating. Burial will be in the United Eagle Butte Cemetery under the direction of Luce Funeral Chapel of Eagle Butte. Dion was born on Nov. 25, 1970 in Eagle Butte to Joyce J. Banley and David D. Dupris. He spent much of his childhood on the Cheyenne River Reservation in Eagle Butte.

He began his early school years at Eagle Butte and the elementary school in Rapid City. He was a member of the Congregational Church of Eagle Butte. Around 1978, the family moved back to Eagle Butte where his mother, Joyce Banley, was employed by the Cheyenne River Headstart as a teacher. In the years that followed,

Dion attended the Cheyenne Eagle Butte schools. After high school he worked at odd jobs in and around Eagle Butte, including the Mini Mart and the Headstart.

Dion had a wide range of interests which included watching softball and listening to all kinds of music. He helped his mother, Joyce, raise his nephews Matt Dupris and Tyler Garreau, and his nieces Toni Dupris and TaLonna Bear Eagle..

Dion came from a very large Tiosaye from Oglala, Cherry Creek, Red Scaffold and Pine Ridge communities.

He is survived by his mother, Joyce Banley, and his father, David Dupris, Sr.; sisters, Kara and Donita Dupris all of Eagle Butte; half brothers, David Dupris Jr., Alfred Dupris and Alan Dupris of Cherry Creek; uncles, Thad (Pam) Banley Sr. of Aberdeen, Ed Banley of Spearfish, Duane (Rosie) Banley of Sparks, Nev. and Steve (Darlene) Vance of Cherry Creek; aunts, Romaine Dupris of Eagle Butte, Stella Walking Eagle, Delinda Dupris and Georgianne Dupris all of Cherry Creek; grandparents, Matthew and Eleanor Bad Heart Bull, Ellen In The Woods,

Oliver Brown Wolf, Margaret Eagle Staff, Katherine Eagle Staff, Zona Eagle Staff, Ester Hale, Shirley Circle Bear and Roy Circle Bear; nieces: Toni Dupris and Talonna Bear Eagle; nephews: Matt Dupris and Tyler Garreau; and many many cousins, nieces, nephews and extended families of aunts and uncles.

In memory of Peter James DeNoyer

An Easter letter to a son from his mother

My dear precious son-Peter James DeNoyer

I was dreading EASTER but it came and left successfully. Thanks to your big brother-Shane and his wife Renee who brought your sister - Shannon and her family along, which made it all possible. Darrel and I work up at the crack of dawn and burn some sage and said our prayers.

Then we prepared a huge dinner with all your favorites, especially your Aunt Arlene' corn casserole. We went through all your pictures since you were a baby until now.

We talked and laughed about things you said and did. We love and miss you so much.

We made it through this holiday with hugs and a few tears but we also know you were with us helping us stay strong. Your death should never have happened so I have to ask the heart breaking question-Why? A friend of ours (Sonny Sky Hawk) told me that we all have a purpose here on earth and when we fulfill that purpose then it's our time to go, so what ever your purpose was son, I pray that people who knew you will remember it.

An elderly man here in Mitchell remembers you walking by his place and offered to finish shoveling his sidewalk for him. He said he's been shoveling snow off his sidewalk for years and you were the first to ever to offer help. I'm so proud to hear things like this son because that means I did well raising you to show respect. I pray the ones who knew you will honor that respect and talk only positive things that has happened.

I am so thankful to know you are leaving behind a future grandchild for us to love and cherish. We will make sure your child knows everything there is to know about you and how much you loved this child even before it was born. Your child will always be a part of our lives. You take care Pete and watch over us until the day we will be together.

Love, your Mother, Flora Watts Semmler

In loving memory of Duane C. Two Bulls

It's all ready been a year since you left us.

You left unexpectedly. It's still hard to believe that your gone.

It still seems like yesterday you were here at grams house making coffee

in the morning. Everybody misses you truly. But we all know your

somewhere

In a safer place watching over everybody. That was keeps grandma still

Going, knowing that your in a better place..

We miss you and love you a lot.

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ASK ANNA

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

Hello again, hope all is well and I was wondering about some money that I lost or was it stolen? If so, who found it? Someone who was with me that day? I wonder what's in store for myself and my children's future? I am a single mother who wants to do good but it seems I just can't find a job.

Will I get one soon? Also I have been getting sick for no reason, is there anything I should or shouldn't be doing? I also want to know if the one I am with is my soul mate or will I meet him soon? How does he look? Thank you and blessings to you.

Needs to Know

Dear Needs to Know:

The money was taken. I see a so-called friend misappropriating it. I believe that within a few days of it being "lost" she actually offered to buy you something with your own money. Please stay away from people who use drugs.

You will get a job just before summer. I see a trailer - so it is some program that operates out of one. It looks as though it may be a summer program for youth.

Please drink bottled water. It seems that there is some aggravate in the water that has been causing mild stomach upset.

Soul mate? Well if he is, you probably wouldn't be looking for the next guy.

When you have straightened out your life and know that you can take care of yourself the "soul mate" you have been looking for will appear. That is probably quite a while away from now. He is about a half of a head taller than you, a little chubby, and has a great smile. Good Luck!

Dear Anna,

I love your column and advice. Can you share and/or shed some light on my life?

I've been through heck and back and I am still smiling and loving with all that life has brought my way.

When do you see me getting a new job and/or what more do I have to do to bring this in for myself and others? Is there or will I ever meet Mr. Wonderful, if so when?

Light Hearted

Dear Light Hearted:

You will be applying for and getting a new job in the fall. You just have to wait until it is created.

To bring good things in your life takes a lot of faith. You are positive and that is the biggest part of creating positive things.

Being grateful for today makes tomorrow that much better. You have the right idea. Loving life brings more life that is easy to love. It helps to visualize what you want and see yourself exactly as you want yourself to be. If you can't decide what that is at least go with the feeling that the success you want to have in your life will bring you. Carry that and combine it with prayer: the result will be opportunity and manifestation.

Dear Anna,

I read your column weekly, it is very interesting to read. I have been thinking about this for some time now, should I write or not. My curiosity got the best of me so here goes;

I lost a special loved person close to me a few months back. How is she?

There are so many questions I need answers for. You can probably read my mind before I ask them, so go ahead and answer them if you can, I'll be waiting.

Right at this time, my family is going through a hard time.

What do you see for us? I am so confused and hurt about my place of employment and the people who have the power to do whatever they want with our lives. Will I continue my work there or is it time for me to move on? If I have to move on, where and when do you see me at? What about my family?

We have a little granddaughter who tries to talk to me, but I don't understand what she is saying. Can you help there too! I do believe that she has some kind of ESP or something, does she?

I pray alot but sometimes it seems like it don't help me. Or when I am going through a hard time, I don't feel like praying.

I wish you good health and a good long life, we need you here to help us. Thank you.

Dear having a hard time:

Hang in there with work until the end of your term. There are people there that are trying to cast a shadow over your life - and so that does make things a little difficult for you.

You bring the children what they need: cultural recovery and identity. This is in alignment with the highest good for the children, and is also in alignment with the healing of the Lakota people.

I would look for another job in the future. It is very upsetting to work where your good work is not given acknowledgment in a positive way. It takes away from your spirit and is detrimental to your health.

The people that are involved do not truly understand what they are doing - or they wouldn't be doing it. There is bad "karma" involved when they disrupt what is healing for personal reasons. I wouldn't want to be them.

I see that loved one is doing fine. She has completed her journey but still visits you from time to time. Please let go of your grief. It only hurts you and affects her with concern over your own healing. In some ways it makes it difficult for her to move one.

Death is the natural order of things - and the Creator does not punish us with death but rather graduates us to a better understanding and more beautiful love than we here on earth can imagine.

Your grief then, is not for her, who is fine, but becomes for yourself for not having her here. Let her "live" in joy in the Spirit world - by blessing her journey with love and joy for her. Remember, someday she will greet you when it is your time and walk you through. You wouldn't want to be held back when you leave by irreconcilable grief from your relatives; rather, you would like them to miss you, remember you, and let you go on easily. Bottom line - there is no worry for your loved one who still is a wonderful woman, there is just the missing of her.

Time and prayer will help you heal and adjust. You will see her again someday and she will still visit you from time to time - even in your dreams. God Bless.

Dear Anna,

I've had ceremonies done in the past and was told I am a gift to my people. A medicine man told me I have to speak and write my language before a dream is sent to me.

My problem is I can't seem to learn the language. I feel something is holding me back or blocking me from learning it.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Somebody throw me a bone!

Dear Boneless:

Relax. It is just your fear that you cannot learn that creates the block. Quit worrying about how you sound and about all the mispronouncing.

Use the old flashcard method and when you are driving by yourself begin to translate everything you see into Lakota.

Take your time, there is no hurry and I see you ready for your medicine journey within about a year and a half.

He Huni Waste.

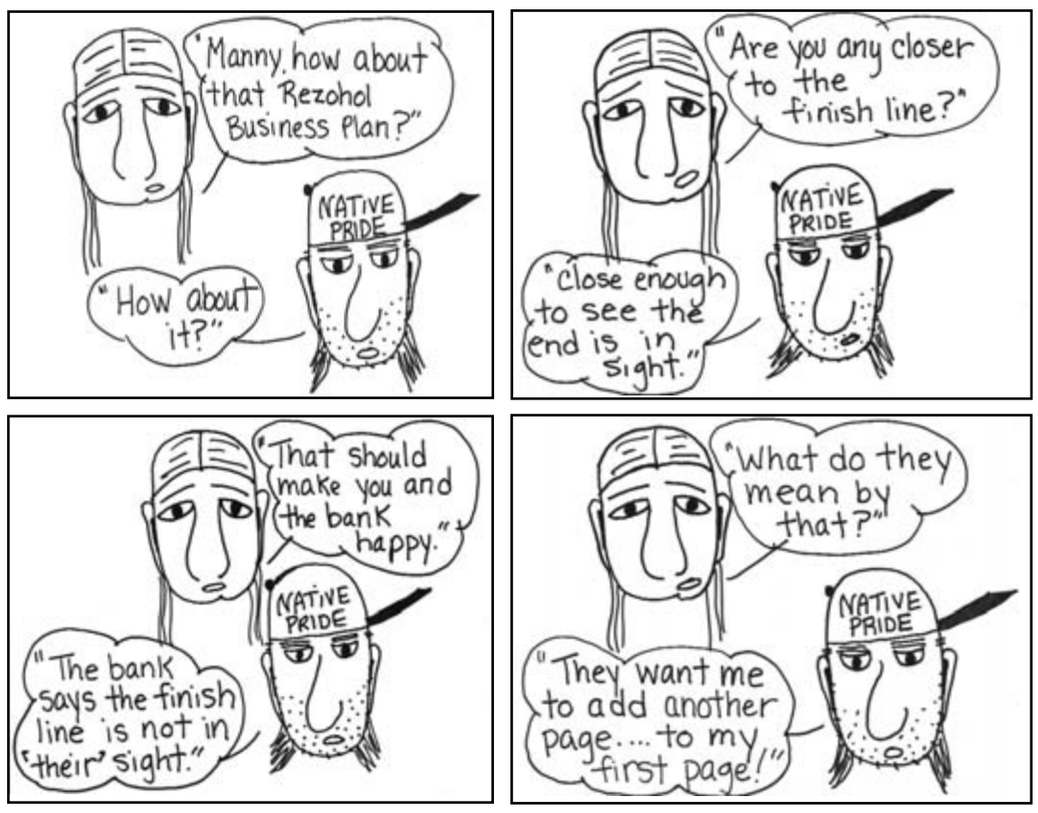
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AZ The REZ Turns... By Connie Blanco



This is what marriage is all about

REZ HUMOR

The old Indian man ordered one hamburger, one order of French fries and one drink. Then he unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half.

He placed one half in front of his wife. He then carefully counted out the French fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife.

He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them. As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them kept looking over and whispering.

You could tell they were thinking, "That poor old Indian couple - all they can afford is one meal for the two of them."

As the man began to eat his fries a young man came to the table. He politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The old Indian man said they were just fine - They were used to sharing everything.

The surrounding people noticed the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite.

She sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink.

Again the young man came over and begged them to let him buy another meal for them. This time the old woman said "No, thank you, we are used to sharing everything."

As the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old Indian lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked "What is it you are waiting for?"

She answered

"The teeth."

Answers from last week's puzzle



Little Wound School

Kyle, South Dakota

JOB VACANCIES

(04-10-07)

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school term:

High School Dept.
Principal
Lakota Language Teacher
Counselor(closing date- April 24, 07)
Prevention Counselor(Pine-Ridge Office SY 07-08)

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Principal
Lakota Language Teacher
P.E. Teacher

Elementary Dept.
Principal
Student Assistant

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Extra-duty positions Open until filled (76)

High School: 1)Boys BB Coach 2)Boys BB JV Coach 3)Boys BB Cheerleading 4)Girls BB Coach 5)Girls BB JV Coach 6)Girls BB Fresh Coach 7)Girls BB Cheerleading 8)FB Coach 9)FB Assist. 10)FB Assist. 11)FB Cheerleading 12)VB Coach 13)VB Assist. 14)Cross Country Coach 15)Cross Country Assist. 16)Boy's Golf Coach 17)Boy's Golf Assist 18)Girls Golf Coach 19)Girls Golf Assist. 20)Track Coach 21) Track Assist. 22)Wrestling Coach 23)Wrestling Assist. 24)Rodeo Club Sponsor 25)Boxing Club Sponsor 26)Boxing Club Sponsor 27)National Honor Society 28) Student Council 29)Student Council 30)Oral Interpretation Sponsor 31)Co-Oral Interpretation Sponsor 32)Senior Class Sponsor 33)Senior Class Sponsor 34)Junior Class Sponsor 35)Junior Class Sponsor 36)Sophomore Class Sponsor 37)Freshman Class Sponsor 38)Handgame Sponsor 39)Yearbook Sponsor 40)Competitive Dance Sponsor

Middle School: 41)FB Coach 42)FB Assist. 43)Football Assist. 44)FB Cheerleading 45)Boys BBall Coach 46)Boys BBall Assist 47)Boys BB Bo-Assist. 48)Girls BBall Coach 49)Girl's BB Assist 50)Girls BBall Assist 51)Volleyball Coach 52) CrossCountry Coach 53) CrossCountry Assist 54)Track Coach 55)Track Assist 56)MS/Elem Boxing Club Sponsor 57)Boys BB Cheerleading 58)Girls BB Cheerleading 59)Wrestling Coach 60)Wrestling Assist. 61)Softball Coach 62) Softball Assist 63) Student Council 64)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 65)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 66)K-8 Rodeo Club Sponsor 67)MS/Elem Hand Game Sponsor 68)8th Grade Sponsor 69)Competitive Dance Sponsor

Elementary: 70)Elementary Rodeo Club Sponsor 71)Wrestling Coach 72)Wrestling Assist. 73)Girl Scout Sponsor 74)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 75)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 76)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178.
www.lws.k12.sd.us

>>> NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS <<<

It is the policy of the Little Wound School to provide an alcohol and drug-free workplace. All appointments for employment are contingent upon receipt of a verified negative drug test through pre-employment drug testing, receipt of a favorable background investigation and the availability of federal funds. The legal policy of Indian preference will be followed to qualified applicants. Veteran's preference shall be applied to qualified Veteran applicants.

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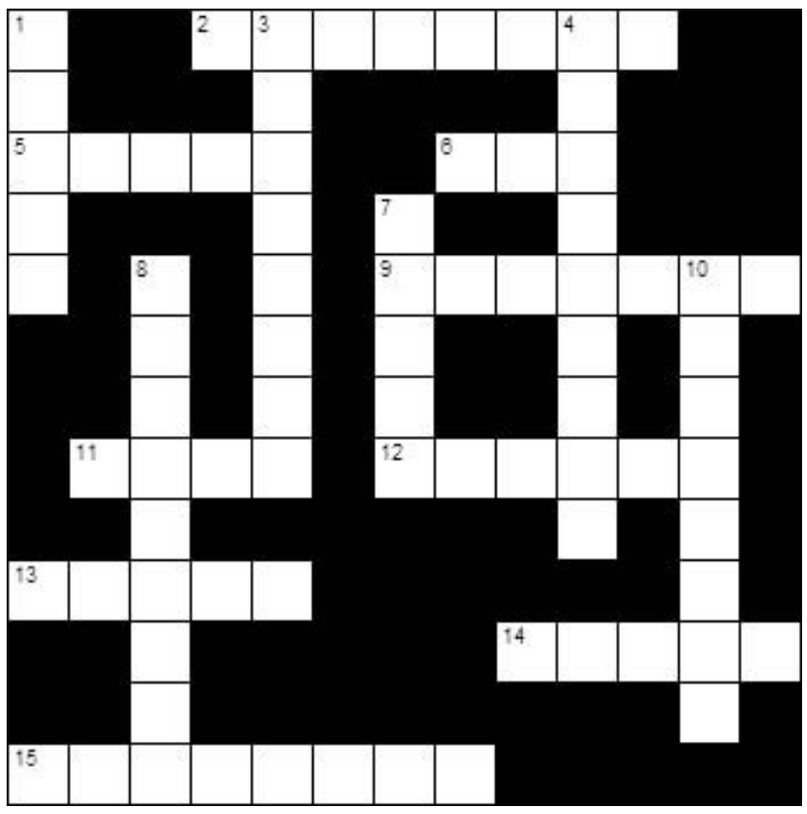
CLUES

Across

2. eight
5. fish
6. sleepy
9. hungry
11. hand
12. air
13. friend
14. brother
15. one hundred

Down

1. I am sleepy
3. rest
4. to meet you
7. tired
8. I am a boy
10. radio



**** NOTICE ****

This will serve as notice that effective immediately the OST Human Resource Department will retain applications for employment for one (1) year from the date of submission.

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For more information about the positions call: (605)947-4605 and ask for Virginia.Request an application from the Business Office or e-mail drumpza@esds.bia.edu.

Send application, resume, 3 letters of recommendation, and teaching license and other credentials to:
Enemy Swim Day School
ATTN: Deb Rumpza
13525 - 446th Avenue
Waubay, SD 57273
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: PRINCIPAL **Open Until Filled**
Must have Masters in Education

POSITION: SPEECH PATHOLOGIST **Open Until Filled**
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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Executive Director
Administrative Office
(position is on a year to year contractual basis)
OPENING DATE: MARCH 12, 2007
CLOSING DATE: APRIL 27, 2007
Salary Is Negotiable

- How To Apply -

Submit a completed Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing employment application to the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Human Resources Office.

Attach all pertinent documents, Blood Degree if claiming Indian Preference, Veterans Discharge DD214, High School or GED Diploma, College Transcripts, College Diploma, Reference Letters, Licenses or Certifications and State Driver's License.

Resumes that are to accompany the employment application must have addresses and telephone numbers of past and present employers. All information submitted will be verified.

Will be required to take the drug and alcohol test. Selection for the position will be contingent upon a negative test result. Applicant is subject to Background Investigation. Expenses are at the applications costs. No late or incomplete application will be accepted.

For position description and additional information please contact the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Human Resources Office at (605)867-5161, ext. 104 or ext. 136.

OGLALA SIOUX LAKOTA HOUSING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL APPLICATIONS.

Pine Ridge School

Coaching Positions

2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

Please submit:
-Letter of Intent
-Resume

To: Melvin Sierra - Principal
PO Box 1202
Pine Ridge, SD 57770
For More Information Call: 455-6507

All potential coaches must have the required background investigation completed before assuming the coaching duties. See Security Point of Contact, located in the Log Cabin on the Pine Ridge School Campus for necessary paperwork or Call: 605-867-1306

Shannon County School District Vacancy

Updated: April 2, 2007

The Shannon County School District 65-1 is accepting applications for the following non-certified and certified positions.
All positions are OPEN TILL FILLED unless indicated

Batesland School

1-Cook (experience preferred) Open till filled

1-Grade 4 Teacher-(South Dakota K-8 Teacher certification required) School year 2007-2008

Wolf Creek School

1-Maintenance (2 years experience with Maintenance, boiler, air conditioning, refrigeration and carpentry certifications preferred, other duties to be established)

1-Alternative School Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required) School year 2007-2008

1-Permanent Substitute (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)

1-Special Education Teacher (K-8 South Dakota Teacher Certification with Special Education endorsement required) School Year 2007-2008

1-Preschool Aide-(48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment) closes 4-13-07

Rockyford School

1-Bus Mechanic (Experience preferred) -Open till filled

1-Custodian (experience preferred)

1-Grade 7 & 8 Science Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required) School year 2007-2008

1-Counselor (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification with counselor endorsement required)

1-Cook (Experience preferred)

1-Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (K-8 South Dakota Teacher Certification with Early Childhood and Special Education endorsement required) School year 2007-2008

2-Special Education Teachers (K-8 South Dakota Teacher Certification with Special Education endorsement required) School year 2007-2008

1-Librarian Aide-(48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment)

1-Physical Education Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification with Physical/Health endorsement required) School year 2007-2008

1-Grade 1 Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher certification required) School year 2007-2008

1-Lakota Studies Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher certification with Lakota Studies endorsement preferred) School year 2007-2008

1-Special Education Aide-(48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment)

For more information contact:
Ann Red Owl - Human Resources Facilitator
Phone: 605-288-1921 Fax: 605-288-1814

The Shannon County School District provides equal opportunity in employment to all persons regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion or disability.

Background checks: **SDCL: 13-10-12**. The Shannon County School District requires a pre-employment Background check on all persons who will be applying for employment. **Temporary employment pending receipt of negative results of the criminal background check and pre-employment drug tests.**

SICANGU OYATE HO, INC.

St. Francis Indian School

PO Box 379 HCR 59 Box 1A
ST. FRANCIS, SD 57572

MARCH 22, 2007

NOTICE OF VACANCIES

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

Elementary Teachers
Elementary Counselor
Middle School Teachers
Special Education Teacher -all levels
High School Math Teachers
High School Art Teachers
Home Ec. Teacher
High School Counselor
Bus Drivers
Middle School Para - educators
Janitors
Food Service Director, Head Cook, Assistant Cook,
Bread Maker, Dishwasher and 2 Kitchen Helpers.

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Salary: According to SOH Inc. salary scale depending on education & experience.

To Apply: Submit an SOH, Inc. job application with Appendix A to:

Bernadine Kills Plenty
Sicangu Oyate Ho, Inc.
St. Francis Indian School
PO Box 379
St. Francis, South Dakota 57572
or Call: 605-747-2299 Ext. 221
Closing Date: APRIL 13, 2007 at 4:00 pm or until filled

These positions are funded 100% by the US Bureau of Indian Affairs under Public Law 100-297 or US Dept. of Education. All individuals selected are subject to the drug free workplace policy of the Sicangu Oyate Ho. Inc. Which includes pre-employment drug testing. All tentative selectees are subject to a favorable background investigation.

ADMINISTRATION 605-747-2299 - SECONDARY/JUNIOR HIGH 605-747-2298
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Oglala Sioux Tribe

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL

P.O. Box 439 Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770
Phone: 605-867-6014 **Fax:** 605-867-1922

Opening Date: April 16, 2007 Closing Date: April 27, 2007

The following Vacancy Announcements are now open for Application(s) with the OST Personnel Office. For further information please contact the OST Personnel Office at 605-867-6014 or 867-6015. Listing can also be found on *Lakotamall.com*

07-026	Billing Clerk	OST Water &Sewer	Pine Ridge, SD
07-027	Specimen Collector /Male/ Female	OST Collection Site	Pine Ridge, SD
07-028	Data Entry Clerk	OST Oyate BliHelya (Diabetes Prevention)	Pine Ridge, SD
07-029	Inventory Assistant	OST Property & Supply	Pine Ridge, SD
07-030	Processing Clerk	OST Property & Supply	Pine Ridge, SD
07-031	Badlands Bombing Range Specialist	Natural Resources Regulatory- BBR Dept	Pine Ridge, SD
07-032	District Data Clerk	OST Administration	Oglala District CAP
07-033	Administrative Assistant	OST Administration	Oglala District CAP
07-034	Site Manager	Title VI, Elderly Meals	Oglala District CAP
07-035	Travel Specialist	OST Fiscal Accounting Office (FAO)	Pine Ridge, SD

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a complete OST Application for Employment to the OST Personnel Office no later than 4:30 pm of the closing date. Mail in applications postmarked on the closing date will be accepted. Attach all pertinent documentation, I.E. Copy of High School Diploma or GED Certificate, copy of Official College Transcripts and/or College Degree, Certificate of Indian Blood if claiming Indian Preference and DD214 if claiming Veteran's Preference.

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Tate was born March 7, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. She was 6 pounds, 14 oz and 19 inches long.
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Chad White Feather Sr.
Grandparents are Earl Bordeaux, Jr, Clarabelle Leading Cloud, and Bernice Grace.

Happy 2nd Birthday to my baby girl
Ariana Mogley
on April 26th 2007
I love you from your mom
Tracy DuBray.

**Happy Birthday to our daughter
Rae Takes War Bonnett on April 22nd 2007 coming from your
mom Delores & dad
Ray Takes War Bonnett**

Happy 4th Birthday
Lara Lynn Herman!!
Your growing up beautiful!
Have fun & enjoy it. Still more to come. Much love
Jayvier, Jayden,
auntie Redz, uncle Jess

Thinking of you
Paula Vocu and Lea Puckett
I love you guys with all my chants. From Shina Rae

Happy Easter to my uncle
Wesley Rooks in Minnesota.
Love & miss you Ciara L Mesteth

Happy 9th Birthday to
Cammi LaRae Bear Killer on 4/27
love you very much mom and dad
Tina & Leroy Bear Killer

Happy Birthday to my auntie Boo Boo Tiara Lays Hard on April 24th she'll be 18 yrs. Old.Don't get to crazy love Ciara M.

**Happy Birthday to
Shina Raie
I love you lots
Love Lea Lucy 4/16/07**

Grandma Josie & family
I love you & Thank you for my first Care Bear, I love it.
Carolann Mary Jo Brown Bull

Happy Birthday to my sissy
Richelle Talbot
I love you Love
Lacey Jo.

Happy Birthday
Brandon Brisend Jr.
hope you have a great day love untie
Mickey & family

I won't my daddy Oliver Jr. to know how much I love you and bothering you while playing your game.
Your girls
Tami & Carolann M. Brown Bull

Happy Birthday baby girl
Duana L.W.M on 4/10/07
we love you
mom & dad baby Ohitika

Happy 12th Birthday
on April 11th to my baby girl
Richelle Talbot
you mean the world to me and more I hope all your dreams come true I love you love always
mom (Mickey) Ryan, Lacey Jo.

Happy Birthday to Paul D. in April

**I would like to wish my big sis
Rae Rae
a happy Birthday on
April 22nd. 2007
&
how old are you (josh)
coming from
Brice & Bethel Belt**

Happy 12th Birthday
Richelle Talbot
Have fun, it's your day
love Ryan S.

Happy 2nd Birthday to
Ariana Dawn Standing Bear
on April 26th 2007
love your mommy Tracy

Happy Birthday! !
Grandpa Buzzy
"I love you lots and forever"
love baby girl
Chelsea

**I would like to say Happy Birthday to
Duana Little White Man,
on April 10th 2007
coming from grandma Bethel Belt**

Happy Birthday
Rae Rae how old are you ?
Have fun and good luck in Artesia much love Jayvier, Jayden and your 1 and only Lil sis Redz



Happy 6th Birthday
To our baby girl Tiana Brown on 4-22 we love you so much!!
Enjoy your day from mom & dad
Mason, Brandon, Brandi, Cheyenne

Happy 10th Birthday to
Mekko Bear Killer on 4/2/2007
from your 2 nieces
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and your brother & sister in-laws
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**Happy Birthday to my sweet baby
Antonio Frazier Sr.
on April 8th 2007
Party time for you, love and a Happy Easter hope your day is good,
6 years and still strong love your wife**

**Happy belated birthday !
To our baby brother
Casey Sitting Bear
on April 1st .
Every day that we spend with you is special. Hope you enjoy your day.
From your big sister
Lori B.,Tiffany Amber
and
Brenda Rae**

I want to wish my grandma
Jean & papa RJ. Trujillo
a Happy Birthday this month
I love you both
Carolann Mary Jo Brown Bull

Happy 17th Birthday on 4/25/2007 to my Missy.
Your growing up to be a beautiful young lady. Have a good one
love you Auntie Carol

I'd like to let my love
Jason C. in Belle Fouche
know how much I love him. Can't wait to see you!
Love Shann

Happy 17th Birthday to
Missy Boo on April 25th
love you Sadie Rae

Happy Easter
to my Grandsons
Colton Lee, Cody Gene
Aiden Ray
&
baby wade who left us years ago.
I love you Grandma Carol

Happy Birthday to
Paula " Missy" Vocu
we love you from
Sheena Rae and Lea

A Happy Birthday
to my April babies
Tashina Rae and Missy
on April 16th and April 25th

Oliver D Brown Bull Jr.
I just want you to know I love you & thank you for our beautiful daughter
Carolann Mary Jo Brown Bull
love you two Tami Trujillo

Happy 12th Birthday
To: my pride and joy
My only son:
Clarence Ed White Horse
A.K.A The Dude
happy birthday son may you have many more
Love you much
Mom & Dad
sister Summer Rain, girls
Marlee, Ellen
&
Brothers David, John, Randy

Congratulations to
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on the birth of their new baby girl!
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From:Kuz'n Kallie & Hayden W.E

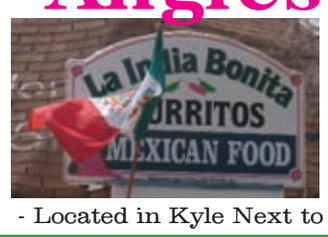
To my husband Donovan B.H.
I just wanted to say
"I Love You Very Much & Thanks for everything!"
Luv Your wife
Jerilyn!!!

Congratulations to our daughter :
Kallie Walking Eagle
in Girl Scouts.
Moving up and Moving on.
Way 2 Go!!
From: Jerilyn & Donovan Bear Heels

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ON 4/17
WE MISS YOU A LOT AND THINK OF YOU ALL THE TIME.
LOVE DAD,MARLENE ,SHERELDA AND GRANDMA MARION.

Happy Birthday to my son
CJ Cortez on April 23rd !
I love you very much son and am very proud of you! You grew up very fast and I know that you've struggled a little here and there but I am honored that Tunkasila gave you to me! Your lil' sister and I love you so very much!
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1 Content Area Coach - Experience with Social Studies and Science
3 Language Arts / Reading Teacher
2 Social Studies / Science Teacher
1 Assistant Principal
1 Exploratory / Current Events / Teacher
1 Physical Education Teacher
1 Music Teacher
1 Exceptional Education Teacher

HIGH SCHOOL
1 Lakota Studies Teacher
1 Math / Science Teacher
1 Physical Education Teacher
2 Exceptional Education Teacher
1 Social Studies Teacher
1 Language Arts Teacher
1 Student Support Specialist
1 Counselor

OKREEK SCHOOL
1 6/7/8th Grade Teacher
1 Elementary Teacher

HEDOG SCHOOL
1 7/8th Grade Math / Science Teacher
2 Elementary Teachers
1 7/8th Grade Language Arts / Social Studies Teacher
1 Counselor

ATTENDANCE CENTER
1 Family Liaison Teacher

RESOURCE CENTER
2 Exceptional Education Teacher
1 Communication Interventionist

SOUTH ELEMENTARY
1 Exceptional Education Teacher
2 Elementary Teachers
2 Music Teachers

LAKEVIEW SCHOOL
1 ELementary Teacher

SPRING CREEK SCHOOL
3 Elementary Teacher

CURRICULUM CENTER
1 Reading Recovery Leader

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Vacancy Announcement #: AB-07-26

Opening Date: 04/11/07 **Closing Date: 05/10/07**

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Duty Station Location:
BIA, Trust Services
Pine Ridge Agency, Pine Ridge, SD

Position: Legal Admnistrative Specialist (Probate),
GS-0901-5/7/9
GS-9: $43,731 - $56,849 Per Annum
GS-7: $35,752 - $46,478 Per Annum
GS-5: $28,862 - $37,519 Per Annum

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Wanblee receives $75,441 grant to build ambulance facility

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

WANBLEE - After several years of dedicated perseverance and having labored over the course of five tribal administrations, the community of Wanblee will finally realize its dream of building an ambulance facility that will house emergency medical technicians and ambulance drivers around the clock.

At present, there is one tribally operated ambulance that must travel 220 round trip miles in order to transport tribal members to the Pine Ridge Indian Health Service facility. The Wanblee Health Center, administered by Francine Red Willow, is a satellite clinic and provides ambulatory care only and its hours of operation are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is not staffed to provide emergency care. Red Willow speaking of the new ambulance facility said, "There will be an opportunity for training and holding EMT classes here. Eventually, there will be a helipad built here."

The ambulance which is leased from GSA is housed on a temporary basis at the Emmanuel Mission in what is known as the older part of Wanblee. There is a new subdivision located east of town that is also served by the ambulance service.

Angelita Between Lodges was very gracious in sharing some of her 17 years of emer-

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Deadline looming for tribes to 'stand up' sex offender registry

ROSEBUD - The Rosebud Sioux Tribe is in the process of a discussion as to the required formal compliance or "opting in" to the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act which was signed by President Bush on July 27, 2006. Pat Ragsdale, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs sent notice to tribes last November 30, 2006 in which he writes that Title I of the act revises national standards for sex offender registration and notification.

The most eminent threat to a tribe's sovereign status is contained in a paragraph which reads, "If a tribe does not make an election to function as a registration jurisdiction by July 27, 2007, then it will be deemed by federal law to have delegated this function to the state or states in which the tribe is located."

This will have to be weighed with the fact that most tribe's are not doing as efficiently as the states are in reporting and sharing information and this may be putting some communities at risk.

This is primarily because of the fact that states have been carrying out this function longer than most tribes.

As a matter of fact, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe is also ahead of most other tribes in accomplishing this task.

At the Rosebud Law Enforcement Services,

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Why do juveniles lose hope?

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

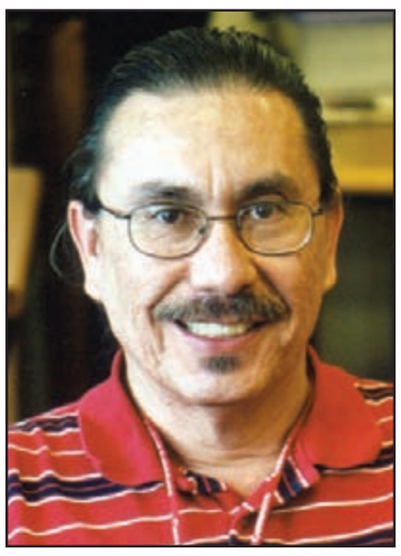
RAPID CITY-Ralph Knickrehm starts every morning of the workweek by picking up four students who have no other way to get to school.

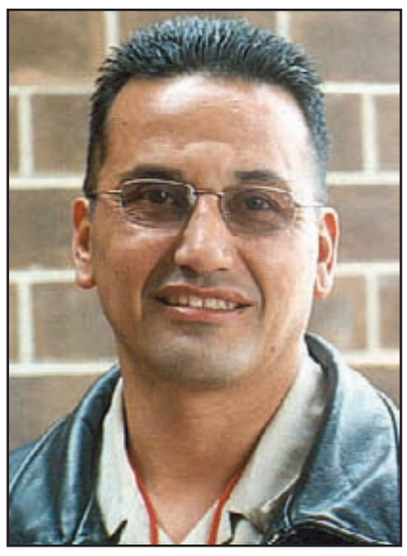
The rest of the day, he works with at-risk middle-school students to try to keep them engaged in school, keeps track of them to make sure they're attending class, and talks with students with upcoming court appearances to make sure they know what to expect.

Knickrehm fills one of two prevention facilitator positions created in the Rapid City school system with $80,000 in federal funding to address the disproportionate number of minority juveniles who get into trouble with the law.

According to state Department of Corrections statistics, the arrest rate for American Indian juveniles is


Seventh Circuit Judge Janine Kern


Robert Cook


Scott Means

2.39 times higher than the arrest rate for white juveniles.

Rapid City Police Lt. Doug Thrash said disproportionate numbers of minority juveniles throughout the criminal justice system begin with arrests. "That's where it starts, and it never corrects itself," he said.

The best way to prevent disparity is to prevent juveniles from being arrested, Thrash said. To that end, DOC appointed the Disproportionate Minority Contact work group, a subcommittee of 71 Rapid City-area people who serve with varying levels of involvement.

"We are of one mind," Thrash said. "We have to prevent issues that bring juveniles into the system."

Truancy and dropping out of school are predictors of juvenile delinquency, and those issues hit Native kids hard. The dropout rate of Indian students "is horrendous,"

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OST Council selects Wilson, Montileaux for associate judges

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - The special session of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council convened on Friday, Oct. 13 with the judiciary committee setting the agenda to select two new associate judges for the OST court. After interviewing nine candidates, Saunie Wilson and Charles Montileaux were selected to four year terms as associate judges for the tribal court.

Candidates included Larry Mamula (had 22 years experience in the law in South Dakota), Marina Fast Horse (just completed a four year term as associate judge in Pine Ridge), Steve Hawk Sr. (worked many years as tribal lawyer, served as judge), Sidney Witt (served as judge, currently working as temporary associate judge), Bill Lone Hill (worked


Sauni Wilson

a number of years as tribal prosecutor), John Hussman (many years experience with Public Safety, a great deal of training in the law), Lena Bissonette Hart, Sauni Wilson and Charles Montileaux.

In the first vote, Montileaux with 8, Wilson with 6, Lone Hill 5 and Hussman with 3 moved on to the next round. In the second round of votes, Montileaux and Wilson both received eight votes, Lone Hill and Hussman received six each and in a run-off tribal president John Steele broke a seven all tie for Hussman. In the final vote Montileaux received 10, Wilson nine and Hussman eight with Montileaux and Wilson earning the selections and a four year term.

"After my niece died from a meth drug overdose, I really wanted to try and make a difference in our community," said Saunie Wilson when speaking to the council, "if selected as a judge, I would work to set up a special drug

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OST council has full agenda for April meeting

PINE RIDGE - The tribal council has set April 25-27 in Pine Ridge at the Red Cloud building for its regular session required by the constitution.

Agenda items include removing the board of housing, selection of a new executive director, adopting and enacting a children and family code, mandating registration of convicted sex offenders on Pine Ridge Reservation, establishing a Indian Child Welfare Act committee, creating a youth affairs standing committee and limiting the number of

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Wanblee ambulance service gets grant

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gency medical response as an EMT. She said, "There are two EMT's on each 48 hour shift. We also have "no transport" calls where the patient does not need emergency care. Those qualified as advanced life support can do IV's and are under the supervision of Dr. Amos Mackey." She also noted that some patients with private health care insurance or Title IX are transported to the Bennett County Hospital. It depends on the call and the seriousness. She added, "We have had major emergencies handled by a life flight helicopter. We get 2-3 calls per shift and we also get referrals to Pine Ridge and Rapid City Regional."

Oglala Sioux representative, Tom Poor Bear of the Eagle Nest District, former OST councilwoman, Ruth Brown, and other key personnel have apparently taken the lead since 1999 in leveraging enough funding to finally have a ground breaking in the near future. There is no stated timeline for construction of the project; however, the sentiment is that it would be nice to have it completed before the winter snows fly again.

Poor Bear said, "I want to thank the community of Wanblee for making this a reality. We will have an official ground breaking later on and the President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and others will be there."

Brown said the project began in 1999 when the renovation of the health center begin with Patrick Guerue and Jeremy High Horse seeking funding. Guerue was the health center director and he set aside $100,000 from the medicare and medicard funds from the center. A grant was submitted and approved to the United States Department of Agriculture for $50,000. Several years ago, a $15,000 donation was received from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.

When Francine Red Willow became permanent director of the Wanblee Health Center, she assisted in updating the grant to the Shakopees for a grant of $60,441.

Brown said many community meetings were held the past 10 years to get to the point they are at now.

"James and Eleanor Charging Crow have spent their lifetime dedicated to the ambulance service and also the late Leona Winters and the late Irma Bear Stops-Rooks," said Brown. She said she herself didn't stop from pursuing funding to get the garage and office built.

On April the Eagle Nest District received good news when Shakopee granted the full amount requested of $75,441.00.

On Monday, several people came together to informally mark the occasion of having secured enough financing to get the building off the ground. Ruth Brown, Francine Red Willow, Earlene Rooks, Monica Terkildsen, and Angelita Between Lodges came together and shared a bit of their enthusiasm. The remainder of their enthusiasm will likely be evident once the project is finally completed. Brown said, that the name of this success story should read, "A dream that had to be built."

The new facility is described as a 2,400 square foot building with two bays for ambulance parking, two sleeping quarters, a lounge, bathroom facilities, a commons area and office space. It will be constructed directly north of and adjacent to the Wanblee Health Center.

The site underwent an environment assessment in May of 2005 by Monica Macek of the Martin Field office of the Aberdeen Area Indian Health Service and it was determined that the building project would have no significant adverse effect on the environment. Monica Terkildson said, "Not having to burn diesel will be good for the environment. There will be sleeping quarters, living quarters and a shorter response time."

There also exists a scope of work for whoever is awarded the contract to build the facility and addresses everything from communications, fire alarm system, and electrical systems. A checklist outlines the specific codes that address the foundation, roof systems, doors, cooling and heating system, plumbing and lighting relying on industry standards.

Earlene Rooks spoke of her mother Irma's early work with the tribal health board. She said, "Mom always had a dream that we would not have to travel so far." Leona Bear Stops was cited as another community member who was dedicated to a vision of better health care for Wanblee.

On the way out of town, EMT's Julia Chips and Tanya Dull Knife were stopped at the convenience store for refreshments. Chips has been a full-time basic EMT for the last two and half years. She said, "I like my job. I like helping the people and my family. I took EMT classes in Rapid City for five weeks." She said the worse scenario to encounter as emergency response personnel is when motor vehicle crashes occur. Dull Knife said she remains in the back with the patient as Chips does the driving.



Above: Emmanuel Mission currently leases this garage and the house for use by the Wanblee ambulance service. The buildings were once a gas station and store. The structure is deteriorating and a lack of security has necessitated a need for new facilities. Several members of the Wanblee community came together for a preliminary announcement of funding for the construction of the new Wanblee ambulance facility. A ground breaking ceremony will be announced later and the facility will be constructed north and adjacent to the Wanblee Health Center. Below: (Left to right: Francine Red Willow, Earlene Rooks, Monica Terkildsen, Ruth Brown and Angelita Between Lodges. Photo by Archie B. Beauvais)



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court to deal with the large drug use on Pine Ridge."

Wilson was the personnel director at Prairie Wind Casino from 1994-96 and for the last 11 years has served as the executive secretary of the OST Gaming Commission. She has her masters degree in Public Administration and all but the dissertation done for a doctorate.

Charles Montileaux served as associate judge from 1999-2003. Montileaux earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and social work from the University of Dubuque and two masters degrees, one in theology and one in religion and divinity.

An attempt to two thirds onto the council agenda an ordinance to remove the board of directors of the Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing failed with a vote of 8-5; the two thirds vote required nine votes to get on the agenda.

The council did vote unanimously 14-0 to approve a contract with Drifting Goose Construction to build a $2.2 million transit building outside of Pine Ridge for the OST Transit program.



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Sex offenders regulations

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Laddimer Clifford is in charge of this reporting function. He utilizes the tribal criminal code to guide his work. Prior to last year, it was completed in a rather loose fashion; however, he reports that he works cooperatively with the state in order to keep track of sex offenders who may be living and working on the Rosebud reservation and who need to register with his office.

With some 50 sex offenders registered, Clifford says that his office has an agreement in place with the county sheriff's offices of Mellette, Tripp and Todd counties to cooperate in keeping track of the movement of such offenders. At this juncture, the offender list has not been disseminated to the communities; however, it will be up to the RST council as to how that information gets out to the public.

Clifford says that his office maintains a clipboard of offenders and this information is available for inspection or the public may call in and make inquiries relative to the list.

He said that the White Buffalo Calf Woman's Society was very helpful in urging offenders to register with the Rosebud Law Enforcement Services. A sex offender must register every six months and each time they change work place or residence they have three days to register or they may be guilty of a Class B demeanor which provides for a possible $500 fine or six months in jail.

Ragsdale letter furthermore notes that "In case of delegation to a state or states, federal law grants a state or states a corresponding right of access to the tribe's jurisdiction to implement the law."

Enabling a state to enter into a tribe's jurisdiction is an incursion that most tribe's will most likely resist as it sounds rather vague when it allows a state to function in a tribe's jurisdiction. No one really knows what allowing that function to occur on tribal land will have in the future; say a hundred years from now.

A case in point in Rosebud Sioux Tribe vs. Kneip in 1977 when the Supreme Court said that the Acts of 1904, 1907 and 1910 indicated congressional intent to diminish the Rosebud reservation and which essentially opened the way for settlement by settlers; who knew that the acts would come back to haunt the Sicangu oyate and result in the Rosebud reservation being reduced from five counties to one. RST had filed suit contending that the original Rosebud reservation boundary had not changed in spite of the three acts and they lost.

Specifically, the Walsh standards relate to the tracking of offenders once they are released, the sharing of information between jurisdictions where the sex offenders live, work or attend school and notifying the community of their presence.

Prior to the Adam Walsh legislation, there was no provision for sex offenders who were convicted in tribal court or for those who enter tribal jurisdictions after having been convicted in another jurisdiction. According to Ragsdale, this has resulted in inconsistent information to tribal authorities about such offenders who enter their jurisdictions. Also there is inconsistency in tracking offenders and making that information available to communities so that they are aware of their presence and for the protection of their families.

Section 127 of the Adam Walsh act seeks to fill the gap by allowing tribes to participate in the sex offender registration and notification program. The act gives tribes a choice to act as a registration jurisdiction or to delegate that function to the state.

For tribes that already fall under state jurisdiction and which are known as PL 280 states, this function becomes automatic. Ragsdale wrote, "If a tribe elects to function as a registration jurisdiction it will have essentially the same sex offender registration and notification functions and responsibilities as a state, but will be free to make cooperative agreements with a state or states (by mutual agreement) for pooling or sharing of these functions in overlapping responsibility."

Oglala Nation updated ordinance before council

The Oglala Sioux Public Safety has been working since 1972 to keep their sex offender's list updated and in compliance with tribal law. Denise Brings Him Back, administrative assistant at Public Safety, she said there are 52 sex offenders on their list and they work to keep it updated with state law.

She said there is an additional five offenders who are out of compliance. Public safety officers are used to keep track of the offenders and she works with the offenders to comply with tribal law and state law. She said she urges the offenders to stay in compliance with state law as if the don't they can be arrested for non compliance from the state if they are stopped outside reservation boundaries.

An updated ordinance was placed on the agenda for the OST council meetings scheduled this week. The updated ordinance amends ordinance #00-27 and ordinance #05-14 establishing mandatory registration of convicted sex offenders on the Pine Ridge reservation.

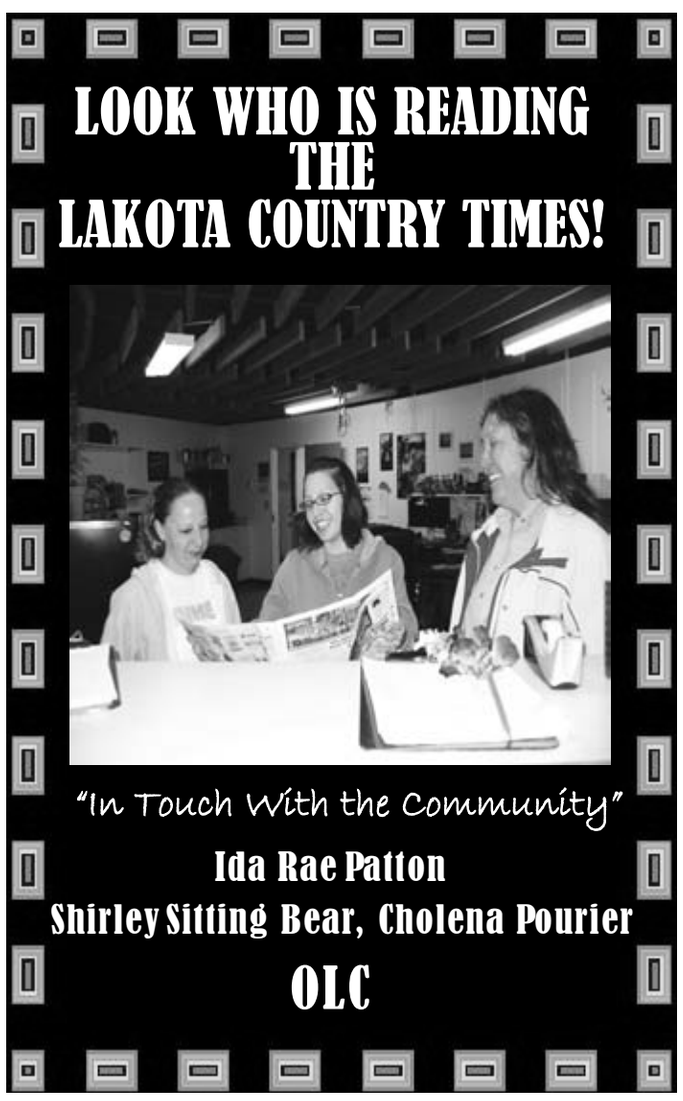
The proposed ordinance lists in details what the sex offenders must comply with. The sex offender is required to register within five days of coming into the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and must register every six months. Public Safety is required to maintain the database and utilize the information for law enforcement purposes.

Brings Him Back said in the past they would read the names over the KILI radio for public awareness.

Last year, state law enacted stronger sex offenders regulations including a website that can be accessed by public to the whereabouts of current sex offenders.

The URL is http://www.sor.sd.gov and doesn't list the entire lists of both Shannon County and Todd County.

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paid school board meetings.

The agenda includes a resolution to set the two top priorities for the Indian Reservation Roads projects and certifying the Wounded Knee District election.

The council spent discussed the agenda until 2 p.m. and approved an adjusted agenda by two thirds vote.

The greater part of Wednesday discussion evolved around the construction of Prairie Winds Casino.

A certificate of completion was presented to the council for approval with Peniska Construction. The construction built the casino and the hotel.

The motion was tabled until legal counsel could be present.

Discussion included problems with leakage in the building, warping of the casino floor. The casino was built on loose soil which shifted and caused problems in the walls, causing some leakage.

The casino has been open for business and grand opening dates are scheduled for June for the casino and the opening of the motel.

Finding an experienced hotel managers was another topic discussed on the day's agenda along with the testing of wind energy on the Pine Ridge reservation. Wind testing has been done on Red Shirt table, near Oglala Lakota College's Piya Wiconi and at the Allen Dam.



Doug Thrash



David Weeks



Ralph Knickrehm

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Thrash said.

Robert Cook, Oglala Lakota and a teacher at Central High School, said he tracked 104 Native students who were freshmen in the 2003-04 school year, and only 11 of them will graduate this year.

According to the South Dakota Department of Education, 13,232 Native students were enrolled in the state's public schools in 2004, making up 10.8 percent of the student population.

But only 66 percent of Native students graduated at the end of the 2004-05 academic year.

"A lot of kids don't buy into the Rapid City school district," said Scott Means, who works with Title VII programs at Central to increase the graduation rate of Native students. "They have other things going on far more important than school, like eating, being safe. They don't see the point in it; they can't see the future very well. They're in survival mode."

If children aren't doing well in school, it could be an indicator that their families are in crisis, according to Seventh Circuit Judge Janine Kern, a member of the DMC subcommittee as well as the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice.

Kern said she has seen 13- or 14-year-old children walk out of her courtroom "who have lost hope in their future." Determining why they lose hope requires a complicated answer, Kern said, but some of them are mentally ill, and others suffer from severe poverty, she said.

"It's about getting therapy to those children, getting families to cooperate," she said.

Kern emphasized that she is not just talking about Native juveniles, but any children who are "so disrupted academically, so far off track, they will have a difficult time without intervention and services."

These same problems apply to the youth at reservation schools and the tribal court system.

Sense of belonging

At North Middle School, the hallways have Native American images everywhere: cutouts of Plains Indians, a star quilt, an eagle.

In the Lakolkiciyapi Room at Central High, where a buffalo robe hangs on the wall, Native elders work with students and Robert Cook, incorporates tribal geography and demographics into social studies lessons.

Integrating culture can make Native kids feel more comfortable in school, but a band-aid approach - holding a Native American Day and calling it good - won't suffice, Cook said. "You look at creative ways to integrate culture day to day" to give students a foundation for the future, he said. "You have to let kids know they can wear a shirt and tie from eight to five and go to a sweat after work."

The school district takes steps to ease transitions for students. The Title VII program focuses on grades 5, 8, and 9, the grades at which students move in and out of middle school, Means said.

In a tactic called "cohorting," groups of students going from North Middle School to Central all register for the same classes at the new school, Knickrehm said.

The same partnering occurs in the Lakolkiciyapi Room, which is a resource only for freshmen; instructors try to get groups of them into the same sophomore classes so they'll see familiar faces as they continue through school.

Native students who stay in school receive an eagle feather to wear to the graduation ceremony, according to David Weeks, another instructor in the Lakolkiciyapi Room.

Receiving an eagle feather is a high honor, a mark of great achievement, Means said.

Involving the family

Parents of Indian students have opportunities to participate in their children's education, Weeks said. There are quarterly Native American parents' meetings and monthly Title VII Parents Advisory Committee meetings. On May 10, Central is having a Native American parents' night, he said.

Schools hold several powwows: a back-to-school powwow in October; Knollwood School Powwow on May 18 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.; and North Middle School Powwow on May 29 at noon, outdoors if the weather permits, Weeks said.

Parents may get involved in less positive ways, through truancy court, juvenile diversion, or circuit court, if a student is habitually truant.

Dexter Whitman, director of the Pennington County Juvenile Diversion Program, said his program is so busy, "We don't have time to come up for air." The diversion program does what its name suggests: it diverts juveniles away from court and into programs that will address the issues leading them into trouble.

Chief among those troubles is truancy, and "we've had to get creative about how to handle it," Whitman said.

One creative solution is truancy court, managed through the diversion program by Pratt Anspach and held in the schoolhouse rather than the courthouse, at Central and at General Beadle Elementary.

Now in its second year, truancy court covers the entire Rapid City School District, as well as Douglas and Hill City. Anspach's current caseload is 143 students; she works with them and their families to find community programs, transportation, counseling, or academic mentoring.

Anspach said she likes to involve families and get their agreement on a course of action. "That way, they feel invested in the program," she said.

Anspach visits students at school or calls them at home to tell them they've done well or to find out if they need assistance or school supplies. "They're just tickled with that contact," she said.

Has Anspach seen positive changes? "Oh, absolutely," she said. Students' attitudes toward school and family improve, they make a greater effort, and learn that their situation is not hopeless.

At truancy court at General Beadle, 22 out of 27 parents showed up, Anspach said.

"Obviously, a lot of parents and students don't want to be sent to court," she said.

Work not done

The school district's efforts are commendable, but the services are not comprehensive enough to reach all at-risk students. The Lakolkiciyapi Room has only so many desks; a Friday afternoon inipi (sweat) will accommodate only 15 boys, even though many more would like to go, and there is no inipi for girls, Means said.

Although funding exists for two prevention facilitators, only Knickrehm's position is filled. The other position, which Means vacated to move to Title VII, is a temporary position that doesn't include benefits such as health insurance. North's principal, Jeanne Burckhard, said DOC has okayed filling the position with a sub.

Cook pointed out that having American Indian teachers in the classroom presents a successful role model to Indian students, but the number of Native teachers in the state is far too low considering the high Native student population.

There are 9,000 public school teachers in South Dakota, but only 114 of them are Native; of those, 68 work in Todd and Shannon counties, leaving only 46 elsewhere, Cook said.

Part of the problem is low teacher salaries, Cook said. Tribal colleges offer elementary teaching degrees, but to teach secondary school, Native college students have to attend a state school. And Native students who go to state universities choose areas of study that will provide a better income, he said.

Reallocation of resources

Kern said South Dakota has the third highest rate of incarcerated juveniles per capita in the nation, and the yearly DOC budget for juvenile offenders is more than $30 million to serve approximately 900 children.

"I mention this not to criticize the Department … but to make a point. We need to shift our focus to prevention, and as a community we need to focus our efforts on meeting the needs of children and families in crisis," Kern said.

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Words from the 'trenches'

Not enough sleep can make you fat



Connie Smith-Blanco

The other day I was telling Amanda about something I'd learned on a recent television program, well actually, I heard it on more than one program, so that should mean it's true, right? Anyway, she liked the subject matter as much as I did and she said I should share it in a column sometime. Hello sometime!

The subject of both television shows was my favorite subject of "sleep" and my un-favorite subject, "weight-gain." I flipped a coin and decided I would watch and I'm glad I did. It helped explain one of the smaller mysteries in my life.

Several doctors shared their theories, findings and research on the subject of sleep deprivation. Most of what they shared concerned us women and our battle with the bulge. It appears that because our bodies are so driven by hormones we are subject to a new and ugly hormone. This hormone is made in our brain when we find ourselves going 90 mph in a 5 mph speed zone.

The 90 mph zone is our everyday life, working, not working, raising kids, raising someone else's kids, raising the kid inside ourselves or our husband or companion and running a household of one to twenty-one. Let's face it. It isn't easy to squeeze all of those duties and obligations into a day and have room left over for eight hours of sleep. Something has to give and as much as I love to get my full eight hours (which most doctors recommend strongly) it doesn't always happen.

There are only 24 hours in one day and my limited math skills have shown me time after time that if I use more than sixteen hours doing "awake" things I have less hours to do "sleep" things. Anyway, I know I'm not the only woman rowing in that boat.

So what does sleep deprivation have to do with weight gain? Apparently when we shortchange ourselves in the sleep area, our brain goes to work making this ugly hormone. And after getting less than eight hours of sleep in a night, this ugly hormone shows it's ugly head every minute of every day until we make up for those lost hours of sleep.

What is this ugly hormone, or should I call it the fat hormone? This hormone creates an unnatural hunger in our bodies. It's sole purpose is to make us think we are hungry and makes us want to eat until we fill that empty pit. Problem is, it's a bottomless pit. Nothing satisfies this hunger. I know I've felt that way lots of times but never equated it to the sleep loss of the night before.

I don't know about you, but I was relieved that these unexplained "hunger attacks" were finally explained! Amanda and I have had discussions about our inability to stop "snacking" even when we clearly know we should not be hungry. We always wrote it off to the stress of a deadline or the stress of "something".

So now we know, if we don't get enough sleep, our bodies will be fooled into thinking they're hungry and must be filled with food, food and more food. Which brings me back to my un-favorite subject, weight-gain, which is inevitable if my stomach is a bottomless pit. The answer? Try not to be sleep deprived. Try not to let this ugly hormone run my life, and most of all, get more sleep, here in the trenches.

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Other Views

Not enough emphasize on the sacred Lakota language

Dear Editor:

At this point in time, our youth need to learn our ancient Lakota jargon. The new agers, who are sending in articles to the Lakota oriented newspapers are doing a great job of explaining Lakota thought and philosophy but there is never enough emphasize on our sacred *wakan* language. This is sad but it's true.

I would say any race of people, especially those from overseas can learn quite a bit about our Lakota culture from books written by our non Lakota speaking authors.

If nothing is done about relearning our Lakota jargon, we could end up with *wasicu* speaking medicine men conducting our sacred ceremonies.

I'm not saying Tunkshila doesn't understand the whiteman's ska wicasas language.

All I am saying is, there was a straight talk language that goes with the cannupa.

I heard some Jewish people saying their evening prayers on an airplane. I listened real close, they were praying in their native tongue.

Book I and Book II is just not doing anything spiritual for our youth. Whenever we go into our sweat lodge or *yuwipi* ceremonies, the language that *Tunkshila* handed down to us from generation to generation should be the spoken language.

I quote *tahansi,* the late John Around Him, who used to say, *"Hoksipila wakinya oyate hena wasicu iyapi sni yelo."*

The white man's language is based on a prophet *(wosakopi)*. The Lakota language is based on our sharing *wakic'icupi.*

Materially, we're poor, but spiritually we're rich, we're pretty much dysfunctional now, but those who are relearning our Lakota life ways share a heartfelt handshake when they see each other.

It's usually a new age handshake, but at least, it's an acknowledgement. Hoka hey.

As'a Kuwapi
Rev. Francis Apple
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Wiyukcan Wica Cante Ogna Heyu

Thoughts that come from the heart

What's in it for you!



By Amanda Takes War Bonnett

EDITOR AND PUBLISHER
LAKOTA COUNTRY TIMES

Today I woke up and man I felt good. I feel happy. It's wonderful to feel happy, especially if this emotional euphoria can last all day and then into the next day and then the next day. I am not sure how long it will last but I know this, it feels good and I am going to hang onto it as long as I can and find ways to keep it going as long as I can.

It shows too, I know because I keep smiling and I can't help but laugh and I can't help but make jokes. I want to share my joy. I think people think I am drunk or high, because I got some weird looks. Well, I am not drunk nor am I sneaking a drink around the corner. I don't drink. I just feel good in a natural happy way.

I tell you what I did, I did something for myself… for once. I went to a personal healing retreat out in the Black Hills, out away from everything, including my cell phone. I did some work on myself.

A good analogy of explaining it, is almost like I put on a pair of airtight face goggles on my eyes and took a trip into my body and my mind.

It was cool, I took to the stage and traveled around my heart and upon examination, I discovered why that wasn't working right.

Not only was there fat cells beginning to grow in places from my overeating but there was a strange dark substance like black smoke that seemed to float around my heart, in the crevices and out around to the other parts of my body.

I can see that substance was holding down my energy level. It prevented me from cracking that big smile and fueling that sense of humor which in turn makes my heart dance.

Why wasn't my heart dancing? Why was this black stuff stagnating my body parts and my spirit? It was amazing to be able to see what was going on in there and there was no way I could just journey out of there and leave it like that. I knew if I did, somehow, somewhere down my life's calendar, it would eventually knock out my body parts and one by one they would come to a complete stop.

I also knew if I kept it up, I could either die from some sort of disease, maybe like diabetes, maybe a heart disease or it would get so weak in there, some gene from my family's genetic disorders would attack. I was just tired. I realized I needed to cleanse myself.

Almost like when you just know that your car is going to give out. You can tell by the way it was been running. You hear the knocks or you just sense your car is going.

And you wonder how much longer you can make that car work until it gives out. You get a fear because you know that you need your car, so you hustle to get it fixed or develop a plan how to get a different one.

I knew then and there, that I needed to fix what was making those parts give out and most of all, I needed to get all that black, heavy smoke out of there. That black stuff was the main culprit.

So I did, I got up there on that stage called and played out the scene of 'Repair Amanda Rose.'

It was cool, it played out well, I had help. They were cool and understanding stage people and they helped me clear out the negative energy and helped me to see why I couldn't feel the joy like I used to. That big ugly dark form is gone now and it feels so darn good to see through good clean air again.

That black stuff was a feeling of being 'depressed.'

We all get it, young and old, lean or fat. Unless we learn how to deal it with, the black cloud can get quite heavy until it hurts us. It stagnates us.

The important ending of this scenario is that there is nothing wrong with admitting you need help, no matter what gets to you, there is always help out there.

Rather you are depressed, addicted or a user, an overeater, a worry wart, have anger problems or can't leave those cigarettes alone or just being in a whole lot of hurt because of loss or grief.

There is always an answer, there is always resources and there is always some support somewhere. Find it. I did.

Make sure you get the oil change you paid for

Dear Editor:

Unfortunately many men and women have been victimized by these oil changing places which have not changed the oil in the car which they are supposed to.

Many men and women are victimized by these oil changing places by not doing the job of changing the oil in their customer's cars. These businesses very easily victimize women especially native women, simply because the native women do not know.

I too was victimized three times, I usually change my own oil but I was to go on a trip and in a hurry so I took my car to this well known place. When they called and said my car was ready I went and paid for the oil change and took my car home. The next morning before I left on my trip I just thought I would check the oil. I pulled out the dip stick and I saw that the oil was not changed. It was as black as it was before I took it there for the oil change. I then checked and the filter was not changed either.

I took the car back and told them the oil was not changed but they insisted that they changed the oil. They even used some swear words but I was not going to leave without an oil change. I finally called the manager and he came down, took a look and said change the oil. The following two times I never took the car home, but I checked it right there and it was not changed and so the fight was on again and eventually it got changed.

I have asked many men and women as to what brand of oil or what weight oil they use in their cards. They have no idea but usually people take their cars to an oil changing place and want an oil change and never asking for a brand or what weight oil they need for their cars. Usually, for a new car a 5-20 weight is recommended but after the car has traveled 75,000 miles the next best weight is 10W40 and this weight will give many more miles.

When you take your car in for an oil change and do not have specifics in brand or weight, they put bulk oil in your car. Now this bulk oil is in a big tank or drum and this oil usually sits while and begins to settle and separates therefore it is not a uniform weight oil and it can cause problems.

The oil in a car must be changed every 3-5 thousand miles. By doing this the car will travel many more miles. To save money and the car, people should

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Notes From Indian Country

Honoring those who died at Washita



By Tim Giago
(Nanwica Kciji)

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It was a little early in the year for the corn to be "as high as an elephant's eye" in Oklahoma this past Friday, but the blue skies and the low flying clouds made this spring day a day to remember.

I was invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site and the still incomplete Cultural Heritage Center in Cheyenne, Oklahoma on April 20.

History buffs will recall that on the early morning of November 27, 1868, Lt. Colonel George A. Custer, with a detachment of the 7th Cavalry, attacked the sleeping camp of Chief Black Kettle and slaughtered nearly 100 men, women and children. Black Kettle, a man who had survived the Massacre at Sand Creek in Colorado in 1864 while flying an American flag and a white flag of peace, was killed at Washita.

The Heritage Center is a magnificent piece of architecture located in the rolling hills of Oklahoma north of the community of Cheyenne. For the Peace Chief of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Chief Lawrence Hart, it was a struggle of many years to reach this goal.

Chief Hart told about his trips to Washington, D. C. in an effort to raise money for the site, but noted that his early efforts had been rebuffed because some in the United States Senate did not consider the sight of a massacre to be of historic significance. It was only after the people of Oklahoma City sought funds to build a monument to commemorate the bombing of the federal building there that the some senators saw the connection and voted to fund the Cultural Heritage Center at the Washita Battlefield National Historic site.

Governor Darrell Flyingman of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma put things in realistic perspective when he arose to speak. He talked about the thousands of acres of land either ceded or stolen by hook and crook from the people of his nation over the years. He said, "I consider this to be a site of a massacre and not a battlefield as it is named and I will do everything within my power to see that the site is renamed as the Washita Massacre rather than Battlefield. Gov. Flyingman said that he felt great sorrow for the friends and family members of the massacre at Virginia Tech, but he was sad the television reporters kept referring to this tragedy as the worst massacre in American history. "The massacre of American Indians at Washita, Sand Creek and Wounded Knee were just as horrible and many more died at each massacre site as what happened at Virginia Tech, but I suppose the fact that it was 'just Indians' being slaughtered meant that it was not a part of American history," he said.

There is a long history of kinship between the Cheyenne, Arapaho and the people of the Great Sioux Nation. These three tribes were allies at the Battle of the Little Big Horn and one of the ironies of that battle was that warriors of the very tribes he attacked at Washita punished Custer, the perpetrator of the Washita Massacre.

For their victory at the Little Big Horn, the Cheyenne, Arapaho and the Sioux paid a heavy price. Many more Cheyenne and Arapaho were removed from their tribal lands in Montana and Colorado and moved to Western Oklahoma. The 7.5 million acres that make up the Black Hills of South Dakota were confiscated from the Sioux by the United States government. Ironically, just two years before Custer was killed at the Little Big Horn, he led an expedition into the Black Hills and discovered gold there.

The Sioux went to court in 1921 to seek the return of all or portions of the Black Hills and 60 years later, in 1981; the U. S. Supreme Court awarded the tribes $105 million for the theft of the Hills. Never mind that in the interim more than $1 billion dollars in gold, timber and other natural resources were extracted from the Black Hills without a single dime going to the owners of the land, the Indian tribes of the Sioux Nation. It is now 2007 and 26 years have passed since the monetary award and the tribes of the Great Sioux Nation, the poorest of tribes in America, have refused to accept a single penny of the award. Writing on the Black Hills Settlement Case and of the illegal taking of the Black Hills, Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun said, "A more ripe and rank case of dishonest dealings may never be found in our history."

Peace Chief Lawrence Hart told me this story. He said that Custer returned to visit the people of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes a few years after the Washita Massacre. After he smoked the pipe of peace with them he was asked to make a promise to them that he would never ever make war against the Cheyenne and Arapaho again. Custer made that promise. He was then told that if he ever broke that promise he would die on that day.

Forgetting his promise, Custer attacked the encampment of Cheyenne, Arapaho and Sioux at the Little Big Horn on June 25, 1876 and he died on that day.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho are working to build a memorial cultural site at Sand Creek in Colorado. And with this column I am requesting the Congressional delegation from South Dakota to introduce a bill that would help raise the funds to build a Cultural Heritage Center at the Massacre Site of Wounded Knee.

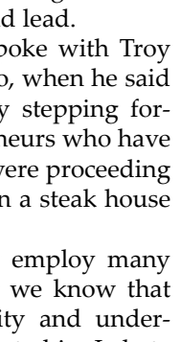
The Heritage Center at Washita could not have been constructed without the full support of the Oklahoma Congressional representatives.

Are you listening Representative Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, Senator John Thune, and Senator Tim Johnson? What a tribute and a blessing this would be to the Lakota people of your state.

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Northern Perspectives

We need to wake up and get on the gravy train



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

"News by and for Lakota people" is my latest motto as I work quietly to track down the latest in news which is effecting Rosebud reservation residents.

In the hunt for news in an already crowded field, I realized that the journalism field is an area which needs to attract more young Sicangu Lakota oyate so that they can report it through their eyes. Our friend Senator Tom Daschle made that point last year when we attended a fundraising event at the Prairie Edge.

It is an unsettling thing to know that even the media which reports on and serves Lakota people is controlled by people who have primarily an economic interest in delivering a product to Lakota people.

Our schools, businesses, and media outlets are literally crying out for own young people to serve our own people.

When we rely on outside agencies, influence or people who come to take our jobs away it is only one indication that we cannot carry out those basic functions.

There is something wrong when you have 200 teachers who commute to Rosebud each day when we should be preparing our own Lakota students to step up and lead.

I was impressed when I spoke with Troy Heinert a couple of weeks ago, when he said he and his wife were simply stepping forward as local young entrepreneurs who have a stake in our economy and were proceeding along with their plans to open a steak house at the former golf course.

Now, whether or not they employ many Lakota people there, at least we know that they are from the community and understand that it make good sense to hire Lakota people.

Many people love it when they go into a business and are waited upon by people who understand their needs and style of interaction, instead of wanting to simply take their money and run all the way to the bank.

It takes a bit of awareness and observation to see those outside influences here on the Rosebud and it is probably true elsewhere. There are grocery stores, gas stations, news media, and "guest workers" who are literally mining millions of dollars from Lakota people and we need to wake up and get in on the gravy train.

I hope that our college business classes are able to assess exactly what is being harvested from our local economy. It will take a bit of sophisticated analysis, but we need to get a handle on what exactly the outflow of cash is from the Rosebud and make an attempt to redirect that.

Yes, we know that many of those who are benefiting from our critical mass are friends and acquaintances and there is always room for that.

I have some very dear white friends who Ned Metcalf calls "ha ska" but they know all too well that there is a need for everyone to work themselves out of a job and teach young Lakota people to filter into those jobs ultimately.

I never hear any strategies that seek to do that and it may be time to do that.

"News by and for Lakota people" is an attitude that needs to be subsumed into every enterprise that affects Lakota in the near and distant future as our survival depends on it. The government is dying to get out of the "Indian business" and it is time for us to cling that all important "sovereign status" and work very hard to understand how to become economically self-sufficient by running our own affairs public, private and tribal.

The federal government tends to think in terms of national pride and we need to do it likewise.

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Oil change scenario

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learn to change their own oil and then you know your oil is changed. I change my oil in my jeep. I have traveled 274,000 miles trouble free.

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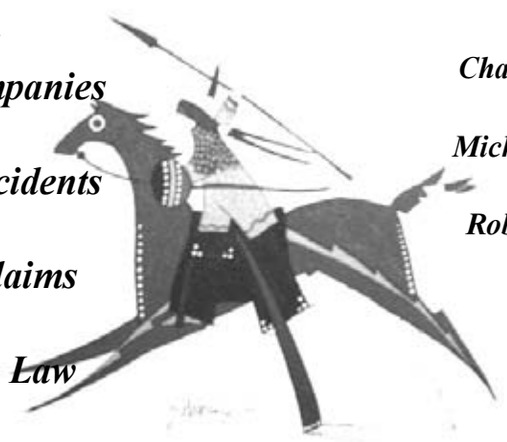
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Little Wound needs OT to repeat as All West champs

Hornbeck earns MVP, McCauley selected as all star

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent



For the second year in a row, the Oglala Lakota Regulators (Little Wound) won the All West tourney in Denver, this year's champs include: Back row: Billi Hornbeck, team manager, Vern Marshall, TJ McCauley, Dustin Shangreaux, Rich Big Boy, Michael Apple, Darelyn Runnels (assistant manager). Front row: Brice Hornbeck, Brennan Montgomery, Casey Montileaux, Orin Three Stars and Brett Thunder Hawk. Photo courtesy of Billi Hornbeck.

DENVER - Playing under the name, Oglala Lakota Regulators, Little Wound returned to the 2007 Amerin All West Native American Basketball Classic this past weekend and wrapped up their second straight championship with a 69-61 overtime win over 4 the Love of the Game out of Oklahoma.

A total of 25 boy's teams and 19 girl's teams participated in the three day event including five girl's teams and five boy's teams from South Dakota.

Down by eight points late in regulation, Little Wound battled back to tie up the championship game and take it into overtime and get the win. Brice Hornbeck led the way with 31 points, TJ McCauley helped with 14 and Rich Big Boy who reinjured his knee and hadn't played any of the tournament games played the fourth quarter and the overtime period and chipped in 12 points.

Little Wound opened pool play with a 72-65 win over Belknap Boyz, followed it up with a loss to Northern Cheyenne I 61-58 and finished off pool play with an 81-57 win over Young Mesquaki an a 78-45 win over the Wambdi. Little Wound played Belknap again in the opening game of the tournament and beat them 59-49 as Hornbeck hit for 26 points. Little Wound earned revenge over Northern Cheyenne in the quarterfinals beating them 66-54 as Brice hit for 23, TJ added 19 and Michael Apple helped with 15. In the semis, Little Wound downed Sicangu Akicita (Todd County/St. Francis) 65-38 as Hornbeck hit for 25 and McCauley added 22.

Hornbeck was named MVP of the tournament, McCauley was named to the first team all stars and Rich Big Boy was named most inspirational.

Kul Wicasa (Lower Brule) won the silver bracket beating Wind River while Kyal Middletent earned first team all star honors and Will Edwards and RJ Estes were named to the second all star team.

Pine Ridge South Dakota B-Ball Divas lost to 4 Love of the Game in the championship game. Red cloud took second in the silver bracket losing by one point to the Lady Chiefs of Wind River. Lacey Weston of the Divas and Marque Lunderman of Red Cloud earned first team all star nods while Christian Janis of the Divas and Ida Clarke of Red Cloud earned second team honors. Janis was also named most inspirational.

Cheyenne Eagle Butte girls and boys participated along with Red Cloud and Pine Ridge boys and Lower Brule girls. Both Red Cloud and Pine Ridge went undefeated in pool play but lost in the tournament.



Mustangs receive second place State A trophy

KYLE - After a meeting betrween the South Dakota High school Activities association and representatives of Little Wound School, Little Wound held an all school assembley to present the team the second place trophy from the State A tourney in Rapid City and individual medals to the players on Wednesday, April 25 during an assembly. The team included coaches Jamie Feather Earring and Travis Brave bird in the back row, and the team including Michael Apple, Brice Hornbeck, Ty Lunderman, Devon LeBeau, Rich Big Boy, TJ McCauley and Vern Marshall in the middle row with Casey Montileaux and Naploean Lays Bad in the front with team managers. Photo courtesy of Jerry Matthews, Double M Studio.

Iyotte resigns from KINI 96.1 radio

ST. FRANCIS - Richard Iyotte, station manager at KINI FM radio resigned recently and leaves behind a staff that will now work to create programming that is reflective of their creative talents.

Mary Lee Fast Horse will now serve as acting station manager and as the morning deejay on KINI, she appears to have a good sense of what the community wishes to promote in terms of Lakota culture, language, country and western music, Native American music, and a format that targets a younger audience. The Sicangu tribal membership is estimated to consist of a large portion of young people in their teens and 20s and their listening priorities will most likely be considered.

Perry DeCory, has that great almost stereotypical "deejay" voice and is able to relate well to the younger set and will continue to take the lead in providing the latest contemporary sounds. DeCory also has an interest in introducing the listening audience to some exceptional "jazz" music.

Iyotte is a professional musician who led the group Arrowspace with several albums during the 1990's and early 2000.

Former deejay, Contessa Big Crow-Jenkins, discovered the song and proceeded to play the song and it soon caught on.

Iyottte was quite experienced at networking with musicians and the media and appeared at ease in integrating the newest of technology into programming at the station. He also well versed in integrating programming that was cognizant of the Lakota culture and language, while integrating other formats which are standard at the station, including a Catholic oriented format.

Alice Starboy serves as the receptionist at KINI, while the other deejays include Cynthia Crow Eagle on Sundays and Karen and Laura Moore during Wednesdays after school.

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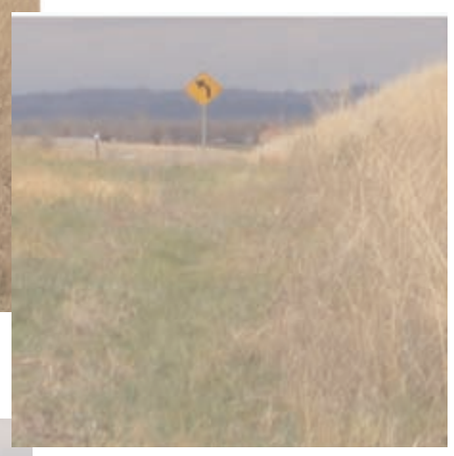
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Month of the Child Schedule

- **Thursday, April 26**
  Youth Fair-
  Pine Ridge Village
- **Thursday, May 3**
  Youth Fair-
  Porcupine
- **Friday, May 4**
  Ditch Clean Up
  Junction 18 to Sharp's

Thank you to all individuals for your support in our Month of the Child Clean-up efforts on Friday, April 20th 2007. Your efforts and the efforts of all program staff have helped to produce a successful clean up. The Oglala Sioux Tribe had 54 participants and accomplished approximately 3 miles of roadway clean up. Our efforts used approximately 384 bags of refuse and between 10 and 14 bags of recyclable aluminum cans, so for every mile of roadway we cleaned 128 bags of garbage, and 4 bags of recyclable cans. If we had more volunteers we could do far more and help establish a cleaner reservation environment.The community response has been all positive and we expect the next 3 Fridays to go further and have more participants.
There are serious shortages of equipment including bags and gloves. This road way clean up will also be followed up by a community cleanup effort in each district next month. We are estimating the financial need to be **large**. If this need is supported by as many entities as possible, the success of the clean up efforts will help drive financial support for the cause.
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Words for the People

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Community Calendar
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OST Council meeting
Regular session of tribal council, Wednesday through Friday, April 25-27 at the Red Cloud building in Pine Ridge, 10 a.m. each day.

Habitat Board meeting
Set for Thursday, April 16 in Oglala at Brother Denny Hall at the Our Lady of the Sioux Catholic church from 6-8 pm, come and find out about interest free homes, enjoy fellowship and share meal and ideas, the next build will be in Oglala, for information call Dar at 867-4000 or Minerva at 454-2710.

Tornado Spotting training
Thursday, April 26 at the Eagle Nest college center in Wanblee from 1-3 p.m. with Susan Sanders of the National Weather Service, for info call 462-6274.

Spiritual Gathering
8th annual spiritual gathering at Eagle Nest Butte on Friday, April 27 departing Crazy Horse School in Wanblee at 9 a.m., for information call 462-6274.

Foundation board vacancy
Deadline for expressing interest in the Wounded Knee District School foundation is Friday, April 27, for information call 867-1176.

Men's basketball tourney
Double elimination tourney at Porcupine School April 27-29, for information contact Devonna at 685-1347 or 441-8111.

Co-ed softball tourney
At Spring Creek Memorial ball field on April 27-29, for information contact Lee Bad Hand at 747-4479.

Bear Creek Memorial tourney
Two divisions, men and women at the American Legion Auditorium in Martin, April 27-29 with proceeds going to Martin Youth Club, for information contact Hermus at 455-1209, 454-1945.

Car Show and Swap Meet
Saturday, Aril 28 at the Pejuta Haka college center parking lot in Kyle with set up 7-10 a.m., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. open to the public and judging at 5 p.m. for hot rod, vintage or custom vehicles, sponsored by PHCC student organization, for information call 455-2450.

Hanpapacun
A 16 team Lakota style Hand-game tournament with 16 sticks and open to all ages, Saturday, April 28 at the Wolf Creek School gym sponsored by Tusweca Tiospaye, for information call Mike at 867-6193.

Co-ed Softball tourney
Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29 at Oglala field, for information call Daisy at 441-9453.

OST Education Committee meetings
Monday, April 30, American Horse School in Allen at 10 a.m., Monday, May 14 at Porcupine School at 10 a.m. for information call Wanda at 867-5821, ext. 261.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
School pow wow finals set for Friday, May 4 at Pine Ridge School with grand entries at 1 and 6:00 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

Kevin Bordeaux Memorial Run
Saturday, May 5 starting at Billy Mills in Pine Ridge and running to Wolf Creek School with registration starting at 8 a.m. and run at 10 a.m. with dinner and reception and awards presentation to follow, for information contact Ken at 441-1692.

Traditional pow wow
Red Shirt Community first traditional pow wow on Thursday, May 10 in Red Shirt with grand entry set for 1 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. - all dancers and singers welcome, there will be a drum split, arena director, Mike Carlow, Eyapaha, Robert Two Crow, host drum, Native Thunder for information call 255-4224.

Mother's Day Slugfest
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 11-13 at Manderson ballfield with 12 team bracket, for information contact Frank at 455-6369 or Steph at 441-3578.

Lakota All Stars Classic
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 11-13, co-ed basketball tourney at Red Cloud gym for age divisions 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18; for information call Ted at 441-6922, Jolene at 441-7308 or Marvin at 441-0068.

Lands and Inheritance meetings
Thursday, May 17 at Wounded Knee District CAP office in Manderson at 5:30 p.m.; how do the new inheritance laws affect you, the new grazing fees and the Indian Land Consolidation Act movement.



Todd County prom royalty

MISSION - The 2007 Todd County High School prom royalty included King Stephan Antoine, son of Brenda Peneaux who is employed at the Headstart administration in Mission. Queen Kayla Sleeping Bear, is the daughter of Naomi Goodshield who is employed at Sinte Gleska University. Kayla has been accepted to NAU in Rapid City and will be studying forensic science. Both are seniors at TCHS. The other two royalty included, Prince, Gunner Krogman, son of Naomi Krogman and Princess, Janel Reynolds, daughter of Robert and Cora Reynolds of Rosebud.

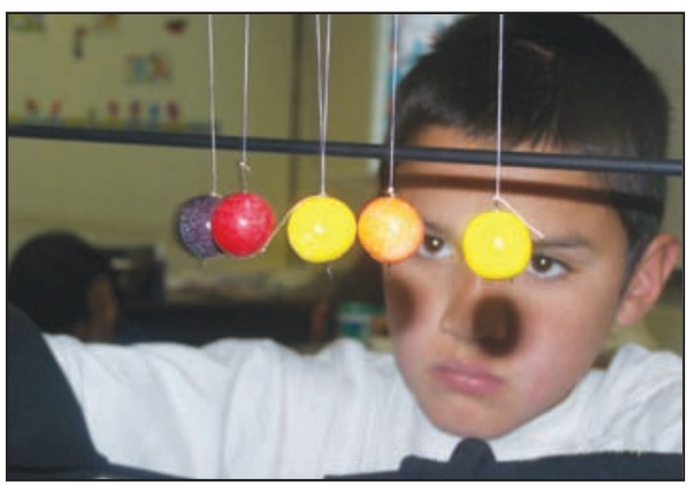
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American Horse School Earth Day activities

ALLEN - American Horse School held Earth Day Activities on Monday, April 23. Students picked up trash on school and pow wow grounds, planted trees in front of the Allen CAP office, had an Earth Day Honoring in the AHS gym. The school gave t-shirts to the students who attended and their special guest from Washington D.C. Deputy Assistant Treasury Secretary Roger Kodat and Attorney Charles Abourezk. Teacher Zack Krahn and the Elk Tiospaye planted Choke Cherry and Juniper trees donated by Colorado State University. Students shown above are 6 of the 18 students who planted trees. (L-R) Albert Shot With Arrow, Dalton Yellow Hawk, Isaiah Marshall, Almano Vierra, Keisa Hornbeck, Tyra Quinn.

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John Reddy looks over one of many science projects developed by American Horse School students.

Students participate in OLC science fair

ALLEN - The following American Horse School students submitted Science Fair Projects to the Oglala Lakota College Reservation wide Science Fair.

Robin Tiospaye- Rena Bettelyoun-"Matter"-Chandler, Tim Dora, Shikayila, Skylar,Shayna,Mariah, Keanna,Tashena, Pte San Sin, Jerry, Priscilla, Jaden, Shakyra, Lylviana, Shanda, Devon, Everett, Paula Phontayne.

Bear Tiospaye -Mabel Makes Good- "Coin Battery"-Shilo Tallman, Jakota Moore, Wakinyan Thunder Hawk, Mason Means, Michael Wilson. "Color Fun"-Iris Salway, Shilo Salway, Chelsea Stone, Talisa Wilcox, Nileen Yellow Hawk, Sylvija Yellow Hawk. "Water Going In Air"-

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Phelps and Mousseaux excel in science

KYLE - Todd Phelps and Josh Mousseaux, two Little Wound High School students, have shown achievement in the science field. Both were recently honored for excelling in competition.

Phelps placed first in the National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair, which offers great opportunity for 5th-12th grade students with cash prizes and scholarships. In addition, the exposure and experience students gain stays with them as they progress through their college and professional careers.

NAISEF is a very special Annual Science Fair venue developed by AISES for American Indian students. The fair is an important component of the AISES effort to support Indian education. It is a critical early step towards success for the students who participate.

It was held in March at Albuquerque, N.M., where several area high school students took part in the NAISEF event. This year the organization was pleased to have one of the only K-12 Affiliate School of AISES, with is Little Wound School take part in the science fair.

The annual event is an opportunity for students to actively participate in a science-based learning environment and create science projects that can be shared with peers, teachers, and educators.

The fair provides a forum for students to have their research recognized and critiqued in the disciplines of science, mathematics, engineering, technology and cultural preservation.

Grand award winners will

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(Above) Todd Phelps and (below) Josh Mousseaux.



Erica Cottier is all smiles as she recieves her DARE graduation certificate during ceremonies in St. Franics on Friday. Photo courtesy of Rich Winters.

SFIS graduates 77 DARE students

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ST. FRANCIS - The middle school staff at St. Francis Indian School headed by principal, Dina Begay, were busy putting the finishing touches on a very ornate setting for the 2007 D. A. R. E. graduation for the fifth and sixth grade classes. Four large sheet cakes, red, white and blue balloons adorned the gymnasium as two large banners with white lettering and a black background that read "Nagik Sapa" in Lakota were strategically hung on the stage area.

Nagik Sapa translates to 'wise spirit' and in the Lakota scheme of emotional and physical maturation it often is used to describe those who have attained a certain maturity in refining their intellectual development.

D.A.R.E Officer, Delta Anderson, of the Rosebud Law Enforcement Services initiated the event by calling upon Homer White Lance of SFIS who gave a very rousing prayer in Lakota. The intent and volume of White Lance's prayer was a great reminder that the Lakota language is very much in use these days on the Rosebud.

The gymnasium was about three quarters full as SFIS superintendent, Larry Parker, could be heard thanking the parents for their presence today as a show of support for their graduates. He echoed the sentiments of Rosebud tribal police chief, Charles Red

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advance to compete at the 58th Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Albuquerque, N.M. on May 13.

Phelps, 17, a junior, participated this year with his research and project entered into the category of Environmental Science of "Does the paint in your home give off more that just color?" Various teachers and advisors aided this project. Phelps did an outstanding job at National Science Fair and placed first in the event as well as received a certificate for recognition of an outstanding project for continuing efforts to aide tribal members in research on effects affecting the nations Indian reservations. Phelps received high scores from four judges, one even saying he was proud to see the efforts of a young man and hoped it helped influence others to do the say in their own communities. The award was a special award given by the National EPA council. Phelps was asked to continue his reseal and invited back for next year's competition.

"It was an honor to work and travel with Todd; he is a very smart young man and has the ability to succeed in whatever he ventures for. I personally am looking forward to the continued efforts of this student and will be curious to see where his ambitions and brains take him a special thanks goes out to Jennifer Miksanik, Todd's microbiology and Physics instructor at LWHS whom worked with Todd, as well as Tatewin Means from Oglala Lakota College," said Misty Rose Mousseaux, who is student teaching at the high school in math and science. "Sincere congratulations and great recognition should be given to this young man, hopefully others will take an in-depth look at the areas of math and science and view all aspects of where their futures can take them with research," she added

Josh Mousseaux, 17 and a junior at LWHS, was recently selected as one of two Native American students nationwide to participate in International Space School summer program for several weeks. Mousseaux will travel to Houston, Texas to the Johnson Space Center to create a mission to Mars. Each year, 30 to 40 students are selected worldwide from 20 countries to participate in the program. This is the first year, two Native American students were selected. The other student is from Shonto Prep School in the Arizona. All students are high school juniors.

The students were selected on their math and science skills. They will create their simulated trip to Mars, live on Mars and return home. Last week, Lynn Gibson, an International Space School Foundation board member, traveled to Little Wound High School to met Mousseaux, award his scholarship and tour the school.

The summer academic program emphasizes solving technical problems allied with practical application of solutions as member of a team. Lecturers include astronauts, medical researchers, engineers, managers and technicians from Johnson Space Center and companies associated with the space program.

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Crow, who earlier said that all the D.A.R.E. graduates were "winners."

Red Crow said, "Each of you is a winner. D.A.R.E has high standards that you have met. You have family with high expectations. Winners expect nothing but the best for themselves and you are all winners."

Byron Wright of the SFIS school board said, "When I see kids in D.A.R.E they are going to be our future leaders…There may be some real serious problems in the future, like technology or social issues and maybe one of you will come up with a solution for teen suicide or global warming."

SFIS middle school principal, Dina Begay, was also very encouraging to the students when she said, "Someday, you too need to be drug free for your children."

All 77 D.A.R.E. graduate who had undergone ten weeks of training walked across the stage to receive a briefcase and a certificate and were congratulated by the group of speakers.

Afterward, a luncheon was served to all visitors in attendance which included soup, wojapi, coffee and a share of those beautiful cakes which had been ordered for the special occasion.

AHS students make perfect attendance

ALLEN - American Horse School in Allen announced the students that had perfect attendance during the third quarter.

The students are: Amanda Mousseaux, Chanda Brave Heart, Chandler Brave Heart, Christina Long Wolf, Contessa Vasquez, Darion Plenty Arrows, Daylene Blue Legs, Eliza Dubray, Jaunita, Deaton, John Attack Him, Kaylynn Bear Killer, Lavera Armet, Loren Ashley, Meltina Marshall, Michael Wilson, Nileen Yellow Hawk, Parisa Vierra, Shakyra Vierra, Star Yellow Hawk, Stephen Ashley, Trey Ashley, Kiona Gay, Arlo Standing Bear, Darren Richards.

Lakota Funds open house

Friday, June 22 at the Lakota Trade Center in Kyle, celebrating Lakota Funds 20th anniversary and small business success on Pine Ridge Reservation with an open house, food, children's entertainment, door prizes, artists booth and musical entertainment, for information call 455-2500.

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Brianna Charger, Kayla Cross, Annabelle Guttierrez,Elain Red Shirt, Bertha Richards

Coyote Tiospaye -Bonnie Hopper- -"Growing a Crystal Garden"-Trey Ashley, Leslie Bartlett, Becky Bear Killer, Sioux Dawn Waters, Teal Brave Bird, Daniel Cottier, Juanita Longman, Katrina Standing Bear, Chelsea Marshall, Michael Richards, Noah Spotteed Eagle, Ed Fire Thunder

Antelope Tiospaye-Devonna Bush-"Reflecting Beams of Light"-Jerry Has No Horse

"Zoetrope"-Myron Dillon, Darren Richards. "Hot air Balloons"-Barbara Standing Bear, Lalaina Charger, Niquel Standing Bear. "Air Cars"-Cory Whirlwind Horse. "Electromagnets"-Dallas Whirlwind Horse.

Wolverines Tiospaye-Carmelita DuBray-"Magical Balloon"-Sunshine Tallman, Dusty DuBray. "The Making, Cause, and Effects of an Erupted Volcano on different types of land areas"-Tamarra, Nailah, Mary and Darion. "The Obliging Balloon"-Parisa, Alleyah, Star.

Eagles Tiospaye-Daryl Besco-"Types of Nebulae"-Samantha Means, Lakota Poor Bear, Juanita Deaton, Steven Yellow Hawk, Danyell Long Wolf. "Tetonic Plates"-Chance Newton DuBray.

Pine Ridge High School lists honor roll

PINE RIDGE - Pine Ridge High School recently listed their third quarter honor roll as follows:

Mitchell Bagola, 3.5; Te'sia Bagola, 3.71; Shira Bettelyoun, 4.0; Delia Big Boy, 4.0; Joseph Bissonette, 3.67; Kristan Black Elk, 3.67; Jeremy Blacksmith, 3.85; Marquez Blackwater, 3.50; Stan Brewer, 3.85; William Brewer, 3.40; Justina Brown Eyes, 3.71; Kayla Carlow, 3.0; Anne Cedar Face, 3.83; Cheryl Cedar Face, 4.0; Jessica Chase, 3.20; Donald Clifford, 3.80; Harley Cortier, 3.57; Alyssa Cottier, 3.16; Aldo Grass, 3.50; Marti Hart, 3.0; Liane Her Many Horses, 3.57; Jonna Hill, 3.16; Kimberly Hill, 4.0; Helen Holy Dance, 3.0; Michael Iron Cloud, 3.0; Michael Jack, 3.75; Bruce Jacobs, 3.14; Amber Janis, 3.66; Glendon Janis, 3.20; Wylie Janis, 3.75; Anyna Jealous Of Him, 3.80; Jonnie Keith, 3.16; Kenneth Keith, 4.0; Shawn Keith, 4.0; Roberta LaCota, 3.0; Leroy Lame, 3.33; Tianna Lame, 3.42; Shaina Lays Bad, 3.50; Lester LeBeau, 3.25; Destiny Leftwich, 3.85; Roman Leftwich 3.14; Cecil Little Hawk, 3.0; Eric Long, 3.42; Emily Lopez, 3.57; Julia Martin, 3.16; Yvonne Merrival, 3.0; Ashley Mesteth, 3.66; David Michaud, 4.0; Dusti Michaud, 4.0; Jerrid Morrison, 3.83; Shonda Morrison, 3.50; Sontel Mousseau, 4.0; Aimee Pond, 4.0; R onald Pond, 3.57; Stephanie Poor Bear, 3.28; Randee Pourier, 3.25; Jonathan Provost, 3.25; KayCee Quiver, 3.0; Juan Ramos, 3.0; Shawnee Red Bear, 3.5; Wakinlyela Red Bow, 3.57; Devon Red Cloud, 4.0; Mary Red Cloud, 3.66; John Red Feather, 3.28; Alicia Rd Fish, 3.0; Stephon Ross, 3.42; Thomas Rowland, 3.0; Cassie Salway, 3.14; Jacob Stoneberger, 3.42; Saadia Tasso, 4.0; Richard Toledo, 4.0; Gaylen Twiss, 3.33; Cody Two Bulls, 3.85; Esther Two Bulls, 3.33; Jarred Two Bulls, 4.0; Mary Two Lance, 3.20; Randi Waln, 3.16; Daneesha Warrior, 3.0; Michelle Waters, 3.75; Dianna Watkins, 3.20; Robert Watters, 3.71; Isaac Weston, 3.25; Emily White E yes, 3.25; Nonalita White Plume, 3.0; Holly Yellow Bear, 3.00; Ashley Yellow Bull, 3.00.

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Manderson Post Office
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Porcupine Post Office
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. MST

ASK ANNA

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I just ran onto your column and so I thought I would write.

My mom was adopted out in the 1930s, before she died I got in contact again with some people, and have stayed in contact with people up there ever since 1995.





The photos are of Dorothy Green as a baby and as an adult.

Will I ever be able to find out who her birth parents were?

I don't even know what her birth name was, she was given such limited information.

She was told she born in South Dakota, seven miles across the South Dakota line from Chadron, Neb., making it in the Slim Buttes area of Pine Ridge. She was born at her grandmother's house, and that she was Sioux, that's it.

Do you see any other information that could help me? Can you see who any of my family was? It makes it so hard on all of us, since we never got the chance to meet our relatives, never got the opportunity of seeing our grandparents, not even knowing who you come from, it's awful.

My Moms name was :

Dorothy Ann Green

She was born March 12, 1934.

She was raised by Dewey and Florence Green and it was Florence who told my mom that she was adopted. My mom had no reason to lie about it, she never asked anyone for anything. She was raised when it was bad to be Native, she did NOT raise me and my sisters this way.

So I am asking for help in finding my mom's birth family. How these people got my mom, I don't have any idea. I don't even know what her birth name was..

It's a horrible feeling when you don't even know where you came from, it makes you feel lost, and all alone. No grandparents, no family. Hopefully someone will be able to look at the pic of her when she was a baby and recognise her.

Please contact Cathryn Amador at *cathryn-sue777@yahoo.com.*

Looking for Roots

Dear Looking:

I do see a Crow name. Start there. Check birth records in Gordon, Neb., as well as Indian Health Service.

Good Luck.

Dear Anna,

I read you column every week. I'm almost 15 weeks pregnant do you see me with a boy or girl? Is my relationship going to last?

Curious

Dear Curious:

Congratulations! I see a boy. Relationships don't automatically "last." They take a concentrated effort and a decision to work together to make it work. The key ingredient besides the decision is a cooperative effort based on health. I am speaking chiefly of mental, emotional and spiritual health.

Jealous immature controlling attitudes, especially combined with substance abuse issues will certainly doom any relationship. You do the diagnosis. What do you see? I know that will give you your answer. If you want it to work, the both of you need to make some pretty solid decisions to change the way you deal with life and with each other. Good Luck and God Bless.

Dear Anna,

I heard from a friend that you were a really good person, and you've made her feel better, after she contacted you. I live in Pine Ridge. I am currently married for four years now. Ann, my heart is broken for the mere fact that I just found out my husband has been lying to me. When I was pregnant with my last child, I used to suspect that my husband was cheating on me with his first wife.

He would be gone for a few days at a time, then come home and act like nothing was wrong. A niece of his confirmed my suspicions, and told me they meaning my husband and his ex wife were partying at my niece's house all night at one time.

All that time he would tell me no. I knew in my stomach something just was not right. Before I met my husband I was in a relationship where my man was always running around on me so I was a pro when it came to noticing a liar.

Anna, I don't know what to do anymore. I want to quit but we have two kids together. I'm tired of sacrificing my happiness so that others around me can be happy. My husband accuses me of stuff I don't even do and that really makes me sick to my stomach. I was always taught that when a man is accusing you he is the one who has something to hide.

When his kids come over, they act like my house don't mean anything to them, they are lazy, don't help my daughter clean, they don't even shower everyday. It makes me mad that his ex wife feels she is entitled to send the kids over at her convenience. My husband can't stand up to his ex wives, not once has he ever told them no. It's to a point where I hate him and his ex wives and his kids. I don't know what to do any more will my life get better or do I have to let it all end and start taking care of myself and my children?

Will it work?

Dear Will it work:

Everyone that reads this letter will know immediately, even if they are not psychic that your marriage is over. The final two lines of the letter tell it all: "I hate him" combined with the fear of having to take care of yourself say volumes. Yes, dear, you do have to take care of yourself and your children. You are an adult

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You are not being a good parent by torturing your children with you and your husband's bad relationship and the examples you are giving to them of adult behavior. As a matter of fact, you are guilty of emotionally crippling them by exposure to substance abuse, anger including throwing things, yelling or moping silence.

That is enough of a lecture from me. Here is what you can do: You can end the relationship, heal yourself of emotional battering, and learn that you are a creator. You create the daily life you live through the choices that you make. You chose your husband knowing who and what he is and was. You determine how you react. You, you, you. You set the tone for emotional balance in your home.

You can go to school. You can get help through programs and social services. You can make a new life. You can develop a relationship with the Creator that gives you enough faith to be okay. You can give your children a good life in a good way.

Get a backbone honey. Quit complaining. Leave him. He will be mandated to pay support. Prepare yourself to make an income. Be brave. Everyone will work together to help you when you begin to help yourself. Get your children and yourself into counseling. Take charge of the life that God gave you. Honor yourself by treating yourself well.

I don't think your life is hopeless and I don't think you are a bad person. I think you are stuck and blinded by chaos and you have decided that you are helpless.

I am not giving you sympathy because that will enable you to remain a victim of your own frozen state.

Sympathy is not helpful. I know my words sound brutal, but I also know that perhaps if you get mad enough you will take charge of your life. I know that is preferable to staying in a hopeless terrible situation.

Being constantly unhappy and hopeless is a slow, emotional death and creates a totally dysfunctional life - and creates dysfunctional hopeless children. You are powerful in your own life. Get up and get going.

Dear Anna,

First of all I would like to wish a good day. My sister spoke very highly of you, and I thought that maybe you could be of some help with what I need to do. I am going through a very tough time right now and I really don't have anyone to help me.

My major problem is finances. I have two graduates, and I barely make enough money to pay bills, some I can't pay.

I pray all the time for help with my needs, but nothing helps. I have a large family to take care of, children and grand children that I love. And I am proud of the two that are going to graduate next month. Hopefully I can get what they need for graduation.

About a couple months ago, a person in my family found an ancient artifact, sticking out of the ground, near my home. I have been keeping this object close to me for some time. I don't know why this object came into my home, or the value of this.

What do you see for my future? What can I do to help myself, I feel like my health is worsening, is it stress? And what about the artifact, what needs to be done with it?

Proud Mother

Dear Proud Mother:

The artifact, so to speak, has come home to somebody that will care for it. I know that it is a temptation to sell it and solve your financial worries - but I see that you won't do that.

There will be a time in the future when it can be placed in the care of the tribe, to teach the youth to honor and respect their past. I would suggest contacting Oglala Lakota College - or one of the other stable reservation colleges when you feel the time is right. I feel there is sacred blood involved with this artifact.

I know how you struggle. I want for it to go away for you. I want you to be okay financially. There will come a time, in about three years, when you feel more financial success and you retire that type of stress.

In the mean time, I do see you selling some articles that you make. I also see less stress financially as one of your children reaches, very soon, a good economic solution to his problems. Don't worry so much about "what you give" to your children and grandchildren. The most precious thing you can give is your time. That is what memories are created from.

Your health related struggles are based on stress. Please call the *Lakota Country Times* and leave your phone number. My business partner, Barb, and I would like to help you with your life and your body problems. We are healers. Let us help you.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

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The Rez Firefighter (Peta Usniyapi)

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Crossword Puzzle

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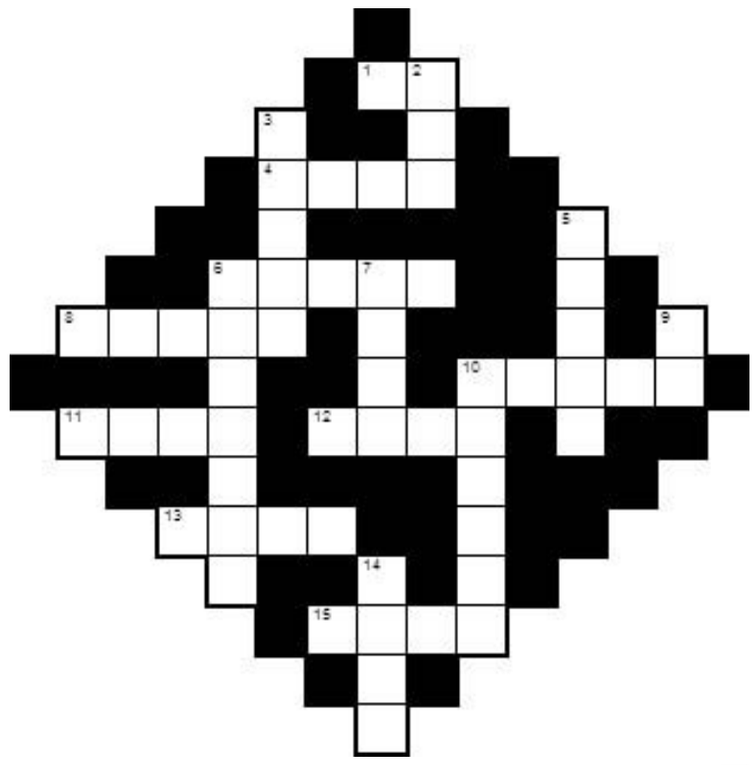
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10 school (6)
14 smoke (4)



Answers from last week's puzzle



Patricia D. Iron Cloud, 62...Rockville, Md.
Royce Chase Alone, infant.....Manderson
Sabastian Red Cloud, infant.....Rushville
Stella R. Two Bulls, 63.....Oglala
Julia C. Left Hand, 87.....Potato Creek
Baby Boy Martinez, infant....Potato Creek
Gilbert Keester, 81..... Manderson
Martha Rough Surface, 69.....Mobridge
Jaycille White Wolf, 61..... Mobridge

Patricia D. Iron Cloud

ROCKVILLE, Md. - Patricia D. Iron Cloud, 62, died April 21 at Casey House Montgomery Hospice in Rockville of natural causes.

Survivors include sons Brett Tashman of Abilene, Texas and Ramon Bear Runner of Penn.; mother Ruby Iron Cloud of Rapid City; brother Rodger Iron Cloud of Oakton, Va.; a sister Stella Iron Cloud of Rapid City.

A one-night wake begins on Friday, April 27 at 3 p.m. at Porcupine School. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 28 at Porcupine School.

Officiating will be Rev. Lyle Noisy Hawk with inurnment at a later date.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Royce Chase Alone

MANDERSON - Royce Chase Alone was stillborn on April 22 at the Pine Ridge Hospital.

Survivors include parents Bridgette Ghost and Leonard Chase Alone, Sr. both of Manderson; Cheyenne Chase Alone and Virginia Chase Alone both of Manderson; step brothers Leonard Chase Alone, Jr., Henry Chase Alone, Dwayne Chase Alone and Joshua Chase Alone all of Manderson; step sisters Adeline Chase Alone and Tatoye Chase Alone both of Manderson; maternal grandfather Curtis Ghost of Manderson; paternal grandmother Mary Chase Alone of Manderson.

A one-night wake begins 1 p.m. Friday, April 27 at St. Agnes Catholic Hall, Manderson, Funeral services 1 p.m., Saturday, April 28 at St. Agnes Catholic Hall in Manderson.

Officiating will be Rev. Chris Collins with interment: St. Agnes Catholic Cemetery, Manderson.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Sabastian R. Red Cloud

RUSHVILLE, Neb. - Sabastian R. Red Cloud, 6 months, died April 22 at Gordon Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include parents Stacy Red Cloud of Rushville, Neb. and Francis Rencountre of Pine Ridge; sisters Jennifer Big Crow and Kristina Rencountre both of Rushville, Neb.; maternal grandparents Naomi Red Cloud of Rapid City and Robert Brewer of Pine Ridge; paternal grandfather Evans Rencountre of Pine Ridge.

A two night wake begins on Thursday, April 26 at 2 p.m. at Billy Mills Hall. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 28, at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge.

Officiating will be Rev. Pedro Sharp Fish with burial at First Body of Christ Cemetery, Pine Ridge.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Stella R. Two Bulls

OGLALA - Stella R. Two Bulls, 63, died April 22 at Rapid City Regional Hospital of natural causes.

Survivors include her husband Frank Two Bulls, Sr. of Oglala; sons Brett Two Bulls and Frank Two Bulls, Jr. both of Oglala; daughters Sharon Two Bulls, Ann Two Bulls and Mary Two Bulls, all of Oglala; brothers Clifford Black Elk, Loren Black Elk, Ben Black Elk and Owen Black Elk all of Pine Ridge; sisters Lorita Running Hawk, Iva Star Comes Out both of Pine Ridge and Jessie Bear Robe of Oglala.

First night wake begins Thursday, April 26 at Loneman School Gymnasium in Loneman; second night wake begins 3 p.m. Friday, April 27 at Red Shirt School Gymnasium in Red Shirt.

Funeral services 10 a.m. Saturday, April 28 an Red Shirt with Rev. Robert Two Bulls

And traditional Lakota Services by Mr. Sam Two Bulls, Sr.

Interment will be at Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery, Red Shirt.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Julia C. Left Hand

POTATO CREEK - Julia C. Left Hand, 87, Pine Ridge, died Saturday, April 21, at Castle Manor Nursing Home in Hot Springs.

Survivors include one son, Stanley Kindle, Pine Ridge; one daughter, Carolyn Brown Bear, Pine Ridge; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

A one-night wake was Wednesday, April 25, at the Wakpamni CAP office in Pine Ridge. Funeral services were Thursday, April 26, at the CAP office, with the Rev. Charles McGaa.

Burial will be at Advent Chapel Episcopal Cemetery in Calico. Sioux Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Baby Boy Antwan D. Martinez

POTATO CREEK - Baby Boy Antwan D. Martinez, Potato Creek, was stillborn Wednesday, April 18 at Pine Ridge Hosptial.

Survivors include his mother, Christina Martinez, Potato Creek; father, Ty Wolfname, Riverton, Wyo.; one brother Arlen Black Burn, Potato Creek; and maternal grandparents, Ambrose and Sarah Martinez, Potato Creek.

A wake service was Wednesday, April 25, at St. Henry's Catholic Hall in Potato Creek.

Funeral services were Thursday, April 26, at the hall, with the Rev. Kim Dewhurst officiating.

Burial was at St. Henry's Catholic Cemetery in Potato Creek.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Gilbert Keester

MANDERSON - Gilbert Keester, 81, Manderson, died Friday, April 20 at Yankton.

He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Survivors include his wife, Rosella Keester, Grygla, Minn.; two sons, Gil Vern Keester, Manderson, and Gilman Keester, Grygla, Minn.; two daughters, Arlene Crawford, Hermosa, and Maydene Josegyzk, Manderson; three sisters, Grace Hern, Katherine Solied, and Bernice Maggard, all of Rapid City;

10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday, April 25, at the Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, with military honors provided by the Rushmore VFW Post 1273 honor guard.

Martha Rough Surface

MOBRIDGE - Martha Rough Surface, 69, Mobridge, died Thursday, April 19 at the Mobridge Regional Hospital.

Wake services were Thursday, April 26, with funeral services to be 11 a.m. Friday, April 27, at the Episcopal Church in White Horse with Mother Marion Rectenwald and the Rev. Norman Blue Coat officiating. Burial will be at the Church Cemetery.

Jaycille Darilyn White Wolf

MOBRIDGE - Jaycille Darilyn White Wolf, Canupa Win-Pipe Woman, 61, Mobridge, died Sunday, April 15 at Golden Living Center in Mobridge.

Funeral services were Monday, April 23, at the gym, with the Rev. Bryan Lane and the Rev. Byron Buffalo officiating.

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07-036 Program Manager (Exempt)	OST Dam Safety	Pine Ridge,SD
07-037 Director(Exempt)	WIA/NEW Office	Pine Ridge,SD
07-038 Revenue Director (Exempt)	OST Revenue Office	Pine Ridge,SD
07-039 Director (Exempt)	Dept. of Community & Economic Development	Pine Ridge,SD
07-040 Program Director (Exempt)	OST Substance Abuse Healing Program	Pine Ridge,SD
07-041 Director (Exempt)	OST Emergency Youth Shelter	Pine Ridge,SD

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a complete OST Application for Employment to the OST Personnel Office no later than 4:30 pm of the closing date. Mail in applications postmarked on the closing date will be accepted. Attach all pertinent documentation, I.E. Copy of High School Diploma or GED Certificate, copy of Official College Transcripts and/or College Degree, Certificate of Indian Blood if claiming Indian Preference and DD214 if claiming Veteran's Preference.

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Vacancy Announcement

Position:

Police Officer (7)	COPS - DOJ	DPS# 07-008
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Facility Administrator	Pine Ridge Correctional Facility	DPS# 07-010

Salary: As Budgeted

Program: OST Department of Public Safety

Location: Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota

Open: Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Close: Wednesday, May 2, 2007

How To Apply:

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United States Department of the Interior
- Vacancy Announcement -

Position: Realty Specialist, (Contracts Management)
GS - 1170 - 5/7 (1 Position)
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Vacancy Announcement #: AB-07-40

Opening Date: 04/13/07 **Closing Date: 05/03/07**

Summary of Duties: The incumbent performs a assignments for the management of trust and restricted property to ensure the protection, conservation,and prudent utilization of Indian Lands.

Duty Station Location:
BIA, Probate
Pine Ridge Agency, Pine Ridge, SD

Procedures on How To Apply:
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Happy Birthday to our beautiful, sexy mom Sylvia Moves Camp on 4/5/2007 Have a good day Sylvia good luck in school and you are doing an awesome job taking care of your boys
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Happy Birthday to our gorgeous niece Martina F. Moves Camp on 4/20/07
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Position: Deputy Superintendent - Trust Services
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Vacancy Announcement #: AB-07-26

Opening Date: 04/11/07 **Closing Date: 05/10/07**

Summary of Duties: Serves as the principal Deputy Superintendent - Trust Services and advisor to the Superintendent and shares fully in carrying out all phases or activities within the Agency's trust programs, i.e., trust, natural resources, forestry/fire, real estate services, including land consolidation, probates, minerals, lease compliance, and acquisition and disposal. Manages and coordinates trust program activities to ensure that program elements responsible for disbursing federal funds or managing federal trust property adhere to applicable Statutes, Codes, Treasury Regulations, Department and Bureau policies. Protects the interests of individual Indians and tribes(s) by serving as the BIA trustee exercising the authorities vested in the Secretary of Interior through public laws and regulatory requirements concerning trust property and works with the Office of Special Trustee (OST) - Trust Officer to ensure these interests are met. Responsible for budgeting, program planning and development of cooperative relationships for and within the Trust Service programs. Provides direction and implementation of supervisory and managerial activities related to equality employment opportunity, and ensures merit based practices in the recruitment, selection, training and rercognition process.

Duty Station Location:
BIA, Trust Services
Pine Ridge Agency, Pine Ridge, SD

Position: Legal Admnistrative Specialist (Probate),
GS-0901-5/7/9
GS-9: $43,731 - $56,849 Per Annum
GS-7: $35,752 - $46,478 Per Annum
GS-5: $28,862 - $37,519 Per Annum

Vacancy Announcement #: AB-07-27
Opening Date: 4-12-07 **Closing Date: 05-02-07**

Summary of Duties: The incumbent will provide legal assistance to, and consults with attorney advisors in the Bureau and administrative law judges in the Office of Hearing and Appeals. Examines legal documents to ascertain ownership status of lands and resources held in trust or restricted status, and to ensure the accuracy of legal descriptions. Performs legal research to assist the decision makers in resolving problems arising under federal, tribal, and state case law applicable to the testamentary disposition of property, title status, genealogy and other probate matters. Provides guidance in estate planning in accordance with federal, state and tribal inheritance code to Indians who own trust or restricted lands and resources. Maintains files containing executed testamentary documents and statistical records on agency estate administrative matters.

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American Horse School Eighth Graders made group presentations to select the name for the kids bank. Students above from left to right are: Alyssa Brave Bird, Ronalee DuBray, Samantha Means, and Kaylynn Bear Killer.

American Horse School students create first ever kids bank

By Connie Smith Blanco
Times Staff

ALLEN - Eighth grade students at American Horse School in Allen are making history with a decision they made to teach themselves about financial self-sufficiency. What better way to learn these lessons than to create their own student bank and name it "Mila Hanska Tasunke Owayawa", which

Please turn to Students: A2

Council gives Twiss six more months

HUD representatives stress stability, continuity

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - After a two hour executive session on Friday, during the regular session of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council meeting, the council voted 14-0 to table council representative Garfield Little Dog's motion to remove Chief of Police James Twiss.

Little Dog, judiciary committee chairman, and the judiciary committee brought the removal resolution based on a number of concerns including: authorizing $195,000 to be used as a Christmas bonus for employees of the OST Department of Public Safety, applying inconsistent and unequal disciplinary action concerning police officers and employees, favoring certain police officers, failing to address complaints from the general public in a timely and efficient manner, allowing poor leadership to exist within the internal affairs division, failing to attend community meetings when attendance was requested in writing and failing to consistently seek additional funding necessary to maintain the department.

Cora Whiting, council representative from Medicine Root District, made the motion which was seconded by Kim Claussen of LaCreek and included that the subject would be revisited in October and an evaluation of the chief's performance would be completed before the October meeting.

"Now we are all on the same page," said both Whiting and Little Dog "and all of the complaints on police brutality and inconsistent law enforcement will be followed up on through the established system."

"Your words and comments are very much appreciated," said Twiss after hearing the vote that tabled the action to remove him from the job he has held for less than a year, "I certainly do not know everything

Please turn to OST council update: A2

Family, child code approved, 120 days for compliance

Rosebud Ambulance Service is highly efficient in emergency care

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - The Rosebud Ambulance Service operates as an extension of the emergency room services at the Rosebud Comprehensive Healthcare Facility; if the number of evaluations which it undergoes is any indication of its efficiency it is doing great work in emergency patient care.

In fact, with round the clock shifts that are comprised of 6 emergency medical technicians and a dispatcher, the Rosebud Ambulance Service is one of the best in the nation in terms of response time according to Director, Steve Brave.

Todd County poses a rather unique challenge to the ambulance service as it is characterized by some dismal statistics including a high rate of disease, preventable injuries and the lowest life expectancy in the nation.

Brave has led the ambulance service for the last five years and during his total 17 years he has often served as acting director. There have been several directors ever since it got off the ground and was located in the building that now houses the forestry program. It was the first ambulance service in the Aberdeen area and with an average of 5,000 emergency calls per year, it compares favorably with the level of activity that many big city ambulance services experience.

Public relations is important to Brave, however, with direct emergency patient care a priority there is little time for getting the word out as to the successful operation of the "service" as Brave calls it. In our daily affairs no news is good news and perhaps the "service" is deserving of greater support and commendation. Brave is qualified as an EMT at the basic level and has been pressed into service from time to time.

It operates most of the time under budget and Brave has

Please turn to Rosebud ambulance: A3



RST Ambulance Service shift personnel on duty last Monday morning included, supervisor Ernestine Bear Heels, Christine Arrow and Director, Steve Brave. The RST ambulance service responds to an average of 5,000 calls per year and response

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TWO SECTIONS

Police brutality meeting set for May 12, Oglala Lakota Nation pow wow gears up

By Jeanette Eagle Hawk
Oglala Sioux Tribe Public Relations

PINE RIDGE - On Saturday, May 12 there will be a Citizens Meeting to Stop Police Brutality from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge.

On this day we want the oyate to come together and bring your complaints forward on police brutality. If people have documents on file and have not had any results, bring copies to the meeting.

This meeting is for one issue and this police brutality. The organizers of this meeting will have volunteers available to assit those who need help with paperwork.

Agenda for the meeting will be available the day of the meeting.

For more information contact Jeanette at 454-2690 or Edgar at 454-2706 or Vern at 462-6497. A meal will served.

Annual Oglala Lakota Nation pow wow gears up for Aug. 2 event

This year's 22nd Oglala Lakota Nation Pow Wow has been scheduled for Aug. 2-5 and the theme will be Wolakota na He Sapa Ki Nakincija Po, Defending our treaties and the Black Hills.

The pow wow committee is looking for young ladies interested in the Lil's Miss, Jr. Miss and Miss Oglala Lakota Nation royalty. Applications are available, contact 867-1265 for more information on the royalty.

If there are any families interested in sponsoring a meal during this year's pow wow, contact Cis Big Crow at 867-5821.

And if there are any families interested in doing specials, dance contests, honorings should contact the vice president's office.

Committee members are Shorty Brewer, Donna Salomon, Cis Big Crow, Karen Red or Harold Salway at 867-5821.

OST program director's meeting May 8

On Tuesday, May 8, there will be a Oglala Sioux Tribe program director's meeting at the Casey Family building at 10 a.m. All program directors and coordinators are required to attend. The agenda includes discussion on fringe benefits, time sheets, budget modifications, OST policy and procedures, and OST FAO office.

Financial Services Program plans economic development summit for July

The Oglala Sioux Tribe Financial Services program, which is the office of credit and finance, will be hosting the 4th Annual Economic Development Information Summit in July at the Prairie Winds Casino. The two day conference is open to the public and will enable tribal members interested in starting a small business to meet with lenders, consumer credit counselors who help in repairing credit problems and technical assistance providers.

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Deputy Assistant Treasury Secretary, Roger Kodat and Attorney Charles Abourezk toured American Horse School and watched the Earth Day Honoring in the AHS gym. Mr. Kodat also addressed the students involved in the innovative one of a kind kids bank.

Student

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means American Horse School in Lakota.

These students not only created their own bank but they are running it too. And this is not play money they are dealing with. This is real money, deposited into real saving accounts and accruing real investment interest for account holders.

Not only are they running the day to day operations but they are also writing the curriculum for this innovative program with the intent of sharing it with other reservation schools in the future.

On the bank's website, found at http://www.indian.com/ibank/Winner.htm visitors can see for themselves how the program evolved and it's bold plans stated simply "We are building the future of the Oglala Lakota people through our work."

In the past, the Lakota people depended on the buffalo for subsistence. The buffalo provided food, shelter, tools, entertainment, and more. Now the Lakota nation's future depends on how much Lakota youth can learn that will help "the people" thrive in the world of today.

The American Horse School Bank is a program where youth are helping youth learn about financial self-sufficiency. The project was possible through a federal grant. The bank now has about $2,000 deposits earned and managed by the students.

Students have placed links on their website for secondary students and include other school sites as well as cultural information. Resources for elementary teachers are coming soon.

Several weeks ago, Roger Kodat, a deputy assistant to the United States Treasury, spoke to the students at the school.

You may reach the bank by email at ahssib@ indian.com.

Rabbit, Janis, Colhoff arrested by federal agents

PINE RIDGE - Dave Rabbit, two time past treasurer of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Eileen Janis, past council representative, assistant treasurer and vice president and currently administrative assistant to John Steele and Kim Colhoff were arrested on Thursday by federal agents and charged in federal court with theft from an Indian tribal organization in 2003 and 2004.

After months of rumors and a long investigation by agents of the Inspector General's office of the Department of Interior, the three tribal members are accused of misapplying, stealing or knowingly converting for their own use, money or property in excess of $1,000.00. Assistant U.S. Bob Mandel said specific amounts of money would not be released until future court hearings.

Rabbit served two consecutive terms as treasurer from 2000-2004; Janis served as assistant treasurer from 2002-2004 and after making the general election as a vice president candidate during the 2004 tribal election, lost to Alex White Plume. Janis moved into the uncompleted vice president's position when White Plume moved into the vacant president's position when Cecelia Fire Thunder was impeached by the tribal council in June of 2006.

No court date has been set for Rabbit, Janis or Colhoff and despite rumors of additional pending arrests, no one else has been arrested at this time.



OST council meets, works

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and I've found that you are always learning."

If the decision to remove Twiss had been successful, members of the judiciary committee had considered three individuals to possibly serve in an undetermined interim period while the council advertised the chief's position; past COP candidate Grace Her Many Horses, past tribal president Harold Salway and past captain Mitch Wisecarver were all considered.

Three officials from the HUD office in Denver made a presentation to the council as they were wrapping up their three day visit to the Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing offices; they had been to Pine Ridge a year ago and reviewed housing policies and procedures, personnel, finances and reporting practices and had issued a monitoring report that had included 15 findings with specific concerns. Their visit this spring was to review the progress that housing was making on correcting the findings and to make recommendations for the near and far future.

HUD's representatives included Kathy Galt and Carol Chinlin, both grant evaluation specialists and Betty Grass, a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes and a grant management specialist.

"We are not there yet, said Galt, "we have made some progress, we are close to 50 per cent but OSLH will remain on high risk status for the foreseeable future until more progress is made on the findings."

Last year's Monitoring Report on OSLH included concerns about procurement, out of compliance with Davis Bacon and Labor Standards, out of compliance with Indian preference requirements, not maintaining or inspecting units, no current inventory of fixed assets, no total development cost records for each development and renovation project, failure to self monitor in accordance with 24CFR 1000.502, tribal council and board members are not current in re-certifications and rent payments, not complying with tenant and homebuyer selection policies, problems with conflict of interests, not maintaining necessary and reasonable costs, lack of internal controls, not properly accounting for program income, not following policy for payroll advances and employee loans and having a delinquent fiscal audit report.

The HUD visit came at the same time that the council was considering the removal of the board of directors of OSLH and the hiring of a new executive director. After the first three days of the April regular session, the council had not reached those particular agenda items.

Ken Lone Elk's one year contract as executive director ended on March 27; by mutual agreement it was not renewed. The board put Joy Bush in as acting director and re-advertised the executive director's position for another 30 days.

"OSLH needs to maintain stability," said Galt, "housing is still too unstable to be taken off high risk and if further corrections are not made then there is the real possibility of heavier sanctions."

The council opened the planned three day regular session in the council chambers of the Red Cloud building on Wednesday. In three hours of discussion, the council added a number of agenda items and finally approved the agenda early in the afternoon by a vote of 18-0. After reviewing a request to certify the completion and discussing a number of construction problems with the new casino and hotel, the council tabled any action until Mario Gonzalez and casino manager Michael Graham were in attendance.

Paul McManamam, a representative of Invenregy, reported on the progress of the testing going on across the reservation with two anamometers, one placed south of Red Shirt Table and one near the CC Dam north of Allen. McManamam introduced a solar shingle and proposed a test with 100 families on Pine Ridge Reservation, council voted 17-0 to approve.

Fred Sitting Up, past council representative from Eagle Nest District, opened day two of the council meeting with a report from a grass roots treaty organization that were going to form a new government under section 16 of the OST Constitution that the declaration was to go out today, not one against any particular elected government official but more a statement against a system that has failed.

Through the auspices of the Judiciary Committee, staff of the Victims of Crime in Indian Country Assistance Program who were honored recently nationally, were honored by the council with certificates and included Rosalie Janis, director, Linda Bull Bear, Ricky Grey Grass and Lema Richards. On Friday, the council honored Enos Poor Bear Jr. with a flag and an honoring song sung by his brother Harold Salway for all of his efforts in representing the Oglala Sioux Tribe and working with the Little Big Horn National Monument.

Earlier in the day on Friday, the council went into executive session on Prairie Wind Casino and came out with a resolution to authorize the Bureau's criminal investigation division to investigate two tribal programs, passed 16-0. A motion to continue working on Saturday failed 5-10.

Friday afternoon, Mike Jackli, U.S. Attorney for South Dakota spoke to the council and fielded questions from both the council and the community. Jackli expressed an interest in working more closely with the tribe, to continue to work on dealing with the growing influence of drugs and violence in the community and to keep good avenues of communication open with the tribe and law enforcement agencies on the reservation.

The Education Committee brought a resolution to limit the number of paid school board meetings allowed to 24 in a year including regular, special and budget. The council approved the resolution 17-0-1. Motion by Carol O'Rourke and seconded by Garfield Little Dog to allocate the two per cent right to work fee to the tribal department of education, passed 13-5 and the council approved a resolution adding Jake Little to the education committee, 17-1.

The council voted 16-0-2 to move the Dam Safety tribal program from economic and business development to the land committee and voted 18-0 to 638 the construction of the new dorm at Pine Ridge school.

The council closed out the three days by approving district elections.

By a vote of 13 for, none against and one not voting, the council approved the Wounded Knee District election including Victorio Camp/president, Winona Ross/vice president, Donna Jumping Eagle/Secretary, Corinna White Whirlwind/ treasurer, Sherman Desersa/ sergeant at arms-critic, David Kelly/credit board, Thomas Harvey/Parks board, Phillip Jumping Eagle/gaming commissioner and Frank Bob Ecoffey/transportation board.

By a vote of 14-0 the council approved Oglala elections including Wilmer Buzz Youngman Sr./president, Frank Two Bulls Sr./vice president, Lois White Whirlwind/treasurer, Hilda Two Bulls/secretary, Youngman/gaming commission, and Dirk Garnier/transportation.

By a vote of 10-4 the council approved the LaCreek election including Sally Douthit/chairwoman, Charles Bettelyoun/vice chairman, Agnes Cummimgs/secretary, Donna Lamont/treasurer, Pearl Cottier/gaming commission, Harold Chip Brown Bull/Parks and Charlene Bush/credit board.

Pass Creek and Porcupine District election reports were not complete yet and the council decided to continue the regular session at the casino on Wednesday, May 2.

On May 2, the council met at the old Prairie Winds Casino structure and after one agenda item, retured back to the Red Cloud building due to an electric outage.

That agenda item was the proposed child and family code.

The council approved of the ordiance enacting the code of a vote of 16-0. The motion was by Carol Crazy Thunder and seconded by Kim Claussen.

A number of people spoke in favor of the code, including Garfield Little Dog and Craig Dillon.

The presenters of the Child and Family Code (Wakanyeja Na Tiospaye T Woope) also referred to as the family code.

The motion included 120 days for agencies to be compliant.

Those presenting to the council were Arlana Bettelyoun, Gloria Cournеyor and Dr. Elgin Bad Wound.

The code has been written and developed in the last five years through several groups and many community meetings.

The code addresses depended and neglected children with their families but doesn't address juvenil delinquency.

The council tabled certification fo the Pass Creek district elections 16-0.

President Steele asked approval from the council to pursue Shakopee monies to acquire FEMA trailers for housing for the tribe. The motion passed 14-2.

All positions are for the Head Start/Early HS Fall School year 2 007-2008

Teacher Qualifications

Must have a minimum of a valid CDA, Associates Degree in Early Childhood or Education preferred.

Wounded Knee Head Start	1 Teacher
Oglala Early Head Start	2 Teachers
Kyle Early Head Start	2 Teachers
Porcupine Early He ad Start	2 Teachers
Pine Ridge Head Start	3 Teachers

Teacher Aid Qualifications

Must have a minimum of a High School Diploma or GED, valid CDA preferred

Oglala Head Start	1 Teacher Aid
Wanblee Head Start	1 Teacher Aid

Family Helper Qualifications

Minimum of an Associates Degree in Human Services, Social Services, Early Childhood or related field preferred or in progress.

Red Shirt/ **Oglala EHS**	1 Family Helper
Pine Ridge Head Start	1 Family Helper
Allen Head Start	1 Family Helper

Bus Driver Qualifications

Must be a high school graduate or GED equivalent , Must have a valid South Dakota Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

Allen Head Start	1 Bus Driver
Porcupine Early Head Start	1 Bus Driver
Pine Ridge Head Start	1 Bus Driver

Cook Qualifications

High School diploma or GED certificate, Food Handlers certificate , and Experience in professional cooking environment

Porcupine Head Start	1 Cook
Porcupine Early Head Start	1 Cook

Site Supervisor Qualifications

Must have a minimum of a Bachelo rs Degree in Human Services, Social Services, Early Childhood or related field , shall oversee and manage the full operations/functions in all content areas of Head Start and Early Head Start

Pine Ridge **1 Site Supervisor**

Education Coordinator Qualificati ons

Must have a minimum of a Masters Degree in Education or Early Childhood preferred. Bachelors Degree in above areas required.

Piya Wiconi Admin **1 Education Coordinator**

Facilities Manager

Vocational certification or degree preferred in relevant area a nd proven experience and Supervisor experience

Piya Wiconi Admin **1 Facilities Manager**

Applications Procedures:

Applicant must submit a **completed OLC application** , **resume**, **official transcripts** , **background check** , **physical screening** and **TB test** to Personnel Office. Tribal members and/or veterans must submit appropriate documentation. **OST PSC background checks are required at the applicants' expense** . Mandatory drug tests will be conducted after appointment. Permanent employment is contingent on drug test and background check results. Applications with **incomplete information will not be considered** . **For information** call Personnel Director, 490 Piya Wiconi Road, Kyle, SD 57752 (605) 455 -6029 or visit www.olc.edu .

Sen. Johnson returns home

WASHINGTON - Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) has returned to his Fairfax County home this week, after four months of hospitalization triggered by a brain hemorrhage that threatened his life and pulled him from the Senate.

Johnson, 60, will continue outpatient physical and speech therapy five days a week at two Washington area facilities, spokeswoman Julianne Fisher said yesterday. Physicians have not estimated when he might return to work, she said.

Johnson, who is trying to regain strength on the right side of his body, was released from the National Rehabilitation Hospital in the District on Friday.

He is using a wheelchair while he learns to walk again. He will eventually shift to a motorized scooter when he returns to work, Fisher said.

Rosebud

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learned the art of budgeting on the job as he is able to reconcile the differing funding sources which support ambulance service operation. The bulk of its funding originates from the Indian Health Service by way of the Rosebud Hospital, in addition to some casino funding and third party payments.

"Our last evaluation from the Aberdeen Area Office indicated we had good marks and were fulfilling our 638 contract. I submit monthly reports to the tribal health board. Our number one priority is service to the people. This is the people's program." said Brave.

If the ambulance service were fully funded it would take an annual budget of $1,400,000 dollars to support its operation, however, it operates on about fifty percent of its projected financial needs. The factors which compound its financial needs are the fact that it conducts a lot of inter-facility transfers as a part of its 638 contractual obligations and the volume of local emergency calls. Both scenarios require a lot of man hours, diesel fuel and translate into a tremendous drain on much needed resources.

A breakdown of ambulance service personnel includes 16 EMT's at the basic level, 7 EMT's at the intermediate level and 14 paramedics who are qualified at the advanced level and are able to dispense drugs, intubate patients and prepare them with IV's. There are also five drivers, four dispatchers and an assistant director. Donna Richards fills that position.

The building in which it is housed in appears to be able to accommodate 6-8 ambulances, however, Brave said that they have outgrown the facilities and there are plans in place to build a larger facility west of the present site. The cost for a new building is estimated to be $750,000 dollars. Since the ambulances run on diesel fuel they must be kept indoors during the winter cold, otherwise the diesel will thicken and jell, making them difficult to start if they were outside. Some ambulance services do not have a building and this necessitates that they be kept running continuously and this not only runs into greater expense, but also is a source of pollution to the atmosphere.

For EMT's who have unusually stressful experiences in their emergency care there is a critical stress management team available for debriefing of personnel. There are also counselors available at the Rosebud Hospital, while others simply work at confronting and reducing such stresses on their own.

When asked about their other standby functions Brave said, "We are present at health fairs, the elder Olympics, local rodeos, and walks and runs. We support our youth, we give tours and also talk in the schools."

The ambulance service also provides "mutual aid" to surrounding communities and, in fact, was called to Pine Ridge last summer to assist during a tornado. They have also been the recipient of equipment from the Homeland Security Office including a "Jaws of Life" device, hand-held radios and a surveillance system for the building.

Finally, the Rosebud Ambulance Service appears to be doing a highly professional job of providing first responder services to a population base that is estimated to be around 25,000 Sicangu tribal members. With an 800 number in place, community members do not have to call 9-1-1 for emergency services and, thus, response time is cut down. In fact, having their own dispatcher in the same building results in a response time of less than five minutes and that is the critical factor in saving lives and providing medical intervention on-site prior to transport.

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The program provides technical assistance in the following areas;

1. The BIA Loan Guaranty program; this is another financial resource towards small business development;

2. Intake, retention and recording of mortgage packages; another financial resource for building or purchasing a home and business development;

3. It provides payroll deduction loans to employees;

4. it is developing a debit card program for tribal members and it's employees and

5. the program assists the Credit Board in developing small business activities.

One area that the program will begin implementing in conjunction with the Credit Board is meeting with districts and community boards to develop a comprehensive land use plan for economic development opportunities.

Call Financial Services Progam at 867-1265 or 867-6178 for more information.

OST transit program tentatively plans ground breaking ceremony in June

With the current contract award, the Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Transportation anticipates the start up of transit services by late summer or early fall. A ground breaking ceremony is tentatively being scheduled for June 1 for the transit office, which will be built in the current road shop compound located east of Pine Ridge.

Initial funding is in place for the constructon of the 22,500 square feet transit facility and the purchase of four (22 passenger) buses and five (16 passenger) vans. The proposed routes are main line: Wanblee/Kyle, Sharps Corner/Porcupine, Wounded Knee to Pine Ridge to Oglala and Prairie Winds. Fares for riding the buses range from $10 to $1.

Transit program employees are Emma Featherman-Sam, coordinator and Renita Quick Bear, office manager and plans to hire transit liaison, bus drivers, two dispatchers and a bus mechnanic.

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School Nurses Day May 9

Pine Ridge area school nurses total 136 years of service

By Audrey Beaudreau, RN
Special to the Times

KYLE - Nation School Nurses Day was established n 1972 to foster a better understanding of the role of school nurses in the educational setting.

As in the past, National School Nurses Day falls on the Wednesday during National Nurses Week, May 6-12, ending on the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of nursing.

More than 100 years ago, the very first school nurse, Lina Rogers Stuthers, was sent to a New York City school to address infectious disease control.

Upon the success that she had reducing absenteeism in schools, the number of nurses increased.

In the 21st century, diseases are different, but the message remains the same; "Healthy Children Learn Better."

Today, approximately 50,000 school nurses across the United States provide essential infectious disease monitoring and prevention to ensure a healthy school population.

In addition, school nurse provide necessary case management and care for children who have chronic health problems such as asthma, diabetes, obesity and food allergies.

Schools and communities are encouraged to join with their school nurse in celebrating what they do on a daily basis to keep our kids healthy and ready to learn.

The Pine Ridge Reservation Schools have seven school nurses and two nurse aides that provide health care to our Lakota school children, they are as followed;

***Virginia Lawrence** RN, 11 years, Wolf CreekSchool

*Audrey Beaudreau RN, 3 years,Little Wound School

***Donita Little Whiteman,** LPN, 11 years, Little Wound School

***Judy Miles** LPN, 15 years, Batesland

***Marlene Backs** LPN, 24 years Loneman School

***Leola Quiver** LPN, 7 years Crazy Horse School, 7 years Little Wound School

***Janice Afraid Of Hawk**, LPN, 18 years, Wounded Knee District

***Wanda Richards** NA, 9 years Rocky Ford School

***Chrisy O'Donnell** NA, 10 years, Wolf Creek School

We also need to take this day to remember our fellow School Nurses that have journeyed to the Spirit World who showed excellence in providing our children with nursing care;

***Juanita White Eyes** RN spent 8 years at American Horse School as their School Nurse

***Wilma Herman** RN spent 13 year as a School Nurse at Toyie, Arizona and 3 years as a School Nurse at American Horse School.

Cangleska Inc. opens new shelter, grand opening May 4

KYLE - Cangleska, Inc. celebrates the grand opening of a new shelter on Friday, May 4 while celebrating the 10-year anniversary of opening the doors to its first Native women's shelter on the Oglala Sioux reservation.

The new shelter is part of a newly constructed $1.35 million 9-acre complex on the Pine Ridge reservation which includes a $1.25 million shelter, the Tokahe Wicayapi Visitation Center and a new maintenance building.

The new 7,800-square-foot shelter will comfortably house up to 36 women and children as well as office and meeting space for the administrative and counseling services of the organization.

"Cangleska is honored to be able to offer safe and comfortable space for women and children in crisis. The new shelter will offer women who have been victimized by domestic violence and/or sexual assault an opportunity to examine options, the time needed to plan for a life without violence, a life of dignity and safety for themselves and their children.

The new shelter is beautiful and a dream come true," said Karen Artichoker, Director of Cangleska, Inc.

"I'm excited and I was impressed. The new shelter was designed with women and children in mind. I didn't know people had thought of us. People really do have a heart," said a woman residing in present shelter when she was allowed to tour the new place she will stay.

Cangleska Inc. opened the doors to its existing shelter, a leased building owned by the Oglala Sioux Tribe, on April 1, 1997. The nonprofit also operates Ohitika Najin Win (Standing Strong Woman House), a second shelter in Rapid City.

The organization, which has a 20 year history of grassroots work in responding to domestic violence on the Pine Ridge reservation, is considered the national model for domestic violence programs and is a 1999 Innovations in American Government winner through Harvard University and the Ford Foundation. It has provided comprehensive domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy and related services to citizens of the Oglala Sioux Tribe living on and near the Pine Ridge Reservation since 1989.

In addition, Cangleska Inc. provides outreach advocacy services, probation services, civil legal services, a men's re-education program, an integrated criminal justice system, and coordinated response and training.

It operates Sacred Circle, the National Resource Center To End Violence Against Native Women, which provides technical assistance, consultation, and training to Indian Tribes and organizations in developing strategies and remedies to end violence against Native women.

Funding for the new shelter was made possible with loans, grants, donations and labor from the USDA Rural Development, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Medicine Root District, All Tribes Foundation, Jane Fonda, Rosanne Barr Foundation, Native American Bank, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, V-Day and Eve Ensler.

"The loan funds represent one way in which the federal government can help small communities provide services to those in need. Our agency is pleased to be a part of today's ceremony to recognize those who are dedicated to providing empowerment and safety to victims of violence," said Mike Jaspers, USDA Rural Development State Director.

Native workers did at least 98 percent of the labor for the new complex. The building contractors included Sod's Mechanical Contracting , Hahn's Construction, Murdock's Electric, Rapid Fire, and R&D Redimix.

For more information, visit our website at www.cangleska.org or contact us at 605-455-2244.

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HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Rosebud Sioux Reservation
Thursday, May 10, 2007

Household/Limited Business/School Lab Hazardous Waste Collection Event
Date: Thursday, May 10, 2007, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- **Households, businesses and school labs may drop off wastes at several locations.** ***Locations will be announced near the end of April. Look for announcements.***
- **In addition to wastes, other potentially hazardous items such as appliances, tires, etc may be dropped-off. Roll-offs will be stationed at the sites and transported to the Rosebud landfill for disposal and recycling. Roll-off Locations: St. Francis for Spring Creek/Grass Mountain. Rosebud for Soldier Creek/Ring Thunder. Parmelee for HeDog/Upper Cut Meat. Norris/Corn Creek. Winner for Ideal/Milk's Camp. Horse Creek for Wood/Swift Bear. Antelope/Okreek.**
- **Businesses may not drop off their normal disposal wastes (55 gallon drums, etc.)**
- **Special pick-ups will be arranged for those who show a need for assistance (elderly, handicapped, etc.)**
- **Clean Harbors Environmental Services will conduct the event through a grant awarded by the EPA to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.**

The following list shows common household items containing potentially hazardous ingredients that might be found in your garage, basement or other storage space in your home.

Cleaning Products:
Oven cleaners
Drain cleaners
Wood and metal cleaners and polishes
Toilet cleaners
Tub, tile and shower cleaners
Bleach (laundry)
Pool chemicals

Indoor Pesticides:
Ant Sprays and baits
Cockroach sprays and
Flea repellants and shampoos
Bug sprays
Household insecticides
Moth repellant
Mouse/rat poisons/bait

Other flammable Products:
Propane tanks and other compressed gas cylinders
Kerosene
Home heating oil
Diesel fuel
Gas/oil mix
Lighter fluid

Automotive Products
Motor Oil
Fuel additives
Carburetor and fuel Injection cleaners
Air conditioning Refrigerants
Starter Fluids
Automotive batteries
Transmission/brake Fluid
Antifreeze

Workshop/Painting Supplies
Adhesives/glues
Furniture strippers
Oil or enamel based paint
Stains and finishes
Paint thinners and turpentine
Paint strippers and removers
Photographic chemicals
Fixatives and other solvents

Lawn/Garden Products
Herbicides
Insecticides
Fungicides/wood preservatives

Miscellaneous
Batteries
Mercury thermostats or thermometers
Fluorescent light bulbs
Driveway sealer

Contact: Alex Swalley (Brownsfields Technician) at the Office of Water Resources and Environment (605) 747-2559 if you would like to be a volunteer or have questions.

OPINION PAGE

Wiyukcan Wica Cante Ogna Heyu

Thoughts that come from the heart

What is 'signage'?



By Amanda Takes War Bonnett

EDITOR AND PUBLISHER
LAKOTA COUNTRY TIMES

In traveling around Pine Ridge and Rosebud, it's always so grand to see new business cropping up or expanding. It brings a sense of pride to the heart.

It also brings to mind, the work and commitment that is needed to make that new business or expansion prosper. It takes work and that goes not only for the businesses that have a building but for the budding entrepreneur. It takes hustling, dedication and creativity to make a business grow, regardless if it is just selling your crafts at the various offices and stores or whoever will buy it, all to way to having to deal with government politics to lease land for a business. It takes work.

In this newspaper, our readers see all kinds of advertising and the majority of these advertisers are from that vein. They are committed to making their businesses successful and that is why they are advertising here in the paper.

They want your business and that is part of our economic development - to buy from hometown. Remember that when you travel through the reservations, contribute to that economy even if it is just stopping for gas, pop and chips.

If you want people to come to your business, you have to let them know. Recently, we visited several new businesses that just opened and it was cool to see the excitement in the faces of the entrepreneurs.

But I am never ceased to be surprised when I ask them if I could do an article on the opening of their business, it's free I say, this time around and they refuse. I tell them, we will let people know you are open for business and what you have here, I try to convince them and they ask me to wait or tell me they will do it later.

It's called signage or advertising your business or your services you have to have. Rather it be radio or print advertising or just setting up a bold, inviting sign in front of your business.

Just about everybody knows about Wall Drug, the tourist attraction in Wall, along I-90. You know why we all know? Because Wall Drug earned much of its fame from its self-promotion. Signs advertising the stores can be seen for hundreds of miles throughout South Dakota and in the adjoining states and it goes further than that too, those famous signs can be see in other countries.

Do advertising within your budget, but remember the way you are going to get business is to let people know. That goes for our service organizations too, like the tribal programs and the schools.

I know of this really great restaurant on the way to Rapid City. They have just the greatest food and the nicest service. I love going there when I can afford it, it feels great to eat there, especially on the reservation, where we don't have a lot of great eateries.

There are times, I sit there enjoying my meal and I watch the cars whiz by and I think of them, wondering if they know about the great meal I am having at that moment. I am sitting there enjoying my creamy mashed potatoes with gravy with the most delicious roast beef and a cup of the best coffee around.

The reason they would know is because of the building itself, and a medium sized sign by the highway that has the word, 'restaurant' on it.

I know because I live here.

Learn what signage is about and use it, even if its just ballons hanging on your fence to advertise your yard sale.

It works!



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Words from the 'trenches'

Melanie, Tom's work at KILI worth it!

Ever see that commercial on television with the people suffering from allergy congestion and the congestion causes these people to see the world through a slight fog, with everything looking out of focus? That's how the rez community has felt this last year with KILI radio station unplugged and on "low" power.



Connie Smith-Blanco

Life without KILI radio has been like having the only lamp in your house hidden under a bushel basket with the light bulb burned out. Yes, KILI is that important to young and old alike around here, and KILI's silence has been noted in everyone's heart this past year.

Amanda and I visited with Melanie and the crew at the station last week and they were hard at work and loving every minute of it. Many of us out here in radioland have been counting the minutes, wringing our hands and moaning about KILI's silence. But guess what? The people moaning the loudest have been Melanie and Tom and the crew at the KILI radio.

This off air time has been no picnic for those responsible in giving KILI its much needed facelift and overdue maintenance. Can you imagine being promised time after time "just one more little fix and you're ready to broadcast to the heavens" only to be told again and again, "no, really, just 'one' more fix".

Melanie and Tom live for this radio station and it has broken their hearts to see this maintenance and equipment upgrade ordeal take so much longer then they expected.

Did anyone ever think how "congested and out of focus" their lives have been all this time. This whole process has been a rickety roller coaster ride for everyone working at KILI radio.

We must give credit to those folks who have been working quietly (and not so quietly) in the background. They never gave up on KILI Radio, even when that roller coaster ride came to a screeching halt. They believed they could make KILI bigger and better and that's just what they accomplished.

Melanie and Tom make running a radio station look so easy, when in fact it is one of the hardest jobs on the reservation. They may have been off the air but they were still there for the community working through the phone lines that never stopped ringing.

But by golly they are back! Amanda and I listened to the live broadcast of the recent OST Council meeting and it was awesome. Finally, everything is back out in the open. No secrets, no back door deals just real live news. It was great.

This week I listened to community members as they took part in the four directions walk for the Month of the Child that KILI helps sponsor each year. I was also able to listen to the employees of Cangleska, Inc. as they proudly announced the forthcoming open house of their new facility in Kyle. The live radio broadcast took place in the conference room of their brand new facility, and everyone told their story of a dream that began 10 years ago, how the dream went through years of struggles to obtain financing, overcoming the obstacles and mazes of the mountains of government and state documentation needed for such a specialized facility.

I could actually hear the pride in the voices of people like Jesse Claussen who helped build the 7,000 sq. ft. facility with "98 percent of hard working tribal members." It made me proud just to listen to this success story right here on the reservation.

I also got to hear Jeannette Eagle Hawk, OST Public Relations proudly update radio land in English and Lakota. Announcing OST President John Steel's present and future plans for the Oglala Nation. You could hear the strength in her voice as she read the list of upcoming tribal events complete with dates and times.

The light is no longer under the bushel basket, there's a brand new high powered light bulb and the fuzziness of this last year has dissolved into clear, concrete information. KILI radio makes that possible for me and all the listeners out there who want to hear the truth as it happens, unbiased, unfiltered, un-political and clear as a bell.

Thank you Tom, Melanie and the entire crew at KILI radio, including the deejays!

You are making it possible for the light to shine all over the reservation and we owe it to your hard work and unfailing spirit and teamwork. That's the truth and that's how I see and hear it, here in the trenches.

Notes From Indian Country

The 'Poorest County in America'



By Tim Giago

(Nanwica Kciji)

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The United States Census of 1980 moved in a different direction when it began to post a census within a census on different social conditions in the United States.

For instance, the Census of 1980 named the 10 poorest counties in America.

The Pine Ridge Reservation, situated in the heart of Shannon County, South Dakota, was declared the "Poorest County in America." It was one occasion when a people had no reason at all to stand up and shout, "Hey, we're number one!"

To address the extreme poverty on many Indian reservations let's, for the moment, set aside the financial boomtowns of the casino rich Indian nations. We should keep in mind that while some Indian nations have become extremely wealthy, many others, particularly those in the Northern Plains and in some portions of the Southwest, have remained the poorest of the poor in an otherwise booming Indian economy.

While most of the Pueblo Nations of New Mexico are having great success with their casinos, there are others like the Jemez Pueblo that do not have the luxury of being located on or near a major city or highway. And there are others that have decided not to open a casino, at least for the time being. While most Arizona Indian nations are booming, there are others such as the Navajo that are just now starting to make a move toward opening a casino and there is the Hopi Nation, made up of extremely traditional and religious people that are not considering building a casino at all.

In the Northern Plains tribes such as the Oglala Lakota on the Pine Ridge Reservation, the object of the 1980 Census naming them the "poorest county in America," the Sicangu of the Rosebud Reservation, the Crow Creek Sioux tribe and the tribes of North Dakota and Montana, are situated so far from a metropolitan population that although they do have functional casinos, are still struggling to survive.

We have to ask ourselves why, after 27 years since the 1980 Census, the Pine Ridge Reservation is still among the top ten poorest counties in America, and why three of the top ten poorest counties are located in South Dakota? What does that say about our elected Congressional delegation?

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know the reasons there is such poverty and what can be done to alleviate it. The lack of jobs, housing and healthcare are three of the main culprits. And how does one go about addressing these ills? First off, you bring economic development to provide jobs and second, you demand that Housing and Urban Development get off of its big fat ass and provide livable housing, and third, you refurbish the Indian Health Care hospitals with adequate funding, improved facilities and more and better doctors. Doesn't this sound like something that can be accomplished in America?

Life expectancy on Pine Ridge, Rosebud, and Crow Creek and on some of the other Indian reservations of the Northern Plains and in some areas of the Southwest is in the 50s. Infant mortality is three times as high as in the rest of America. Diabetes is epidemic in Indian country no thanks to the United States Department of Agriculture for the high starch and sugar- loaded commodities distributed on these reservations for so many years.

I visited Andrew Cuomo in Washington, DC when he as the Secretary of HUD. Cuomo had visited the Pine Ridge Reservation in 2000 and lining the walls of his HUD office and hallways were enlarged photographs of Lakota people huddled in decrepit houses as many as four families to a two-bedroom house. Why were the pictures hanging on his walls when the very conditions they depicted are still prevalent on the Pine Ridge Reservation seven years later? While I sat in his office sipping coffee, Cuomo had his eye glued to the television set watching the latest count of "hanging chads" in Florida's election. He listened to me with half an ear.

I was in Cuomo's office to help bring jobs to the Pine Ridge Reservation. I told him I was willing to move my newspaper and printing plant to the reservation, along with 35 jobs, if he would see fit to have HUD build a facility to house it and contribute enough money to enable me to move the entire operation. Of course, nothing happened because Florida and the U. S. Supreme Court saw to it that Andrew Cuomo lost his job at HUD. Would it have made a difference if he had not?

The problems on the above reservations still exist and it is high time that our elected representatives move, in collusion with the private sector, to bring an economy to these very poor Indian reservations. It is time they fought for legislation to bring houses and better healthcare to the poorest of the poor in America.

I wrote last week about the Cultural Heritage Center at

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Finding My Voice

On being a 'skin'



Dana Lone Hill

The following is the opinion of one skin...me. Not all skins everywhere. If any offense is taken, I apologize beforehand.

Wednesday: "Wait, we can not break bread with you. You have taken the land which is rightfully ours. Years from now my people will be forced to live in mobile homes on reservations. Your people will wear cardigans, and drink highballs.

We will sell our bracelets by the road sides, and you will play golf, and eat hot h'ors d'ourves. My people will have pain and degradation. Your people will have stick shifts. The gods of my tribe have spoken. They said do not trust the pilgrims, especially Sarah Miller. And for all of these reasons I have decided to scalp you and burn your village to the ground."

That was from the movie The Addams Family Values. I remember when I first saw that I was like, should I be offended? Then I was like, why? It's the truth.

"Dana, my lone hill from the west. I think you're a wonderful blogger who has open your doors with a peek into your "western" world.

You have done a great deal of shedding away my stereotypes of the West and the American Indians. Before, I had grand Bonanza images and Roy Rogers wonderments which have all been diminished. Thanks. *grin*"

That was a comment from Eddo the other day in this blog. It is amazing that some people do have these stereotypes still to this day. Once when I worked mail order for a native arts and crafts store, The Sioux Trading Post, I had a TV show from Japan call me. The viewer had just saw Dances With Wolves and they had a few questions for me.

The standard, "How is it to live in a teepee?" "Do you still ride horses?" "Do you hunt buffalo" If any of you are wondering the answer for all of those is NO.

I see people that do beadwork, sell their native crafts and have a story for every piece. It is always so romantic in a way, "oh I had a dream or vision of this design." or "The little triangle here represent a mountain by a lake and where the eagles live"

People eat that up. I wish I could say I dream up designs. I think them up. I don't sit on a hill and dream of them. Actually as much as beading strains my eyes the last thing I want to do is dream of it. I sit on my chair and watch TV as I bead, the colors might match something I saw on TV.

I once had a friend who was a pothead and would go to work stoned. He would bullshit the tourists for everything he sold, like holding a dream catcher above a pregnant women's belly and telling her she was going to have a boy because it spun to the west. Man, did he have the sales.

We are Indian, some like to be called Native, which to me can mean you are from anywhere.

Everyone is Native to somewhere. I don't care for the term Native American because some people get all upset and say "well I was born here too." I know the whole deal with the word Indian, but I don't mind it. We call ourselves "Skins."

It is one of those words only a true skin, born and raised on the reservation knows. Only real skins call each other skin. It is like a test you pass.

Once when I was bartending, the most handsome skin (I thought) came up to me. He had that slow, warm, wonderful Oklahoma accent, that reminds me of honey pouring.

He asked for a Budweiser, I was like "Yeah he could be a skin?"

Then he leaned over and said in that sexy drawl, "You a skin?" I was like "Yes." then I knew he was a skin.

He smiled at me with the most wonderful teeth that any IHS dental clinic would be proud of. That is what I mean by skins identifying each other.

We always have people coming up to us and say "Well my great great grandma on my moms side was a Cherokee princess." I always respond in my smart ass way, "Well my great great grandma on my moms side was from France."

When they say "So" I am like "Exactly." Just a note for anyone who may have heard that story about their relatives being princesses. Indians didn't have royalty....still don't. The government of the people in North America was democratic, much like the one today. A chief was not a king. His son didn't automatically step up unless elected.

You have the city skins who are always trying to identify with that side of them.

They hang blankets and pictures of chiefs on their walls. Then you have the rez skins who hang blankets for curtains and maybe sold their pics of chiefs to their relatives from the city.

Being a skin in this day and age is just like being anyone else, regardless of what people think, we pay taxes, we watch football, we bet, we have our gay and lesbians, we have whores, we have saints, we have virgins, (huh?) we have smokers and non smokers, we have alcoholism and sobriety, smart asses and dumb asses, we have social drinkers and non drinkers, we have athletes and diabetics, we have bitches and we have good people.

Really being a skin is like being any other people. So we may be a bit more spiritual, yes we are. But that doesn't mean we are saints. Or we see the future.

Or we can tell you what to do with your life. (I mean I can, I can totally bull---- and make people believe me, but that would get old and boring after awhile.)

Then you wouldn't know the real me.

I have titled this blog "On Being a Skin" I will continue it someday, so you all know what it is really like to be a skin, especially since I moved back to the reservation.

This was a blog I wrote a while back that offended, of all people, one of my best friends. Jase, I am not re-posting this to get you mad. I am only re-posting it because I still feel this way.

As for the mascot issue, I feel there are many, many more pressing issues to do with Indian Country today, than worry about some mascot that offends me.

Like I said I don't care. In fact, I wore my Cleveland Indians jersey because of the fact that it said Indians.

And like I said about the North Dakota Fightin Sioux, it is better than being called the Docile Sioux.

Okay, so I am putting this out there, I hope nobody gets offended, if you do then that's your fault for letting me control your emotions.

Yes I am Native American/Indian...whatever. The tribe is Oglala Lakota Sioux, I do beadwork, I sell it wholesale in bulk to retail shops. I do NOT make gold chains, 18KT, I don't even own one.

I cannot make a dress, I don't even wear them. I hardly ever do special orders because I have so many orders backed up right now that I will not stop, take time out to make one pair of earrings and send them to Spain and wait for a check, (I still think that was a prank, didn't work).

I am from a spiritual and cultural people, that doesn't mean I know why the wind blows in the trees, or why eagles fly. I don't know why you hear drums, maybe there's a Jumanji board around somewhere. I don't care if Kansas City calls it's team Chiefs or Atlanta call their team the Braves.

I am not even a fan of either anyway, I like the Vikings and don't see anybody complaining about that. I am actually kind of evil minded and come from a long line of evil minded women.

I am not Pocahontas and don't run around with a raccoon and sing to the Blue Corn Moon, though that would be darn funny if I did.

I am just me, I embrace my culture, am proud of my heritage, do my beadwork, and am evil minded, so don't ask why the sun looked red today, I will tell you it's because your eyes are bloodshot.

By the way, as I am typing this it looks like I am mad, I just want you all to know I am smiling.

Dana Lone Hill is a 34-year old mother of 4, who recently moved back to the reservation, after an eternity on the housing waiting list. Although currently self-employed, she plans on continuing her education at the Oglala Lakota College.

Northern Perspectives

White Buffalo: commitment needed to teach language



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

The graduate studies department at Oglala Lakota College held a colloquium on Saturday for students who are completing the thesis phase of their master's degree. It was the final opportunity for graduate students to showcase their work and explain the practical research portion of their degree requirements. It's an important step in providing a capstone to their graduate experience. I was there as I sat on Devonna Bush's committee. She did an interesting concept on behaviors in the classroom and ways to combat them.

I was employed there for a brief stint and couldn't make the commute as much as they would have liked, so, I was unceremoniously non-renewed and am still awaiting my going away star quilt.

Institutions have personalities, too, and many can act in a co-dependent manner. When contract time is up in the spring, you can observe that interesting phenomenon quite routinely.

Instead of recruiting some of our finer and younger Lakota educators into our schools, we recycle some of the outsiders and accept them back into other schools. Go figure! as they say in mainstream America.

I still get asked to assist graduate students, especially during that all important thesis stage and I will if it is appropriate and it isn't a strain on my "life in the slow lane" as I like to call it.

In actuality, I enjoy listening to some of the more interesting topics that graduate students find engaging.

When I earned my war bonnet in 1991 for having served in Vietnam, I was told that I was to honor any request for assistance from the people and I try to do that. I recently agreed to assist another graduate student.

OLC Lakota Studies instructor, Charlie White Buffalo made his presentation on a survey which he conducted at several schools relative to Lakota language and the extent to which it is being taught.

He was forceful and convincing in illustrating some important reminders about the survival of the Lakota language.

He was rather emphatic in noting that though we have lost many elders who we used to be able to utilize as resources for correctness in Lakota, we still have the opportunity to teach the Lakota that is here to our children.

What is needed in Charlie's opinion is a commitment to the teaching of Lakota even though it may not pay a lot of money.

In his survey he discovered that each school examined seemed to devote differing times and resources to the teaching of Lakota. There was a need to create uniformity in what is taught, but not necessarily any kind of standards. We should not require each district to teach it exactly the same way. The reason is that there are differences in dialect from one end of the Pine Ridge to the other and we should include all the ways in which to write or pronounce a word instead of chastising others if they say it their way.

When asked about fluency he noted that anyone can be fluent and speak Lakota, but the true test is when one is considered proficient and is able to relate the deeper meaning to others and make them understand.

Defending a master's thesis such as those student were able to do is just one indicator that they have partially fulfilled the requirements toward their graduate degree and, thus, are nearing the completion of their long journey which is meant to transform their way of thinking forever.

When I defended my thesis at Harvard it was a final opportunity for my committee to make suggestions in a private setting with only the four of us present.

Dr. Archie Beauvais (Sicangu) resides on the Rosebud with his son, Beaux. He earned a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) from Harvard University. A decorated Vietnam Veteran, he is functionally literate in Lakota and worked at Sinte Gleska University for 20 years as Dean/Chair of Tribal and Graduate Studies.

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Cheyenne, Oklahoma to commemorate those slaughtered at the Washita and I asked that South Dakota's delegation come up with the funds to build a cultural center at the site of the Wounded Knee Massacre. I got an email from former Senator Tom Daschle asking, "what can I do?" and a phone call from the assistant for Senator Tim Johnson telling me that Senator Johnson was behind the idea 100 percent. I have yet to hear from Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D-SD) or from Senator John Thune (R-SD).

The extreme need for jobs, housing and healthcare are still requisite on the Indian reservations of the Northern Plains and Southwest, but finding the funds to construct a Cultural Heritage Center on the site of one of the worst massacres in American history would go a long way in showing what our elected representatives, in cooperation with the leadership of the Lakota people, can do to make a move in the right direction.

After that perhaps they can devote some time to helping alleviate the conditions that made Pine Ridge "the poorest county in America."

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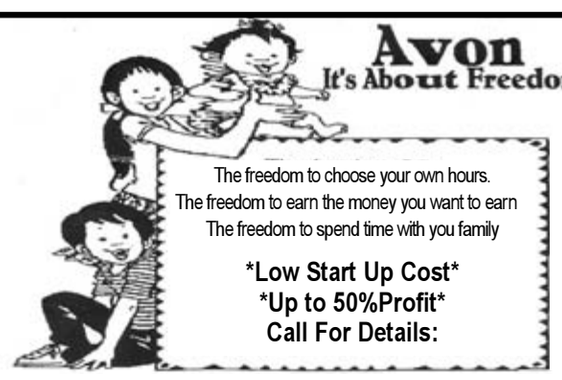
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SGU business department honors two women

MISSION - An honoring was held at the SGU Business Department on Thursday, April 26 for two women, Karen Little Thunder, a business major at SGU was recently named A.I.H.E.C. student of the Year and was selected based upon her academic achievement, student leadership and community contributions. According to Business Department Faculty, "Karen exemplifies student achievement with grace and humility and is a joy to have in class." Maureece Heinert, a business instructor at SGU will be graduating with an M.B.A. (Master's in Business Administration) from Gonzaga University, Spokane Wash. Maureece along with five other tribal college instructors from around the nation will graduate May 12. Her business department colleagues stated, "Maureece has worked hard these last few years teaching as well as working as a part-time graduate student and we are proud of her accomplishments!" L-R: Maureece and Karen at honoring.

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RST professional's day was good for employee morale

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - The RST administrative professional's day held at the Rosebud Casino on April 25 was not a new thing for RST employees, but as a morale builder, there were several people talking about its positive aspects and the fun held by all.

The opportunity to get out of the office, socialize with fellows employees and generally have fun is always a way to re-focus one's priorities and keep issues in perspective. For most employees, the work will always be there and for RST employees the door prizes and the fun walk around the casino grounds was surpassed only by the good food and the $100.00 each Secretary, Receptionist, Clerk was given in appreciation for their dedication.

RST Personnel office is responsible for the affair each year, Benny Kitteaux, Director, Jennifer Crow Eagle, Administrative Assistant and Thelma Black Crow, Clerk. This year a Committee was formed by those interested in making this year a memorable Day. The departments which contributed their help included Brenda Moran of the RST Education Department, Julie Peneaux of the RST President's office, Lisa of the SWA Corporation, Sherri Knox of RST Business Office, Valerie Crazy Bull, of RST Gaming Office and Marie Flying, of Employee Assistance Program.

Lakota Elder Roy Stone started the Day with a Morning Prayer. The emcee for the event was Sicangu musician, Skeeter Leader Charge, who also provided his fine brand of music that Rosebud has come to expect. The RST Diabetes Prevention Program provided tee shirts to the 167 people who participated in the morning Walk, while John Spotted Tail of the RST President's office presented certificates to employees.

Pat Bad Hand of the Red Leaf singers sang an honoring song, while RST Antelope council representative, Robert Moore, gave a rousing and encouraging talk to those employees present. Employees were then treated to a dinner which featured three options, while RST President, Rodney M. Bordeaux also gave an appreciate address to employees.

Black Crow said that those employees participating appreciated the tribal administration being present for the festivities, namely President Bordeaux, Vice-President Wayne Boyd who participated in the morning Walk, Roy Stone, Leon Thunder Hawk, and Russell Running Horse.



RST employee, Vanessa White Lance, from the RST in-house attorney's office comes to the stage during last week's administrative professional's day held at the Rosebud Casino. Julie Peneaux from the RST President's office is in the foreground.

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Early morning drug raid nets 44

MOBRIDGE - The culmination of two years of investigations netted nearly 40 people on various charges throughout Mobridge and the Standing Rock and Cheyenne River Reservation on Tuesday, April 24, as federal agents and local law enforcement officers staged early morning raids.

More than 60 officers from federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies descended on Mobridge before 6 a.m., setting the stage for a well planned operation to arrest 44 people indicted on charges ranging from possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, to federal charges.

Officers of the Bureau of the Indian Affairs from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and the police departments of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, the Mellette County Sheriff's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the U.S. Marshal's Service and the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Service, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Walworth County Sheriff's Office, the Campbell County Sheriff's Office, the Bismarck Mandan Safe Trails Drug Enforcement Task Force, the South Dakota National Guard Counter Drug Program and the South Dakota Highway Patrol joined the Task Force in their efforts to arrest those indicted in the Mobridge and Wakpala area.

The operation lasted nearly the entire morning, with 35 of the 44 people indicted arrested and processed in the Mobridge Fire Hall, which was transformed into the headquarters of the operation.

Walker said once the indictments are filed and those arrested make their first court appearances, names and charges they are facing will be released.

Those who were not arrested have active warrants and law enforcement officials will continue to pursue those individuals until they are arrested.

Law enforcement is aware of the whereabouts of some of those indicted and will continue until the operation is complete.

The people have been indicted on state and federal drug charges following a two-year investigation that began in Mobridge.

The charges relate to a variety of controlled substances, including methamphetamine.

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Impacted Nations: Red Cloud Heritage center host exhibit

PINE RIDGE - The Heritage Center at Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge will be hosting the traveling art exhibition *"Impacted Nations"* from April 27 through May 28. The show was organized by Honor the Earth, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to create awareness and support for Native environmental issues and to develop needed financial and political resources for the survival of sustainable Native communities. *Impacted Nations* is a Native art exhibit illuminating the devastating impacts of energy development in Native America and positive alternatives for the future. With more than 50 pieces of artwork spanning the continent, the exhibit features contemporary fine art by Native American artists from across the country, and includes sculpture, paintings, monotype prints, baskets, and mixed media art, including local Lakota artists Donald Montileaux and Dwayne Wilcox.

Impacted Nations is an artistic collaboration that portrays the conflict between Native peoples' cultural and spiritual relationship to the earth and the political and economic forces that undermine that relationship and their ways of life. As seen in the artists' interpretations of dams, oil exploration, coal mining, and nuclear power, the United States' energy policy has, for decades, negatively impacted Native communities.

This art exhibit focuses also on places and lands that are sacred to Native peoples. These sites are not only a part of our history, but they are also a part of our present lives and the lives of generations to come.

Impacted Nations has travel across the United States to cities such as New York City, Minneapolis, Minn. and Santa Fe, N.M. In addition, the exhibit will be in reservation communities that have been affected firsthand by the deadly legacy of energy development on their communities by energy development. The exhibit can be viewed at The Heritage Center Gallery at the Red Cloud Indian School Campus Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information please call The Heritage Center at 605-867-5491, ext. 218.

For more information: www.redcloudschool.org.

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Essays on parents written by TCHS alternative center

MISSION - Last February, Sharon Swift of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Caregivers Program was troubled over the recent suicides on the Rosebud and decided to engage high schools in the Todd County School District's alternative center to create essays about the elderly. Swift met with Wayne King, project director of the alternative center and arranged to have the center's student attend an elder's conference held on February 20 at the SGU multipurpose building.

As the students met and talked with the elders, they decided that they would instead write essays on the desirable qualities that they wanted to see in their parents. Parents are often seen as the missing link in many children's lives and it was an appropriate exercise. The essays were not graded; however, King said that it was a good opportunity for students to reflect and 15 essays were written on an optional basis.

The students in the alternative center are primarily older students and as a part of their service learning component they often undertake tasks of a volunteer nature. Their participation in the elder conference counted toward service learning as well as some work they did with the daycare next door which is place for young mothers.

Characteristics of a good parent

By Adriana Bear Shield
Todd County School District Alternative Center

A good parent is someone who you will always be proud to talk about with your friends at the lunch table. A good parent is someone who will love you no matter what type of music you like or who your friends are. A good parent will always take the time to try to understand the words that come out of your teenage mouth.

I have only one parent and seven brothers and sisters. I think my mother is a very good parent because she takes so much time to try to understand us all. She waits with us outside for our bus in the morning and is waiting for us after school when we get dropped off. No matter how hard her day was at work, she always seems to have a smile on her face. She always wants to hear how school went and if we like it. If we tell her we did not like it, she wants to know why we do not like it. She knows all of our friends and treats them like her own.

When I put something on, my mom tells me if it looks good or not. She does not try to sugar coat it and the way it see it, I am glad she tells me before I come to school looking funny. My mom is a good parent because she makes us exercise at least three times a day. She cooks the food that she knows we like but if it I not too healthy, she will add green beans or corn. Besides being a very fun mother, she also knows how to set the rules and make sure we follow them. Sometimes I think she has eyes in the back of her head.

My mother is a good parent because when I have to study for a test, she is my study partner. She makes me study until I get the whole test down. She is a good parent because when we need something, she somehow finds a way to get it. She talks to us all the time about our deceased grandmother just to make sure we remember us. She still gets us a basket filled with goodies on Easter even thought most of us are over the age of 18. Every birthday, she gets us a cake with our pictures on it.

My mother is a very good parent to me being that she is the only parent. She has a hard time, I know that, but she never gives up. It is not like her to give up on us. I am so proud to have her as my mother because she is a very good worker and a very good parent. She moved us out of Antelope into our own home. Every single one of my brothers and sisters, including me, had our own room. As soon as we walked into our new home, our rooms were already fixed up the way my mother knew we would like them. Everything was exactly the way we wanted it to be.

To make a long story short, to me, a good parent is my mother, Rebecca Bear Shield, because she loves us and knows each and every one of us very well. She is a very great parent and I love her so much.

Pine Ridge leads West Division at 4-3

Three game win streak pushes Thorpes to top

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - After a slow start to the 2007 baseball season, Pine Ridge has put together a three game win streak to move into first place of the West Division of Region 4 in the South Dakota High School Baseball Association. With 7-5 and 14-7 wins over Hot Springs and a 13-7 win over Lead-Deadwood, Pine Ridge moves their record to 4-3.

Teams making up the West Division include Hot Springs 4-4, Bennett County 1-6 and Lead-Deadwood 0-7. The East Division includes Winner-Colome 8-0, Platte /Geddes/Dakota Christian 5-2, South Central 5-3 and Chamberlain/ Kimball 3-5. There are 34 teams in the Class B while there are 14 teams in Class A.

Pine Ridge's roster includes Harley Cortier(10) pitcher, short stop, second base, Dave Michaud(12) catcher, third base, outfield, Louis Ramos(12) pitcher, short stop, Juan Ramos(10) third base, Andrew Backward(12) first base, Bluch Black Feather(10) second base, outfield, Rico Ramos(9) short stop, second base, Sky Young(12) outfield, Hobart Locke(10) second base, Galen Twiss(10) outfield. Darrin Merrival is the coach.

In the opening double header in Burke, Juan Ramos batted .778 with a home run while Harley Cortier batted .500 including two doubles, one a walk-off double in the bottom of the seventh for a 10-9 win over Lead-Deadwood. Bulldawg Michaud hit at a .600 clip in the first two games.

Pine Ridge is at Bennett County on May 3 (5:30pm game time), travels to Chamberlain/Kimball on May 4 (5pm game time) and has a game with Platte/Geddes/Dakota Christian to make up. Playoffs start May 12-15 with the championship game set for May 28.

South Dakota electric rates could rise

PIERRE - South Dakota has some of the lowest electric rates in the nation, but state Public Utilities Chairman Dusty Johnson says the era of cheap energy may be coming to an end.

Johnson says current prices would not be so favorable if state officials had jumped on the electric deregulation bandwagon nearly a decade ago.

Sixteen states instituted deregulation, and consumers in those states wound up paying much higher rates for electricity than those who live in states that continued to regulate their power industries.

Residential electric rates in South Dakota averaged about eight cents per kilowatt hour last year. The national average was more than ten cents.

Johnson says electric rates everywhere may go up in the future.

Program delivers workers to job 100 miles away

ABERDEEN (AP) - Midstates Printing in Aberdeen found the temporary employees it needed by looking 100 miles away to the Crow Creek Reservation.

People from the reservation, near Fort Thompson, are driven by van to the Aberdeen business, work three days and are taken back to the reservation.

Norman Taylor, 26, is one of 30 people from Crow Creek employed in temporary positions at Midstates. He has worked there for two weeks.

``It's a good opportunity,'' he said. ``I hope it (the program) grows.''

Dave Burgard, general manager of Midstates Printing, said Midstates sometimes experiences a temporary labor shortage during certain times of the year. He said Roger Feickert, owner of Midstates Printing, came up with the idea as a way to add to Midstates' temporary labor pool.

Lisa Lengkeek, director of the Tribal Employment Rights Office on the Crow Creek Reservation, said the program benefits Midstates Printing and the people of Crow Creek.



PROCLAMATION FROM
THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
OF THE
OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE

WHEREAS, The Native American Family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our Lakota Nation; and,

WHEREAS, An average of 667 South Dakota children require placement in family foster homes each month as a result of chronic or continuing abuse and/or neglect; and

WHEREAS, The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation currently has 31 licensed family foster homes that provide twenty-four hour care and supervision for abused and/or neglected children; and

WHEREAS, These families provide invaluable service to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and its children, and,

WHEREAS, The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is experiencing an urgent need for more families to become licensed as family foster homes, and,

WHEREAS, May 2007 has been designated as National Foster Parent Month

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN YELLOW BIRD-STEELE, President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2007, as

FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH

On the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, I urge all residents and citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care, foster parents, and the professional staff working with them during this month and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand And caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, in Pine Ridge, this first day of May, in the year 2007.

John Yellow Bird-Steele, President

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Waters, Secretary

Foster Parent Appreciation Month May 2007

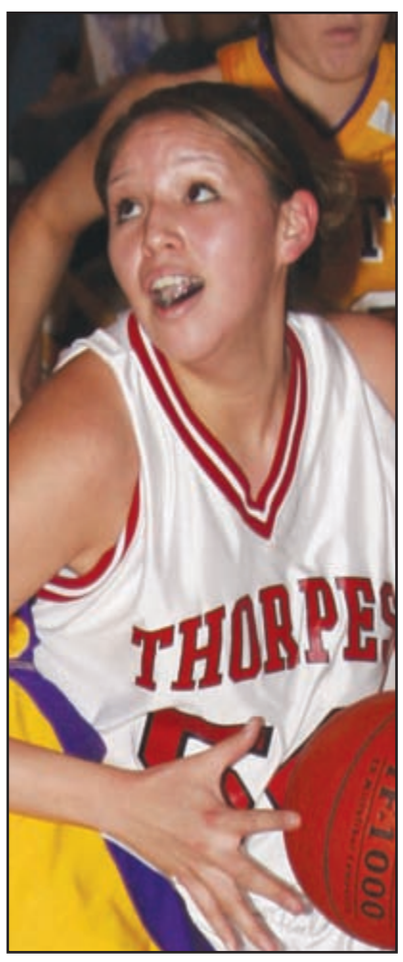
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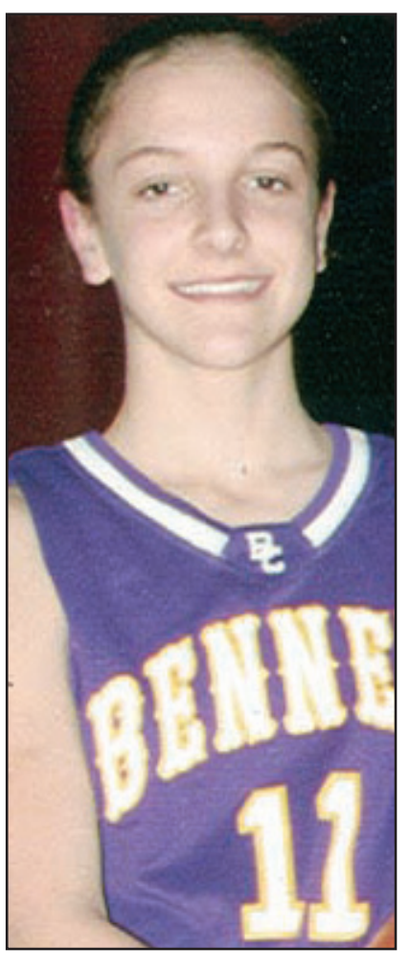
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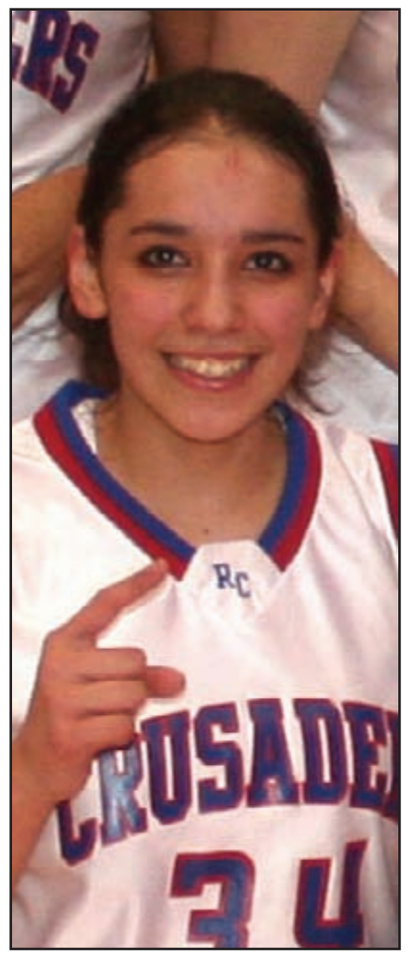
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Keely Krolikowski



Marque Lunderman



Sammie Parvin

Lakota Country Times/KILI Radio Indian Country All Stars

Azure, Parvin, Weston repeat as Krolikowski, Lunderman use state appearance to hit the top

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

For the third year in a row, *Lakota Country Times* and KILI Radio 90.1 FM of Porcupine have selected along with sportscasters, coaches and fans, the top girls and boys basketball athletics.
Next week will be the high school boys basketball All Stars.

MARTIN - After a strong off-season schedule, Pine Ridge opened the season by breezing through the Lakota Nation Invitational in December knocking off Todd County by 30 points for the championship, won tough road games at the Dakota Classic, the Northern State Classic and against Bennett County on the way to a number one ranking and an undefeated 20-0 regular season. Still a very young team, starting four sophomores and a freshman late in the season, Pine Ridge lost to Bennett County in the District 14A championship game and finished up 21-1 with a great future ahead of them. Bennett County went on to beat Winner in overtime for the regional championship and finish second to Vermillion in the Stat e A tourney.

Both Cheyenne Eagle Butte and Red Cloud represented Indian Country and the Lakota Nation tourney in this year's state tournament. The Lady Braves put together a solid season, winning District 12A and Region 6A titles and finishing seventh in the State A while Red Cloud turned their program around with first year head coach, Ted Standing Soldier Jr. who started two juniors and three sophomores and used a late season win streak for momentum to roll through District 15A and Custer and Region 8A and St. Thomas More to make it to the State A tourney for the first time in six years.

Brittany Azure

For the second year in a row, Cheyenne Eagle Butte's power forward Brittany Azure anchors the first team, the same way she anchored the Lady Braves march to the State A tourney this year.

The 5'11" senior averaged 14ppg and 7.8rpg and offered the necessary leadership on a team that included starting line-up of one sophomore and two freshman. Along with Jordyn Brown, Brittany was the "go to" person when a key stop was needed or a big rebound or much-needed points.

Sammie Parvin

Winner's Sammie Parvin, a 5'11" junior guard, returns to the first team this year after being moved to the point guard position. Sammie's points per game went down, she averaged 9.5ppg, 3.9 rebounds and 3.3 steals but her all around game helped to lead the Lady Warriors to a 13-7 season and to the Region 7A championship game, an overtime loss to Bennett County who eventually took second in state. Parvin will be back next year to lead a solid returning crew for Winner.

Lacey Weston

Lacey Weston, a 5'11" sophomore for Pine Ridge earns first team honors again after leading the Lady Thorpes in both scoring and rebounding this year. Last year and for the first half of the year, Weston teamed up with Keisha Brewer to dominate the post play; after Brewer went down with a knee injury in late January, Lacey had to carry the inside load herself - she stepped up and played solid helping to lead Pine Ridge to an undefeated regular season and the valuable experience gained over the last two years will only benefit the Lady Thorpes in the next two years as they set their sights on a state championship.

Keely Krolikowski

Averaging 20 plus points a game and helping to lead her team to the state championship game, Keely Krolikowski, a junior at Bennett County in Martin, earned first team honors this year after making the second team last year. Bennett County went through the regular season with only one loss, an 81-80 loss at the hands of Pine Ridge on a last second shot and bounced back to beat Pine Ridge in the District 14A championship game, survive an overtime win in the regions over Winner and lose to Vermillion in the State A championship game. Krolikowski provided key offensive firepower throughout the year, showed a strong maturity and poise in the crunch of close games and stepped up the defense all year long.

Marque Lunderman

The first team is rounded out with Marque Lunderman, a 5'8" sophomore guard/forward for Red Cloud. Lunderman started for Red Cloud as a freshman and used that experience and a summer of hard work to mature into a solid team leader that led the Lady Crusaders in scoring and steals and helped take a very young team to the State A tourney in Spearfish. Whether weaving her way through the lane or knocking down threes, Marque raised her game to a new level and will certainly be someone to watch over the next two years and beyond.

Those earning second team honors included:

Jondyn Brown/Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Ida Clarke/Red Cloud, Christian Janis/Pine Ridge, Kali Brave-Jenkins/St. Francis and Keisha Brewer/Pine Ridge. Brown is a senior, Brewer, Clarke and Brave-Jenkins are juniors and Janis is a freshman.

Third team honors go to Sophia Janis and Nichelle Red Owl of Pine Ridge, Jessica Keckler/Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Kelsey Brave Eagle/Little Wound and Shelby Hunger/Todd County. Brave Eagle is a senior, Red Owl is a junior while Janis, Hunger and Keckler are sophomores.

Honorable mention goes to Tia McCloskey/Todd County, Lisa Bear Robe and Shaina Clifford/Red Cloud, Carissa Brown Otter and Germaine Morrison/McLaughlin, Robin Webber and Saadia Tasso/Pine Ridge.

Outstanding newcomers included Lacy Leaf and Nadia Watt/Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Kristy Boltz/Red Cloud, Marcie Rodriguez/St. Francis, Kirsten Clifford and Tawni Shay Hunter/Little Wound.

Many thanks to the coaches, followers and media representatives who helped put the all star teams together.

2007 Lakota Country Times/KILI Radio Indian Country Girl's Basketball All Star Team

First Team
Brittany Azure/Cheyenne Eagle Butte
Keely Krolikowski/Bennett County
Marque Lunderman/Red Cloud
Sammie Parvin/Winner
Lacey Weston/Pine Ridge

Second Team
Keisha Brewer/Pine Ridge
Jordyn Brown/Cheyenne Eagle Butte
Kali Brave-Jenkins/St. Francis
Ida Clarke/Red Cloud
Christian Janis/Pine Ridge

Third Team
Kelsey Brave Eagle/Little Wound
Shelby Hunger/Todd County
Sophia Janis/Pine Ridge
Jessica Keckler/Cheyenne Eagle Butte
Nichelle Red Owl/Pine Ridge

Honorable Mention
Tia McCloskey and Shelby Hunger/Todd County,
Carissa Brown Otter and Germaine Morrison/McLaughlin,
Lisa Bear Robe and Shaina Clifford/Red Cloud,
Saadia Tasso and Robin Webber/Pine Ridge,
Dawn Doyle/Crazy Horse

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Lacy Leaf and Nadia Watt/Cheyenne Eagle Butte,
Kristy Boltz/Red Cloud, Marcie Rodriguez/St. Francis,
Kirsten Clifford and Tawni Shay Hunter/Little Wound

Red Cloud coasts to West River golf crown

MARTIN - Red Cloud girls dominated the West River Conference golf meet coming in with a team total of 286, easily downing Bennett County's 355. Little Wound scored 438 and Pine Ridge did not have a full team.

Jacqui White scored a 93 on the Martin course, Bobbi White hit for 96 and Shelby Ross finished with a 97. Tiara Little ended up with a 110. Alyssa Whirlwind Horse led Little Wound with a 100 followed by Emily Charging Crow's 165 and Kaitlyn Brave Eagle's 173. Kasey Ferguson topped Bennett County with a 114, Sara Goetzinger hit for 114 and Hailey Ruff ended up with 122.

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SECTION B

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Community Calendar
"Rez Happenings"

OST Council meeting
Regular session of tribal council, Wednesday, May 2 at the Red Cloud building in Pine Ridge, 10 a.m.

Flea Market/Indian Taco Sale
Thursday and Friday, May 3 and 4 at the Sacred Heart Church hall in Pine Ridge, doors open at 9:30am and lunch sales are at 11:30am with Indian tacos and a variety of soups, for information call 867-5551.

Flea Market
Thursday, May 3 at the Wounded Knee District CAP Office in Manderson from 10 a.m. to 3 pm, sponsored by Elderly Meals Program.

Housing clean-ups
Clean up week May 3, Cherry Hill housing, scattered units, May 4 scattered units, Monday, May 7 Batesland/Wakpamni, Tuesday, May 8 Wolf Creek, scattered Wolf Creek, Wednesday, May 9 Slim Buttes/Red Cloud, Thursday May 10 Calico and #4 housing, Friday, May 11 #4 housing, Monday May 21 Red Shirt/Drywood housing, Tuesday May 22 Chadron Junction/Lakeside, Wednesday May 23 Lakeside/Oglala housing and Thursday May 24 Oglala housing.

Shelter Grand Opening
Friday, May 4 at the new Cangleska, Inc. shelter in Kyle with a meal at 12 noon and presentations at 2 p.m., for more information call 455-2244.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
School pow wow finals set for Friday, May 4 at Pine Ridge School with grand entries at 1 and 6 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m.

Men's BB Double elimination
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 4, 5 and 6 at Porcupine School gym, for information call Devona 685-1347 or 441-8111.

Co-ed Softball tourney
Saturday and Sunday May 5 and 6 at the Oglala ballfield, for information call Charles 454-5330.

Kevin Bordeaux Memorial Run
Saturday, May 5 starting at Billy Mills in Pine Ridge and running to Wolf Creek School with registration starting at 8 a.m. and run at 10 a.m. with dinner and reception and awards presentation to follow, for information contact Ken at 441-1692.

Memorial Dinner and Giveaway
Saturday, May 5 at 2 p.m. at Brother Renee Hall in Oglala for Willard "Uncle Will" Chase In Winter.

Co-ed tournament
Saturday and Sunday May 5 and 6 at #4 Community, eight team co-ed tournament, for information call 867-1853.

Horseshoe Tournament
Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6 at the Robert Red Shirt residence in Allen with doubles on Saturday at 10 a.m. sharp and singles on Sunday at 10 a.m. sharp, for information call 455-1328.

Flea Market
Sunday, May 6 at the Little Wound School parking lot with food booths, crafts and clothes, coordinated by the LWHS sophomore class, for information call 441-1854.

OST Commodity Issue schedule
Monday, May 7 medicine Root District CAP in Kyle, Wednesday, May 9 in Manderson by the post office and Wounded Knee in upper housing, Friday, May 11 Sunrise Housing in Martin, Tuesday, May 13 at Evergreen housing north of Porcupine and at Porcupine CAP office, Thursday, May 17 Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni and Friday, May 18 in Oglala at old store site, for information call 867-5511.

Family Literacy Night
Wednesday, May 9 at Little Wound School elementary auditorium in Kyle with literacy at 5 p.m., refreshments at 5:45 p.m., presentations at 6:30pm and door prizes at 7:30 p.m. with "An Inconvenient Truth" and on Tuesday May 16 with flower making for Memorial Day by Louise Big Boy, for information all Reva High Horse at 455-6196.

Traditional pow wow
Red Shirt Community first traditional pow wow on Thursday, May 10 in Red Shirt with grand entry set for 1 pm, supper at 5 pm - all dancers and singers welcome, there will be a drum split, arena director-Mike Carlow, Eyapaha-Robert Two Crow, host drum-Native Thunder and for information call 255-4224.

Mother's Day Slugfest
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 11-13 at Manderson ballfield with 12 team bracket, for information contact Frank at 455-6369 or Steph at 441-3578.



Mi Casa now open for business

PINE RIDGE - The new Mi Casa eatery opened several weeks ago and is located at the former Altell location in Pine Ridge half block off Highway 18, opposite from St. Claire gas station. The eatery is owned and operated by Suzy and Perry Mesteth and includes a fair menu of burritos, tacos, tostados, nacos, taco salads and mexidogs with rice and beans. Mesteth delivers and is open from 10 am until evening and will be celebrating Cinco De Mayo on Saturday with a special menu. (L-R) Sherri Black Bear, Delmarie Brewer, Suzy Meseth and Jenny Mesteth. Photo by Amanda Takes War Bonnett

Bureau of Reclamation official to visit May 3

PINE RIDGE - The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner, Robert Johnson, has scheduled a trip to the Pine Ridge area on Thursday, May 3. He is the first Commissioner of Reclamation to visit the reservation during construction of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Project, and this is a very historical event for the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Johnson will be accompanied by various officials from the Bureau of Reclamation, including the Great Plains Regional Office and Dakotas Area Office.

John Steele, OST tribal president, had offered an invitation to the commissioner to visit the reservation during a trip to Washington, D.C., last month during appropriation meetings regarding the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Project.

Steele feels strongly it is because of his personal invitation that the visit was made a possibility and Johnson had obliged his request.

The following is a schedule of events for the visit:

At 11 a.m., the group will tour the Slim Buttes and Oglala Project area and will have lunch at the Sue Ann Big Crow's Boys and Girls Club. After lunch, there will be a meeting with the tribal council members and then with the project sponsors, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule, West River/Lyman Jones.

Please contact Mr. Paul Little, OSRWSS Liaison, at 455-2767 for further information.

Gov. Rounds and meth addict tell students to face facts about meth

By Chet Brokaw
Associated Press

PINE RIDGE - Gov. Mike Rounds urged students on Pine Ridge High School on Tuesday to stay off methamphetamine, a drug he said is ruining lives and filling South Dakota's prisons.

"We don't want to put people in jail. What we want to do is give you help so you don't end up in jail," Rounds said during a presentation to about 700 high school and middle school students.

Rounds visited a dozen schools around the state last year to discuss the dangers of meth, and he is visiting another four this week.



Gov. Mike Rounds, a student Cheryl Cedar Face, Pine Ridge School superintendent Melvin "Smiley" Sierra and speaker Jeremy Bucholz of Pierre. Photo by Jerry Matthews, Double M Studio.

Much of Tuesday's presentation was made by Jeremy Bucholz of Pierre, who works as a drug counselor after doing two prison terms because he was using, making and selling meth.

Bucholz told the students how he started using drugs in his early teens. Students listened particularly closely when he described putting fertilizer, battery acid and nail polish in the meth he made and sold.

"I traded my childhood for drug use," Bucholz told the students. "I gave up everything, but you don't have to because now you know."

High school senior Cheryl Cedar Face said the presentation was effective because Rounds and Bucholz met students face to face.

"It's different to have someone who's been there talking to you rather than

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OLC lists 6th Annual reservation wide science fair results

KYLE - The fair was held in Oglala Lakota College's Lakota Center for Science and Technology April 24 - April 27. Pre-registration was due on April 13 and there were 145 pre-registered projects. Of those, 121 projects were completed and participated in the fair. This year's fair was the biggest one yet. The projects were of a very high quality and the majority of them used the scientific method of problem solving. A great big thank you goes out to all the teachers who supported the fair and entered projects, said Misty Brave, coordinator for the fair.

The following schools participated in this year's fair: Pine Ridge Elementary and High School, Loneman, Little Wound Elementary and High School, Crazy Horse, Batesland, Rockyford, American Horse, OLL, Porcupine, Red Cloud Elementary and High School and two home school projects.

There were close to 300 students that were involved in the fair. All participants will receive different ribbons according to how they placed - Grand Prize Rosettes, Blue First Place, Red Second Place or White Third Place. The judges this year included Tate Win Means, Al Eastman, Biagio Arroba, Dr. Gerald Gerard, Dan Koopman, Larry Gauer, Alicia Mousseaux, Dieg Sandoval, and Andy Thompson. Their final figures determined the "Best of the "Best".

All students, except first and second grade, and their teachers will be honored at a luncheon on May 11 at the Lakota Center for Science and Technology.

The first and second grade classes will receive a pizza party in their respective classrooms.

Best of the Best Winners

Kindergarten - Home school- Attracting Birds to our Yard - Jeremiah Whalen - Carol and Bruce Whalen (teachers)

1st grade - American Horse - Matter - Whole class - Rena Bettleyoun (teacher)

2nd grade - Little Wound -

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Thorpes select Red Cloud, Provost for prom royalty

PINE RIDGE - Pine Ridge High School selected their prom royalty on Friday, April 27. Selected were queen and king were Devon Red Cloud and Jon Provost. Devon, a senior, is the granddaughter of Monte and Francine Whalen. John, a senior, is the son of Irv and Serena Provos. Junior royalty was A imee Pond, a junior, daughter of Ron and Andrea Pond and Nathan Whalen, a junior, son of Russell and Donna Whalen. Photo courtesy of Double M Studio.

Meth speaker

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someone just showing you pictures," said Cedar Face, president of the student council. "I thought it was also cool Governor Rounds came down here on his tour... It's more personal."

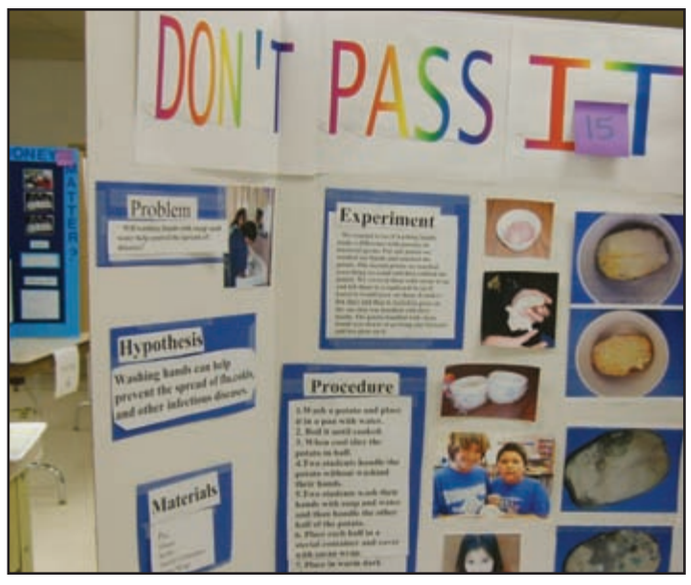
Rounds said about 41 percent of the South Dakota women locked up after convictions in the past nine months had meth problems, while 22 percent of the new male convicts had meth problems. About three-quarters of the state's most serious crimes are committed by meth users, he said.

"We've got to stop that," he said.

The governor said he particularly wants to warn high school girls about the dangers of meth. He said 9 percent of the state's 10th graders have tried meth.

Girls are told meth can help them lose weight quickly, but it quickly addicts them and causes them to loose teeth and have scabby skin, he said. "Don't fall for the stories about meth."

The campaign, called Face Facts: Meth Makes You Ugly, targets high school and junior high students.



DARE

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Uses of the Buffalo- Whole class - Norma Ceron (teacher)

3rd grade - Crazy Horse - Don't Pass It On - Danielle Randall, Samone Last Horse, Juan and Ian Dull Knife - Cloretta Eisenbraun (teacher)

4th Grade - Red Cloud - Some Like it Hot - Kris Carlow - Gretchen Lees (teacher)

5th grade - Rockyford - Pervaded in Oil - Larissa Lone Hill, Tiffany Janis, - Gayle Ludens (teacher)

6th grade - Porcupine - Solar Laser - Daniel Williams - Donnette Lone Hill/Twila Zephier (teachers)

7th grade - Loneman - Bacterial Killer - Danielle Rowland - Dagmar Fisher (teacher)

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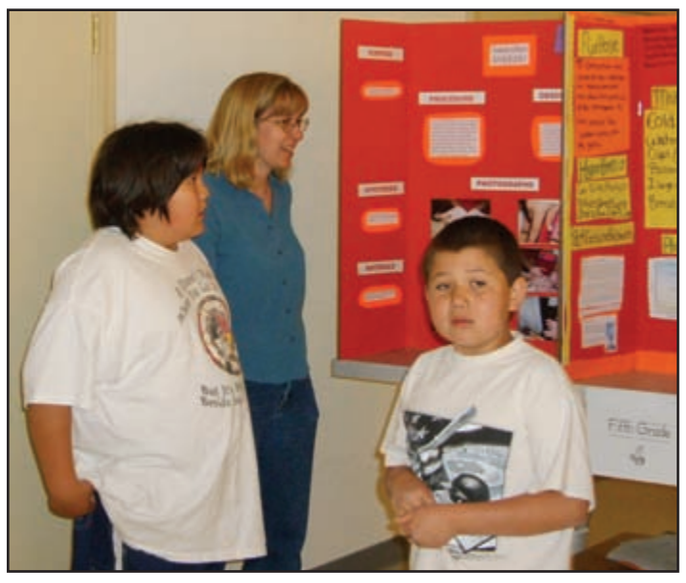
9th grade - Red Cloud - Reducing Pain: Does Money Matter? - John Richards - Danny Wouters (teacher)

10th grade - Little Wound - Will Salon Bleach or Store Bleach Effectively Dye Hair without Damaging It? - Karina Hernandez - Jennifer Miksanek (teacher)

11th grade - Pine Ridge - Muscle Fatigue - Cecil Little Hawk & Mike Ward - Sylvia Pendleton (teacher)

12th grade - Pine Ridge - Modeling DNA Structure- Rosemary Horn - Sylvia Pendleton (teacher)

Brave said she thanks the student interns, " A big thank you Woplia Tank Beau White and Dylan Brave and to OLC student Dusty Nelson. They set up the fair, which included the fair floor plan, record books, recording data and then taking down the fair at the end."



Left: "Don't pass it on," by two Crazy Horse School third grade students Danielle Randall, Samone Last Horse, Juan and Ian Dull Knife with teacher Cloretta Eisenbraun was one of the winners of Best of Best. Their experiment was, "We wanted to see if washing hands made a difference with passing on bacterial germs. For one potato we washed our hands and touched the potato. The second potato we touched everything we could and then rubbed the potato. We covered them with saran wrap and left them in a cupboard to see if bacteria would grow on them. It took a few days and then it started to grow on the one that was handled with dirty hands. The potato handled with clean hands was slower at growing any bacteria and less grew on it."

Right: Gretchen Lees, a fourth grade teacher, with students with their project are three of the "Best of the Best" fourth grade, "Some Like it Hot" with Kris Carlow.



Poor Bear honored for Battle of Little Big Horn service

MARTIN - Enos Poor Bear Jr. was honored by the Oglala Sioux Tribal council on Friday, April 27 for his 17 years of work as representative for the tribe at the Battle of Little Big Horn memorial site near Crow Agency in Montana. Poor Bear's work with the memorial site includes representing the tribe and promoting youth to be involved in the annual celebration on June 25. He said his work with the memorial site was initiated by the work of his father, the late Enos Poor Bear Sr.

The Battle of the Little Bighorn ane also known as Custer's Last Stand and to tribes as the Battle of the Greasy Grass was a battle between the Lakota-Northern Cheyenne combined force and the 7th Cavalry of the United States Army. It occurred June 25–June 26, 1876, near the Little Bighorn River and is considered a famous incident in the Indian Wars and was a remarkable victory for the Lakota and Northern Cheyenne.

Lakota All Stars Classic

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 11-13, co-ed basketball tourney at Red Cloud gym for age divisions 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18; for information call Ted at 441-6922, Jolene at 441-7308 or Marvin at 441-0068.

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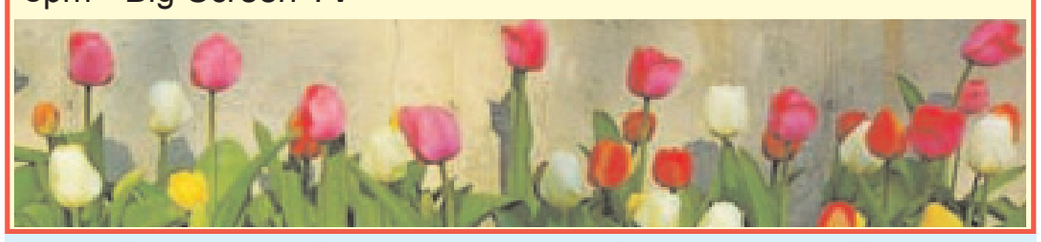
Thursday, May 17 at Wounded Knee District CAP office in Manderson at 5:30 p.m.; how do the new inheritance laws affect you, the new grazing fees and the Indian Land Consolidation Act movement.

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See You There !

Second official pleads guilty in school board embezzlement case

By Lauren Donovan and Jenny Michael
Bismarck Tribune

BISMARCK - A second former member of the Twin Buttes school board has now admitted to being among those who allegedly stole more than $665,000 from the small Fort Berthold reservation elementary school over a three-year period ending in 2006.

Darcy Lone Bear, former vice president of the board, admitted he stole up to $25,000 in U.S. District Court in Bismarck two weeks ago.

Lone Bear is one of seven school personnel charged with conspiracy, embezzlement and fraud. They all initially pleaded not guilty after a federal indictment was handed down in November.

Former board president Melissa Starr changed her plea to guilty Thursday on one felony count. She admitted to stealing up to $330,000 in school funds.

U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland ordered sentencing investigations for both Lone Bear and Starr. They will be sentenced sometime this summer under federal sentencing guidelines.

Under the guidelines, Lone Bear could face from zero to six months in jail, three years of supervised probation and up to 400 hours of community service. Hovland said anyone in the case who is convicted and given probation likely will be sentenced to community service as well.

"I think those who have taken from the Twin Buttes Elementary School need to give something back," he said.

Lone Bear said he did not see the problem initially in receiving stipends in double the amount he was supposed to get when he traveled to conferences, seminars and events as a school board member. He said school board members received a $1,000 stipend for attending such events.

"I didn't realize it was wrong to go and travel. It was board approved,"he said. "I thought it was OK, but I guess it was not."

Hovland questioned the necessity of school board members receiving stipends at all.

"If you don't think travel expenses are enough when you attend an out-of-state seminar, then don't serve on the school board," the judge said.

Bill Schmidt, a federal public defender appointed to represent Lone Bear, said during the hearing that some members of the board had been able to influence others. Schmidt declined to comment following the hearing because of unresolved issues in the case.

Starr promised to cooperate in a continuing federal investigation into fraudulent use of school funds and other areas.

Both Starr and Lone Bear are involved with Twin Buttes Custom Homes, Starr as a board member and Lone Bear as a construction manager.

Recently, the Three Affiliated Tribes returned more than $3 million in federal money slated for construction of a new school at Twin Buttes because the Bureau of Indian Affairs canceled the $8 million project.

Twin Buttes Custom Homes had been named as construction manager for the new school construction, and the BIA questioned Twin Buttes Custom Homes' qualifications and some early invoices for the project.

More charges are a possibility, though federal investigators say they can't comment about the details of the continuing investigation.

U.S. Attorney Clare Hochhalter said his office is talking with the remaining five defendants in the Twin Buttes conspiracy.

A trial scheduled that was scheduled for May 1 could be averted if the remaining defendants also enter into guilty plea agreements.

The seven were part of what the indictment described as a rampant conspiracy, covering each other's fake travel vouchers and salary advances to get access to the school's money, leaving the school unable to pay its bills. Starr also tapped into the school's checking accounts and credit card.

The other five who were charged are former board member Tammy Grady-Jacobs, $126,000; former principal Elaine Incognito, $67,000; former custodian Paul Fredericks, $63,000; former board member and Melissa Starr's brother, Hank Starr, $43,000; and former school finance manager Lillian Holen, $35,000.

The indictment details frequent occasions when the seven claimed travel to places they never went, ostensibly on school business. On other occasions, they allegedly claimed travel to places like Las Vegas, during the National Finals Rodeo, but never attended the training and workshops they claimed.

Gov. John Hoeven had suspended Melissa Starr, Hank Starr and Lone Bear from the school board, at the tribal council's request.

Hovland asked Lone Bear about his suspension from the school board and whether he had any plans to resign from the post.

"After today, I guess I probably will do that," Lone Bear said.



Nick Dressel

Dressel new RCHS principal

PINE RIDGE - Formative moments in life come when you least expect them.

For Nick Dressel, recently announced as the new principal of Red Cloud High School, it came on a long bus ride home after the Red Cloud football team that he then-coached had suffered another grueling loss. "We were having a bad season-and I mean, a 'bad' season-and I was feeling really down after the game," he recalls, when all of the sudden, and at the top of their lungs, "the boys started singing trail songs in Lakota."

For Nick, it was this simple moment that reinforced the reason he came to Red Cloud Indian School more than five years ago.

"These boys were able to rise above the pettiness of whether they had won or lost and simply enjoyed the time they were having together," Nick says. "It reminded me how special this place really is."

A graduate of Chadron State College, Nick earned a bachelor of science degree in education in 2002, and a master's degree in educational administration in 2005. In addition, he received his administration certification by the State of South Dakota , endorsed as a Secondary School Principal. At Red Cloud, Nick has served the school in a number of capacities: head football coach, high school dean of students and a teacher in US history, government and economics.

Now, he tackles the position of principal of the high school.

"I am really honored to take this next step in my professional life, but more so, to continue working with the incredible students and faculty on the reservation," he says. "This is the only school of its kind in the country, and I hope to continue to carry on and grow the rich traditions of the school."

When Nick assumes the position on August 6, he will work to place more focus on the service component of the school, as it is "integral to their formation as citizens of the world." In the future, he envisions curriculum revisions as well.

Robert Brave Heart, superintendent, is thrilled that Nick will be joining the administrative team in a new capacity. "I am confident that he will bring competence, passion and continuity to the Red Cloud High School community."

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ASK ANNA

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I am a mother of three kids. This year I'm trying to get my G.E.D. and really wondering if I'll pass.

I'm really anxious to go college classes. Also there are all these girls who are always trying to fight me over rumors.

They're from the same district I'm from. Is it because they have nothing better to do with their lives? I am really looking forward to my G.E.D that's the only step towards my career.

Just Curious?

Dear Just Curious:

Yes, you will pass your GED test. Good for you. You will love college classes and the atmosphere of serious students headed towards a better life. The "stupid" girls trying to fight you are frustrated young women without any perspective of what being a real woman is about.

They are products of disruptive environments and usually have a focus of just partying (substance abuse) and "hooking" up and are not participating in any kind of self-improvement or self-realization.

A Spirit friend of mine told me that people's experience and understanding is just as big as their world. In this case, these young women have small worlds and small experience. They are well on their way to unproductive adulthood which is a direct road to either prison or worse.

The sad part is that unless they find healing, they will produce the next generation of destructive adults.

I remember years ago watching "futuristic" movies that showed a future earth citizenship of deprivation, despair, and really rough street lives. These young women are part of that future.

We can only pray that they finally find a better way to live. In the meantime, continue to avoid them and ignore them. I'll bet you that most of their mothers are still involved in drinking and brawling. As go the adults, so go the children. They have grown up in such chaos and confusion that they don't have a clear picture of their own responsibility to themselves, their people and to Unci Maka. Pray for them.

Dear Anna:

My mom has been diagnosed with cervical cancer and I want to know how she is going to be. Is she going to get well?

I also want to know if my boyfriend really loves me. He says he does.

Wants to know

Dear Wants to know:

Your mom will be okay. I see her getting medical treatment as well as going to a healing ceremony. She will recover nicely.

This gives me a chance to warn everyone about human papaloma virus (HPV). There are many strains and the one that is most prevalent on the Pine Ridge Reservation is not the one that there is a vaccine for. It is causal in cervical cancer, and is transmitted sexually. Another reason for safe sex.

Your boyfriend thinks he really loves you. He is only fifteen years old; and love is love...but consider this: both he and you are growing and changing daily.

The person that suits you today probably will not be the one that suits you in 10 or 20 years. Take your time with life; enjoy your youth, and please be careful.

Dear Anna:

My car broke down and I don't have a job right now but need a car to go and look for work. Is there anyway that you can give me a car?

Thought I'd ask

Dear Thought I'd ask:

Well, it doesn't hurt to ask but the answer right now is no. I just barely have a car myself. I drive a rez rocket.

What I see is that you have a friend that works in Martin. She can give you a ride there everyday. I see you getting a job there in a program that helps youth.

After six months of employment I see you getting a car. In the meantime, if I hit the lottery I will buy you a car. Pray for me. (for those critical readers who don't understand this is a joke).

Dear Anna:

I have a bad past that I don't like to talk about. I have done real good the last two years. I am now sober and I work everyday. I pay my bills and I am learning to be a good parent.

The problem is that my family still doesn't trust me. They keep bringing up my past in front of people. This hurts me. What can I do besides what I am doing to prove that I am doing a good job and being a good person?

Tired of hearing about it.

Dear Tired:

Families often have long memories. I suggest that you mail a copy of this column to your family so they will see what they are doing in a different light.

I want them to remember that youth is not always wise...but when someone changes their life they deserve respect for that choice and compassion, not criticism for their past.

Good Luck and God Bless you. You are a shining example of success in my eyes and the eyes of others. Keep on Trucking!

Dear Anna:

My grandpa just passed away a little while ago and I am so mad at my family that I can't stand it. My grandpa was a sweet man and he had a dog that followed him everywhere.

His dog was mostly outside, but he let him inside when the weather was bad or when he whined at the door.

My family is busy fighting over the things in my grandpa's house. Things disappear over night and even his pictures of my grandma are gone. Nobody seems to be fighting over the dog though; they have just let him sit.

I go over and feed him everyday but my mom won't let him come over here.

Why is my family so mean and crazy? Why do they fight over watches, pictures, old furniture and dishes? Why doesn't anyone care about what he cared about - his dog?

What can I do. I am only thirteen and want to take the dog and run away. I think everyone is greedy and nuts.

Gonna Run

Dear Gonna Run:

Don't run. I see an uncle of yours moving into the house. He doesn't live near here yet, but I think that you know about him. Keep feeding the dog. Take him for walks too.

Your uncle will be glad for the friendship of the dog and he misses his father. He will be good to the dog and he won't miss the furniture or the dishes as he will be thankful for the roof over his head.

Your family is not very different from many families.

The problem we call greed is sometimes not that but a fear of not having enough: not enough memories of your grandpa; not enough pictures; not enough of the things they need in life and not enough control.

Eventually things will settle down. The things that have been taken will show up in various relatives homes.

I would ask the question who is in charge of the estate but I see the answer is everybody and nobody in particular as he did not have an executor.

He didn't have much but he did have your love - and that is what he took with him and what he left to you. Don't worry about the stuff - it didn't mean very much to him so it shouldn't mean that much to you.

What mattered to him was you and the dog. You are okay and the dog will be fine too - thanks to the kindness of an uncle who has had a hard life.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

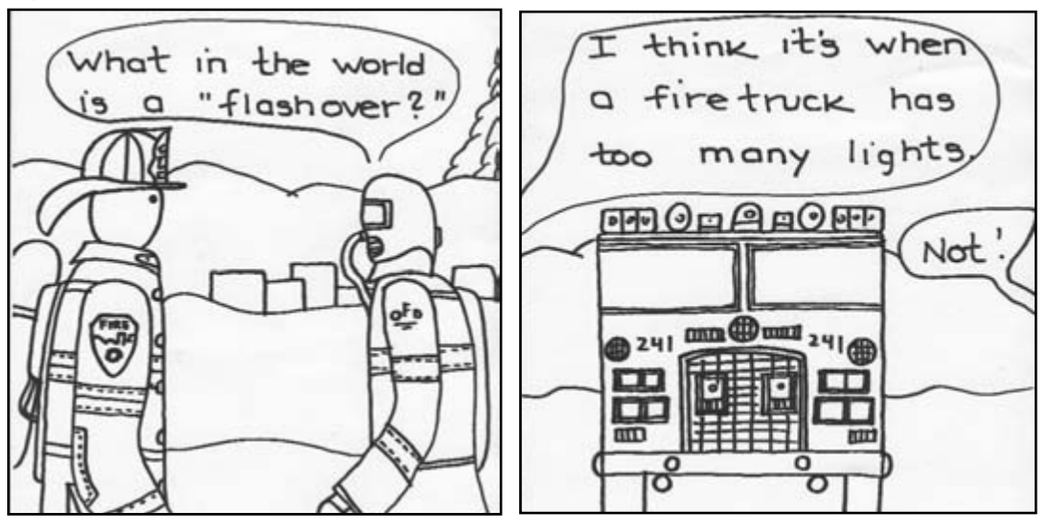
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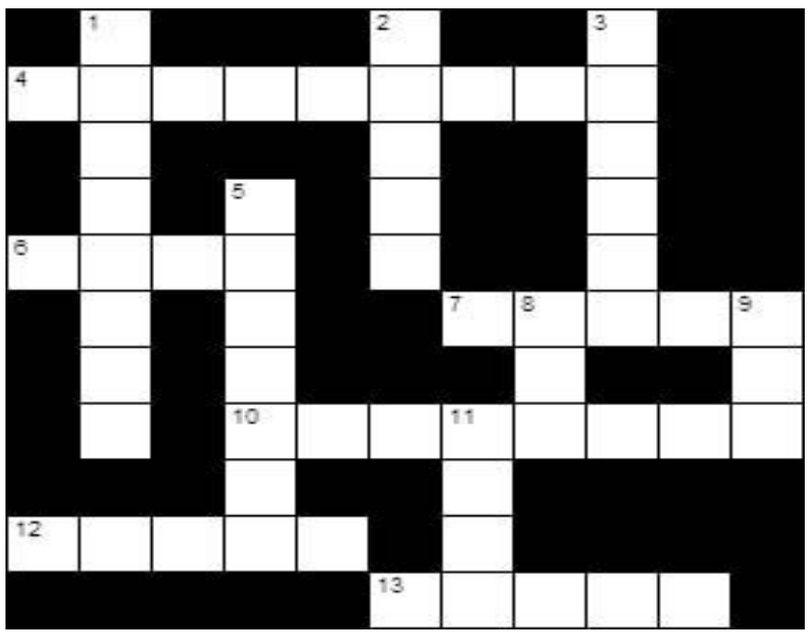
Crossword Puzzle

(answers in next week's issue)

CLUES

Across
4. nine
6. four
7. one
10. ten
12. three
13. six

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3. five
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Levi White Bull, 53.....Lincoln, Neb.
Michella Martina Crow, infant....Porcupine
Bernadette Bordeaux, 67.....Pine Ridge
Orville White Eyes, 62.....Eagle Butte
Chayne Condon, infant..... Eagle Butte

Margaret B. Black Cat

KYLE -Margaret B. Black Cat, 59, died April 28 at St. John's Hospice, Denver, Colo. of natural causes.

She is survived by a son Persian Dubray, Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz.; a daughter Melanie Dubray of Kyle; step father and mother Guy and Mary White Thunder, Kyle; a sister Melanie Dubray, Kyle; brothers George White Thunder, Vernell White Thunder and Anthony White Thunder all of Kyle and special friend Ricky Knupt, Denver, Colo. and three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

A one night wake was Wednesday, May 2 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall at Kyle.

Funeral service is on Thursday, May 3 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall with Rev. Robb Kroll officiating.

Interment will be at St. Stephen's Catholic Cemetery, Kyle.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

Basil Broken Rope Jr.

MARTIN - Basil J. Broken Rope, Jr., 10 weeks old infant, died Saturday, April 28 at Martin.

He is survived by his parents Basel and Stephanie Broken Rope Sr. of Martin, paternal grandparents Belnita Little Bear, Wounded Knee and Malcolm Lone Hill of Sharps Corner; maternal grandmother Janice Red Willow, Hisle.

A two night wake began on Tuesday, May 1 at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church at Kyle.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, May 3 at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.

Officiating to be determined

Internment will be at St. Barnabas Episcopal Cemetery, Kyle.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Ralph C. Bear Killer Sr.

ALLEN - Ralph C. Bear Killer Sr., 77, died at Bennett County Health Care Center on Saturday, April 28 of natural causes.

He was veteran of the United States Air Force.

Survivors include sons Ralph Bear Killer, Jr. of Allen and Robert Bear Killer, Kyle; daughters Delores Bear Killer, Kyle; Doris Grass of Gordon, Neb; Donna Bear Killer-Hollis, Denton, Texas and 14 grandchildren and 34 great grand children.

A one night wake begin Thursday, May 3 at the Inestimable Gift Episcopal Church, Allen.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Inestimable Gift Episcopal Church.

Officiating will be Rev. Daniel Makes Good and Rev. Rhoda Mesteth.

Internment will be at the Inestimable Gift Episcopal Cemetery at Allen.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Herman E. Tuttle Sr.

PORCUPINE -Herman E. Tuttle, Sr., 72, died at the Rapid City Regional Hospital on April 27 of natural causes.

Survivors include sons Duane Tuttle, Thomas Tuttle and Wayne Tuttle of Rapid City; Warren Tuttle and Justin Tuttle of Sioux Falls; daughters Carol Tuttle and Cheryl Tuttle of Sioux Falls; sisters Lillian Ramsey, San Diego, Calif.; Cecelia Montgomery, Kyle, and 27 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

A two night wake began May 1, at Christ The King Catholic Hall, Porcupine.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 3 at Christ The King Catholic Hall.

Officiating will be Rev. Chris Collins with interment St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery, Porcupine.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Levi White Bull

LINCOLN, Neb. - Levi White Bull, 53, died April 24 at Lincoln, Neb.

Survivors include sons Brandon Denny of Lincoln, Neb.; daughters Darby Blinston of Lincoln, Neb. and five grandchildren.

One night wake was April 30 at the Native American Church in Porcupine.

Funeral services were Tuesday, May 1 at The Native American Church in Porcupine.

Officiating was Rev. Emerson Spider, Jr.

Interment was at the Native American Church Cemetery, Porcupine.

Michella Martina Crow

PORCUPINE - Michella Martina Crow, stillborn infant, died and she is survived by her parents Tedd and Shonda Crow, Sr. of Porcupine; brother Tedd Crow, Jr., Porcupine; maternal grandparents William and Katherine Munoz, Atlusa, Okla.

A one night wake was Friday, April 27 at the Native Voice Ministries Church at Wolf Creek. Funeral services were April 28 at The Native Voice Ministries Church.

Officiating was the Rev. Charity Hill with burial at the Crow Family Cemetery, Porcupine.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

Bernadette F. Bordeaux

PINE RIDGE - Bernadette F. Bordeaux, 67, Pine Ridge, died Tuesday, April 24, at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Bernadette F. Bordeaux was born Aug. 24, 1939 at Pine Ridge to Roland "Scope" and Rebecca (Cuny) Goings.

She graduated from Pine Ridge High School and married Antoine Bordeaux. At the time of Atoine's death in 1979 they had celebrated 30 years of marriage together. They also had a special blessing to their marriage from the Pope. She worked for 27 years as a cook for the Cohen Home in Pine Ridge.

She is survived by four sons, Sylvester Bordeaux and Carl Bordeaux of Pine Ridge, and Wayne Bordeaux and Tony Bordeaux of Sioux Falls; five daughters, Sally Goings, Rochelle Bordeaux and Gaylene Bordeaux of Pine Ridge, Carleen Bordeaux of Rapid City; and Ramona Dobbins of Duluth, Minn.; her father, Roland "Scope" Goings, Pine Ridge; three brothers, Red Goings, Victor Goings and Marty Goings of Pine Ridge; three sisters, Fern Goings, Melody Talbot and Joyce Goings of Pine Ridge; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A vigil service was April 30 at at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pine Ridge.

Funeral services were May 1 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pine Ridge, with the Rev. Steve Sanford officiating.

Internment was at Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery, Pine Ridge. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Orville White Eyes

EAGLE BUTTE - Orville White Eyes, 62, Eagle Butte, died Thursday, April 26 at MedCenter One in Bismarck, N.D. A wake service was held May 4, at H.V. Johnston Cultural Center in Eagle Butte.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 5, at the center, with the Rev. Norman Blue coat and Richard Charging Eagle officiating.

Burial will be at the Eagle Butte City Cemetery. Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge is in charge of arrangements.

Chayne Condon

EAGLE BUTTE - Chayne Condon, infant, Eagle Butte, died Friday, April 20. Survivors include his parents, Ronnette Cook and Shun Condon of Eagle Butte. Wake services were April 27 at St. John's Episcopal Church, Eagle Butte.

Funeral services were Saturday, April 28, at the church, with the Rev. Marion Rectenwald and Hazel Red Bird officiating. Burial was at the Bear Creek Cemetery in Bear Creek.

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MINUTES

Shannon County Commissioners April 10, 2007 Minutes

The Shannon County Board of County Commissioners held a special session by telephone conference to set new sheriff wages. Present Connie Whirlwind Horse, Deborah Rooks-Cook, Inez White Hawk, Vanessa Roubideaux, Tom Conroy and Patricia J. Seegrist, Deputy Auditor. Absent none.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to set Jeffrey Not Help Him, Sheriff, salary at $33, 917.00 per year starting April 5th, 2007.

Discussion was held and Tom Conroy voiced that he thought since Jeffrey was not certified he should be started at $29,000.00 or $30,-000.00.

Roll call vote was Connie Whirlwind Horse, Yes at $33,917.00 per year, Deborah Rooks-Cook, Voting Yes at $33,917.00; Inez White Hawk, Voting Yes at $33,917.00 per year; Vanessa Roubideaux, Voting Yes at $33, 917.00 and Tom Conroy, Voting No at $33,917.00 per year. Motion carried.

No further business meeting adjourned.

Connie Whirlwind Horse, Chairwoman
Shannon Board of County Commissioners
ATTEST:
Patricia J. Seegrist, Deputy County Auditor
Shannon County

SHANNON BOARD OF EQUALIZATION APRIL, 20TH, 2007

The Shannon Board of Equalization was held on April 20th, 2007, at the Courthouse in Hot Springs. Present Connie Whirlwind Horse, Deborah Rooks-Cook, Tom Conroy, Vanessa Roubideaux, Inez White Hawk, Julie Graham, Auditor Clerk, and Joel Wendell, Director of Equalization. Absent none.

Meeting called to order, time being 11:15 A.M.

Oath of Office was taken by Connie Whirlwind Horse, Deborah Rooks-Cook, and Vanessa Roubideaux.

Joel Wendell, Director of Equalization presented Tax Exempt for 2007.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to approve the tax exempt list with the exception of Morning Star Church. More information is needed on this. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to adjourn, time being 11:57 a.m. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Connie Whirlwind Horse, Chairman
Deborah Rooks-Cook, Member
Vanessa Roubideaux, Member
ATTEST: Julie Graam, Clerk

MINUTES

Shannon County School Board Meeting April 23, 2007 Rockyford School

MINUTES

The Shannon County School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 23, 2007 at Rockyford School. President Angie Eagle Bull called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.

Members present: Angie Eagle Bull, Ruth Cummings, Todd O'Bryan, Chuck Conroy

Member absent: Melvin Cummings

Others present:

Dr. Margo Heinert, Superintendent, Maurice Twiss, Special Services Director, MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager, Vickie Grant, Assessment Coordinator, Ted Hanson, Special Education Director Robert Two Crow, Lakota Studies Director, Bob Hall, Rockyford Principal, Monica Whirlwind Horse, Rockyford Asst. Principal, Marlene Stout, Red Shirt Principal, Wayne Goff, Batesland Principal, Loretta Giago, Wolf Creek Principal, Darrell Eagle Bull, Wolf Creek Dean of Students, Myron Pourier, Facilities & Maintenance Director, Patti Nelson, Administrative Secretary, Darlene Cross, Patty Conroy, Rebecca Garret, Marlin Garret, Regina Whipple, Ed Boyle, Robert Barnett, Norma Cummings, Jobie Wagner, Don Hague, Hank Kosters

All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

7209. Approval of Agenda

Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.

7210. Approval of Minutes- Motion by Conroy, seconded by R. Cummings to approve minutes of the 3/26/07 regular meeting. Motion carried.

7211. Rockyford Student Council Members of the Rockyford Student Council were in attendance to observe a school board meeting, meet the members of the School Board and discuss some of their concerns.

7212. Executive Session: Motion by Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to go into executive session at 5:32 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent search. Motion carried.

President Eagle Bull declared executive session ended at 8:07 pm and reconvened into regular session.

7213. Personnel Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to approve personnel recommendations, with the exception of Red Shirt School Principal and authorize administration to contact the candidates accordingly. Motion carried.

7214. Letters of Intent -Motion by Conroy, seconded by R. Cummings to authorize administrators to offer Letters of Intent to prospective teachers for the 2007-08 school year. Motion carried. (Attachment C)

7215. Application for Public School Exemption - Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to approve an application for public school exemption for a Shannon County student, as listed on file. Motion carried.

7216. Financials Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by R. Cummings to approve the financial and payroll reports, receipts and disbursements. Motion carried.

7217. Red Shirt School Buildings - Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to honor to surplus three buildings formerly utilized by the Red Shirt School to the Tribe, tabling the issue of the remaining two buildings until the fall of 2007.

7218. School Bus Purchase - Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to authorize administration to purchase a 67 passenger or a 77 passenger bus for the 07-08 school year. Motion carried.

7219. Declare Surplus Property Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to declare surplus property, as listed. Motion carried.

7220. May Regular Board Meeting - The May regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at Red Shirt School, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

7221. Student Recognition Banquet - The Reservation-wide Student Recognition Banquet will be held at Wolf Creek School on Monday, May 7, 2007.

7222. Staff Recognition Banquet - The district will host a Staff Recognition Banquet on Tuesday, May 15, 5:00 p.m. at Batesland School.

7223. Reports - Administrators and Principals gave reports on school activities and programs.

7224. Adjournment Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed
MaDonna Peterson
Business Manager
Approved by the School Board this 29th day of May, 2007.
Signed
Andrea Eagle Bull
President

Resignation: Lisa Deleon-Special Education Aide effective 4-13-07, Wilmer Youngman Jr.-Wolf Creek Bus driver effective 3-23-07, Margaret Ross-Red Shirt Lakota Studies Teacher effective end of contract, Charles Montileaux-Rockyford school Special Education Aide effective 4-27-07, Leticia Martin-Rockyford School Special Education Aide effective 4-16-07, Jobie Wagner-Rockyford School Counselor effective end of contract.

Classified Terminations: Rockyford Schooll Bus driver effective 3-13-07, Batesland School Custodian.

Classified Non-renewal school year 2007-2008: Wolf Creek School Preschool Aide, Rockyford School Computer Technician.

Contracts for Approval: Stacy Cope-Rockyford School Teacher from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $39,000, Ryan Speed-District Computer Technician from 7-1-07 to 6-30-08 $44,298.60.

Amended Contracts for Approval: Dawn Rose Pourier-Rockyford School Cook $6,496.92.

Certified Support Staff Contracts for Approval: Melody Bohlender-Counselor from 6-22-07 to 5-22-08 $39,000.00, Karen Bowen-Raymond-Curriculum Coordinator from 7-1-07 to 6-30-08 $45,867.00, Jiles Bowman-Technician from 71-07 to 6-30-08 $46,071.00, Candance-Literacy Projects Coordinator from 7-1-07 to 6-30-08 $48,629.20, Sandra Frandsen-Speech Therapy from 7-1-07 to 6-30-08 $49,035.00, Terrie Joe Gibbons-Projects Assistant from 7-01-07 to 6-30-08 $50,358.60, James M. Moon Psychologist from 7-01-07 to 6-30-08 $45,690.22, Marsha L. Smoker-Speech Therapist from 7-01-07 to 6-30-08 $39,000.00, Brian Wechsler-Technician from 7-01-07 to 6-30-08 $50,740.00.

Administrator Recommendations: Connie Kaltenbach - Batesland School Principal, no experience, $55,000; Batesland alternate Gine Bettelyoun; Russell Bumayr, Wolf Creek School 5th-8th Grade Principal, 9 years experience, $60,000; Wolf Creek alternate Valerie Charging Eagle.

Rockyford School Recommendations: Catherine Kills Warrior, Cook, no alternative; Daeda Pevo, Special Education Aide, no alternate; Jacob Folstrom, Counselor, no alternatie.

45 day Probationary Completions: Tammy Harvey, Batesland School Preschool Aide; John Briggs, Wolf Creek School Resource Officer, upon completion; Naomi Condon, Wolf Creek Special Education Aide; Angela Nelson, Wolf Creek Librarian Aide.

Extra Curricular Assignments for Approval: Alberta Yankton, Batesland School Softball Coach from 4-16-07 to 5-11-07.

Disbursements

General Fund

A & B Welding Supply $21.60, AT & T long distance $768.43, Abourezk & Zephier PC attorney fees $197.96, Advanced Business & Computing services $4,680.00, Alco Store #204 supplies $175.45, All Season Sports supplies $113.50, Apple Computer, Inc supplies $5,582.70, Batesland School Kuxhaus $450.00, Bear Runner, Sonia travel $76.60, Best Western Black Hills Lodge Wolf Creek $769.20, Black Hills Electric utilities $2,597.51, BP gasoline $226.43, Budget Host Inn-State Motel Wolf Creek $490.60, Business Office Systems, Inc supplies $14.66, CDW Government Inc supplies $2,515.61, Chadron Wholesale supplies $422.83, Chief Eagle, Dallas instructor $750.00, Child Health Alert subscription $29.00, Chris Supply Co. Inc repairs $465.85, Christensen, Dana travel $96.40, Clifford, Scott W. speaker fees $900.00, Clifford Shane summer camp set up $100.00, CNA Surety Notary Blanket Bond $78.00, Cole Pest Control $780.00, Conroy, Charles travel $709.96, Corporate Card credit card charges $13,662.26, Creative Art & Frame supplies $111.47, Culligan Water Conditioning water $1,276.85, Cummings, Melvin mileage $22.40, Cummings, Ruth A. mileage $23.68, Dakota Transmission Inc repairs $2,252.86, Datacomputer Products supplies $492.58, Debbie's Cakes & Floral supplies $30.00, Donovan, Mark travel $105.40, Double M Studio supplies $105.00, Eagle Bull, Darrell expenses $349.00, Early Childhood Support Services $5,125.21, Educational Products Inc supplies $179.10, Emerson Boiler Inc cancellation fee $150.00, Environmental Products Co supplies $954.72, ETS-Educational Testing supplies $200.00, Evergreen Office supplies $3,150.57, Family Thrift Center supplies $325.26, FEDEX supplies $15.46, Fisher, Liz Kay summer camp $750.00, Fisher, Tyler summer camp set up $100.00, Florida Micro LLC supplies $1,356.13, Forman Sales & Services parts $234.49, Garys Duct Service repairs $335.00, Gibbons, Bill summer camp set up $100.00, Gibbons Terri Jo travel $244.80, Global Publication Services $49.79, Godfrey Break service $412.45, Goff Wayne travel $179.52, Golden Coral Family Steakhouse $617.31, Golden West Technology Inc $2,038.40, Golden West telephone $1,198.67, Gofer Sport-Play with a purpose $1,477.34, Gordon Superfoods supplies $379.86, Grant Christopher M $750.00, Great Plains communications $735.28, Great Western Tire Company parts $601.38, Guadalajara Family Mexican restaurant trip $242.02, Harvey's Lock shop $213.95, Hoff-Mid America sports supplies $36, Hay Springs public schools tuition $12,000.00, Heartland Paper Company supplies $506.22, Heinert Margo travel $443.48, Hernandez Lynn travel $76.60, Hills Material company grave $603.49, Hillyard supplies $4,499.86, Holiday Vina travel $58.04, Homestead building supplies $119.43, Hotrod Magazine $15.00, Houghton Mifflin Co supplies $1,028.80, Howard Johnsons travel $68, Husker Auto parts $996.95, Internationa Laser group supplies $2,516.70, Jefco Glass repairs $29.78, Jens Floral Design $40, Johnson Machine parts $320.88, Justins supplies $101.55, Journey Musuem gear up $82, Keiser Rebecca travel $50.40, Kelly Inn travel $55, Kids voting SD fees $294.60, KT connections Inc repairs $75, Kuxhaus Amy field trip $225, Lacreek Electric Association $12,935.97, Lakota Country Times misc $1,073.48, Lausen Products $51.19, Lebeau Connie mileage $161.72, Lithea Automotive $710.50, Ludgens Gail supplies $133.18, Lutheran social services $60, Menard supplies $895.43, Milestone Family restaurant $157.37, Minerva's RC supplies $35, Murdocks Electrical repairs $468, NSBA membership $2,300, NAEIR supplies $326.76, NECC 2007 registr $936, OST water & sewer $611.14, OBryan Todd mileage $16.00, Panhandle Sales & service $12.50, Paper Direct $281.31, Parent Advisory Council supplies $300, Madonna Peterson travel $360.72, Petty Cash-admin office $83.06, Petty Cash Batesland $409.75, Petty Cash Rockyford School $229.97, Petty Cash Wolf Creek $247.43, Peno Urma supplies $150, Pizza Hut Custer $220.01, Plum Done Co supplies $115.98, Ponderosa Sportswear $251.59, Positive Promotions supplies $257.26, Postmaster Batesland box rent $144, Queen City basketball $277, Rapid Chevrolet repairs $11,989.48, RC Journal subscr $437.35, Red Cloud Alfred travel $99, Red Cloud School reading $34,445.64, Reinhart Institutional Foods $289.40, Reniassance Learning Inc supplies $360.96, Rockhurst University Travel $210.94, Roth Jackie travel $201.80, SASD dues Peterson $342.50, SDAEOP registr $80, Sams club supplies $192.14, School Nurse Supply Inc $91.75, School Specialty supplies $124.37, School traditions supplies $394.24, Scholtz Denise repairs $250, SDN communications phones $1,870.22, Servall Towel & linen $5,385.76, Shannons County School 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Wipf Lisa travel $50.40, Wolf Creek school Briggs $72, Yankton Debbie travel $105.40 Zee Medical service $120.05, Ziegler Mary supplies $29.97, Fund Total $277,887.31.

Capital Outlay Fund

Best Busines products lease $683.35, Decker Equipment bleachers $764.60, Tatonka Capital Corportation lease $4,186, Fund Total $5,633.95.

Special Education Fund

Black Hills Special Services tuition $7,497.35, Center for Education & Employee Law subscription $164.00, Children's Care & Rehab Development Center services $12,148.00, Children's Care Hospital & School tuition $5,072.31, Children's Home Society tuition $4,600.89, Corporate Card credit card charges $169.10, Donovan, Mark travel $96.00, Golden Corral Family Steakhouse meals $26.51, Hanson, Ted travel $459.80, Jenn's Floral Design supplies $30.00, Just For Kids Speech Therapy services $8,135.50, Keegan, Cindy supplies $68.90, Petty Cash-Wolf Creek School reimburse acct $42.78, Ramkota-Pierre travel $60, Ross Donna Ruth services $1,787.50, SASD dues Hansen $523.25, SDSLHA registr $210, Scott Crous-LDINFO publishing $49, Shannon County School Imprest reimb $3,185.68, Sky Ranch for Boys Inc tuition $3,670, USD School of Medicine services $797.20, Wellspring Inc tuition $587.76, travel $276.48, Fund Total $49,658.01.

Food Service Fund

Child & Adult Nutrition services $784.62, Food Service of America $15,992.18, Harkers food service $5,177.62, Hillyard food service $871.06, Kemps-Gillette Dairy service $6,117.15, Reinhart Institutional food service $24,616.01, Rowland Ron travel $13.44, True Value supplies $40.12, Fund Total $53,612.20.

Federal Programs Special Services

Ace Fingerprint Equipment $67.96, Bornsen Candy travel $75, Brown Indurstries Inc $1,336, Conroy Rena travel $75, Corporate Card charges $965.60, Division of Criminal Investigation $352, Dugan Dawn trave $75, Fast wolf Antoinette travel $75, Gibbons Debra travel $75, Halverson Marilyn travel $75, Heathershaw Designs $829.70, Janis Stephanie travel $75, Lonberger Don travel $75, Nelson Patti travel $75, O'Bryan Carolyn travel $75, Occupational Health Newark drug testing $2,182, Red Owl Ann travel $75, Ree Terri req banquet $2,000, Reitz Carol travel $75, Roth Jackie travel $75, Sams Club fees $210, Shadeed Nancy travel $75, Spotted Bear Jennifer $75, Steele Mariann travel $75, True Value supplies $62.02, Yankton Tori travel $75, Fund Total $9,280.28.

BS Trust/Agency Account

Barnet Robert supplies $39.33, Gordon Super foods supplies $44.79, Pizza Hut Gordon supplies $110, Fund Total $194.12.

Checking Account Total $396,265.87.

Margo Heinert $240.80, SPED Parent $376.32, SPED parent $215.04, SPED Parent $70.40, Special Olympics $27.00, SPED Parent $211.20, SPED Parent $519.76, Scott Clifford $300, Big Foot Conference $300, Marsha Smoker $303.64, SPED Parent $430.08, SPED Parent $222.72, Hoksila Mesteth $400, Chris Eagle Hawk $150, Delmar One Feather $160, Fred Stands $160, SPED Parent $591.36, Melvin Young Bear $160, Waylon Gaddie $160, Ted Phelps $160, Special Olympics $300, Golden West Telephone $41.55, SPED Parent $188.16, Total $5,418.03.

Shannon County School District
Disbursment Report
March 31, 2007

Fund/Account	Amount
General Fund	$399,292.70
Capital Outlay Fund	$ 19,614.96
Special Education Fund	$ 36,765.02
Food Service Fund	$ 46,917.45
T/A Support Services	$ 1,222.41
T/A Wolf Creek	$ 0.00
T/A Batesland School	$ 132.05
T/A Rockyford	$ 0.00
Total of All Funds	**$503,944.59**

Shannon County School District
Payroll Report
March 31, 2007

Types of Services	Salaries	Benefits	Total
1000 Instruction service	$396,891.14	$103,620.35	**$500,511.49**
2000 Support Service	$195,467.70	$ 54,454.87	**$249,922.57**
3000 Other Community serv	$ 2,564.35	$ 359.54	**$ 2,923.89**
6000 Co-curricular	$ 11,521.79	$ 1,005.36	**$ 12,527.15**
General Fund Total	**$606,444.98**	**$159,440.12**	**$765,885.10**
Special Education	$141,622.36	$ 42,517.58	**$184,139.94**
Food Service	$ 21,733.78	$ 6,869.65	**$ 28,603.43**
Total All Services	**$769,801.12**	**$208,827.35**	**$978,628.47**

Shannon County School District 65-1
REVENUE REPORT
March 31, 2007

Revenue Sources	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Education Fund	Pension Fund	Food Service	T/A Service	Impact Aid
Local sources							
Taxes	$ 3,727.02	$ 2,408.92	$1,124.20	$240.88	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$66,998.92	$ 10.68	$0.0	$0.00	$25,634.45	$13,322.00	$0.0
County Sources							
County Apportionment	$ 0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
State Sources							
State Aide	$359,030.00	$0.0	$119,338.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$0.0	$0.0	$4,437.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Federal Sources						$0.0	$0.0
Other	$356,453.43	$0.0	$51,977.00	$0.0	$40,039.22	$0.0	$21,455.47
Operating Transfer In							
Total Revenue For Fund	**$786,299.37**	**$2,419.60**	**$172,439.20**	**$240.88**	**$65,673.67**	**$13,322.00**	**$21,455.47**

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Classes will begin Tuesday, May 15 at Pejuta Haka college center in Kyle, SD at 5 p.m.

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Congratulations! to Wendellyn New Holy on the birth of your new baby son, Dalente. Enjoy! Give him kisses and hugs for his Auntie Tam
I'll see you soon!

Happy, Happy, Happy Birthay on May 6. To our Brother Colton Curry. Just to let you know we are thinking of you and would like to wish you many more birthday's to come. Love Sister Steph & Brother Neal



Ryan Teague Janis
5-3-85 to 12-2-06
Happy Birthday Son!
You left us to soon, only to be remembered by the precious memories that you have given us, which can only be cherished by all the ones who love you so much. Seems like only yesterday an everyday we remember you talking, laughing and joking. We can only reach out and grab the air of remembrance of where you once stood. Every time someone remembers you we could only hold back the tears of memories. The sadness in our hearts will never heal only in time will it ease the pain. We always hug our hearts because that's where we hold you so near. We know you are with the creator and being our guardian angel. So have a Happy Birthday with peace and happiness and know that we think of you everyday. We love you Son today, everyday, until we meet again.
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The Oglala Sioux Parks and Recreation Authority, is requesting Audit Proposals for the 2006 year, with an option to extend for 2 subsequent years. Fiscal year 2006 began on January 1, 2006 and ended December 31, 2006.

The audit must be conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; "Government Auditing Standards," issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.The successful audit firm must provide a copy of their most recent peer review report and assurance that the firm and staff meet all yellow book requirements regarding independence and continuing professional education requirements.

Audit fieldwork is to be performed during June 2007 and a final report by July 31, 2007. Your proposal must also include an estimate of all expenses. Questions can be directed to Birgil Kill Straight or Carmel Cuny at 605-455-2584. Interested parties may also call to obtain a copy of the 2005 audit report.

Sealed bids must be addressed to:
Birgil Kills Straight or Carmel Cuny
Oglala Sioux Parks and Recreation Authority
PO Box 570
Kyle South Dakota 57752

The Oglala Sioux Parks and Recreation Authority, reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Bids must be received no later than 4:00 pm, Tuesday, May 8, 2007.

Pine Ridge School
Coaching Positions
2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

Please submit:
-Letter of Intent
-Resume

To: Melvin Sierra - Principal
PO Box 1202
Pine Ridge, SD 57770
For More Information Call: 455-6507

All potential coaches must have the required background investigation completed before assuming the coaching duties. See Security Point of Contact, located in the Log Cabin on the Pine Ridge School Campus for necessary paperwork or Call: 605-867-1306

United States Department of the Interior
- Vacancy Announcement -

Position: Deputy Superintendent - Trust Services
GS-0340-14 $89,115 - $115,848 Per Annum

Vacancy Announcement #: AB-07-26

Opening Date: 04/11/07 **Closing Date: 05/10/07**

Summary of Duties: Serves as the principal Deputy Superintendent - Trust Services and advisor to the Superintendent and shares fully in carrying out all phases or activities within the Agency's trust programs, i.e., trust, natural resources, forestry/fire, real estate services, including land consolidation, probates, minerals, lease compliance, and acquisition and disposal. Manages and coordinates trust program activities to ensure that program elements responsible for disbursing federal funds or managing federal trust property adhere to applicable Statutes, Codes, Treasury Regulations, Department and Bureau policies. Protects the interests of individual Indians and tribes(s) by serving as the BIA trustee exercising the authorities vested in the Secretary of Interior through public laws and regulatory requirements concerning trust property and works with the Office of Special Trustee (OST) - Trust Officer to ensure these interests are met. Responsible for budgeting, program planning and development of cooperative relationships for and within the Trust Service programs. Provides direction and implementation of supervisory and managerial activities related to equality employment opportunity, and ensures merit based practices in the recruitment, selection, training and rercognition process.

Duty Station Location:
BIA, Trust Services
Pine Ridge Agency, Pine Ridge, SD

Position: Legal Admnistrative Specialist (Probate),
GS-0901-5/7/9
GS-9: $43,731 - $56,849 Per Annum
GS-7: $35,752 - $46,478 Per Annum
GS-5: $28,862 - $37,519 Per Annum

Vacancy Announcement #: AB-07-27
Opening Date: 4-12-07 **Closing Date: 05-02-07**

Summary of Duties: The incumbent will provide legal assistance to, and consults with attorney advisors in the Bureau and administrative law judges in the Office of Hearing and Appeals. Examines legal documents to ascertain ownership status of lands and resources held in trust or restricted status, and to ensure the accuracy of legal descriptions. Performs legal research to assist the decision makers in resolving problems arising under federal, tribal, and state case law applicable to the testamentary disposition of property, title status, genealogy and other probate matters. Provides guidance in estate planning in accordance with federal, state and tribal inheritance code to Indians who own trust or restricted lands and resources. Maintains files containing executed testamentary documents and statistical records on agency estate administrative matters.

Duty Station Location:
BIA, Probate
Pine Ridge Agency, Pine Ridge, SD

Procedures on How To Apply:
Mail applications to the BIA Southern Plains Human Resources (FedEx: 1 mile north on Hwy 281)
PO Box 368, Anadarko, OK 73005. **Applications and all accompanying documents must be received by the closing date of the announcements.** Applications may be faxed to 1-405-247-4991 and must be received by the closing date of the announcement.

Fax only those documents required in the vacancy announcement. Electronic mail (e-mail) or government envelopes may not be used to submit applications.

Contact Information:
Contact BIA, Pine Ridge Agency, Superintendent or Trust Services Office, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, for further information, 605/867-5125 or 5126.

Little Wound School
Kyle, South Dakota
JOB VACANCIES
(05-01-07)

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school term:

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Prevention Counselor(Pine-Ridge Office SY 07-08)

Middle School Dept.
Lakota Language Teacher
P.E. Teacher

Elementary Dept.
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Middle School: 41)FB Coach 42)FB Assist. 43)Football Assist. 44)FB Cheerleading 45)Boys BBall Coach 46)Boys BBall Assist 47)Boys BB Bo-Assist. 48)Girls BBall Coach 49)Girl's BB Assist 50)Girls BBall Assist 51)Volleyball Coach 52) CrossCountry Coach 53) CrossCountry Assist 54)Track Coach 55)Track Assist 56)MS/Elem Boxing Club Sponsor 57)Boys BB Cheerleading 58)Girls BB Cheerleading 59)Wrestling Coach 60)Wrestling Assist. 61)Softball Coach 62) Softball Assist 63) Student Council 64)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 65)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 66)K-8 Rodeo Club Sponsor 67)MS/Elem Hand Game Sponsor 68)8th Grade Sponsor 69)Competitive Dance Sponsor

Elementary: 70)Elementary Rodeo Club Sponsor 71)Wrestling Coach 72)Wrestling Assist. 73)Girl Scout Sponsor 74)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 75)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 76)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178.
www.lws.k12.sd.us

>>> NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS <<<
It is the policy of the Little Wound School to provide an alcohol and drug-free workplace. All appointments for employment are contingent upon receipt of a verified negative drug test through pre-employment drug testing, receipt of a favorable background investigation and the availability of federal funds. The legal policy of Indian preference will be followed to qualified applicants. Veteran's preference shall be applied to qualified Veteran applicants.
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Ryan Teague Janis
5-3-85 to 12-2-06
Happy Birthday Ryan,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday Ryan, Happy Big 22.
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Eating your cake and ice cream and opening a present or two We will never forget your smile and how you brightened our lives each day We can still see your sparkling eyes and wonder why God took you away We have peace of mind and comfort in knowing your up above We all think of you and remember your everlasting love We hope you feel deep in your heart as your birthday come and go How very much you mean to us more than you'll ever know. For someone as special and treasured as you, We pray you feel our love and care for you too, We know you'll here this sooner than then, Cause it's for you Ryan, that we ask, Amen. We all miss you badly, and we still love you so. Happy Birthday Ryan from your family down here below, We love you so much Ryan! Love your big sister & big brother, Gina, Cyrus and Rob

**Thank you!
The family of
Angie Reyes
wish to extend a warm handshake and a sincere appreciation for all those who assisted our family in any way during our loss.
There are so many wonderful people -
(too numerous to mention)
that lent a generous hand, that it would be unfair to forget someone. You are all special to us, therefore we want to say a big wopila for sharing Angie's life and when we had to say our last farewell-when will be greatly missed and loved always.
Thank you for all the prayers, food, flowers-words of comfort and for just being there for us.
Thank you and May Tunkasila Bless each and everyone of you.
From:
The Poor Bears, Crosses, Martinez, Hawkins, Reyes, Washingtrons, Marrufos, Gibbons.**

Stevie Ray Makes Good
My rotten egg
I love you
From Mom



Robert Apple,
Just to let you know I'm so proud of you and love you with all my heart.Your wife Sophia

To 93
I'll always love you
&
You will have a special place in my heart
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Happy Mother's Day to Sylvia Bear.
Love, David and Dawson

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Have Fun Baby!

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From Mom

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**Happy Birthday
Max Faubion
From Breanna Ferguson
& Family**

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From your parents!

Happy 14th Birthday
Paul Andrew Apple
From Mom, Tyler, Lena & family,
Leta & family Warren

**Happy Mother's Day
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From: The kids We Love you and thanks
for everythng you do for us!!!!**

Happy Mother's Day to our Mom/Grandma:
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From: all your friends and families**

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I love you Connie!
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Red Cloud Indian School

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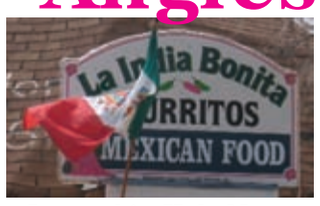
- **High School**
  - Dean of Students
  - Administrative Assistant
  - Bus Driver (Must have CDL)
  - Counselor
- **Elementary**
  - Counselors
  - Elementary Teachers
  - Computer Teacher
  - Math Teacher
  - Head Football Coach

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled
Applications can be found on our website (**www.redcloudschool.org**), or requested via mail, phone, or email.
Send completed application, letter of interest, resume, and credentials to:

bbraveheart@redcloudschool.org

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Closing Date: Open until filled

Conservation Biology Instructor/Researcher
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Closing Date: Open until filled

Mathematics Instructor
Opening Date: April 2, 2007
Closing Date: Open until filled

Career and Personal Counselor
Opening Date: October 24, 2006
Closing Date: Open until filled

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HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Rosebud Sioux Reservation

Thursday, May 10, 2007

Household/Limited Business/School Lab Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Date: Thursday, May 10, 2007, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- **Households, businesses and school labs may drop off wastes at several locations.** ***Locations will be announced near the end of April. Look for announcements.***
- **In addition to wastes, other potentially hazardous items such as appliances, tires, etc may be dropped-off. Roll-offs will be stationed at the sites and transported to the Rosebud landfill for disposal and recycling. Roll-off Locations: St. Francis for Spring Creek/Grass Mountain. Rosebud for Soldier Creek/Ring Thunder. Parmelee for HeDog/Upper Cut Meat. Norris/Corn Creek. Winner for Ideal/Milk's Camp. Horse Creek for Wood/Swift Bear. Antelope/Okreek.**
- **Businesses may <u>not</u> drop off their normal disposal wastes (55 gallon drums, etc.)**
- **Special pick-ups will be arranged for those who show a need for assistance (elderly, handicapped, etc.)**
- **Clean Harbors Environmental Services will conduct the event through a grant awarded by the EPA to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.**

The following list shows common household items containing potentially hazardous ingredients that might be found in your garage, basement or other storage space in your home.

Cleaning Products:
- Oven cleaners
- Drain cleaners
- Wood and metal cleaners and polishes
- Toilet cleaners
- Tub, tile and shower cleaners
- Bleach (laundry)
- Pool chemicals

Indoor Pesticides:
- Ant Sprays and baits
- Cockroach sprays and
- Flea repellants and shampoos
- Bug sprays
- Household insecticides
- Moth repellant
- Mouse/rat poisons/bait

Other flammable Products:
- Propane tanks and other compressed gas cylinders
- Kerosene
- Home heating oil
- Diesel fuel
- Gas/oil mix
- Lighter fluid

Automotive Products
- Motor Oil
- Fuel additives
- Carburetor and fuel Injection cleaners
- Air conditioning Refrigerants
- Starter Fluids
- Automotive batteries
- Transmission/brake Fluid
- Antifreeze

Workshop/Painting Supplies
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- Furniture strippers
- Oil or enamel based paint
- Stains and finishes
- Paint thinners and turpentine
- Paint strippers and removers
- Photographic chemicals
- Fixatives and other solvents

Lawn/Garden Products
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Fungicides/wood preservatives

Miscellaneous
- Batteries
- Mercury thermostats or thermometers
- Fluorescent light bulbs
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Headstart honors 183 graduates Friday

Review team impressed by OLC's progress

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PIYA WICONI - "For the first time ever, all of the Headstart graduates will be honored during one ceremony here at Piya Wiconi, at the Three Mile Creek pow wow grounds," said Michelle Yankton, Headstart director, "when all of the individual center graduations were on the same day out in the districts last year, I received numerous calls about putting them on different days so family and friends could attend more than one ceremony."

On Friday, May 11, Oglala Lakota College will honor 183 Headstart graduates from 26 headstart centers across Pine Ridge Reservation. The honoring ceremonies get underway at 10:30 a.m. with Tom Short Bull, OLC president addressing the graduates, families and friends and Brian Charging Cloud doing the invocation. It will be up to each center and the parent committees to plan anything additional like a cookout, a reception or other activities in their respective centers and communities, added Yankton.

This is the second year that Oglala Lakota College has had the Headstart contract and currently operates 10 headstart buildings across the reservation with 26 classrooms and five early headstart centers. After a long wait with many construction delays, the two Porcupine headstarts and their early headstart moved into their new building in Porcupine in October and so far it is going well, according to headstart staff. Enrollment this year is 522 students, 75 who are in early headstart; headstart centers across the reservation include Oglala (2), Pine Ridge (9), Wakpamni, Allen, Martin (2), Wanblee (2), Kyle (2), Porcupine (2), Wound Knee (2), Manderson (2) and Red Shirt. There are early headstart centers are located in Oglala, Porcupine, Kyle, Pine Ridge and Manderson.

A seven member national review team visited the OLC headstart operation during the week of April 16-20. The team included a federal team leader out of Washington D.C. as well as headstart representatives from different regions around the country.

Please turn to Headstart: A2

Strong women part of Cangleska history

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor

KYLE - Last week, Cangleska welcomed public to come and see the new women's shelter in Kyle.

More than 350 people attended the open house, ate a grand meal of buffalo and cake and stayed for the ceremony that highlighted past and present achievers in the field of taking of women and children.

The new shelter is part of a newly constructed $1.35 million 9-acre complex which includes a $1.25 million shelter, the Tokahe Wicayapi Visitation Center and a new maintenance building.

The new 7,800-square-foot shelter will comfortably house up to 36 women and children as well as office and meeting space for the administrative and counseling services of the organization.

Well over more than 350 people attended the open house, ate and

Birgil Kills Straight was honored for naming the shelter Lulyahan Oti, basically translated as transforming lives. Lulyahan can be translated at the acting of doing and the completion that has been done, like to color or dye and change from one color to another.

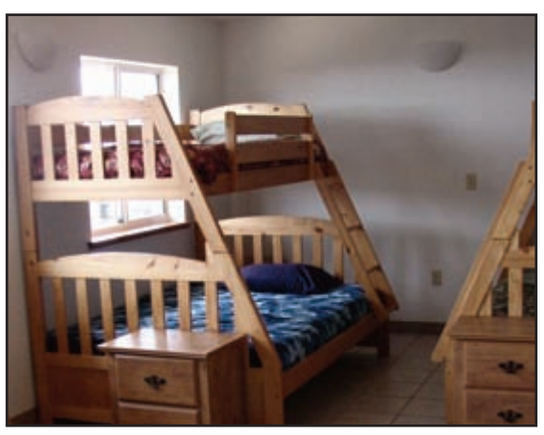
Wayne Weston emceed the ceremony, along with honored speaker Cecelia Fire Thunder, and many others followed through the afternoon, educating the audience of the history of the domestic violence code, strong Lakota women and how Oglala Sioux Tribe became the first in the nation to exercise their sovereign status by passing and implementing the domestic violence code.











Above: Bernice Swallow was honored by Cangleska for her contribution to the women of the Lakota nation. Bernice accepts the honor with part of her tiospaye Alex and Deb White Plume and Vic Camp and Rayette Provost. Above middle: Cecelia Fire Thunder gave a speech outlining the history of Cangleska and the domestic violence code. Above right: Wayne Weston and Karen Artichoker organize the honorings and giveaway. Below right: the spacious shelter kitchen and one of the family rooms.

PHOTOS BY AMANDA TAKES WAR BONNETT

It was a wonderful setting with beautiful weather and plenty of food, and a generous giveaway of household items to the public. Also available was literature and friendly Cangleska staff.

The shelter buildings not only offers office space but spacious family rooms with beds and televisions, a children's playroom and a huge kitchen with a state of the art cooking facility.

Fire Thunder, gave an emotional speech of the history of Cangleska and the women and men responsi-

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Dr. Richard Bordeaux retires after 32 years in Indian education

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

HE DOG - The staff and students of He Dog School and their small community on the Rosebud reservation came together and honored Todd County School District, Superintendent Dr. Richard Bordeaux, in traditional Lakota style last Friday evening, May 5. An honoring wacipi and the evening session began with a traditional meal of buffalo stew, fry bread, and wojapi.

Dr. Bordeaux has led the TCSD for 16 years and has been involved in Indian education for 32 years. The TCSD consists of 12 educational centers and 2,100 students and 500 staff members. He was named the "Outstanding Indian Educator of the Year" in 1992 by the South Dakota Indian Education Association.



Sicangu chief, John Spotted Tail and RST council representative, Russell Eagle Bear escorted Todd County School District superintendent, Dr. Richard Bordeaux, into the arena last Friday evening as the staff, students and community of He Dog School on the Rosebud Sioux reservation honored their leader for his years of service to the Sicangu oyate.

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In 2000, Bordeaux was elected the president of the National Indian Impact school Association consisting of 600 public schools and the National Association of Federal Impact Schools consisting of 1,300 schools located throughout the country.

Dr. Bordeaux also served as a board member of the South Dakota Parent Connection and is currently a member of the Impact Schools of South Dakota, a member of the SGU Board of Regents and the Rosebud Economic Development Corporation.

Bordeaux plans to build a house and do some consulting to area schools

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ble in the movement to stop domestic violence.

She told the audience scientific evidence isn't needed to support the need, because if you are true Lakota, you know what we are doing to each other isn't right.

She spoke highly of Bernice Swallow, who was honored for leading the way in women's rights.

"Back in 1987, Bernice was our guide, when we organized and begin to talk about the conditions of the women rights on Pine Ridge."

In 1989, the Oglala Sioux Tribe exercised it's sovereignty when it passed the first mandatory arrest in all of Indian country to hold batter's accountable for their bad behavior, she said.

That took the burden of responsibility away from the victim to the law enforcement.

"Way back 20 years ago, the tribe was the first one and it continues to take the lead and sometimes we don't want to hear this stuff and the reason why it's hard to hear, because intuitively deep down inside our stomach we know that is the not way it is suppose to be," she said.

Fire Thunder spoke of the commitment of Marlin Mousseau and Karen Artichoker, who were lead in developing the 1996 Project Medicine Wheel, which eventually became Cangleska, Inc.

"Today we are not only celebrating the beautiful building but the tenth anniversary of Cangleska and Sacred Circle in Rapid City. Sacred Circle has provided training to hundreds of people across the nation in advocacy for women and children," Fire Thunder said.

Others that were honored were Pat Lee, who was chief judge at the time, the domestic violence code was implement.

The code provides mandatory arrest on the reservation involving domestic violence. Lee said it was a law that addresses the problem and leads to healing.

The shelter still needs a few housekeeping items in place before families can use the building.



Bordeaux

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in South Dakota as his many years of service to the Lakota people has enabled him to gain some critical skills in administration and meeting the needs of the No Child Left Behind legislation.

A cold drizzle descended upon the small community of He Dog, however, it did not dampen the spirits of an almost packed house who enjoyed an excellent meal and were able to chat a bit and meet new people.

As in many gatherings these days, there are not a whole of elders who frequent such celebrations anymore and the ones that did could be counted on one hand.

He Dog Principal, Deb Boyd and her staff and the wacipi committee did a very commendable job in getting the word out on KINI and sending out personal invitations. Ned Metcalf of Two Strike community on the Rosebud made an announcement in Lakota of the honoring on KINI FM radio. The wacipi committee included Ira High Pipe, June Smith, Rose Elk Looks Back, Mrs. Schmidt, and Mary Guerue. Royce Yellow Hawk was the arena director and the eyapaha was Pat Bad Hand of Two Strike community who kept things moving by occasionally pestering Ira.

Dr. Richard Bordeaux was present as was many of his extended family and his school family. The Todd County School Board was represented by Chairman Marlon Leneaugh who has been on the school board for 18 years, and members Troy Heinert and Charlie Moe.

Sicangu medicine man Roy Stone of Parmelee gave the invocation while the Red Leaf singers as the host drum sang the Lakota flag song. The other drums groups included Kiyukanpi, Eagle Creek, Dreamcatcher drum from SFIS, the He Dog school drum group, the Isnala Najin drum and Thunder River. Pat Bad Hand noted that the Dreamcatcher drum was able to travel to the wacipi because of perfect attendance.

RST President Bordeaux read an Executive Proclamation proclaiming May 5 as "Dr. Richard Bordeaux Day" on the Rosebud reservation for his 16 years of leadership, while Deb Boyd and her staff at He Dog presented Dr. Bordeaux with a beautiful star quilt with Todd County School colors of blue and gold. Dr. Bordeaux was also given a sacred eagle feather in a brief ceremony conducted by leksi Roy Stone and RST council representative, Russell Eagle Bear.

The family of World War II veteran and traditional dancer, Bill Little Thunder of Upper Cut Meat community honored their late father and grandfather with a reading by RST President Bordeaux of the many awards and honors which he had received including proclamations from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and the state of South Dakota. He had also received a high school diploma by virtue of being a World War II veteran from St. Francis Indian School.

A couple of beautiful decorated cakes were shown around the arena by Calvin Waln and one of them had Little Thunder's Lakota name, Sungmanitu Cikala on it.





Headstart

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"We won't get the evaluation report for 45 days but they were very impressed with the progress that we have made in the short time that we have had the contract," said Yankton, "those comments were greatly appreciated considering the challenges that we have overcome during the last two years, dealing with recruiting a new staff, problems with facilities and a bus fleet that needed updating. We have requested additional staff in our new grant including an educational coordinator and a family advocate."

After graduation ceremonies on Friday, the headstart centers will stay open until May 18; the early headstart centers will continue to operate until June 15. According to Yankton, there will be summer courses offered for headstart staff so they may continue their education upgrades.

The gradautes are as follows:

Pine Ridge Head Start III (20)
Servano Arapahoe
Benjamin Bacon
Skate Black Bear
Lane Bordeaux
Cassiopeia Fox Belly
Richard Garcia
Christopher Giago
Kenneth Good Crow
Joseph Grass
Ayonna Haas
Nadia Jack
Tony Janis
Andre Martin
Donovan Red Cloud
Wakinyan Red Cloud
Daya Returns from Scout
Gregg Rowland
Gregory Swick
Calen Tobacco
Bradley Yellow Thunder

Pine Ridge Head Start V (8)
Andrea Bordeaux
Trent Brewer
Calista Cottier
Whisper Cottier
Cedella Fox Belly
Cante Poor Bear
Justice Steele
Matthew Stodlt

Pine Ridge Head Start IV (4)
Riyen Carlow
Martina Mesteth
Anthony
Racquel Waters

Red Shirt Head Start (6)
Jordan Becenti (Two Bulls)
Baylie Her Many Horses
Ava Knutson
Narcisse Neck
Toby Swallow
Tyrell Swallow

Pine Ridge Head Start VIII (23)
Joseph Bernie
Taysha Big Crow
Trenton Big Crow
Rayonna Bissonette
Kody Brave Heart
Mercedes Goodman
Kyonna Haas
Marsha Janis
Dante Little
Warren Merrival
Stephanie Mesteth
Thomas Mesteth
Jesse Pulliam
Saraya Red Shirt
Calletano Rodriquez
Terrance Running Shield
Paris Sullivan
Nicolette Takes War Bonnet
Angelita Two Bulls
Teawney Walking Eagle
Tylend Waters
Dennis Weston

Wakpamni Head Start (3)
Shaynna Conroy-Red Owl
Hazel Rain Hollow Horn
Alison Rose Yellow Hair

Evelyn Crooked Eyes
Tristan Fast Horse
Cypris Ghost
Aryonna Hollow Horn
Robert Jumping Eagle
Alaceya Little Moon
Joseph Looks Twice
Zachariah Poor Bear
Ariana Twiss
Jaden White Plume
Raymond White Plume

Porcupine Head Start II (19)
Tabian Black Bull
Dionne Frogg
Jacobie Knight
Isabella LeBeaux
Frank Little
Tristan Little Boy
Lyla Lone Hill
Jose Marrufo
Clarence Mercado
Logan Mesteth
Deandra Mills
Joquina Pourier
Tequanna Red Owl
Grace Swick
Elix Valandra
Key Vaunte Veaux
Brady Weston
Richard Weston
Zayne Weston

Manderson Head Start (17)
Louis Afraid of Hawk
Xavier Big Crow
Mary Camp
Taelin Clifford
Santana Janis
Jacilyn Kills Enemy
Dylan Knight
Faron LaBatte
Tory Provost
Leo Red Cloud
Geneva Respects Nothing
Devon Respects Nothing
Alaura Romero
Troy Steele
Autumn Tall
Alexius Waters

Allen Head Start II (12)
Angoline Jaize Campbell
Teya Taj Dubray
Jyles Hopkins - Salomon
Daveryl Means
Freedome Means
Lance One Horn
Carlos Plenty Arrows
Daniel Plenty Bull
Rosalie Rosales
Trevin Vasquez
Tyrell Whiting
Selena Yellow Boy

Kyle Head Start II (15)
Manuelito Anaya
Jayson Apple
Taylen Garnette
Tayten Garnette
Aliyah Gay
Ashley Hernandez
Duana Little Whiteman
Romeo Little Whiteman
Juan Diego Marrufo
Latisha Mousseau
Mason No Neck
Myles No Neck
De' Shawn Pourier
Emily Shangreaux
Delaihah Venegas

Wanblee Head Start II (17)
Richard Ashley, Jr.
Cheyanne Bettelyoun
Kyros Bettelyoun
Adam Gay
Mason Grimes
Delilah Lamont
Emil Last Horse
Rumuyan Moves Camp
Margerita Provencial
Dacian Pumpkin Seed
Cadin Quiver
Tara Randall
Autumn Rosebud
Gabriella Sitting Up
Amber Terkildsen
Lyric White Feather
Kaden Young

Martin Head Start (17)
Brittney Babby
Memory Bad Wound
Jodey Bear Killer
Jonah Bush
Nicholas Dubray
Mollie Grant
Alexis Johnson
Skylee Kamerzell
Joseph Means
Todd Morrison
Aloysuis Mousseau
Shakyra Poor Thunder
Kimimila Richards
Mahpeya Richards
Jacob Waltman
Caleb Wollens

Oglala Head Start II (11)
Jaimayiah Archambault
Jauron Big Crow
Jeremiah Brave Heart
Vaughn Clifford
Lashiyah High Hawk
Osheanna Mousseau
Andrew Scott
Crystal Stands
Tyriece Two Lance
Andrea Walks Out
Skyler Waters

Prairie Wind Casino sets grand opening for June 14-16

Phil Hogen keynotes, Tanya Tucker/Restless Heart entertain

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

OGLALA - The long awaited grand opening of the new Prairie Wind Casino has been set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 14-16 on the western edge of Pine Ridge Reservation. Funded through a $20 million loan from the Shakopee Mdewankanton Sioux Community in Minnesota.

The new casino has actually been operating for the last month while the hotel has been held up by an additional water line with a reservoir and two booster stations.

"We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to the new casino and hotel during those three days," said casino manager Mike Graham, "the water is basically complete now, we still need to receive a certificate of substantial completion by the tribe, we need to install phones in every room and complete a contract with Lodgenet for television services for not only the hotel but the casino and restaurant as well."

Phil Hogen, chairman of the national Indian Gaming Commission and tribal member, will be the keynote speaker for the formal opening ceremonies set for Friday, June 15 at 11 a.m. while Frank Means, past chairman of the economic and business development committee of the tribal council and current Oglala Sioux Rural Water director will be the master of ceremonies.

The grand opening plans call for Restless Heart to play for 90 minutes Thursday evening at 7 p.m. followed by a 90 minute set with Tanya Tucker at 9 p.m. Following the opening ceremonies on Friday, a meal will be provided starting at 12:30 p.m. and at 7 p.m. Pow wow Comedy Jam are set to perform followed by more comedy entertainment. Cash prizes will be given out throughout the day with $5,000 given out at midnight. Saturday more cash prizes will be given out with $10,000 set to be given out at midnight. Sunday the casino will have a special Father's Day celebration.

The tribal council discussed the certificate of substantial completion during the April meeting and tabled any action until both Graham and Mario Gonzalez would be in attendance; discussion focused on the liability of the construction company and warranty provided and length of warranty. Additional discussion included separating the casino from the hotel, no action was taken on that as well. According to Graham, the council has set up a special meeting at the casino on Friday to deal with outstanding casino issues.



The Prairie Winds Casino motel will be open for business at the time of the grand opening.

There still has been no progress in the discussions on revising the compact with the state for additional gaming machines so the tribe and casino have looked at bids for Class II machines.

"There are at least two other casinos in the state, Royal River and Dakota Sioux who have both Class III and Class II machines," said Graham, "we currently have three bids here now and are waiting for a fourth. We are looking at trying 25 machines from four different vendors for a 90 day trial period and those that worked we would keep, those that did not we would remove; the plan calls for the Class II machines to be distributed around the casino not set in just one place."

Graham hopes to have everything worked out on the Class II machines by the grand opening but that may be a bit optimistic. The casino was originally built with the idea that it would have 500 Class III machines.

Nellie Bald Eagle is the new hotel manager with Wilson "Buzzy" Two Lance hired as the assistant hotel manager. According to Graham, they are three weeks into a five week training by a special consultant in hotel management - the consultant trained the hotel manager at Dakota Sioux Casino at Sisseton Wahpeton and they are still there after a year of work..

The old casino employed 200 workers, most of them members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, with the opening of the new casino and hotel, there will be somewhere between 250 and 300 employees.

SGU classes and Sicangu elders discuss RST secretarial amendments

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

> 'It's scary that only 1,300 registered for the election…'
> **Duane Hollow Horn Bear**

MISSION - A diverse gathering of Sinte Gleska University Lakota studies and business students converged on the multipurpose building to discuss the proposed amendments to the Rosebud Sioux Tribal secretarial election on May 3. Several elders from the Lakota Women for Change were present as were others from the tribal membership.

It was a great opportunity for students and Sicangu elders to interface and openly discuss the ramifications of the 27 proposed amendments which had been pared down from the original 182 by the RST secretarial election task force. RST tribal members will vote on the proposed amendments in July.

Lakota Women for Change members present included, Vi Burnette, Dorothy Marshall and Lois Antoine. Later, during the proceedings former RST council representative, Christine Dunham, also joined the event.

SGU Lakota Studies instructor, Duane Hollow Horn Bear, introduced the ground rules and purpose of the gathering as he noted, "Your opinions and feelings. What strengths and weaknesses are in the amendments? Do they threaten the people in any way? The amendments may pass and kick in no matter who is in office. Your children and grandchildren will have to live with this."

Leksi Albert White Hat, also of the SGU Lakota Studies department began the day's events with a Lakota song and words of encouragement. He said, "To change a nation, it takes several generations. In the 1930's our people began to change. The first amendments began to come in the 1960's. What we have here will have a major impact. It used to be that we shook hands, but when it comes to the government we like to have documents."

SGU Business Department Chair, Nora Antoine-Bordeaux also prefaced the meeting with her thoughts about the exercise on this day as her students also contributed to the discussion. She said, "This is a good opportunity for our students to learn about the amendments. We need to re-invigorate our skills on how to conduct meetings in a public manner. How many of us go to community meetings?"

Hollow Horn Bear, also a member of the RST secretarial election task force introduced a very important aspect of the secretarial election amendments. He said, "Our enrollment is 33,000 and how many of us live here, 25,000 to 30,000. It is scary that only 1,300 people registered. The majority does not live here, yet they send in their absentee ballots. They want to vote for the laws we have to live under. We need to get that information out to the public."

The class room was probably too small to adequately accommodate the packed room, however, the intimate setting allowed everyone to hear others and to respond if they so desired.

The objective was to discuss the majority of the amendments; however, the discussion got bogged down as respondents tended to interject their personal experiences and opinions. Only about 8 amendments were discussed as the three hours passed by all too quickly as leksi Albert did a very good job of keeping the focus on the amendment wording and their implications for anticipated change.

Amendment 1 calls for a name change to the Sicangu Nation and most present thought that it would promote pride and cohesion as the Rosebud Sioux are leaders in Indian Country.

Amendement 2 calls for inclusion of the name change of Sicangu Nation into the preamble of the RST constitution. Lakota Studies student, Dawn, said, "We should go house to house to get the word out" while White Hat said, "We have the swing vote in elections."

Amendment 3 says, "All persons who can provide three (3) Generations of Lineal Descent born after April 01, 1935 to a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, regardless of the residence of the parent." If tribal members vote no on this ballot question it will remain the same.

This amendment is one that will likely generate a lot of emotional debate as some tribal members have married outside of the tribe and their desire is to enroll their descendents.

One unidentified student pointed out that a ten year residency requirement should be added as the thought of third and forth generation urban Indians who may have relocated years ago could determine the future of the Sicangu Nation. Presumably, someone who never grew up on the Rosebud reservation could come home and gain office despite not being a stakeholder in the daily affairs of the tribe.

There was a sentiment that opening up enrollment through lineal descent might cause future Rosebud Sioux children to have to compete for educational and health care assistance. However, attorney Vi Burnette of the Lakota Women for Change said that the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service are the ones who will continue to set forth their criteria as to who qualifies for services and at what degree of blood.

Article 5 says, "All council members and the president and vice-president shall be of at least ¼ degree of Indian blood." One student said, "Indian blood. What does that mean? Another tribe could come in here and serve on the tribal council."

Albert White Hat occasionally interjected his opinion on the ensuing discussion and given his experience and wisdom his opinions were closely scrutinized.

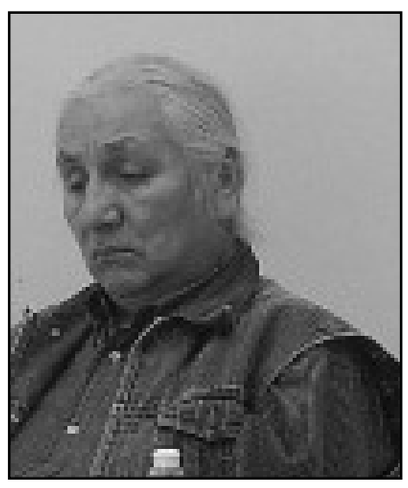
He said, "The amendments are forcing us to get busy. We are really lax."

Some of the issues that appear to be a point of contention for some is that many of the amendments are poorly written, while others could have been combined into a single amendment.

Also, the secretarial election task force and the tribal council has to remain neutral and cannot advocate for or against the amendments and that notion is leaving some tribal members frustrated.

Some community education needs to occur so that tribal members know what they are voting for, while some resources needs to target appropriate advertising so that the community can conduct similar gatherings to discuss the amendments as time is running out.







Above: Lois Long of Antelope community, Patty Romero and Sicangu tribal member and attorney, Vi Burnett. Duane Hollow Horn Bear and Albert White attended he class.

PHOTO BY ARCHIE BEAUVAIS

House passes compensation bill

WASHINGTON (AP) The House passed legislation Monday that would provide compensation to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe for land lost to the Oahe dam and reservoir north of Pierre, S.D.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin, D-S.D., seeks to compensate the tribe for approximately 100,000 acres on the reservation that was flooded during the construction of the dam more than 50 years ago.

There have been previous efforts to compensate the tribe, but lawmakers have said they were not adequate.

``Members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe have waited long enough to receive fair compensation for the unfairness that occurred decades ago,'' Herseth Sandlin said.

The Senate passed a similar bill in the last Congress.



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Words from the 'trenches'

Shannon County annual banquet outstanding



Connie Smith-Blanco

I don't get out much but when I do I'm always amazed at the excitement that can be created here on the rez when people put their minds to it. Amanda and I went to the Shannon County Reservation student recognition banquet the other night and we're still raving about it (notice the new picture above)

We have so much student talent, potential and initiative right here on the rez, that can go unnoticed until a yearly wingding like this comes along. This was the night to shine for those students across the rez that have shown us grownups the true meaning of spirit, honor and perseverance.

I applaud the Shannon County School system for providing this outstanding opportunity for it's students. Families and students were admitted with special invitations and everyone attending was awarded with a great prime rib dinner complete with fixins. There was music to lighten the mood and the excitement from the nominated student candidates was as electric as lightning.

These students looked and felt special as they gathered their awards on stage and posed politely for pictures. Every candidate took home something of honor.

The programs contained student pictures, biographies and the history of the recognition banquet and how the student selection process takes place.

Reading and listening to each student's hopes and dreams for the future was illuminating. There were plans for college, graduate school, and professional careers. Students wanted to be doctors, lawyers, scientists and journalists. These students will be our leaders for tomorrow and this was their night. Behind these young leaders are their parents or a role model they are following.

The entertainment of Williams and Ree rocked the house with music and laughter. This duo picked on everyone and every color and we all laughed at and with them. I don't have enough money in my purse to buy tickets to a shindig like this in the big city but I felt like royalty sitting in that party decorated reservation auditorium. The Academy awards has nothing on this event.

It made me regret the invitations to this banquet that I've had to pass up in the last five years since I moved back to my home state. I took a lot of things away from this special night at the Shannon County Reservation student recognition banquet.

The most important thing I took home was that student glow of pride and achievement and hope for this next generation of leaders and followers. I'm definitely a follower here in the trenches.

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Notes From Indian Country

'Today is a good day to die'



By Tim Giago

(Nanwica Kciji)

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If one takes the time to study the prophecies and the medicine of the Hopi, Lakota and other Indian nations, I believe they would be startled to find that so many of these predictions and cures are true.

The Mayan calendar ends on December 21, 2012. The planets and stars will be in a certain alignment on that day and there are those who predict that this day will be the "end of days."

The Indian people knew the universe. They moved about in their world to the movement of the stars and planets.

The so-called oral histories of many of the Indian tribes are often based on actual events even those deemed as myths.

The Lakota people (called Sioux by the white man) had a rich history of storytelling.

Each tribe had an "eyapaha" or what would be known today as a "town crier."

The eyapaha stood in the center of the village and told news of the day, often in verse and song.

The dance that has become so commercialized at the national pow wows was more often than not, the telling of a story.

The dancer might be a sand crane or a bear and through the dance the story of that animal was told.

In my mind there is nothing more graceful than the dance of the Lakota women.

Their fluid motions are like the interpretations of a poem.

And when they enter the dance arena their movements are like the rolling waves of a mighty lake.

And to see the warriors dancing in perfect unison as they lead the "grand entry" has always caused my heart to jump.

The Lakota move to the beat of the drums because they believe the beat is timed to the beat of their hearts.

The drum is the heartbeat of the Nation.

When I was a boy living at Kyle on the Pine Ridge Reservation many years ago the United States government, in its infinite wisdom, forbid many of the religious ceremonies of the Lakota, including the one of restoration and sacrifice, the Sacred Sun Dance. Like all people that have had their ceremonies stopped, the Lakota holy men and women took it under ground. My great grandmother was named Winyan Wakan, which translates to Holy Woman.

She was a holy woman that lived in the Pejuta Haka portion of the reservation before it was a reservation. Pejuta Haka translates to "medicine root."

The Lakota people did not know the diseases of small pox, typhoid and measles that would later decimate their populations.

The medicine roots and herbs gathered and used by my great grandmother and other *winyan* and *wicasa wakan* (holy women and men) were the foundation of the healing medicines that had been used for thousands of years to treat the illnesses then known to the Lakota.

When the new diseases brought to America by the invaders struck, there was not enough time for the medicine men and women to find the herbs and roots to cure these sudden diseases.

The rapidity of their advance was devastating. More than one half of the known Indian population in the Western Hemisphere succumbed to these new diseases.

I often have to chuckle whenever I see Hollywood's interpretation of an Indian medicine man (they always make the healer a man) because the portrayal often mocks the Indian people as ignorant savages using chimes, rattles and eagle feathers as cures.

The truth is that many of the herbs and roots used in Indian medicine have been refined and are now used in modern medicine.

If there was anything different from the practices of the ancient medicine men and women to that of a modern physician it was that the Indian often prayed aloud during the treatment and called upon Wakan Tanka (Great Spirit) to help in curing the patient. The Indian medicine men and women always tried to cure the mind as well as the body.

I remember that as a small boy I was stricken with pneumonia, a disease that was often fatal before the invention of antibiotics, and at night I would awaken to the soft glow of the kerosene lamp and listen to my grandmother singing softly in Lakota as she encouraged me to drink from the cup of herbs she had brewed.

Needless to say I survived.

Tasunka Witko, Crazy Horse, was a holy man of the Lakota.

He often rode into battle unafraid of the bullets whizzing past his horse. His words, "Today is a good day to die" are immortalized amongst the Lakota.

His words epitomized the philosophy of the Indian people. Our lives are a circle just as the stars; the moon and the sun are circles. We are born, we live and we die. There were no greater prophets than Crazy Horse and the holy men and women of the many tribes of what is now America.

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Finding My Voice

What is Indian love?



Dana Lone Hill

What is Indian Love…hickeys and bingo?

Passion…whether it be good or bad? Shattered windows and broken hearts? Babies and promises? We all heard the jokes. We all told the jokes.

"Look at that couple, hickeys and shiners…that's love."

Or "You know that's love, somebody cared enough to break their windows."

And "Check them out, I remember when they met at the casino, she hit a jackpot that night."

BLAH, BLAH, BLAH.

Modern day jokes get in the way of what Indian love really was, and still is.

So let me start this by saying, I got married last Friday.

I married the man I lost touch with a long time ago.

So nobody knows we HAVE a history together…a history that is as complex as it is wonderful.

I wrote him off a long time ago and I figured I was doomed to a life of not ever having what I had with him. Then, we found each other again.

So, not only did I want to update my life. I also wanted to touch down on what I think is Indian Love.

There are certain people that joke about what Indian Love is and you people know who you are. Some of you, if not many of you are related to me. And it is funny, because I can fire back to every detail of Indian Love you think is funny.

Women were not to be heard they just stood by silently and did as told.

Um. Hello the Indian woman is still as powerful in any family today as she was back then, test me, and I will give you the names of many in this day and age.

The Indian women did all the work, all the men had to do was get the buffalo and the woman did the rest of the work. Ha ha, you think it is funny an Indian woman had that role?

See what I mean about an Indian woman being strong?

Especially, in her relationship with her man, her children, and the rest of the family, she was the core of that family back then, as much as she is today.

We all joke and laugh and poke fun, and I used to poke fun more than anyone. Sorry if I offended some of you. You know who you are. I also thank you for accepting my decision to marry my first love, and you know who you are.

He married into my family of not only me, some cats, and a stray dog but the most important of all, he married into a life of four children who will always need the guidance and role model of someone who is willing to step up and marry into that. He entered into my family without a doubt. That is a true Lakota man. That is Indian love.

The role of being an Indian woman is taking care of what is hers,whether that be herself, her children or her man (and her cats!). And YES to my bros, I do scratch his back when it itches, but that's love, in any world.

This is just my humble opinion, but Indian love is so complex that what it boils down to is taking care of the one you love. And what is theirs.

Dana Lone Hill is a 34-year old mother of 4, who recently moved back to the reservation, after an eternity on the housing waiting list. Although currently self-employed, she plans on continuing her education at the Oglala Lakota College.

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Northern Perspectives

Be true to your school



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

Commencement time is such an exciting time for those who have completed their course of study whether it is Headstart, high school or college. My son, Beaux, will be graduating from the eighth grade this month and I am sure it will be an emotional moment for me.

Speaking of Beaux, I am feeling a bit of controlled high anxiety as he went on a pre-end of the year trip to San Francisco with some folks who were his sitters when he was an infant and toddler.

I have spoken to him several times and have been supportive of his jaunt to the city by the bay.

I know that some day he will go out into that big old world beyond our Rosebud borders and I am certain he will find the opportunities that were meant to challenge him.

Here I go again, but I was eighteen when I headed to the military and never once looked back and the rest is history as they say.

Time flies as I sit here listen to "Groovin" by the Young Rascals and wonder how I might have done things differently: but, as Hillary Clinton says, "In life there are no do-overs" or something to that affect.

I am a great advocate of exposing Lakota youngsters to the great big world out there and so I felt some pressure to let Beaux go on the trip lest I appear to be a hypocrite.

He is such a great kid that he has made being a parent an experience that I almost missed.

I enjoyed the senior honoring wacipi held at the Ben Riefel auditorium over the weekend and the chance to speak on the evening agenda. But I missed the chance to listen to Dorothy Fire Cloud of the National Park Service during the afternoon session.

It has been awhile since I attended the Todd County High School wacipi and it was fun to see the youngsters compete with such energy and pride.

I have faith that the Lakota arts and dance are going to survive just fine as some of the youngsters were pretty young, but were worthy competitors with some rather fine outfits.

I dropped in on Vickie Sherman the principal of TCHS this morning and she was quite helpful with my request. I have to admire the fact that she signed on for another year despite a couple of lockdowns and bomb threats this year.

She noted that she is working to create a certain cohesion among the staff, teachers, students and presumably the community in order to give her work continuity and time to work.

Past years have seen a turnover in leadership at her level and Vickie would like to have more time to create positive change.

Yes, commencement time is an event that we need to participate in if we can as it signals a closure to that period in our lives as we go forth to meet new challenges.

I dropped the ball on that advice big time as I didn't return to Cambridge, Mash. for my commencement and I have regretted it ever since.

So, graduates don't be like me and live with a silly regret like that and by all means, "be true to your school."

Dr. Archie Beauvais (Sicangu) resides on the Rosebud with his son, Beaux. He earned a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) from Harvard University. A decorated Vietnam Veteran, he is functionally literate in Lakota and worked at Sinte Gleska University for 20 years as Dean/Chair of Tribal and Graduate Studies.

4 Love of the Game BB Tourney

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 1-3 in Pine Ridge, an 18 and under girl's and boy's high school basketball tournament.
For information contact Tiny at 454-0518, 867-5435 or Monica at 454-2511, 867-5894.

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Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, school business office, secretary of state's office and those locations which provide driver's licenses, food stamps, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the county auditor to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form at www.state.sd.us/sos/sos/htm

Voters with disabilities may contact the country auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration, absentee voting, or polling place accessibility.

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07-042	Security Guard(5)	OST Admin.- Office of support Services	Pine Ridge, SD
07-043	Geographical Info. System Manager	OST Land Office	Pine Ridge, SD
07-044	Geographical System Technician	OST Land Office	Pine Ridge, SD
07-045	District Office Manager	OST Administration	Pine Ridge,SD CAP
07-046	Clinical Nurse (Non-Exempt)	Native Women's Health Care	Rapid City, SD
07-047	Certified Nurse Midwife (3)	Native Women's Health Care	Rapid City, SD

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Submit a complete OST Application for Employment to the OST Personnel Office no later than 4:30 pm of the closing date. Mail in applications postmarked on the closing date will be accepted. Attach all pertinent documentation, I.E. Copy of High School Diploma or GED Certificate, copy of Official College Transcripts and/or College Degree, Certificate of Indian Blood if claiming Indian Preference and DD214 if claiming Veteran's Preference.

Faxed in applications(s) will not be accepted.

- INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED -

Albert Long, 37.....Fort Yates
Jennie Yankton, 68.....Manderson
Leon R. Salway Jr., 72..... Hisle
Donald James Little Elk, 47.....St. Francis
Isabel G. Brown, 62 .....Wanblee
Linda L. Feather Earring, 54.....Batesland
Lillian Ada White Hawk, 77..Twin Falls, ID
Riley L. Few Tails-Shot With Arrow....Kyle

Albert Long

FORT YATES, N.D. - Albert Long, 37, Fort Yates, N.D., died May 5 as the result of an automobile accident near Fort Yates.

An all-night wake service begins at May 8 at the A.J. Agard Multi-Purpose Building in Fort Yates.

Funeral services were Wednesday, May 9, at the A.J. Agard Multi-Purposed Building, with Brother George Maufort and William Walker officiating.

A two-night wake begins Wednesday, May 9, at the Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 11, at the Billy Mills Hall.

Burial will. Follow at the Holy Rosary Cemetery in Pine Ridge under the direction of the Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge.

Riley L. Few Tails - Shot With Arrow

"Tah'te Woyuhomni Hoksila"

KYLE - Riley L. Few Tails-Shot With Arrow "Tah'te Woyuhomni Hoksila," infant, Kyle, was stillborn Wednesday, May 2, at Pine Ridge Hospital. Survivors include his parents, Lydia Few Tails and Bernard Shot With Arrow, both of Kyle; two sisters, Simone Shot With Arrow and Lisa Shot With Arrow, both of Kyle; maternal grandparents, Leonard and Margie Few Tails, Kyle; paternal grandparents, Bernard Shot with Arrow Sr., and Pam and Dave Standing Soldier, all of Kyle; great-grandparents; Jim and Eleanor Charging Crow, Wanblee, Isaac and Clara Charging Crow, and Harvey and Coleen Zephier, all of Kyle. A one-night wake was May 4 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall in Kyle. Funeral services were May 5, at the hall, with the Rev. Rob Kroll and the Rev. Tony Wounded Head officiating, and traditional Lakota services by Michael Cross. Burial was at St. Stephen's Catholic Cemetery in Kyle.

Leon Richard Salway Jr.

HISLE - Leon Richard Salway Jr., 72, Hisle, died May 3 at Bennett County Hospital in Martin. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Survivors include two sons, Joseph One Skunk, Philip, and Christopher Salway, Hisle; one daughter, Lisa Salway-Slensby, Greensboro, N.C.; one sister, Myrtle Howard, Martin; and numerous grandchildren. A two-night wake May 5 at the Martin C.A.P. Center in Martin. Traditional Lakota services were May 7, at the C.A.P Center, with Michael Cross officiating. Burial was at Salway Cemetery in Allen. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Jennie Yankton

MANDERSON - Jennie Yankton, 68, Manderson, died Sunday, May 6, in Lincoln, Neb. Arrangements are pending with Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Donald James Little Elk

ST. FRANCIS -Donald James Little Elk, 47, died May 1 at the Rosebud Hospital. He was born in Rosebud on Nov. 21, 1959 to Arthur James and Esther Mary (Good Shield) Little Elk.

Doc is survived by his five children: Damien of St. Francis, Edna of Grand Island, NE, Donald Jr. (DJ) of Chamberlain, Ambrosia of Schuyler, Neb. and Walter of Valentine; his sister Avon Little Elk of Valentine; grandpa Clement Stands of St. Francis; uncle Clifford White Eyes of Spring Creek, cousin Patty Brown of St. Francis; and many grandchildren, aunts, uncles and friends.

Wake services were held at Digmann Hall on Sunday, May 6 followed by funeral services on Monday, May 7th. Burial was at St. Andrew Episcopal Cemetery in Spring Creek. Pastor Dale Williams of the Valentine Assembly of God Church officiated. Holmes Funeral was in charge of the arrangements.

Isabel G. Brown

WANBLEE - Isabel G. Brown, 62, Wanblee, died Friday, April 27 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include one son, Arthur Brown Jr., Wanblee; two brothers, Melvin "Choppa" White Bull, Pine Ridge, and George White Bull, Wanblee; four sisters, Sylvia Brown, and Mae White Bull, both of Wanblee, Faye LeMay, White River, and Rose Standing Bear, Rapid City; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. A two-night wake was Thursday, May 3, at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee. Funeral services were May 5 at the school, with the Rev. Dick Lee and the Rev. Carol Lee officiating. Burial was at Gethsemane Episcopal Cemetery in Wanblee.

Linda L. Feather Earring

BATESLAND - Linda L. Feather Earring, 54, Batesland, died April 29 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include two sons, Eli Feather Earring, Batesland, and Justin White Bull, Wakpamini Lake; one daughter, Theresa White Bull, Rushville, Neb.; five brothers, Ricky Grey Grass and Dwight Black Crow, both of Batesland, Ken Short Bear and Eugene Black Crow, both of Wakpamni Lake, and Waylon Black Crow, Oglala; five sisters, Betty Black Crow, Rushville, Ruby Black Crow, Batesland, Mary Lou Black Crow and Dorothy Black Crow, both of Wakpamni Lake, and Tracy Short Bear, Aberdeen; and eight grandchildren.

A one-night wake was May 2 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Hall in Wakpamni Lake.

Funeral services were Thursday, May 3, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating. Burial was at St. Andrew's Episcopal Cemetery in Wakpamni Lake.

Lillian Ada White Hawk

TWIN FALLS, Idaho - Lillian Ada White Hawk, 77, of Twin Falls, formerly of Burley, died Sunday, May 6, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

She was born July 17, 1929, in Manderson the daughter of Frank and Bertha Plenty Wounds Crazy Ghost.

She married Leo White Hawk and together they shared 55 years. Lillian worked for the Heyburn Division of the J.R. Simplot Company for 17 years, prior to her retirement.

She then worked as a foster grandparent for the Head Start Program in Heyburn. Surviving are her husband Leo R. White Hawk of Burley; five sons, Chris (Joyce) Eagle Hawk of Oglala, Donald White Hawk of Arlington Heights, Ill., Pierre White Hawk, Mike White Hawk and Anthony White Hawk, all of Burley, Idaho; one daughter, Fiama (Paul) Suwanrit of Twin Falls; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild on the way.

Along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Lillian was preceded in death by her parents, and all of her brothers and sisters.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Visitation was May 9, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls.

Funeral services were May 10, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

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8th Grade GRADUATION

Tuesday
May 15
5:00 PM



Teacher-
Alicia Stolle

Back row: Pacific Palmier, Estephan Janis, Trevor Bettelyoun, James Pine, AJ Watters, Sylas Condon, Donnie Mesteth.
Mid row-Coy Clifford, Orien Brown, Ty Reddy, Roger Tyon, Amber Twiss, Shelbe Johnson, Whitney Akers.
Front row: Iris Three Fingers, Jaylen Brewer, Vince Martin, Jr., Oletha Mousseau



Teacher-
Patricia Good Voice Flute

Back row, Gracee Morgan, Dalton Buckman, Jason Two Two, Sam Tobacco, Brian Walking.
Front row: Jaylen Helper, Jade Stone, Elliott Brewer, Matthew Wilson, Brynda Jumping Eagle



Teacher-
Denise Douville

Back row: Tiara Eagle Elk, Angel Broken Nose, Ben Mesteth, Ben Red Cloud, Cody Twiss, Shawn Mouseau, Tish Charging Crow
Middle row: Angel Broken Nose Clarissa Cedar face, Charles Tyon, Nicole Siers
Front row: Sarah Little Hawk, Kassel Little
(student council president)

Kindergarten GRADUATION

Monday
May 14
10:00 AM

Cecelia Lamont Class

Back row:
Keonraad Caldwell,
David Garcia,
Dante Brave,
Kiera Bagola,
Devin White Calf,
Front row,
Jamie turning Holy,
Kaleen Walking Eagle,
Starla Jumping Eagle,
Kylee Red Bear,
Aaylee Cottier



Connie Richards Class

back row:
Samantha Richard,
Tyler Cottier,
Sophie Black Bear,
Mia Bad Yellow Hair,
Corey Blacksmith,
Jared Red cloud.
Front row:
Running Horse Morgan,
Austin Crow,
Romanus Bissonette,
Summer Runs Above
Not pictured:
Nicholas Bissonette

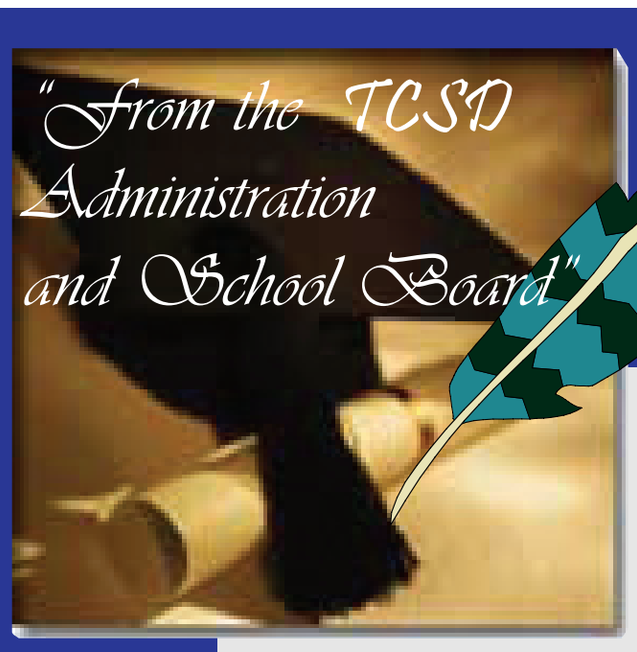


Andrea Akers Class

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Cole Swallow,
Patricia Bad Milk,
Trinity Hunter.
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Tayler Holiday.
Front row:
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Darrell Vitalis, Jr.,
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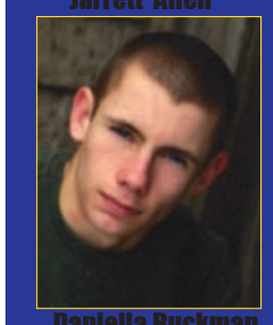


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Charlie Moe
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Commencement Exercises:
2:00 p.m.
May 12, 2007
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Stephan Antoine


Edward Bad Hand


Adrianna Bear Shield


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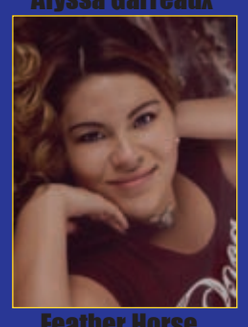

Esther DuBray


Amberrose Elk Looks Back


Amanda Fast Horse


Talisa Fast Horse


Billie Jean Felix


Alyssa Garreaux


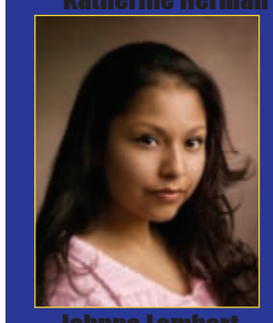
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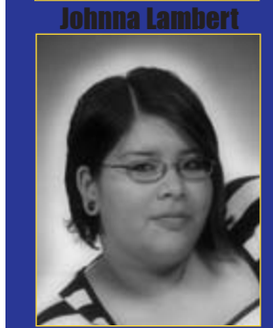

Gabrielle Iron Shell


Karlee Jones


Jasinda Jordan


Derrick Kills The Enemy

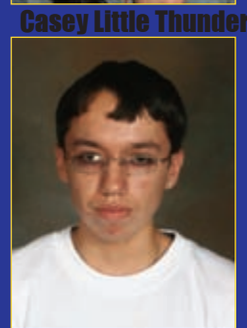

Lester Kills The Enemy


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Kayla Sleeping Bear

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Tanner Thin Elk

Alicia Traversie

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Words for the People

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Community Calendar
"Rez Happenings"

OST Council meeting
Regular session of tribal council, Thursday, May 10 at the Prairie Wind Casino west of Oglala, 10 a.m.

Housing clean-ups
Clean up week, Thursday May 10 Calico and #4 housing, Friday, May 11 #4 housing, Monday May 21 Red Shirt/Drywood housing, Tuesday May 22 Chadron Junction/Lakeside, Wednesday May 23 Lakeside/Oglala housing and Thursday May 24 Oglala housing.

Family Literacy Night
Wednesday, May 16 at Little Wound School elementary auditorium in Kyle with flower making for Memorial Day by Louise Big Boy, refreshments at 5:45 p.m., presentations at 6:30 p.m. and door prizes at 7:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 23 with "An Inconvenient Truth" for information call Reva High Horse at 455-6196.

Family Fun Shows Carnival
Will be in Kyle, Thursday - Saturday, May 10-12.

Traditional pow wow
Red Shirt Community first traditional pow wow on Thursday, May 10 in Red Shirt with grand entry set for 1 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. - all dancers and singers welcome, there will be a drum split, arena director-Mike Carlow, Eyapaha-Robert Two Crow, host drum-Native Thunder and for information call 255-4224.

Open Youth Rodeo
Friday, May 11 in Kyle, sponsored by Little Wound School with check-in at 9 a.m. and rodeo at 10 a.m., for information contact Amelia Black Bear at 455-6184 or Mindy Hunter at 455-5160.

Honoring Marcella DuBray Iron Cloud
Friday, May 11 at the Mother Butler Center in Rapid City with a prize bingo at 3 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. and entertainment to follow - friends and family come and celebrate, for more information call Bruce at 454-5531 or Rose at 454-5529.

Mother's Day Gospel Fellowship
Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. nightly with Mother's Day Gospel Concert on Sunday, May 13 at 1 p.m. at Louie Richard's residence seven and a half miles west of Allen in Yellow Bear canyon, all ministers and gospel singers welcome, for information call John 867-2229 or 454-5065.

Mother's Day Slugfest
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 11-13 at Manderson ballfield with 12 team bracket, for information contact Frank at 455-6369 or Steph at 441-3578.

Lakota All Stars Classic
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 11-13, co-ed basketball tourney at Red Cloud gym for age divisions 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18; for information call Ted at 441-6922, Jolene at 441-7308 or Marvin at 441-0068.

Elder Health Fair
Wednesday, May 16 from 10 a.m .to 2 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church Hall in Pine Ridge, a meal will be provided, for information contact Kendra at Public Health Nursing at 867-3297.

Shannon County Retirement party
Honoring all outgoing employees and board members of Shannon County Schools, Wednesday, May 16 at 5pm at Rockyford School

Lands and Inheritance meetings
Thursday, May 17 at Wounded Knee District CAP office in Manderson at 5:30 p.m.; how do the new inheritance laws affect you, the new grazing fees and the Indian Land Consolidation Act movement.

Wolf Creek School graduation
Wolf Creek School 8th grade graduation is set for Friday, May 18 at 10 a.m.

Memorial for Vienna Two Two
Memorial dinner and giveaway for Vienna Two Two on Saturday, May 19 at 11 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge.

Memorial for George Ghost Bear
Memorial dinner and giveaway for George Ghost Bear on Saturday, May 19 at Batesland School with unveiling of headstone at 10 a.m., for information call Herbie or Donna at 308 862-6352.

Standing Rock Memorial Chief Ride
Thursday, May 24 starting in Porcupine, N.D. and finishing up in Rock Creek on May 30, for information call Chub Thunder Hawk at 441-7392.

Margaret Yankton Memorial Softball tourney
Friday through Monday, May 25-28 in Manderson, for information call Joey at 441-7447, Bernard at 867-6055 or Bob at 867-6337.

White, Rosales, White Thunder top in Kyle car show

KYLE - Sami Jo White, Vernell White Thunder, Gary Lee Christensen and Joseph Rosales all placed first in car show held April 28 at the Pejuta Haka College Center in Kyle.

The car show was coordinated by the Pejuta Haka College Center students and is a first of it's kind. The winners were awarded ribbons and the student organization appreciate the vehicles and the bike, and all other car show fans who came and helped make this event such a success. Also was a Low Rider Bike, Waniyetu Marshall, 1996 Aztlan Low Rider.

Car Show winners for 2007:

People's Choice
1st Sami Jo White, 1967 Chevy II Nova
2nd Joseph Rosales, 1966 Buick Wild Cat
3rd Vernell White Thunder, 1931 Ford Model A Vintage
1st Vernell White Thunder, 1931 Ford Model A; 2nd Vernell White Thunder, 1947 Ford Coupe; 3rd Joseph Rosales, 1963 Buick Wild Cat
Old School
1st Joseph Rosales, 1966 Buick Wild Cat
2nd Wayne Johnson, 1974 Dodge Charger
3rd Clifford Whiting, 1963 Chevy Camero
Rez Ride
1st Place, Gary Lee Christensen, 1996 Oldsmobile



Also on display was a Marshall, 1996 Aztlan Low Rider.



Vernell and Susie White Thunder showed their 1947 red coupe at the antique car show held at the Pejuta Haka College Center in Kyle. The older vehicle is a 1931 Ford Model "A" Phaeton that has the steering wheel on the right side. The White Thunders have several antique cars which they show at various shows as a hobby. Guy White Thunder, Vernell's father stands in front of the Model A.

High School Prom Royalty



St. Francis Indian High School





Little Wound High School

ST. FRANCIS - Dorine Amiotte and Julian Arcoren were crowned prom queen and king Saturday, May 5 at St. Francis Indian High School. Junior prince and princess were Lowen Two Eagle and Erin Baird.

KYLE - Rich Big Boy and Shaylyn Marie Janis, both seniors, were crowned as prom king and queen on April 17. Big Boy is the son of Amy Red Owl and Rich Big Boy Sr. and Janis is the daughter of Dawn Iron Cloud and the late Doug Janis Jr.

OLC library to host Leon Hale and Jamie Lee, storyteller and author May 14

KYLE - Oglala Lakota College's Woksape Tipi will be hosting Leon Hale, Cheyenne River Sioux, storyteller and author on Monday, May 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the academic and public library on the Piya Wiconi campus.

Hale is storyteller of Washaka, The Bear Dreamer, authored by Jamie Lee of Rapid City.

Washaka is the story of a young Lakota boy named Little Chief who dreams of a white bear tied to a tree and bleeding at the neck. His grandfather tells him that dreams come from Tunkasila and are wakan, or sacred. Grandfather says that one day he will find the bear of his dream-or something like it-and must free it. When Little Chief later finds one of the Others, a white boy tied to a tree and bleeding at the neck, he knows this is Mato Ska, the white bear of his dream.



Leon Hale and Jamie Lee, will be the college library on May 14.

The story of how Washaka came to be written is a tale all its own. While scribbling in a café one winter, Lee said a Lakota man approached her and asked if she would consider writing his dream into a book. Curious, she invited him to sit down and, within minutes of talking to Leon Hale, the book was born. Over many months, eleven sessions in all, Lee recorded Hale's dream. Lee says Leon Hale told the entire dream as if he were living in that time-as if he were

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Lakota soldier helps bring lost American souls home

By Steve Young
Reprinted from the Sioux Falls Argus Leder

Sgt. Kili Bald Eagle remembers the wind. Suddenly, it rustled through the leaves and rattled the nearby branches, just as he and his group completed their search for the remains of missing American soldiers who had fallen decades earlier at the bottom of a steep ravine west of Da Nang in Vietnam.

To Bald Eagle, it was as if a spirit had just been set free.

He and the others gathered there were saying a few closing prayers "when the wind blew up through our faces, through the valley, and let us know that what we were doing was right."

"It was kind of like a sign from the spirits, or from nature itself, that there was a sense of completion," he says. "I know it was felt by the entire team."

The moment was as spiritual as it was satisfying for this 31-year-old Lakota from the Cheyenne River Reservation. For almost two years now, he has traveled to killing fields in Laos, Vietnam and Austria with recovery teams from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command in Hawaii to search for the remains of fallen American service members.

It is honorable, important work for this akitica, which means "warrior" in Lakota.

"When you see the pictures of the families that have closure in their lives, and you know you're part of that ... it's very rewarding," Bald Eagle says. "To know that if I was to fall in combat, someone just like myself would recover me and take as much pride as I would when I do this. ... It's just really a respect for those

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Little Chief. When the whole dream was recorded, she began weaving the story into a novel.

Later, Lee learned that Hale and his grandson, Little Leon, had prayed to find someone to write his story into a book.

Lee says, "There is something special about this story-it touches people of all ages, both Indian and non-Indian, and is a book the whole family can read together." Hale wanted his story to encourage his people to work together.

The event is open to the public and call 455-6069 for more information.

Tribes must admit that meth is a problem

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Before problems stemming from methamphetamine use on American Indian reservations can be alleviated, tribes first must acknowledge that the drug is a problem, said a member of North Dakota's Chippewa tribe, Turtle Mountain Band.

"Most people don't want to admit they have a problem as an individual, let alone a whole community," said Karrie Azure-Elliott, deputy director of the Tribal Judicial Institute.

The National Congress of American Indians reported in November that American Indians have an abuse rate of 1.7 percent, compared with 0.7 percent for whites, and that some reservations have addiction rates of 30 percent.

But many communities deny there's a meth problem, a mentality that hinders prevention and treatment, Azure-Elliott said Monday at the Midwest Methamphetamine Conference.

Meth is an addictive stimulant that can be prepared or "cooked" in makeshift labs with over-the-counter cold tablets, common household chemicals and fertilizers.

Also known as crank, ice or crystal, meth can be smoked, snorted, swallowed or injected. Meth produces a quick, strong high and can lead to paranoia and terrible fits of withdrawal.

According to the 2004 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, about 11.7 million Americans ages 12 and older said they've tried meth and 1.4 million said they'd used it in the past month.

Azure-Elliott said American Indians on reservations are susceptible to meth addictions because they often live in poverty and have limited employment opportunities - factors commonly attributed to drug use.

Another issue, she said, is the infiltration of the Mexican drug cartels into reservations for the sole purpose of selling drugs.

The American Indian congress estimates that 70 percent of all meth in the U.S. is smuggled from Mexico. Drug rings often set up shop on reservations because there are complex criminal jurisdiction issues and police forces are limited, according to the congress.

Jim Snow, vice chairman of the Winnebago tribe, said meth first came to the reservation in northeast Nebraska about five years ago.

He said efforts to curb meth use arose from community concern. A task force was set up, and prevention initiatives were implemented in the schools. Tribal police started stopping suspicious vehicles. The court system was adjusted to provide stricter punishment for meth-related crimes.

"You just got to try to use all your resources to combat this thing," he said.

Jerry Stubin, a meth researcher whose daughter is serving a six- to 10-year prison term for meth-related charges, said more American Indians are entering rehab programs for meth than alcoholism.

And one stint often isn't enough, he said. Many people are coming back four or five times. "It's really tough to treat," said Stubin, a member of the Ponca tribe.

Azure-Elliott said meth addicts have difficulty getting appropriate treatment on reservations because most programs last only for 30 to 45 days, and it takes 18 months to get the drug completely out of the body.

"It's such an addictive drug," she said.

Snow said the Winnebago utilize state treatment programs offered by Nebraska and South Dakota and have been requesting longer stays to help people kick the habit for good.

Soldier part of recovery teams

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who have gone before you."

In the blood

Bald Eagle understands that sense of history very well. His father, Dave Bald Eagle, is a chief of the Mnicoujou band on the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe who parachuted onto the beaches at Normandy during World War II and served as a codetalker during that conflict.

His great-grandfather, Chief White Bull, was an ally of Sitting Bull and led one of the attacks at Little Big Horn.

Bald Eagle joined the National Guard after his junior year of high school and enlisted in the regular Army in 1996. He is on loan to JPAC from the 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, N.C.

"I come from a long line of warriors who believes very much in service to my country," he says. "There are not a lot of jobs on the reservation, so it was a career option for me. But I also wanted to follow in my father's footsteps."

Trained initially in the Army as a combat engineer, Bald Eagle now uses those skills to negotiate the most difficult terrains in an effort to find missing service members.

On seven trips to Laos, one to Vietnam and one to Austria, his engineering expertise has created bridges, built dams, arranged the ropes for team members to rappel down the side of cliffs, and otherwise provided access to hard-to-reach locales.

"Often times, the team has a need to create infrastructure unique to the situations we find ourselves in," his team leader, Maj. George Eyster, says. "Invariably, we've turned to Sgt. Bald Eagle to figure out the plan and oversee the construction."

Bald Eagle also is involved in setting up screening areas to sift through the dirt for bone material, teeth and other evidence of human remains.

"Bone material is ideal. A tooth is ideal," Bald Eagle says. "We also find a lot of life support equipment ... pieces of a flight jacket, a helmet or a mask. Parachute material is really nice to find. And ID tags are a big thing."

Trail of evidence

On each mission, they bring with them a case file that tells them who they might be looking for and why they could be there. That includes details of battles and the recollections of other service members who were part of those battles.

For example, if there was an ambush, Bald Eagle says they can trace the trail of evidence down the side of a mountain. Bullet shells here, a piece of boot there, an eyeglass lens down the path - all give testimony to the chaos that drove men to their deaths.

The memories of locals help, too. They often are hired for their knowledge and to work with the recovery team, Bald Eagle says.

"I learn a lot from the locals, and not just about the site we're working at," he says. "You learn about their culture. You learn how to deal with the animals you encounter."

Once while clearing out an area, he cut down a tree that was hollow inside and discovered that he had sliced through two bamboo viper snakes. Another time, while sharpening his tools, he suddenly noticed a king cobra snake no more than 10 feet away.

"Basically, you remain calm in a situation like that and get the locals over there to deal with it," he says. "Of course, if it's right there at my feet, I'm going to hack off its head just like it's a rattlesnake."

But Bald Eagle would just as soon let it slither away. For among the Lakota, there is a brotherhood among all living things. And her son is very sensitive to that way of thinking, Josee Bald Eagle says.

"Kili is a very, very sensitive boy," his 65-year-old mother says from the family's ranch near Howes in South Dakota. "He'll be the one that goes down on his stomach to admire a flower. What soldier stops for a flower? But he'll go down on his knees to look at something beautiful. He has a kind of spiritual side."

Going on instinct

Her son has an instinctive side as well, Josee Bald Eagle says, one that allows him to know something is near when America's most technologically advanced gizmos don't see it.

"He feels where things are at," his mother says. "He'll tell them, 'You need to look on this site.' And they'll say, 'No, no, no, the coordinates we have say it's over here.' Inevitably, they'll find it where he told them in the first place."

What he has, Bald Eagle says, is simply a deep sense of respect for the work he does and a sense of accomplishment when they find remains.

It is a difficult job, one that takes him away for long stretches from his family back in Pinehurst, N.C. - his wife, Dezi, his 3-year-old son Enoch, his 4-month-old daughter Arianna, and a baby on the way.

And he seldom knows the identity of the remains they find. That's the work of the anthropologists at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii.

Still, Bald Eagle does experience a sense of closure, one that he hopes the families of those missing service members come to know as well.

"One of the things we like to say when we close every prayer is, Mitakuye Oyasin, 'we are all related,' " he says. "All spirits are interlinked with each other in some way, shape or form.

"So when I see possible remains, I immediately get a sense of accomplishment. You know that spirit is finally going to be able to come home."



Sgt. Kili Bald Eagle, a combat engineer assigned to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, shares snacks and his iPod with Lao children while on a lunch break.

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ASK ANNA

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I am writing for the first time and I am looking for some direction in my life. I have had a go of it and am trying to complete my schooling and figure out what to do next.

At times I become very confused. I am also having some family issues and things are not what they seem, any insight would sure be appreciated.

Looking for direction

Dear Looking for direction:

Looks like the health field is the place you want to be and the place I see you.

Education is the key to all of your dreams so keep up the good work. That will allow you to establish a home of your own where your family member's chaos will cease to directly affect you so very much.

I see a sibling in trouble, making bad decisions and partying way too much. There is trouble in the future there for sure; but it is not your trouble. Allow yourself to continue to love and bless your family - but please do not make excuses for them.

They have their own lessons to learn and are choosing a path that will lead them in a less than successful direction. Keep to your own path; pray for them and keep doing the good things you are doing.

Your mother seems to be having personal problems of her own - don't offer any advice, don't coddle her with sympathy (because it just makes her think she is helpless), and don't worry so much. She is an adult and can work this out on her own.

Good Luck and keep up the good work. Someday you will be thankful of all the things that you are going through for they bring you the opportunity to develop and keep compassion and wisdom.

Dear Anna,

Did my boyfriend molest my little girl? He says he didn't and I want to believe him but the medical tests say she has been molested. Is he guilty?

If he isn't then who is?

Mother in pain

Dear Mother in pain:

No, your boyfriend is innocent - but I would take a real hard look at your daughter's father. I could be wrong because I have a lot of fear around this and sometimes that inhibits my ability to see clearly. But something there isn't right. Your daughter is being pressured and has been coached in her answer to say who did it - that much I know.

I will pray for you and your daughter and ask others to do the same.

Dear Anna,

Who stole my $50? It was in my bedroom, did one of my brothers or sisters take it or their friend. Who took it?

Lost fifty bucks

Dear Lost fifty bucks:

You said it - you L-O-S-T it. It was not stolen. It was in your pocket for safe-keeping and you L-O-S-T it at school. I bet somebody was happy when they "found" fifty bucks on the floor in the bathroom.

Sorry.

Dear Anna,

How are you? Well I have a few?'s for you: Am I ever going to have children?

Will I ever find someone to have a relationship with?

Or get married? I also ran in to an old exboyfriend over the weekend and I was wondering will I ever be with him again? and will I ever get over the man I used to be with?

Lost in thoughts

Dear Lost in thoughts:

Your lost in lust; not thoughts. Yes, you will have children. You are so young that I want you to consider the following truth:

1.Young woman meets young man (before the age of 20) and decides she "needs" him to be complete.

2. Young woman and young man decide they are in love.

3. Young woman wants to prove her love and young man is territorial and so want her to prove her love by having a child.

4. They have a child.

5, Young man can't get job because he is not educated and young woman has baby and has trouble finding work.

6. Young man freaks out at the responsibility and wants to party with his friends to get away from his trouble.

7. After a lot of abuse from both the young man and the young woman they separate.

8. Young man can't pay child support and young woman is constantly angry and abusive to her child because she can't cope.

9. After many stops in the local jail and treatment both parents finally get their heads out of their xxxx's, and go back to school.

Get the drift? It is where you are headed. Change directions. Take care of yourself. Get an education. Figure out that you should never get with a guy out of neediness, but out of an adult decision to share good lives together. Relax and enjoy your school years because adulthood is a very long road. Make your road easy. Do it better.

P.S. A man you are not with from your past is a good man not to be with.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

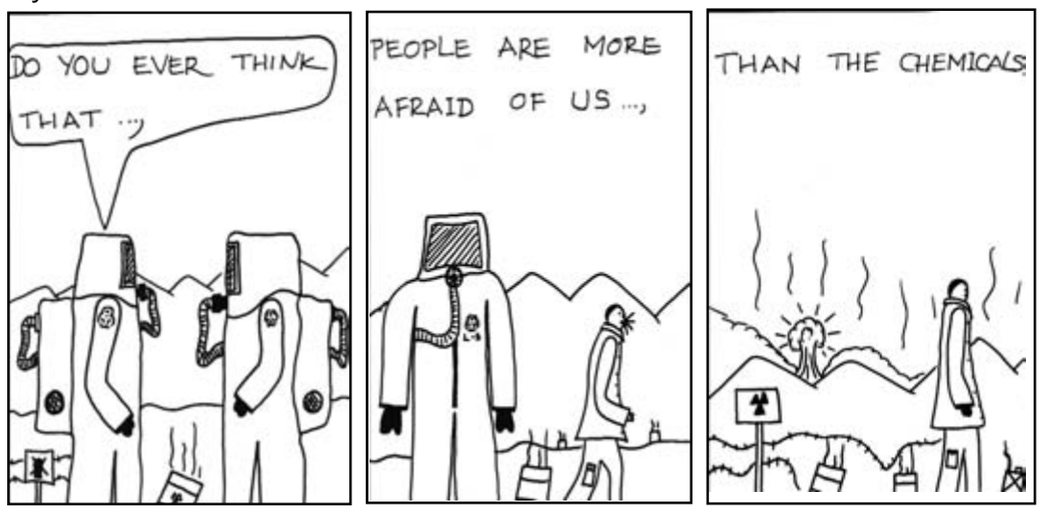
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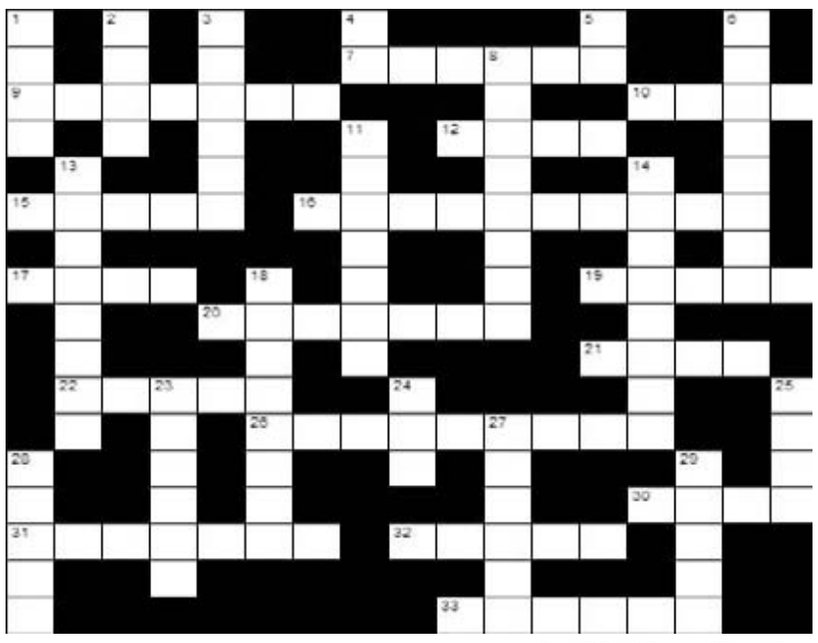
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7. spider
9. question
10. chest
12. it is black
15. tobacco
16. nine
17. fat (adjective)
19. fat (noun)
20. chair
21. knife
22. egg
26. they are good
30. chapped
31. I am standing
32. dung
33. knee

Down

1. reading or counting
2. me
3. eagle
4. tooth
5. woman
6. we are all sick
8. one hundred
11. light
13. bring your hand here
14. I have a need
18. they read
23. niece
24. dad
25. stomach
27. nephew
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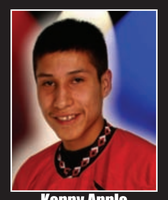
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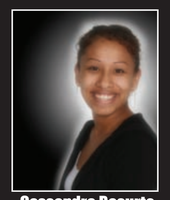
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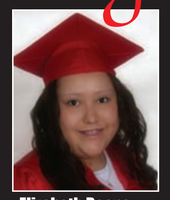
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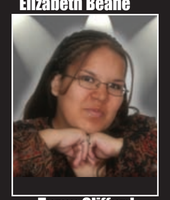

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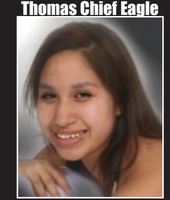

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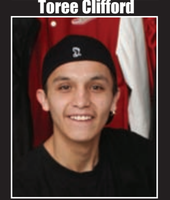

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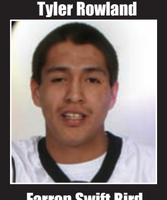

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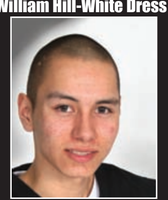

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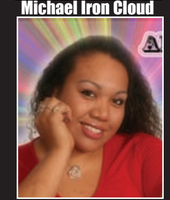

Victoria Iron Horn


Michael Jack

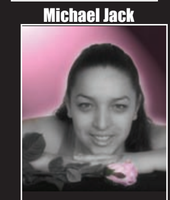

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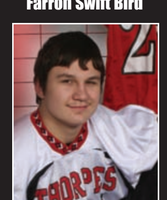

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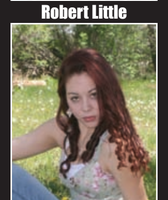

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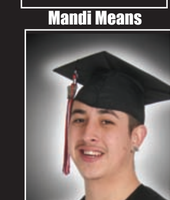

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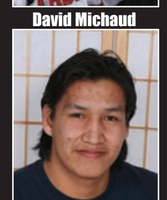

Samantha Pond


Johnathan Provost

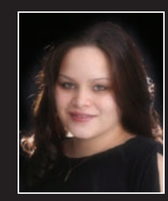

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Ashley Randall

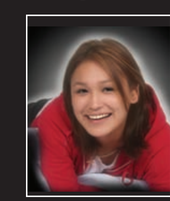

Austin Red Shirt


Perry Fast Wolf

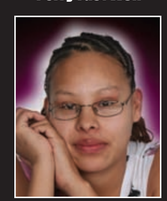

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Danielle Merrival


Alicia Janis

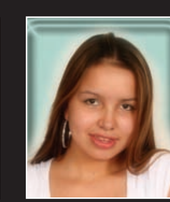

Bessierose Cloud


Wamniyomni Bear Runner


Misty Yellow Bull


Vanna Bear Saves Life


William Davis


Desiree Janis


Misty Merrival

Missy Rodriquez

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Elaina Two Bulls

Robert Tyon

Jim Waln

Austin Warrior

Michelle Waters

Jarred Two Bulls

Isaac Weston

Emily White Eyes

Nonalita White Plume

Alexander Wilson

Tyler Yellow Boy

Andrew Watters

Duane Big Crow

Joey B lack Feather

Frank Brave

William Brewer

Robert Brown Eyes

Kayla Carlow

Samantha Garnette

Eddie Ghost Bear

Ora Grass

Marti Hart

Miriam Hart

Kimberly Hill

Shira Bettelyoun

Wylie Janis

Glenn Jealous Of Him

Audrey Lakota

Muriel Lame

Kandis Little

Michael janis

Ashley Morrison

Oris Morrison

Shonda Morrison

Richard Palmier

Lorena Pipe On Head

Richard Toledo

Worth Trueblood

Corey Twiss

Ashley Two Bulls

Donelle Waters

Class Motto

Tuwa tuhanyan ikokipensni imani yapiki hena icela, tokatakiya teh'hanl igloayapikta.

Class Flower

White Rose with Red Tip

Class Colors

Red and Black

The Senior Clalss of Pine Ridge High School announces its Commencement Exercises

Wednesday morning
May sixteenth
Two Thousand Seven
Ten O'Clock
Pine Ridge High School

-Not Pictured -

Andrew Backward
]Jeffery Big Crow
Alden Brewer
Burton Chief Jr.
Jim Clarke
Donald Clifford
Ashley Colhoff
Miranda Day Boy
John Ecoffey
Adam Hill
Rosemary Horn
Kenneth Keith
Autumn LaDeaux
Chantilly Little
Gene Little
Rebecca Lone Elk
Allison Morrison
Jaimie Morrison
Jerrid Morrison
Joseph Morrison
Dillon Nelson
Macey Oldson
Jason Pumpkin Seed
Louis Ramos
Devon Red Cloud
John Romero
Elise Tlymes
Nikita Valdez
Donelle Watters
Ropbin Webber
Mark Weston
Tessie White Pipe

Congratulations from the Staff and School Board

Norma Tibbits , Education Line Officer
Melvin 'Smiley' Sierra, Principal
Ted Rowland, High School Vice Principal

Pine Ridge School Board
Gerald Big Crow
Eileen Janis
Florence Martin
Jacqueline Rowland
Dwight Weston

THORPES
PINE RIDGE SCHOOL
ESTABLISHED
1879
PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA
HONOR · COURAGE · TRUTHFULNESS

Red Cloud Indian School

Is accepting applications
for the following positions for the
2007-08 School Year:

- **High School**
  - Dean of Students
  - Administrative Assistant
  - Bus Driver (Must have CDL)
  - Counselor
- **Elementary**
  - Counselors
  - Elementary Teachers
  - Computer Teacher
  - Math Teacher
  - Head Football Coach

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled
Applications can be found on our website (www.redcloudschool.org), or requested via mail, phone, or email.
Send completed application, letter of interest, resume, and credentials to:

bbraveheart@redcloudschool.org

Robert Brave Heart, Sr.
Superintendent
Red Cloud Indian School
100 Mission Drive
Pine Ridge, SD 57770
605-867-5888

Thomasadia Young Bull Bear
I love you and appreciate everything you do for me and the kids. And have a Happy Mother's Day!
Love you baby
Ronnie S.

To all our lovely mothers', Aunties, Uncis, Lavinia-Pauline, Carmalita, Delvinia. To all our female cousins, female, nieces. Also to those Mr. Moms out there. (you know who you are) whom take care of their children. In Eagle Butte, SD, Pierre, SD, Mission, SD, Rapid City, SD, Bismarck, ND, Sioux Falls, SD and Albuquerque, NM. We would like to wish a Happy Mother's day to these beautiful ladies in the family. You are appreciated and caring, loving, sweet, inspiring person that you are. Thanks for everything that you have done for us. We love you a lot and thank the Lord from above for giving us a unique, awesome Mother like you. May you have a good day and enjoy it and have many, many more to come. Love from your children, grandchildren, grandnieces, grandnephews, great-great grandchild.

Thomasadia Young Bull Bear
You are a very great mother to Alyssa, Jalen, & Keane.
We love you with all our hearts.
Thank you for being there for us and for also putting up with our crazy ways.
We love you very much.
Ronnie also loves you with all his heart too.
Happy Mother's Day MOM!
From: Jalen, Keane, Alyssa, & Ronnie

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to these awesome, wonderful people in the family for May, 2007. Have a good one and have many, many more to come.

Jerilyn M. Bad Warrior, Ernest Schad, Kenny "Skinner" Eagle Chasing, Stanley "Son-son" Morrison, Pauline May High Bear, Ducianna R. Eagle Chasing, Nicole M. High Bear, Taten-Taren Ducheneaux, X'endr'e J. Moran, Chuck W. Moran, Tyson L. Eagle Chasing, Edith T. Waloke.

Camp Program Manager Wanted

Camp Laugh A Lot, a nonprofit that offers free camp for kids from Pine Ridge, is hiring a Camp Program Manager for 5 weeks from July 9 to Aug 11. The Manager oversees the Camp in the Black Hills. Activities include trail riding, hiking, swimming, and nature study. Candidates should have positive experience working with children, intimate knowledge of the Lakota culture and of life on the Reservation. Salary range is $1,740 - $2,030 depending on experience.
Deadline for applications is June 1,2007.
Please contact camplaughalot@gmail.com or call Jeff Rohr at 605-673-4040 for more information.

Oglala Lakota College Early Childhood Program
Head Start Infant/Toddler and Preschool pograms

Oglala Lakota College has a number of small projects coming up over the next 4 to 8 months. These projects will be generally small and may include ground work, fencing, remodel, and small additions. Most of these projects are for Head Start and Early Head Start.

If you are interested in bidding on any of these small upcoming projects,
Please Contact
Joe Bush at 605-455-6115 or Michelle Yankton at 605-455-6117

The contractor must comply with the Tribe's TERO ordinances, including any licensing requirements and TERO tax. All taxes must be included in price quote.
Oglala Lakota College reserves the right to reject any and all cost proposals.

Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing

P.O. Box 603 - East Hwy. 18 - Pine Ridge, SD 57770
RE - ADVERTISED

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Executive Director - Administrative Office
OPEN UNTIL FILLED
Salary as Budgeted
- How To Apply -

Submit a completed Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing employment application with a resume to the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Human Resources Office.

Attach all pertinent documents, Blood Degree if claiming Indian Preference, Veterans Discharge DD214, High School or GED Diploma, College Transcripts, College Diploma, Three Reference Letters, Licenses or Certifications and State Driver's License.

Applicants not meeting minimum position requirements will not be selected for interview. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.

Resumes that are to accompany the employment application must have addresses and telephone numbers of past and present employers. All information submitted will be verified.

Will be required to take the drug and alcohol test. Selection for the position will be contingent upon a negative test result. Applicant is subject to Background Investigation. Expenses are at the applications costs. For this position the drug test and the background investigation must be attached.

For position description and additional information please contact the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Human Resources Office at (605)867-5161, ext. 104 or ext. 136.

OGLALA SIOUX LAKOTA HOUSING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL APPLICATIONS.

All positions are for the Head Start/Early HS Fall School year 2 007-2008

Teacher Qualifications
Must have a minimum of a valid CDA, Associates Degree in Early Childhood or Education preferred.

Wounded Knee Head Start	1 Teacher
Oglala Early Head Start	2 Teachers
Kyle Early Head Start	2 Teachers
Porcupine Early He ad Start	2 Teachers
Pine Ridge Head Start	3 Teachers

Teacher Aid Qualifications
Must have a minimum of a High School Diploma or GED, valid CDA preferred

Oglala Head Start	1 Teacher Aid
Wanblee Head Start	1 Teacher Aid

Family Helper Qualifications
Minimum of an Associates Degree in Human Services, Social Services, Early Childhood or related field preferred or in progress.

Red Shirt/ **Oglala EHS**	1 Family Helper
Pine Ridge Head Start	1 Family Helper
Allen Head Start	1 Family Helper

Bus Driver Qualifications
Must be a high school graduate or GED equivalent , Must have a valid South Dakota Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

Allen Head Start	1 Bus Driver
Porcupine Early Head Start	1 Bus Driver
Pine Ridge Head Start	1 Bus Driver

Cook Qualifications
High School diploma or GED certificate, Food Handlers certificate , and Experience in professional cooking environment

Porcupine Head Start	1 Cook
Porcupine Early Head Start	1 Cook

Site Supervisor Qualifications
Must have a minimum of a Bachelo rs Degree in Human Services, Social Services, Early Childhood or related field , shall oversee and manage the full operations/functions in all content areas of Head Start and Early Head Start

Pine Ridge — **1 Site Supervisor**

Education Coordinator Qualificati ons
Must have a minimum of a Masters Degree in Education or Early Childhood preferred. Bachelors Degree in above areas required.

Piya Wiconi Admin — **1 Education Coordinator**

Facilities Manager
Vocational certification or degree preferred in relevant area a nd proven experience and Supervisor experience

Piya Wiconi Admin — **1 Facilities Manager**

Applications Procedures:
Applicant must submit a **completed OLC application** , **resume**, **official transcripts** , **background check** , **physical screening** and **TB test** to Personnel Office. Tribal members and/or veterans must submit appropriate documentation. **OST PSC background checks are required at the applicants' expense** . Mandatory drug tests will be conducted after appointment. Permanent employment is contingent on drug test and background check results. Applications with **incomplete information will not be considered** . **For information** call Personnel Director, 490 Piya Wiconi Road, Kyle, SD 57752 (605) 455 -6029 or visit www.olc.edu .

WANBLEE HEALTH CENTER
RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN Ref# 091-WNO-7- 0039

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT, PINE RIDGE HOSPITAL, IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING QUOTATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING NON-PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACT

ONE POSITION
LENGTH: 672 HOURS OR 84 WORKING DAYS.
LOCATION: X-RAY DEPARTMENT, WANBLEE HEALTH CENTER, WANBLEE, SD

OPENING DATE: May 10, 2007 - CLOSING DATE: May 17, 2007

QUALIFICATIONS: Each applicant will be scored using technical evaluation and price analysis criteria (see below). Scores from theses areas will be utilized in determining the awardee. Technical evaluation will account for 60 percent of the award score and price will account for 40 percent.

1. **EXPERIENCE.** 70 points. Based on previous experience and a current Radiology certificate.
2. **REFERENCES.** 10 points. Three letters of reference written within the last year, including current phone number and address.
3. **TRAINING.** 10-45 points. Knowledge of radiology and digital imaging equipment and the RPMS computer system.
4. **BID FOR SERVICES.** 20 points. Each applicant must provide a bid for services based on the Statement of Work. The applicant nearest the Government estimate will be awarded the points.

This award is a Small Business set aside
CONTACT: Terry Campos, (605) 867-3037, OR Tracey R. Bement (605) 462-6155 FOR AN APPLICATION.
PLEASE REFERENCE: 091-WNO-7-0039

Little Wound School
Kyle, South Dakota
JOB VACANCIES
5-10-07

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school term:

High School Dept.
Lakota Language Teacher
Prevention Counselor(Pine-Ridge Office SY 07-08)

Middle School Dept.
Lakota Language Teacher
P.E. Teacher

Elementary Dept.
Student Assistant

$1,000 Sign On Bonus to all new certified teachers!

OTHER DEPARTMENTS
K-12 Social Worker
Center Based Aide

Extra-duty positions Open until filled (76)

High School: 1)Boys BB Coach 2)Boys BB JV Coach 3)Boys BB Cheerleading 4)Girls BB Coach 5)Girls BB JV Coach 6)Girls BB Fresh Coach 7)Girls BB Cheerleading 8)FB Coach 9)FB Assist. 10)FB Assist. 11)FB Cheerleading 12)VB Coach 13)VB Assist. 14)Cross Country Coach 15)Cross Country Assist. 16)Boy's Golf Coach 17)Boy's Golf Assist 18)Girls Golf Coach 19)Girls Golf Assist. 20)Track Coach 21) Track Assist. 22)Wrestling Coach 23)Wrestling Assist. 24)Rodeo Club Sponsor 25)Boxing Club Sponsor 26)Boxing Club Sponsor 27)National Honor Society 28) Student Council 29)Student Council 30)Oral Interpretation Sponsor 31)Co-Oral Interpretation Sponsor 32)Senior Class Sponsor 33)Senior Class Sponsor 34)Junior Class Sponsor 35)Junior Class Sponsor 36)Sophomore Class Sponsor 37)Freshman Class Sponsor 38)Handgame Sponsor 39)Yearbook Sponsor 40)Competitive Dance Sponsor

Middle School: 41)FB Coach 42)FB Assist. 43)Football Assist. 44)FB Cheerleading 45)Boys BBall Coach 46)Boys BBall Assist 47)Boys BB Bo-Assist. 48)Girls BBall Coach 49)Girl's BB Assist 50)Girls BBall Assist 51)Volleyball Coach 52) CrossCountry Coach 53) CrossCountry Assist 54)Track Coach 55)Track Assist 56)MS/Elem Boxing Club Sponsor 57)Boys BB Cheerleading 58)Girls BB Cheerleading 59)Wrestling Coach 60)Wrestling Assist. 61)Softball Coach 62) Softball Assist 63) Student Council 64)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 65)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 66)K-8 Rodeo Club Sponsor 67)MS/Elem Hand Game Sponsor 68)8th Grade Sponsor 69)Competitive Dance Sponsor

Elementary: 70)Elementary Rodeo Club Sponsor 71)Wrestling Coach 72)Wrestling Assist. 73)Girl Scout Sponsor 74)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 75)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 76)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178.
www.lws.k12.sd.us

>>> NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS <<<
It is the policy of the Little Wound School to provide an alcohol and drug-free workplace. All appointments for employment are contingent upon receipt of a verified negative drug test through pre-employment drug testing, receipt of a favorable background investigation and the availability of federal funds. The legal policy of Indian preference will be followed to qualified applicants. Veteran's preference shall be applied to qualified Veteran applicants.
www.lws.k12.sd.us

Wanblee Health Center
SECRETARIAL, OFFICE AUTOMATION
Ref # 091-WAP-7-0002

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT, PINE RIDGE HOSPITAL, IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING QUOTATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACT:

ONE POSITION
LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT: ONE YEAR OR 2080 HOURS
LOCATION: ADMINISTRATION, WANBLEE HEALTH CENTER, WANBLEE SD

OPENING DATE: 05/11/2007 - CLOSING DATE: 05/18/2007

QUALIFICATIONS: Each applicant will be scored using a technical evaluation (see below) and a price analysis evaluation. Results from the technical evaluation and the price analysis report will be utilized in determining the quoter recommended for award. (technical evaluation will be 60 percent and price will be 40 percent) More emphasis will be placed on the technical evaluation.

1. **EXPERIENCE.** 20-60 points. Based on previous work experience in this area.
2. **REFERENCES.** 10 points. Three letters of reference written within the last year, including current phone number and address.
3. **TRAINING.** 15-65 points. Knowledge of computers, filing, and customer service skills.
4. **BID FOR SERVICES.** 10 points. Each applicant must provide a bid for services based on the Statement of Work. The applicant nearest the Government estimate will be awarded the points.

This award is a small business set aside
CONTACT: Larry Eagle Bull, (605) 867-3038 OR Tracey R. Bement (605) 462-6155 FOR AN APPLICATION.
PLEASE REFERENCE: 091-WAP-7-0002

Happy Ads

Happy Ads are FREE

Drop boxes at
Big Bats - Pine Ridge
Lil Angels - Kyle
Lakota Country Times Office
on Main Street in Martin
or email to production@lakotacountrytimes.com

I would like to wish
the mother of my two shorties,
Angel Ray Bush,
a Happy Mother's Day.
I will always love you for what you
gave me in this world.
Take care.John E. Hamminger



April Rose Martinez
Class of 2007
Todd County High School
Saturday, May 12, 2007 @
2:00pm Congratulations!!!
From: Mom & Dad, Andy & Tina
Martinez of Rosebud, SD
Your big sister, Jolene & Carl and
baby Kaegan Hunger
Your big brother, Andy & Tami
and Baby Kokan Martinez

Happy Mother's Day
&
Happy Birthday
To my wonderful, beautiful wife
Debbie (Blklonz) White Horse
I want you to know that I love you
very much for
giving me a 2nd chance,
My life is now complete.
You were always in my heart, love
you with a heart that's forever true.
Your Husband Clarence White Horse

Happy Birthday May 16th
To our pride & joy,
Our granddaughter
Tanisha Fast Dog
Happy 7th Birthday Baby
We love you so much
Enjoy your day & many more
From Gramps & Grams
Clarence & Debbie White Horse





Congratulations to these senior girls from Todd County High School

Cher, April, Lisa, Tootie, Esther

Class of 2007, graduating May12, 2007 @ 2:00pm

Happy Birthday to our mother
Debbie White Horse
On May 16th
Mom want you to know we love you
& appreciate all what you have done
for us all Also
Happy Mothers day
Love your kids
Summer Rain & girls
Randy Jr., David John, Marlee Ellen,
Ed aka The Dudes

Happy Mother's Day to all the special ladies:
Twila Hopkins
Carrie Romero
Cordelia White Elk
Hannah White Elk
Jennifer Takes War Bonnett
Lori Hunter
Jane Wilcox
Unci Mary White Thunder
Unci Edna Plenty Arrows
Denise Plenty Arrows
Clover Curry
Latrell Curry
I hope all of you have a great Mother's Day because you all deserve it!
Love always,
Teron (Bob) Lone Elk

I would like to wish our dad
Mike Gay
a happy 29th birthday
on 5-6-07
hope you don't have too much fun
coming from your kidz on this side of
the rez love you lots dad.
From.Michael Gay jr. and
MaTeisha Gay

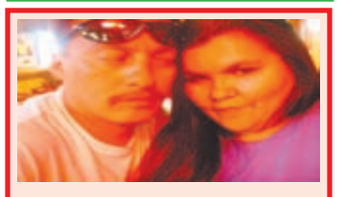
Happy Mother's Day to my sisters,
Terri & Kelli
Love ya Leslie in Chadron

Grandma,
A baby cradled in your arms…
Teaching me your gentle charms.
Growing up with you by my side…
Learning from you never to lie.
To understand and not judge too…
Love and kindness I also learned from you.
Through the years you watched me grow…
Listening to every word I've said.
And every word I've wrote you've read…
You've been there for me to the end.
Until the day for you, God did send…
Now you watch me from up above.
Shining down on me your heavenly love…
I will miss you with all my heart.
Thank you for being there from the start…

This poem is in memory of my grandma Dora who left us 5 months ago. I think of You everyday and I miss you all the time. I miss our talk and I miss your laugh. I Miss your strength and I miss your advice. It's been hard trying to get through These months without you but Teron always tells me not to be sad cause Unci is in Heaven. I love you each and everyday and I miss you, but I know your resting Peacefully.
Love your granddaughter
Brionne & great- grandson Teron

I would like to say
Happy Mother's Day to my wonderful mom
(Brenda Shaw).
You were there for me & my kids when we was down, but I wish you a
Happy Mother's Day
Love Mallory, Jace & Jackie

Happy 1st Mother's Day to my niece Joetta Skinner.
Keep up the good work!
Love ya lots!
Aunty Leslie



Congratulations
To Dana And New Hubby
From:
The Lakota Country Times

We would like to wish a very special HAPPY 14TH BIRTHDAY to LATONNA WHITE FACE!!
You make us very proud girl!
Keep up the good grades, and the sports, you are so good at it!
We love you with all our hearts!
From all us in "springs", Mom, Q, Dara, Trina, and Baby Mya, and from those of us who aren't, Hobe, Tam, Tanya, and Akicita

Happy Mother's Day to my sister Lorelei Exendine
Love YaYour sis Les Anne

Happy Birthday on May 8th to my daddy Darrell Hunter. Thanks for everything you do for me. I hope you have a good day, you only deserve the best! I love you bunches, love your girl, Missy Boo -xoxo-

Happy Birthday to my Nephew
Aiden on May 22nd
Love Antie Breanna XOXO

Congrats to Doana. M Little Whiteman
On your graduating Head Start on 5-11-07
We all Love you baby girl, I'll always be there for you.
Love Grandma Verene

Happy Mother's Day Raquel Reddest
Love your little sister
Joni Salomon

Happy Mother's Day
Mom (Eula Young)
Love Your Daughter
Joni Salomon

Happy !st Mother's Day to my niece Tashina Exendine
love ya Leslie

Happy 7th Birthday to our niece
Tanisha Lanae Fast Dog
Whose B-Day is
May 16.
We love you very much Sweety
Happy, Happy Birthday
Love your Uncles RJ, DJ
and ED aka the Dudes
Auntie Marrlee Ellen

HAPPY 14TH BIRTHDAY TUSIN NAH-NAH!!
Did you get some presents?
You goin to Chuckee Cheese?
We love you!
We miss you! We'll see you soon!
XOXO Baby Tanya & Baby Sica-Kica XOXO

Happy Mother's Day
to Grandma Rhoda Old Horse
coming from granddaughter
Mariah LaRose Janis

Happy Belated 16th Birthday to my nephews
Travis and Trenton Rattler In Denver
Love & Miss ya both
Aunty Leslie in Chadron

Happy Mother's Day
Lola Martinez
Vinette Attack Him
Love Joni Salomon

Congratulations to Tanya Marie Janis on your Graduation
From Utec we're prod of you Aunt Toni, Mia, Sis Sheree, Ariel & Paris Te'Sean, La'Keyshu & Taylynn

To my favorite niece,
Latonna White Face
Happy Birthday tweenie gurl!
I hope you
get everything you wish for!
Stay smart & athletic,
don't go chasing them no-good
boys around either!
You know who I'm talking about.
It seems like just yesterday,
I was the first to hold you in my
arms and give you much
kisses'! You grew up so quick!
Almost tall as me now!
Although I can no longer hold
you,
I can still spank you!
You'll always have my love,
kisses and hugs!
Keep up the good work gurl! I
sure am proud of you!
Love, your Auntie Tam

I love you Mommy Joni Salomon
Happy Mother's Day
Your Princess Katelyn Vocu

Happy Mother's Day to my big Sisters Charlene, Devonna and Kathy, my mini moms hope you have the best day ever!!!
From Amanda

Happy Birthday on May 3.
Trevor and TJ Brave Bird.
May tunkasila keep you safe
today and every day. We would
like to wish you both a very
Happy Birthday you are some of
the special young men in our
lives. Much luv…Steph, Neal,
& the Kindle Girls

Happy Mother's Day to my girls
Jennifer and Vanessa
Jennifer… you make the coolest
mom, I admire you greatly!
Vanessa Jade Takes War Bonnett
Your first Mother's Day as a
mommy…. So many more to
come, hope you have a grand
day!! Mom

Happy Mothers Day
to Jeannie Janis
from Baby Mariah LaRose

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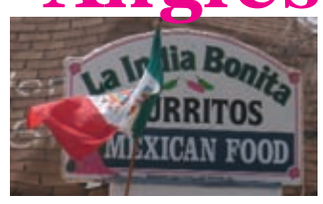
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WHEREAS, An average of 667 South Dakota children require placement in family foster homes each month as a result of chronic or continuing abuse and/or neglect; and

WHEREAS, The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation currently has 31 licensed family foster homes that provide twenty-four hour care and supervision for abused and/or neglected children; and,

WHEREAS, These families provide invaluable service to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and its children; and,

WHEREAS, The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is experiencing an urgent need for more families to become licensed as family foster homes; and,

WHEREAS, May 2007 has been designated as National Foster Parent Month.

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John Yellow Bird-Steele, President

ATTEST:

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Red Cloud leads the nation in Gates scholars

Gates scholarships worth as much as $250,000 each

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - Over the last three years, Red Cloud High School has had more students selected for the Gates Millennium Scholarship than any other high school in the country. A total of 17 students from Red Cloud have been chosen over that period for the scholarship that potentially is worth as much as $250,000.00 each. This year there are seven Gates Scholars at Red Cloud and Monument Valley, both second to the 10 selected at Santa Fe Indian School. Pine Ridge has three, Little Wound, Dupree, Todd County and Marty all have two while Crow Creek, and Lower Brule have one.

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'Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee' educates public on 1868 treaty issue

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor
Movie Review

RAPID CITY - The television cable network HBO premiered their epic movie 'Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee' last Thursday at Rapid City at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center theatre. The film will air on the HBO cable series on May 27 at 7 p.m. on the local network.

The event was hosted by Mayor Jim Shaw of Rapid City, who gave a short speech before the film, noting three sets of numbers, which were 1492, 1868 and 1874 and gave a brief summary of each.

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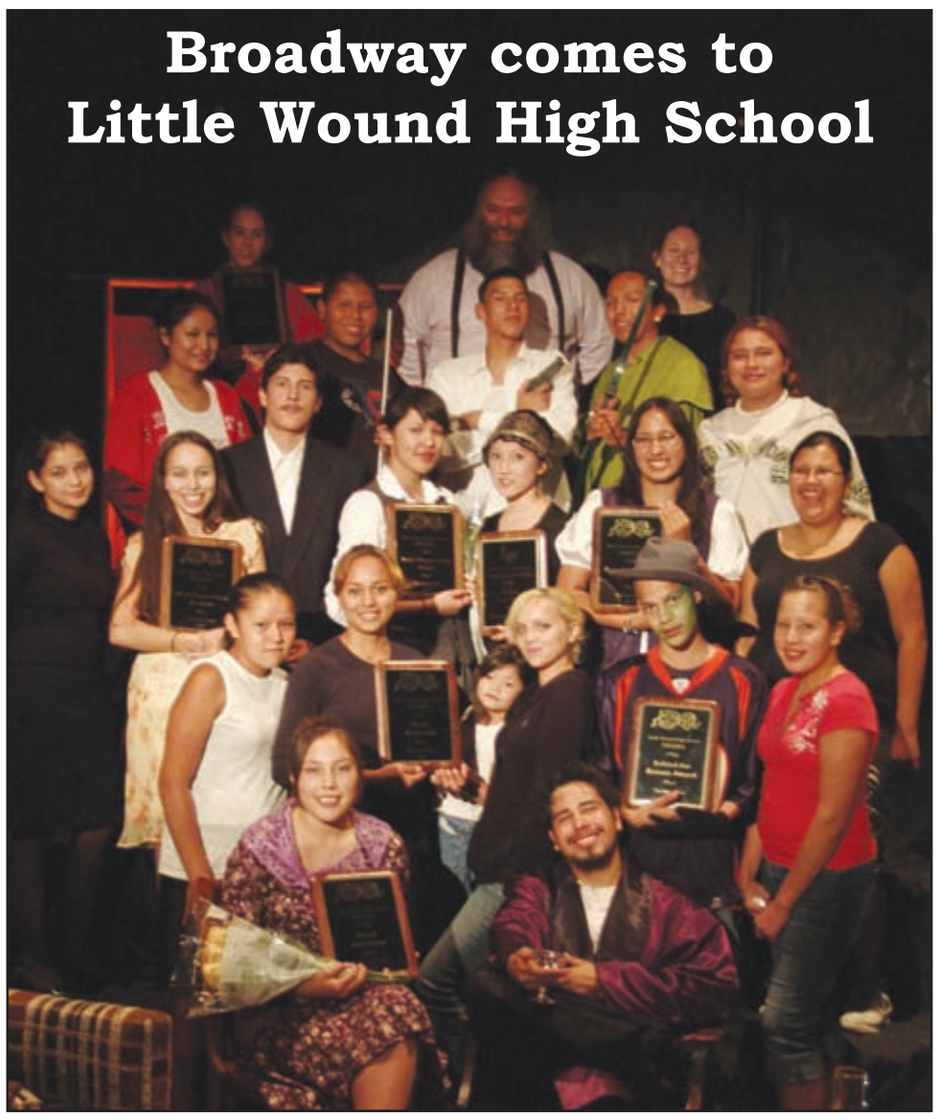
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Adam Beach, a rising young Native actor plays a main role of Dr. Charles Eastman, attended the premiere along with the director, a producer and other cast of the movie. The red carpet was rolled out by HBO for the premier viewers along with a reception. Beach and others met with movie viewers and press and did interviews. Norma Rendon, Karen Artichoker and Catherine Grey Day pose with Nathan Chasing Horse, who played Sitting Bull's son, Adam Beach and Eddie Spencer who played Chasing Crane.

PHOTO BY AMANDA TAKES WAR BONNETT.

Broadway comes to Little Wound High School



KYLE - The cast and crew of Little Wound High School's The Green Archer: L-R, bottom row: Emily Charging Crow and Alvin Tyon; second row: Crystal Apple, Lorelie Lawrence, Sadia Malik, Frank Holy Rock and Carly Rae Randall; third row: Miracle Scouts Enemy, Megan Yellow Boy, Eric Peltier, Wiyaka His Horse Is Thunder, Janine Iron Quill, Tara One Horn and Shannon Whiting; fourth Row: Cree Iron Cloud, Russell Running Hawk, Jodon Shangreaux, Trevor Lone Hill and Tyler Dubray; fourth row: Kyra Reub, Daniel G. Snethen and Amelie Wegner. Not pictured: Fatima Malik and Felicia No Neck.

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Students 'awesome' in The Green Archer

KYLE - High school students had a taste of broadway this past month as they presented their drama "The Green Archer" to the public.

The play was presented to the community and public four times on May 15, 16 and 21 and 22 at the amphitheatre.

The Green Archer, a Baker Play written by Tim Kelly and based on the novel by Edgar Wallace. This adaptation of an story finds Michael Bellamy inheriting Garr Castle, but his brother, Abel Bellamy (Alvin Tyon, as usual making Oil-Can Harry look smooth), has him imprisoned unjustly and moves into the castle himself. When Michael's wife, Elaine Bellamy (Tara One Horn), fails to return after visiting Abel, her sister Mrs. Howett (Emily Charging Crow), accompanied by her daughter, Valerie, Megan Yellow Boy, detective, JoDon Shangreaux who incidentally was posing as a butler, and reporter Spike Holland (Wiyaka His Horse is Thunder) determined to investigate the case. Abel is afraid they will discover his association with a gang of jewel thieves and desperately -desperate is the only word - tries to have them all killed, and anybody else that might be standing around wondering. Each attempt is thwarted by the sudden appearance of the mysterious Green Archer, who is

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One Feather's occupation of Slim Buttes protests uranium

RAPID CITY (AP) - Harold One Feather arrived at Slim Buttes in Custer National Forest a week ago Sunday and said he was waging a lone protest intended to prod the U.S. Forest Service into a quicker cleanup of an old uranium mine.

``I'm a true environmentalist,'' One Feather said in a telephone interview. ``I'm actually out in the environment.''

One Feather said he was ``occupying'' Slim Buttes, adding that he expected more protesters from the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

One Feather and other reservation residents say uranium mine runoff might be making people sick.

``The answer to that is a proven 'no,'" said Laurie Walters-Clark, a Forest Service spokeswoman.

The Forest Service has not responded to One Feather's one-man occupation.

``I saw him on the road,'' Walters-Clark said. ``He's not doing anything illegal. He's just using his national forest.''

The Grand River runs from the forest through Standing Rock reservation communities to the east.

The Forest Service is checking the extent of contamination caused by at least one small uranium mine in the Slim Buttes. That investigation is expected to be complete by the end of this summer, according to Walters-Clark, the Forest Service's on-scene coordinator for a $20 million Superfund cleanup of uranium mines set to begin this summer in the nearby Cave Hills.

In 2005, a Forest Service study found levels of uranium, arsenic, molybdenum and other metals were higher than normal on private and federal lands near the mines. A study released this year by the School of Mines and Technology reached a similar conclusion.

``Most of the health risks would be from ingesting materials,'' Walters-Clark said.

The Forest Service had been studying the problem for years, she said. ``It's simply a long process. The Forest Service had to prove there was a hazard.''

Contamination from uranium mines on the national forest did not threaten the health of people who live on the Grand River, which the state monitors, Walters-Clark said. ``There are state laws and regulations, and we're adhering to them.''

The agency has not been able to convince One Feather and others that the old uranium mines pose no threat. ``There's a lack of trust,'' Walters-Clark said.

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Movie review

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Columbus landed his ships on our shores, in 1868, the United States government offered a treaty at Fort Laramie, guaranteeing to the Lakota, ownership of the Black Hills, and further land and hunting rights in South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana. In 1874, General George Custer's expedition discovered gold in the Black Hills, which henceforth lead to the Indian wars, the Battle of Little Big Horn, and the diminishment of the Sioux lands to what they are today.

That is what Dee Brown's 'Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee' book is about. He wrote a nonfiction account of the final years of conflict between the United States and the Sioux people it sought to displace by any means necessary.

Shaw also noted to the audience his efforts to coordinate a sister city relationship with Rapid City and Pine Ridge. He said the movie depicted a part of history and we need to move forward, "to teach our children to look past of today and move to the future."

Screenwriter Daniel Giat crafted the movie script from the book and although historical accounts are somewhat jumbled in the movie, the historical trauma that Lakota people suffered through the loss of their land is highlighted in the movie.

The movie also depicts the 1868 treaty and why it was crafted by the government and more so how the Lakota people refused to sell their land and in credit notes at the end of the movie, it was reemphasized that to this day, the tribes still refused to acknowledge the settlement of the Black Hills money and that there is more than $600 million that is still untouched by the tribes.

Actually, there is a little more than that. Several years ago, the former Cheyenne River Sioux tribe chairman Gregg Bourland noted at that time there was $744 million in trust. This has grown over time from the original amount offered to the people.

The movies focuses on the lives of three men and those are Sen. Henry Dawes who is played by Aidan Quinn. Dawes clearly sympathizes with the Sioux people and works to bring some sort of justice for them in the impending loss of their land.

Adam Beach gives an outstanding performance in the character of Dr. Charles Eastman, a Sioux boy, whose father who took the Christian beliefs and pushed him to be educated who becomes educated. The third main actor was Sitting Bull, charactized by August Shellenberg. The movie focuses on portion's of Sitting Bull's life from the once defiant warrior to the stubborn elder forced to live on the reservation and finally his death.

The movie ends with Sitting Bull's death and the Wounded Knee massacre.

Although some of the accounts aren't historically factual, the movie is an educational piece that will promote history and is emotionally compelling to what happened to our ancestors and why we are today living with reservation life.

It was emotional for me, because my mother and father and my grandparents lived that story. The stories of the boarding schools and the stories of the loss of language and the poverty.

The movie also lets viewers know that as Lakota/Nakota/Dakota people, we didn't sell the Black Hills and we didn't take the money.

It also depicts the trauma that our ancestors had to go through with the loss of the land, having to adapt to customs they weren't used to such as the church, the loss of living on the land to dealing with rations, the boarding schools and emotional pain of what happened at the Wounded Knee massacre, where several hundred Lakota people were slaughtered by the military.

Being Lakota and knowing the history of the people, watching those parts were hard to swallow, truthfully it hurt to watch and it can be very emotional.

Regardless, this movie will educate millions of people on our history, the fight for the Black Hills and the trauma of our past. HBO must have spent millions to film this movie, it's moving and it educates the public about the government's role in the history of the Sioux people. Although some may not agree with the jumbled history, the land issue was real and still is real today.

The movie 'Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee' took six years to develop and film according to Tom Thayer, a producer.

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Teleplay: Daniel Giat

Based on the book by: Dee Alexander Brown

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Editors: Michael Ornstein, Michael Brown

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Cast:

Henry Dawes: Aidan Quinn

Charles Eastman: Adam Beach

Sitting Bull: August Schellenberg

Gen. Sherman: Colm Feore

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Scholars

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leadership abilities through participation in community services, extracurricular activities or other activities and provide answers to a number of essay questions. The Gates Scholarship is a product of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Bill Gates is one of the founders of Microsoft Corporation and is one of the richest individuals in the world.

"Without the Gates, it would have been really difficult for me to attend Creighton University in Omaha," said Donnel Ecoffey a fifth year senior in the fall of 2007 majoring in sociology with minors in Native American studies and English who plans to continue her studies towards a master's degree in social work, "the scholarship takes a lot of the pressure off to come up with tuition and living monies while you pursue a college education, it's been wonderful."

Gates scholars this year from Red Cloud include Monique Claymore, Sammi Herman, Samantha Janis, Tanner O'Daniel, Matt Shoulders, Allison Weston and Kaylynn Two Bulls. Last year Rianna Albers (University of Minnesota), Jordan Herman and Brandi Shortman (Creighton University), Larissa Little Moon, Dallas Nelson and Marissa O'Bryan (University of South Dakota) were 2006 Red Cloud Gates recipients. Jason Clifford, Blue Dawn Little, Shayna Richards and Sarah White rounded out the three year Red Cloud total of 17 students.

"The Gates makes it possible for some of our students to go to college, it gives the student the confidence to pursue a college education," said Fr. Paul Coelho, Red Cloud principal, "the scholarship gives our students a sudden sense of self confidence, they realize that they have what it takes to make it in college; if someone is willing to invest as much as $250,000.00 in their college education, then they realize that they are worthwhile after all."

Dave Michaud graduated this year from Pine Ridge High School, he was the valedictorian as well as recipient of the Jim Thorpe Award as an outstanding athlete; he earned a Gates Scholarship and plans to attend South Dakota State University, majoring in journalism and play football.

"During high school, I really wanted to go to either University of Wyoming or SDSU, work on a degree and play football, the Gates really gave me some freedom to make a choice and will really help me reach my goals," said Dave Michaud.

He also won the state championship in wrestling this year in the 189 pound division.

Cheryl Cedar Face and Roxanne Herman also were selected for the Gates out of Pine Ridge High School this year. Cheryl plans to attend either the University of South Dakota or Creighton University in the fall.

Last year's Pine Ridge valedictorian, Tamera Long received the Gates as well and after a year at Oglala Lakota College will attend Black Hills State University in Spearfish in the fall.

"For a long time I dreamed of going to a school like Duke University in North Carolina but I just didn't think that was possible," said Sadie In The Woods, a 2006 Little Wound graduate, "the Gates scholarship has made that possible, they can't do the work for you but I've now finished my first year at Duke and I know I can make it to get a bachelors and even a graduate degree and the Gates helps to make it possible."

Shawntay Lupi, a 2005 graduate of Little Wound has just completed her second year at South Dakota State University in Brookings and feels strongly that her dream of becoming a dentist is possible because the Gates will cover the cost of her education through her undergraduate degree and through her professional degree. “It is very helpful to me as I work hard in college to get a degree and look ahead to graduate school wherever I want to go, Lupi said, it is a very special scholarship,” she said.

"For students just starting out in high school, I can't tell you how important it is to take every class serious," said Marissa O'Bryan, a Red Cloud 2006 graduate and class valedictorian who has just finished her freshman year at USD, "high school students need to realize that every class counts, every grade is important as you look ahead to the possibilities that you may have for college, the Gates makes a lot of dreams possible."

"Our students come in with a strong foundation and we build on it," said Coelho, "we have teachers committed to a strong academic program and we have a strong school culture that prepares our students to succeed, the school culture is critical so that everyone involved wants the student to succeed so each of our students want to be academically successful."

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The Green Archer

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always there with his deadly bow and arrows whenever needed. It takes Abel most of play before he succeeds in capturing Spike, Valerie and Mrs.Howett, but the shadow of the Green Archer's, ghost of the Green Archer was Frank Holy Rock and actual Trevor Lone Hill, ,feathered Robin-Hood cap is on one of the walls of Garr Castle, and moving in. The cast delivered a powerful performance and did an awesome job.

Dan Snethen has been directing plays at Little Wound High School for 11 years. The Green Archer was his 12 dramatic production at Little Wound High School. "This group of actors, actresses and behind the scenes personages are absolutely the best cast it has ever been my honor to assemble here at Little Wound High School. They were simply amazing! and of course my assistant director Amelie Wegner is quite special too," Snethen said.

A parent Vonnie Bush said, "I did not anticipate The Green Archer to be acted out so passionately, which resulted in a fascinating two hours. The students put their hearts into their acting and didn't seem to miss a beat throughout the entire play. The students displayed tons of courage and the obvious discipline that was needed to produce such an outstanding performance. Goes to show... if the youth set their minds to doing something, they can do it... they were awesome."

CAST OF CHARACTERS FOR THE PLAY IS AS FOLLOWS.

2006-2007 Mustang Dramatist Award: Alvin Tyon

Cast of Characters

Abel Bellamy - Alvin Tyon

Julius Savini - Eric Peltier

Mrs. Howett - Emily Charging Crow

Valerie- Megan Yellow Boy

Mrs. Colderstern - Loreli Lawrence

Spike Holland - Wiyaka Wastwin His Horse Is Thunder

John Wood - Trevor Lone Hill

Phillips - JoDon Shangreaux

Lily - Miracle Scouts Enemy

Creager - Tyler DuBray

Elaine Held - Tara One Horn

Fay - Janine Iron Quill

Understudy - Crystal Apple and Sadia Malik

Stage Hands - Frank Holy Rock, Samuel Around Him, Cole Hunter

Arts Council - Shannon Whiting, Fatima Malik, Felicia No Neck, Kyra Reub, Carly Rae Randall, Cree Iron Cloud

Directed by Daniel Snethen and Amelie Wegner

Student Director - Crystal Apple1

Awards

Oral Interpretation of Literature

Most Outstanding Oral Interpreter: Alethea Rosales

Most Dedicated Oral Interpreter: Crystal Apple

Most Versatile Oral Interpreter: Emily Charging Crow

Most Improved Oral Interpreter: Janine Iron Quill

Most Inspirational Oral Interpreter: Shannon Whiting

Drama

Best Actor: Alvin Tyon

Best Supporting Actor: Wiyaka His Horse Is Thunder

Best Actress: Emily Charging Crow

Best Actress: Loreli Lawrence

Best Supporting Actress: Megan Yellow Boy

Best Supporting Actress: Tara One Horn

Behind the Scenes Award: Frank Holy Rock

Behind the Scenes Award: Kyra Reub

Student Director Award: Crystal Apple



These students graduated from the Tasunka Witko Head Start center. They sit patiently, with their certificates and feather plumes.

PHOTO BY ARCHIE B. BEAUVAIS.

Tasunka Witko Head Start holds 2007 graduation at Ghost Hawk Park

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - The temperature held steady at a comfortable level as many young Sicangu parents, their Head Start students and Head Start teachers and aides assembled slowly at Ghost Hawk Park to celebrate the 2007 Tasunke Witko Head Start Center.

As personnel put the finishing touches on the decorations 19 Head Start graduates were seated in their small chairs on the stage as the festivities began. Pedro Red Hawk offered an invocation, while Chief John Spotted Tail served as the unofficial eyapaha.

The Head Start graduates kicked off the ceremony with two songs, the "alphabet song" and Twinkle Little Star" and received a nice ovation afterward.

The assembled crowd seemed to number well into 50 to 60 people not including the children as the ceremony began with several young parents receiving "certificates of appreciation" for either attending meetings, being a good father, donating their time or spending time in the Head Start classroom.

Spotted Tail said that he was asked to be a stand-in for Rosebud Sioux tribal president, Rodney M. Bordeaux, who was in a council meeting. He gave an encouraging talk to the graduates and proceeded to give out the diplomas as each child stood up and received their certificates. Each one was allowed a chance to say what they wanted to be when they grow up one day. A couple of children said they wanted to grow up to be a princess, while other wanted to be teachers and doctors.

Among the parents who received certificates were, Buffy Clifford, Ted Running Bear, Eric Nixon, Melissa Nixon, Eric Black Lance, Theodore Burning Breast, James Henry, Sauna Provancial, Bob Oliver, Theodore Running Bear, Michael Lynn, Michelle Leader Charge, Latoya Conners, Hope Henry, Miranda Roubideaux, Antoinette Black Spotted Horse, and Michael Whirlwind Soldier.

Head Start head teacher, Chauncia Poor Bear said after the ceremony that she was very proud of the parental participation at the ceremony as 100 percent of the parents were involved. Poor Bear is working on her associate of arts in early childhood education and currently holds a child development associate certificate. She has been at the Tasunka Witko Headstart for four years.

A couple of honoring songs were sung by Red Hawk, while Archie Little of St. Francis also sang an honor song and a beautiful meal blessing song.

The class of 2007 Tasunke Witko Head Start class included, Aloni Badmilk, Darion Bettelyoun, Destiny Black Calf, Maria Black Lance, Tristan Black Moon, Benjamin Burning Breast, Trinity Burning Breast, Devon Eagle Bear, Jayce Henry, Kateria Herman, Daniel Hollow Horn Bear, Anaya Horse Looking, Jason Kimmel Jr., Anatanpi Nixon, Kimimila Picotte, Kobe Running Bear, Artimust Spotted Calf, Michael Whirlwind Soldier and Tilyss White.

One cake decorated with pink and the other trimmed in blue was served to all after the ceremony which concluded around 2:30 p.m. There are 16 centers across the Rosebud.

Todd County School Middle graduates 93 in achievement ceremony

MISSION - It was nearly a packed house as the Rosebud reservation community, parents, and families came together to honor 93 graduates from the Todd County Middle School. Two separate achievement ceremonies were held, one at 10:00 am for one team of students, while the three other teams graduated at 1:30 p.m.

It was a nostalgic time as Dr. Richard Bordeaux will be retiring at the end of his contract period and Dr. Margo Heinert will assume the superintendent's position. RST Antelope council representative, Robert Moore, gave a brief encouraging message to the graduates, while Clay Colombe delivered the commencement address pointing out that it is the parents and community who will continue to make the difference for the students as they progress up through higher education.

TCMS teacher, Sage Fast Dog, hosted the portion of the program during which parents who wished to tie a feather and medicine wheel were able to do that while Fast Dog sang the four directions song and Walt Hernandez prayed for the students. The TCMS middle school drum group "Igmu Watogla" did the honors for the event, while three dancers led the graduates into the gym. The dancers were Jonas Bear Heels, Annnessa Clairmont and Nina Tamayo. The sponsor for the drum group is teacher, Gilbert Stewart.

An "I Movie" was flashed on the north wall with musical accompaniment as a baby picture and current picture of each student was shown to the applause of all present.

The class motto for the 2007 TCMS graduates was "Success is Journey not a Destination."

Field hearing June 1 for law enforcement

LOWER BRULE (AP) - Law enforcement issues on reservations will be the subject of a special field hearing of the House Natural Resources Committee at Lower Brule.

Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, D-S.D., will host the hearing, which will be on Friday, June 1.

Herseth Sandlin said the hearing would be the first Indian affairs field hearing the Natural Resources Committee has ever held.

She has been a member of the committee since she was elected to Congress in June 2004. The committee has jurisdiction over American Indian issues and issues related to national forests, national parks and fisheries and wildlife.

Three panels of witnesses will testify, including tribal chairmen from South Dakota. They will discuss violence against women, reservation jails and other law enforcement issues.

"The goal of this hearing will be to hear direct testimony from tribal leaders from around the state to explore how the federal government can better assist tribal governments in meeting basic public safety and law enforcement goals," Herseth Sandlin said in a written statement from her office.

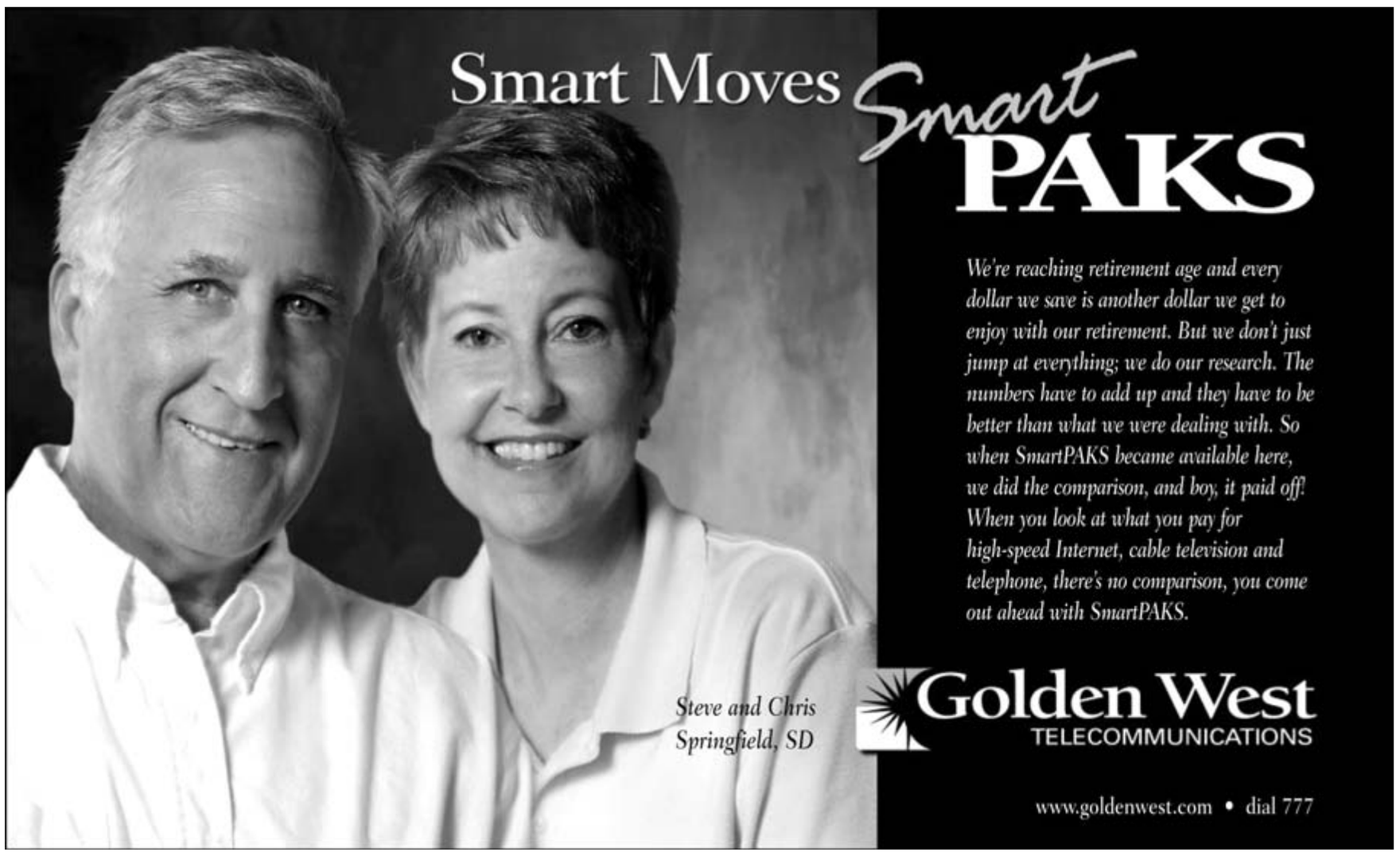
Legislator calls for inquiry on gas prices

RAPID CITY - Gasoline has hit a record high national average price of $3.18 a gallon, and a South Dakota legislator says it's time to do something about it.

State Senator Frank Kloucek of Scotland has asked the state's congressional delegation to immediately initiate a congressional inquiry into dramatic price increases for gasoline and other fuels.

He also says wholesalers should be monitored to prevent illegal ethanol blending.

Kloucek adds that the current ten-percent ethanol blend should be raised to 20 percent.



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Thoughts that come from the heart

Emotions sell, entertainment industry makes billions from it



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It always amazes me on how much energy can be vested into something when that something strikes the emotional chords in our hearts.

We see that time and time again in the media when people don't agree on certain issues, the issue is played out in the media, whether it be in the newspaper, radio or television or the rez grapevines. Energy goes into the issue, much energy. Most of the time it is negativity energy, we get angered by something we view as negative. It touches our emotions, especially if it those emotions such as anger, sadness, sorrow, jealousy, or sometimes pride.

It touches our emotions to a point where we get uncomfortable with it so we do something about it. And when we do, we put energy into it, and when a whole lot of us do, we put a whole lot of energy into it.

There are times some of us wonder how much more better our lives would be, especially on the reservation, if people in power or who have the ability and skills to make their communities better would use that energy to do so.

Too many times we see that happen on the reservation, when something negative happens on the reservation it gets splashed on the front pages of the media or blared across the television screen. That happens because that type of energy sells. When you have something that touches the emotions of people it will sell.

It's called entertainment and it's an industry that makes billions of dollars. The media sells emotions, the music industry sells emotions, movie industry sells emotions and when something happens on the reservation that strikes emotional chords, somebody makes money somewhere. Somebody sees it happening and they go after it, because it will sell for them, whether it be our daily papers that serve the reservations, our local televisions or some writer that wants to write a book about it. It sells.

Being in the media business for more than 25 years, it's always the same issues, they don't change. It's the tribal politics, it's the high rate of alcoholism, it's the death rates, the infant mortality, it's the embezzlements, it's the poverty, or the ugly head of racism.

It's the same issues, only the players changed after 25 years.

And I am guilty of that too, and I cringe when I do it. An issue may come up that is highly emotional, whether it be death, suicide, tribal politics or disease, we print it because it's news and we try do it in a fair way and an angle that means something to the Lakota people.

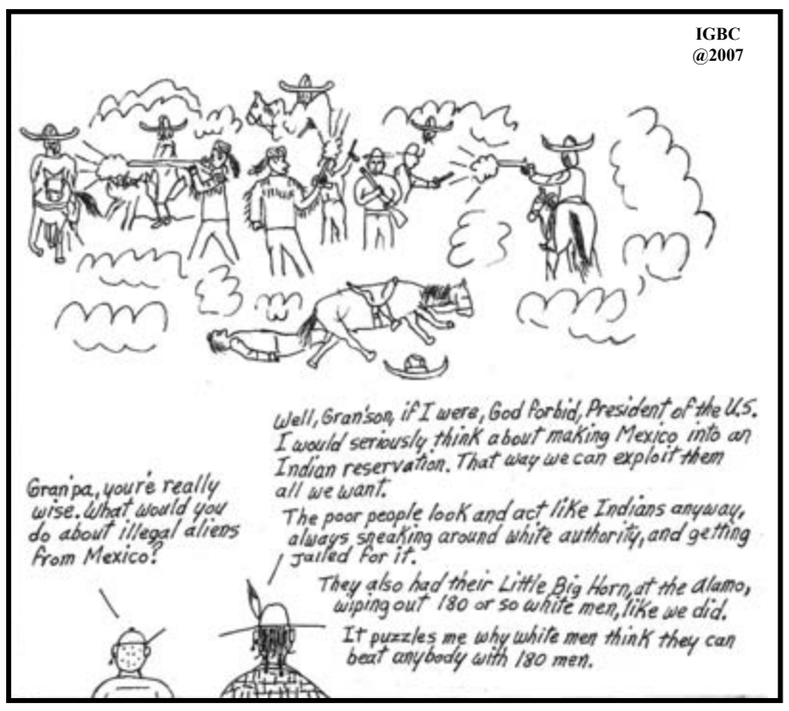
Maybe if we do it in a way to promote understanding of the issue, it may promote change.

In the 25 years, I have been in the media business, our tribal governments, our tribal leaderships and our tribal organizations are still learning the ropes of how the media works around them.

Today, I am in the newspaper business, because I believe as Lakota people we need to help promote our identity and as Lakota people, we need to promote our language and our spirituality.

We have tons of good things happening in our communities and only we can promote that.

Because it feels good to see that in the open and most of all it, it makes our kid's feel good to see that. It gives them identity.



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Words from the 'trenches'

Excitement is where you find it



Connie Smith-Blanco

I'm starting my column early, on Tuesday afternoon, just in case the electricity goes off again (without warning of course) like it did an hour ago.

Actually we've been pretty lucky here in our spacious, cramped computer filled office, because the electricity has never gone off on us on a Tuesday before.

I don't know why I'm down here working anyway, we have a new office upstairs but I still find myself on the computer in this office. Maybe it's because there's more excitement going on in this office.

Tuesdays are important around here (it's our 'hurry up and finish before Wednesday gets here day'), which is almost as important as Wednesdays (Deadline day "after" the hurry up and finish day) So even though we've tried to train ourselves to "save, save, save" on our computers, we all three did a collective "uh-oh" when the lights went out.

That 'uh-oh' means we have been saving but maybe it's been over an hour since the last time we did it.

Lets just say important pages had to be redone and we discussed the value of putting a huge sign on the wall in front of us all that merely says in three foot high letters, SAVE.

Like I said Tuesdays can be exciting, like the time Amanda was typing away at her computer and her computer desk collapsed in front of her. She did a great one-handed save and was able to hold computer, keyboard, speakers, mouse and assorted piles of paper upright until Manuel and I ran to her aid.

Now that's exciting, three grown adults squealing with surprise and all talking at once about what to do for a solution.

That's what I call teamwork! Amanda and Manuel held the valuables upright while I tried to quickly find a suitable replacement for the desk. The mission was carried out with no loss of life or equipment.

Yes, the easy thing would have been to quickly pile all of her computer "things" on to her desk and continue on. But there's an unspoken rule in newspaper land, your computer cannot be on your desk.

The desk is for the old and new piles of paper, advertising manifests, faxed and printed story ideas, piles of daily telephone message slips, piles of newspapers marked for correspondent pay, coffee cups, and a nice pot of silk lilac flowers. The flowers were neatly attached to the pens by the owner, and even though most of them don't work, they still look nice on the desk.

Another Tuesday we had an out-of-town legislator, Mark DeVries drop in. The visit was nice and we snapped a picture of him reading our paper. And he really does read our paper because he has a subscription.

I don't know if any Tuesday could match the excitement of me and Amanda trying to out-run a tornado that was headed for Kyle.

That's when our office was located there. We knew the storm was coming but didn't it know it was Tuesday?

We worked at our computers until the last possible minute, and only after numerous worried phone calls from family and friends did we jump in the car to head home to Martin. Yes, our hearts were pounding a little faster than usual, as we watched the storm approach from behind us, but the paper came out on time the next day.

Just like the post office, neither rain, sleet, snow or tornados can keep us from our mission.

Speaking of the post office, they were here last week for an audit, (conveniently scheduled for a Friday). We have been working out getting our mailing system to a good point in the last few months and the this audit is part of that. Now that was exciting, a true test of the reason we keep records and save, save, save.

And that's life in the trenches - desks collapse, phone lines go dead, high speed internet can suddenly disappear - no two days are the same, even on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

And that's our excitement and it's what keeps my heart pumping here in the trenches.

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She has pursued a music career in Oklahoma, Tennessee and lived near her sister in Texas, and after 30 years moved back to her roots in South Dakota with two of her three daughters.

Guest Column

Our people should be the richest in this country instead of being the poorest

Dear Editor:

The Papal Bulls of 1452 and 1493; are the basis for a religious Doctrine, called the Doctrine of Discovery, which gave Christian Nations; such as Spain, Portugal, France, Holland, England, and America: a mythical excuse to dehumanize indigenous people's and "discover" (another word for stealing) their lands. They believed it was their divine right, based on the Bible, to treat Non-Christian inhabitants and their lands, as 'brute animals, less than human on "untamed lands." This racist, religious and unconstitutional policy was adopted into US Law in 1823: by Chief Justice Marshall, who deemed that under "absolute legislative law" called 'plenary Power", that Native Americans of this country lost their complete and independent sovereignty because they were not Christians when America was "discovered". (Johnson VS. McIntosh)

This gave them justification in making and breaking promises and treaties. Under the Constitution "Treaties are the Supreme Law of the Land", (until it comes to the First Americans of this country.) Even in their Bill of Rights, do they refer to us as "hostile savages". (the word "Sioux" means "vagina" in French…)

All their Founding Doctrines have made us "second-class citizens of this country. Even that wasn't enough, so they made us "wards of the government", and placed us under the "War Department", which later conveniently changed its name to the "Bureau of Indian Affairs, which in turn kept our people in continuous economic deprivation and forced poverty. And if that wasn't enough, they banned our religion until the Freedom of Religious Act of 1978.

They herded our people on concentration camps called the 'reservations." At this point, we became full fledged "prisoners of war," and our enrollment numbers are our POW numbers. They banned our traditional government and put in it's place, generic "yes men" "Hang around the forts". Called the "1934 Howard-Wheeler Indian Re-organization Act."

They are all extensions of the Government and cannot represent our people in land, mineral wealth or business issues, when it comes to the Great Lakota Nation. They cannot accept money on our behalf; such as Docket 74 A and B, which includes the Sacred Black Hills, because our People are under the status of "Prisoners of War." Until the War Department a.k.a "Bureau of Indian Affairs" is dissolved absolved and America puts our People as First Americans; our lands will always be tied up in the longest ongoing court case in the history of the United States" and we will be the victims of the longest ongoing Holocaust in the world".

The Pope needs to revoke the Papal Bulls and the Johnson vs. McIntosh needs to be overturned. Countries like Spain, Portugal, France and other countries owe us trillions of dollars for profiting off of our lands in the biggest conspiracy this globe ever encountered, against our Aboriginal, Inherent and All the rights as a Sovereign and Great Nation the world knows as the Lakota Nation.

Our past is tragic with massacres against our "Oyates" as they fought for their freedom and homeland, entire villages of women and children wiped out. Pregnant and nursing mothers, the biggest war trophy, a baby's foot still in it's moccasin, lies, treachery and deceit our people suffered under the hands of the US Government.

Who else knows the government better than the noble red man? Genocide, forced removal of entire nations, oppression, apartheid, outright thefts of land, minerals and property.

Our people should be the richest in this country instead of being the poorest.

We want Justice for the Lakota/Dakota Nation.

Martina Looking Horse
Rapid City, S.D.

State's prison stats should concern officials

Hau Editor,

I wanted to thank Uncle Webster Two Hawk, Representative Robert Moore and the other tribal council Representatives for their courage and real concern for the Sicangu Oyate. Open, honest and accountable should not be dirty words or empty campaign promises. My family and I also want to send well wishes and a speedy recovery to Mr. Moore's mother. Mrs.'s Moore should be proud of her son for attempting to stop the corruption in tribal government. Corruption needs to be outlawed and those involved in illegal activities should be excluded from the Rosebud Reservation, permanently. Recently, the State of South Dakota held hearings concerning the Death Penalty issue. My mother called the administration to request they network with the other South Dakota tribes to oppose and/or demonstrate if needed, but her plea for help fell on deaf ears.

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Notes From Indian Country

The key word is RESPECT



By Tim Giago
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In order to write this week's column I must do a 180-degree turn in my thinking about Indian casinos. I do not make this change in thinking lightheartedly.

I visited Indian casinos in South Dakota, Nebraska and Oklahoma over the past two weeks to get a feel for the impact they have on the Indian communities. For the most part the feeling was good.

There were jobs, money going out into the community, improvements in infrastructure, and a general sense of well being. But the most prevalent sense I came away with was a new and genuine feeling of "respect" from the non-Indian community.

That's right. R-E-S-P-E-CT! Aretha Franklin sang about it. Respect is a word an Indian could never expect to hear in the towns bordering their reservations.

But it is amazing the amount of respect that money can buy. Those ragtag Indians scraping by on little or nothing now have an abundance of cash in their pockets. Or at least some of them do. Those casino dollars now make the Indian people much sought after consumers. They can now buy new furniture; clothing, automobiles, appliances and they can now open bank accounts.

I recall that not too long ago when I owned a weekly newspaper one of my advertising sales people went into a local carpet store to solicit an ad for the paper.

The haughty sales manager quipped, "Oh, I didn't know Indians had carpets in their tee pees."

From a lady who prepared taxes for the IRS my sales lady heard, "Well, I know that Indians don't pay taxes," and from a local new car dealership, "Your readers just don't have the credit to buy our new cars," and finally from the manager of an upscale department store, "I don't think your readers are the kind of people that would be comfortable in our store." As Rodney Dangerfield used to say, "No respect, I don't get no respect."

But my travels to the Indian casinos also revealed that there are still many deep pockets of poverty in Indian country. If there is no population base near their casinos they will not draw enough customers to make their gaming establishments profitable.

I will not make a complete 360-degree turn for Indian gaming because I still see many serious problems.

For one, although nearly 20 years have passed since the onset of gaming in Indian country I still do not see a viable effort by the casino rich tribes to reach out to help their less fortunate brothers and sisters on the very poor Indian reservations.

Joe McKay, a 54-year-old member of the Blackfeet Tribe of Montana, a businessman with a law degree, offers a solution I find to be highly commendable.

He proposes a National Indian Gaming Tax to be levied on all Class III Indian gaming operations. The tax would be on gross revenues graduated according to income and capped at 5 percent. The money would be used to fund the Indian Development Trust Fund. The fund would then be made available to tribes without Class III gaming or to those in geographically isolated areas where a casino, even one with a Class III license, does not have the population base to make a profit.

McKay suggests that the funds be assigned according to need in the form of grants and low interest loans for infrastructure development on Indian reservations (water, sewage and sanitation), law enforcement, judiciary, health care, housing and for elderly and child care services.

A second but separate program would make funds for economic development available. McKay also suggests that the funds be managed by a Board of Commissioners to be nominated by the contributing and eligible tribes and appointed by the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs.

I differ with him on this point. I do not want to see more bureaucracy piled on to the equation. I would suggest that Ernie Stevens Jr., the head of the National Indian Gaming Association, develop an office within his organization to handle the trust funds for acceptance and distribution.

I would also suggest that Mr. Stevens lobby the Indian Affairs Committee to push for legislation to incorporate this tax.

And if an outright tax is unacceptable to the gaming rich tribes, perhaps Mr. Stevens can twist their arms to get them to voluntarily contribute money to an Indian Development Trust Fund under the auspices of NIGA.

McKay believes that the extremely poor conditions on many Indian reservations are totally overlooked and distorted by the wealth and prominence of the "new and rich gaming tribes."

Money talks in many ways and when it becomes the main topic for success, the poor tribes without access become footnotes. As it has been since the European incursion on this continent, the ultimate victims of those with wealth, or those seeking wealth, are the poor, traditional indigenous people still trying to retain their inherent values.

My 180-degree turn is based upon the single word "respect." But those new and wealthy Indian tribes must also learn the true meaning of that word.

They must learn to respect those Indian people that fought and died without surrendering their culture, traditions, language and sovereignty so that they, the rich tribes, could enjoy the benefits of the unlimited wealth afforded them by their casinos.

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Mr. Moore it seems was the only tribal leader that cared enough to listen. It is no secret that bordering county jails and the state prison system have huge disparities of our Lakota incarcerated and the fact that we receive longer prison sentences should concern our tribal leaders.

How profitable it is for the state to incarcerate our Lakota Oyate? Human Rights Organizations report the average cost per inmate, per year, for state prisoners is $20,261.15.

The government pays $73.00 per Indian, per day for incarceration (could be more or less with 2007 statistics).

South Dakota Department of Corrections reports 915 Indians are incarcerated as of May 1, 2007 for a total of $24,380,175.00 paid to the state. This number does not include county jails located near reservations, nor federal prisoners.

South Dakota DOC also reports it costs an average of $41.00 dollars per day, per inmate for a total of $14,965.00 per year and $13,692,975.00 to house 915 inmates.

After doing the math, you will see the State of South Dakota makes a profit of $10,687,200.00 for incarcerating our Lakota Oyate.

The sad fact is many of our tribal members live outside the reservation and deserve tribal government to represent them on issues affecting their daily lives.

Of course, those that have committed their lives setting-up our current government to benefit each other, whether legally or illegally certainly have no intentions of ever leaving the Rosebud Indian Reservation, so why bother helping our tribal members that fall under state jurisdiction.

Needless to say, nobody from this administration opposed the death penalty or participated in the hearings.

Unresponsive government is nothing new; maybe we are used to it and come to expect it.

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Finding My Voice

Write a letter to a younger you



Dana Badmilk

Write a letter to a younger you. I seen this in Oprah (the magazine) the other day... thought it was a great idea. I thought hard about what age I would write to me at and I picked 18. That is the age that I made many life changing decisions and now I see I wasn't mature enough at the time, or too stubborn to really realize what I was doing. . I am thinking, maybe, I will show my daughter this when she is 18.

Letter to 18 year old Dana

Dear Dana,

First off I want to tell you that your life doesn't revolve around a man. You don't have to wonder if you are making him happy or not. You do have to worry about whether you are really happy, or whether you think you feel happy because you are with him. A relationship is give and take. You can only give so much. Don't give so much that you walk around unhappy, suspicious, and wondering what you did wrong. You are smarter than him. Don't stroke his ego and give him the power to control your feelings. Deep down inside, you know it's really you that has the power to control your heart and decide who you share it with. Don't ever slap anyone up if a man cheats on you, because BELIEVE me it is not worth it and drags you down to that level. You deserve so much more.

Speaking of what you deserve, you mama taught you better than that and you know it. It is ok to buy yourself a 40 dollar bottle of perfume and not feel guilty. Treat yourself. This is an example of making yourself happy. Listen to your mother more. She is the strongest woman you know.

Get your education. As soon as possible. Life is hard and only going to get harder...especially if you want children. I would never discourage you from having children, they are a joy and will make your future so much more enjoyable. But, get that education. Don't look at obstacles as road blocks., only detours.

Keep your journals. Don't ever ever mistake sex for love if you are single. As I said earlier, you control your emotions. Love yourself before trying to fall in love.

Take care of yourself in all aspects; physically, emotionally, and secure your future with an education. Nothing can stop you and believe that.

Some pointers.

Just because a man can be sweet, do your hair, do your make-up, make you wear clothes in your closet you never dared...and take you out on the town, doesn't mean you can trust him. Just because he is gay, doesn't mean he is automatically cool or a saint. He is still human....be careful and choose your friends wisely.

Don't lose time with relatives over petty stuff. Treasure that time.

Don't ever.....EVER break up with a guy because he is "too nice." Bad boys will only break your heart.

Don't ever get a perm to make your hair curly.

Don't sell yourself short on your artwork....especially if you make a beaded painting.

Don't ever bartend in a dress that seems too short. People will lie to you and tell you it's not. If it feels too short, it is. Stick to the skirts or slacks. Assuming, of course, that you will bartend someday... though you may not since you should be in school. Of course, that is if...you are an exceptional 18 year old that can take advice and not know it all already.

If you ever work for a place that sends you to Florida for two weeks, it is ok to go out and party a couple of nights. Don't feel guilty if the rest of your family is sitting in the cold. PARTY! (Please for the love of god, party at least one day)

And keep better in touch with friends....the true ones, that over the years are still friends. .

And remember...don't ever wear glasses that are trendy! No matter how cool you think you look at the time!

Love....you,
Dana

I found writing a letter to my younger self to be very therapeutic and healing. Even if we can't change the past, we can recognize and move on. Give it a try.

Dana Badmilk is a 35 year old self employed artist who recently moved back to the Pine Ridge Reservation. She lives there with her husband and 4 children. She can be read at her blog here http://danasvoice.blogspot.com

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Todd County, Red Cloud lead the way in State A track meet qualifiers

Pine Ridge's Wilson, Takini's Mendoza set pace

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

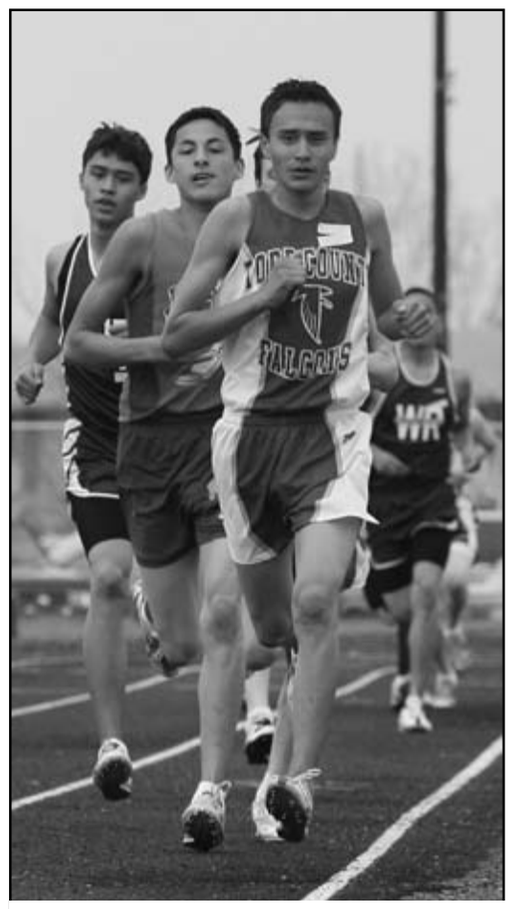
LENNOX - The 2007 State A track meet is set for Friday in Lennox with the finals scheduled for Saturday in Sioux Falls. Todd County has qualified 20 athletes, Red Cloud 15 and Pine Ridge eight to lead the way.

Alex Wilson, Pine Ridge won the 800, 1600 and 3200 on Thursday in Mission at the Region 7A track meet while Kiko Mendoza, Takini, won both the 1600 and 3200 and hopes to add to his state cross country titles this week.

Going into the state meet, Kiko has the best qualifying time in the 1600 of 4:32 and the best time in the 3200 with 9:49.

Todd County girls qualified in the 4X800 and the 1600 sprint medley and includes Julie Bernie, Lisa Two Charge, Lorna Her Many Horses, Shelby Hunger, Kyla Marshall, Tia McCloskey, Wendy Smaltz, Josie Stone, Arna Two Hawk and Kylie Wilson. The top two finishers in the region qualify as an individual and Marshall made it in the 1600 while Wilson made it in the 3200. crystal Salway made it in the discus. For the Falcon boys, they qualified in the 4X100, 4X200, 4X400, 4X800 and the 1600 sprint medley and included Jaden and Jarret Allen, LaBradford Eagle Deer, Albert Her Many Horses, Noah Kilonzo, Gunner Krogman, Ray Lo, Charlie Moe and Marc Whirlwind Soldier. Whirlwind Soldier qualified in the 1600 and the 3200 and Krogman also made it in the long jump and the triple jump.

Last year Red Cloud had one participant in the State A track meet, this year there are 15 with the girls qualifying in the 4X400, 4X800 and the 1600 sprint medley; Desirae Blacksmith also made it in the 3200 while Shaina Clifford qualified in both the 100 and the 200. The Red Cloud boys made it in the 4X800 and include Chante Knight, Billy Scott, Wade O'Bryan, Christian McGhee, Art Vitalis and Ezra Zephier.



Marc Whirlwind Soldier, Todd County freshman, leads William White Buffalo, Jones County junior and Frankie Waln, White River junior, in the 1600 meter run during an earlier track meet in Kadoka in preparation for the 2007 State track set for Friday and Saturday; Whirlwind Soldier qualified in the 1600 and 3200, White Buffalo in the 800 and 1600 and Waln in the 1600.

PHOTO BY RANDY BACHELOR, WHITE RIVER, S.DAK

In addition to Wilson, Pine Ridge qualified in the 1600 sprint medley with Juan Ramos, James Pine, Jim Waln, Dave Michaud and Roman Leftwich. Sophia Janis made it in the long jump as well.

Jordan Wohlleber led a contingent of six girls from Cheyenne Eagle Butte into the State A meet. Wohlleber, a freshman, won the State A cross country championship and has the best qualifying time in the 3200 and the second fastest time in the 1600.

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8th Grade Graduation: May 18th at 10:00am

Batesland School 8th Grade Graduates

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Kindergarten Celebration: May 18th at 1:00pm
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Wolf Creek School 8th Grade Graduates

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Red Shirt School 8th Grade Graduates

Angela Yellow Horse
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8th Grade Graduation: May 21st at 2:00 pm

Rockyford School 8th Grade Graduates

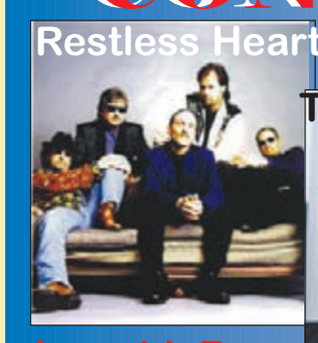
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John Ladeaux
Regaleen Little Killer
Cynthia Long
Brandon Mesteth
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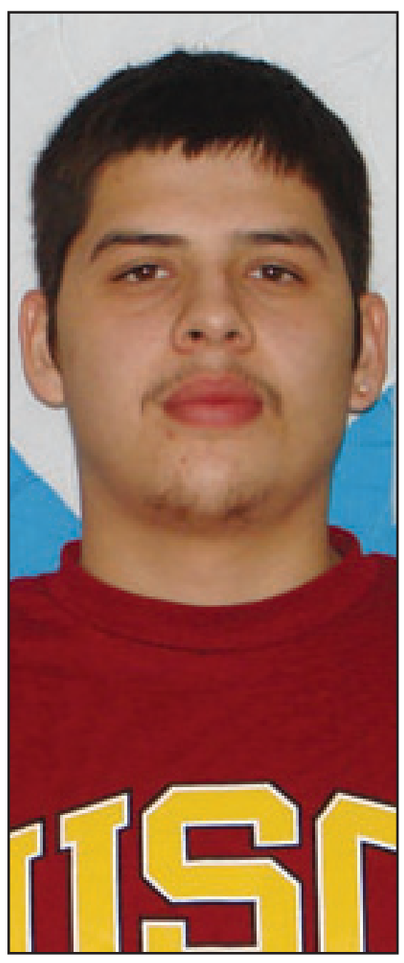
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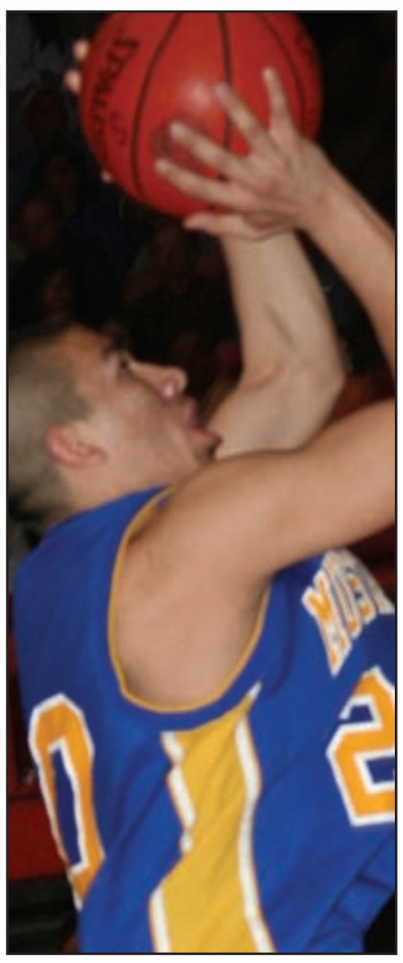
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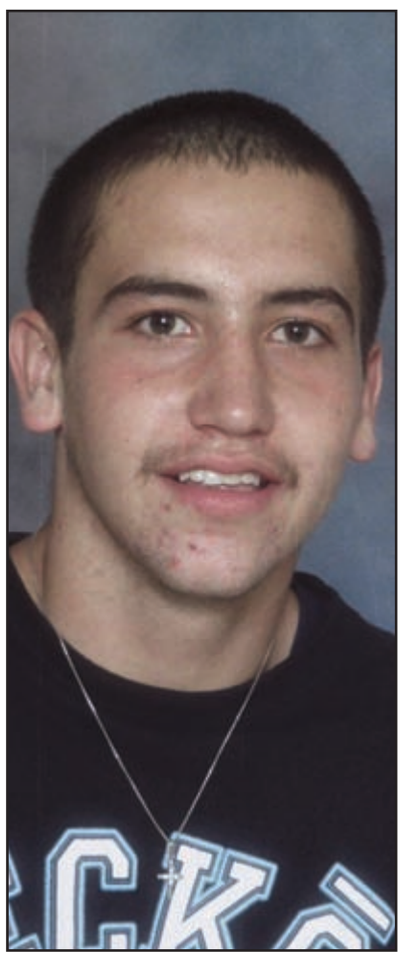
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Kyal Middletent

Lakota Country Times/KILI Radio Indian Country All Stars

Little Wound dominates boy's all star team with McGhee, Middletent cracking top five

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

For the third year in a row, *Lakota Country Times* and KILI Radio 90.1 FM of Porcupine have selected along with sportscasters, coaches and fans, the top girls and boys basketball athletes.
The list of girls All Stars was published in the May 3 issue.

MARTIN - Both Todd County and Red Cloud were knocking on the state tournament door this year but the experience and strength of Little Wound and St. Thomas More prevailed as the Mustangs downed the Falcons in the Region 7A final to return to state for the second year in a row while St. Thomas More proved to be too much for Red Cloud in the Region 8A final as the Cavaliers earned their fourth straight appearance in the State A tourney.

For the second time in the history of the Lakota Nation Invitational tournament, the two teams who played for the LNI championship in December returned three months later to play each other for the State A championship on the same floor. In December Little Wound knocked off St. Thomas More, the defending State A champs 49-46 to win the LNI championship, in March the Cavaliers stormed out to a 20-11 first quarter lead on their way to a 71-61 win over the Mustangs for their second straight State A championship. The loss to Little Wound in the LNI championship game proved to be St. Thomas More's only loss in two years. In December of 1989, Custer defeated Red Cloud in the LNI championship and three months later Custer defeated Red Cloud for the State A championship, both games on the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center arena floor in Rapid City.

For the second straight year, Red Cloud's fine season ended at the hands of St. Thomas More in the regional championship game.

The Crusaders finished up with a 19-4 record with all four losses coming at the hands of teams playing in state championship games. Their four losses included two to Little Wound and one to St. Thomas More, both teams playing in the South Dakota State A championship game and Chadron, Neb. who played in the Nebraska State B championship game. Red Cloud returns all five starters and eight of their top nine players for next year. Todd County peaked at the right time this year as the season approached the play-offs. The Falcons knocked off Platte in the District 13A finals, a team that had been ranked in the top ten all year and lost to Little Wound in the regions; they return a solid nucleus built around Gunner Krogman and Jordan His Law to be a force next year.

TJ McCauley

Wearing his third different team jersey in three years, TJ McCauley earns his third straight first team selection to the Indian Country All Stars team as he helped to lead the Little Wound Mustangs to the runner-up trophy in this year's South Dakota State A tournament. McCauley, like he did when he came to Lower Brule as a sophomore and Pierre as a junior, fit into the Mustang lineup as if he had been playing for Little Wound all four years. TJ led the Mustangs in scoring, averaging over 21 points per game, leading the team in steals and providing a consistent effort each game that helped lead Little Wound to a season record of 24-2. McCauley has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for Bismarck State College this fall.

Brice Hornbeck

Brice Hornbeck, a junior point guard, was the heart and soul of the Little Wound Mustangs and earns his second straight first team all star honor. On both defense and on offense, Hornbeck played 115 per cent, providing a key steal or stop on defense or at a much needed time, driving the lane for a score or coming up with an offensive rebound. Hornbeck was the second leading rebounder for the team, shared the steal leadership and was the assist leader for the team. Next year, Little Wound will be very competitive because the team will be built around Brice Hornbeck, his leadership and energy will make them a formidable opponent for any team that has the Mustangs on their schedule.

Rich Big Boy

Rich Big Boy, a 6'2" center, dominated the paint against every team Little Wound played. In the Lakota Nation championship game against St. Thomas More, Rich scored 22 points on a much taller, 6'7" Kyle Doerr. In game after game, Big Boy played much larger than his size and out rebounding most of his opponents. Big Boy led the Mustangs in rebounding and averaged 16 points a game leading the Mustangs to the runner-up trophy and the LNI championship. Big Boy joins McCauley in signing with Bismarck State for the 2007/2008 school year.

Christian McGhee

Christian McGhee is a junior point guard for the Red Cloud Crusaders and led his team in scoring and in assists. His consistency and floor leadership helped the Crusaders to a 19-4 record and the Region 8A championship game. He is the hardest worker on his team and has been the team captain since the beginning of his sophomore year. As a sophomore, the team had six losses, as a junior the team finished with four losses and as he looks forward to his senior year he is looking at no losses and he is ready to back that up with a tremendous work ethic.

Kyal Middletent

Kyal Middletent and his twin brother have led Lower Brule on the floor and in the school, both are planning to attend Dakota Wesleyan nest year, both will play football and Kyal will play basketball as well. Kyal played like a whirling dervish this year, giving everything he had every game and them some. The Middletents helped to lead Lower Brule to a 14-6 regular season record; they lost to James Valley Christian in the District 5B semis.

Second team honors go to Eric Archambault/McLaughlin, Colton Douville/Chamberlain, Gunner Krogman/Todd County, JJ Arcoren/St. Francis and Lester Gotheridge/Red Cloud.

Third team selections honored Tyson Maxon and Chase Pay Pay/Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Shilo Pierce/Little Wound, John Provost/Pine Ridge and Tanner Wince/St. Thomas More.

Honorable mention nods go to Larry Gayton and Ryan Barker/Crow Creek, Arthur Vitalis, Billy Scott and Dave Giago/Red Cloud, Devon LeBeau and Ty Lunderman/Little Wound, Taylor Brushbreaker and Travis Spotted war Bonnett/St. Francis, Mike Jack/Pine Ridge, Derrick Locke/Tiospa Zina, Tali Fast Wolf and RJ LeBeau/Tiospaye Topa, Kansas Middletent/Lower Brule, Craig Dreamer/Oelrichs, Sam Mendoza/Takini, Ron Rousseau and Cory Straighthead/Cheyenne Eagle butte and Jordan His Law, Steve Antoine and Vernie Menard/Todd County.

Outstanding newcomers include Brier Iron Cloud and Carl Swallow/Red Cloud, Orin Three Stars/Little Wound and Alex Prue/Todd County.

Many thanks to the coaches, followers and media representatives who helped put the all star teams together for the third annual 2007 Lakota Country Times/KILI Radio Indian Country Boy's Basketball All Star Teams.

Red Cloud's Ross top local finisher in State A golf in Madison

Todd County, Red Cloud, Little Wound golfers compete

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

MADISON - The 2007 State A golf meet took place Monday and Tuesday in Madison with Red Cloud's Shelby Ross leading the way scoring a 103 the first day and a 95 the second day for a 198 total and a tie for 27th place.

Abby Feehan of Dell Rapids won the individual title with a 159 beating out the two time defending champ, Tara Hofer of Lead-Deadwood who had a 165. Lead-Deadwood won the team title for a record tying fourth time in a row with a 690 total, beating West Central by 55 strokes; Aberdeen Roncalli was third and Vermillion was fourth.

Bobbi and Jacqui White from Red Cloud tied for 36th with a 207. Todd County's Shauna Gentry tied for 40th with a 208 and her teammate Christine Crow Eagle finished in a tie for 46th with a 211. Little Wound's Alyssa Whirlwind Horse finished with 113 both days for a 226 total and a tie for 62nd.

"Once again, I am very proud of our team," said Wendell Gehman, Red Cloud golf coach, "they continue to compete well and qualify for state even though our nearest golf course is 28 miles away and the one we practice on is over 40 miles away. Next year we want to be competitive in the team competition, we have some young girls and we hope they play all summer."

Sam Mendoza of Takini finished with 88 the first day and an 89 the second day for a 177 total and a tie for 43rd at the State B golf tournament at the Hillcrest Country Club in Yankton while his brother Kiko Mendoza shot a 95 and a 101 for 196 and a tie for 90th.

Matt Erickson of Dell Rapids St. Marys won the State b with a 147, Lance Relf of Colman-Egan was runner-up with a 157 while Sioux Falls Christian wan the B team title with a 487 team total followed by Dell Rapids St. Marys with a 504 total.



Shelby Ross tied 27th place for state golf.

Talley picked for CHS principal

RAPID CITY (AP)) -South Dakota's largest high school will be led by its first American Indian principal if the school board approves the district's pick.

Mike Talley, 34, of Bismarck, N.D., was offered the position at Rapid City Central High School.

Talley's wife, Jackie Maxon-Talley, 37, was offered an assistant principal job at Southwest Middle School, said Superintendent Peter Wharton, who said they're both experienced administrators who will contribute to the community and school district.

``The two of them will bring a perspective and leadership that is so essential in making connections with not only the Native American community, but with all students and their families," he said.

Central's large Indian student population was one of the attractions, Talley said.

``I feel I can make an impact on that particular group of students and the parents and families as well," he said.

Talley, an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, grew up in McLaughlin, as did his wife. He finished his undergraduate and graduate education in administration at the University of Mary in Bismarck.

For the last seven years Talley has been principal of Standing Rock Community Grant High School at Fort Yates, N.D.

The school board will act on Wharton's recommendation at its June 7 meeting.

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Words for the People

SECTION B

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Two Sections



Students participated in a Career Writing Contest. Richard Rosales, Michael Smith, Jeremy Red Owl and Rikki Randall, all placed in the contest.



Cordelia Old Horse and her granddaughter Shay Old Horse cut crepe paper for lilac flowers at a flower making workshop.

Little Wound School promotes community events

KYLE - During this last week, three events took place at Little Wound School involving students and community.

On May 17, a flower making workshop was coordinated by Louise Big Boy and DeVonna Bush at the auditorium. More than 30 people attended the workshop that involved making crepe paper flowers. A light meal was served with door prizes given out.

"Crepe paper flower making is a craft that dates back to the early 1900s", said Bush.

Crepe paper, wire and pipe cleaners were used to create elaborate flowers from many designs. The finished flower was sometimes dipped in wax to make the flower lasting.

Crepe paper flowers was a popular art form back before the factories could mass produce plastic or silk flowers, which are now more affordable.

This event was part of Family Literacy nights and another literacy night will be held May 24 for flower completions. May 24 will be the last family literacy night for the school year.

Crepe paper flowers were made and placed on the graves of loved ones during Memorial Day.

This craft is still done by some families and the workshop was attended by community members who enjoyed making roses, lilacs and other flowers.

On Friday, May 18, Can Wigmunke and Oglala Lakota College's department of math and science and department of agriculture and natural resources and Little Wound Elementary's Learning to Read program sponsored a Tree Planting and Care workshop at the school auditorium.

The presenters were Patricia Hammond, Jason Schacht and Benny Rosales. The trees that were given to the participants canp'hu, mastin'ca pute, kan'tah can, hante, cansasa, wazican. The workshop ended with healthy snacks.

On May 15, the elementary school sponsored a career writing contest, which was sponsored by Learning to Read program with Reva High Horse and Juanita Witt, prevention counselor.

In grades K-2, first place was Richard Rosales with a gift card; second place-was Rosemary and third Felicia, both received gift cards from Kyle Grocery.

In grades 3-5, first place was Michael Smith, with a gift card; second place Rikki Randall and third place Jeremy Red Owl both receiving Kyle Grocery cards.

The classes with the most entries were Eunice LeValdo's, Grady Brunsch' fifth grade and Phyllis Heathershaw's fourth grade, all receiving gift cards.

For 21 years Sicangu elders meet for fun and games

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ST. FRANCIS - The weather was perfect on the Rosebud reservation as people continued to trickle in as the 21st Sicangu Elder Olympics slowly got off the ground in a very relaxed way. The St. Francis Indian School "old track" was the site of the elder games last Saturday co-sponsored by the RST Nutrition and Elderly Care Programs and the Diabetes Prevention Program.

Sharon Swift, lead advocate of the Elderly Care program had to be pleased with the turn out as an estimated 70 or more people came out to support the elders, while others came to volunteer their time and energy. Marty Makes Room and Ned Metcalf did a great job in announcing the event all day as they were quite humorous at times and kept things moving. Sharon noted that she was little worried about the heat, but in the end the day went well.

While things slowly got started after 11:00 a.m. a couple hours late, Ruth Thomas, physician's assistant at the Rosebud I.H.S. hospital could be heard saying, "On the Rosebud it's hard to be late at anything." It was a great sentiment as it reflected the mood of the day as many of the elders were seated in the shade or behind the registration table which had some very attractive tee shirts. Thomas was giving out a brochure on a Wednesday elder's clinic being held at the Rosebud Hospital and she noted that she is finally doing some work that she greatly enjoys with the elders.

Elders such as Bertha Shaw of Antelope, Chris Scissons of the Rosebud senior center, Christine Dunham of Black Pipe and Loretta Hollow Horn Bear were just a few of the Sicangu elders in attendance.

The morning schedule began with the RST flag and the American flag tied to freshly cut poles being raised "Iwo Jima" style by veterans, Homer Whirlwind Soldier, Roy Spotted War Bonnett, Victor Left Hand Bull, Harvey Jordan, Curtis and Archie Beauvais. Ned Metcalf announced the flag raising with appropriate comments of the sacrifice veterans

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Former RST council representative from Black Pipe, Christine Dunham, was assisted by her granddaughter a quarter of a mile during the 2007 Sicangu Elder Olympics held at the old track on the campus of St. Francis Indian School on May 19.

Veterans Stand Down at Pine Ridge on June 7

PINE RIDGE - The VA Black Hills Health Care System and the Rapid City Vet Center are holding a Veterans Stand Down on Thursday, June 7, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

The June 7 Stand Down, according to Connie Moffitt, Minority Veterans Program Coordinator at VA Black Hills, is intended to serve homeless and needy veterans from the Pine Ridge Reservation. There is no charge for any of the services. "It is a hand up, rather than a hand out, extended by a caring community," said Moffitt.

Stand Down is a military term used to describe brief periods of rest and recovery that were provided to battle-fatigued troops who were periodically removed from the field of fire to a place of relative safety and calm.

Basic health services will be provided, including blood sugar testing and blood pressure screening. A variety of personal care items will be available to anyone wishing a hand up, and a complimentary noon meal will be served to all veterans.

VA Black Hills and Vet Center staff will be available to hear issues, answer questions, and provide information on VA benefits, programs and health care enrollment opportunities. Included will be information specific to Agent Orange, Gulf War and Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Representatives from the Social Security Administration and South Dakota Job Service will also be in attendance to provide information and assistance to Stand Down participants.

Veterans will also be able to make future health care appointments at VA Black Hills. Veterans who have not previously enrolled with the VA are requested to bring a copy of their military discharge papers, DD 214, to the June 7 Stand Down.

Veterans needing transportation to the Stand Down can contact their local CAP office.

For more information about the Stand Down at Pine Ridge, contact Connie Moffitt at (605) 745-2000 Ext. 9-2164 or Leon Adams at (605) 867-1009.

Community Calendar

POST your event here.
Email to editor@lakotacountrytimes.com
or fax to 605-685-1870.

Rez Happenings

Family Literacy Night
Thursday, May 24, finish up flower making for Memorial Day, last Family Literacy night of the year - for information call Reva High Horse at 455-6196.

Housing clean-ups
Clean up week, Thursday May 24 Oglala housing.

Fishing Derby
Thursday, May 24 from 5:30-8 p.m. at White Clay Dam south of Pine Ridge for eligible fathers on the Child Care Program with a cook-out and prizes to be awarded, for information call Rich or Rueben at 867-5172.

Red Shirt community school graduation
Red Shirt community school eighth grade achievement celebration is set for May 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Loneman School graduation
Thursday, May 24 at 2 pm at Loneman School west of Oglala.

Standing Rock Memorial Chief Ride
Thursday, May 24 starting in Porcupine, N.D. and finishing up in Rock Creek on May 30, for information call Chub Thunder Hawk at 441-7392.

Red Cloud Graduation Wacipi
Friday, May 25 with supper at 5:30 p.m. and grand entry at 6:30 p.m. honoring the 2007 high school graduating class.

Margaret Yankton Memorial Softball tourney
Friday through Monday, May 25-28 in Manderson, for information call Joey at 441-7447, Bernard at 867-6055 or Bob at 867-6337.

Basketball Clinic
Mickey Dennis and Company will put on a basketball clinic on May 25 and 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day for grades 5-12 at the old Legion gym in Martin.

Men's and Women's BB tournament
Lakota All Stars Classic, May 25, 26, 27 at the Porcupine School gym, for information call Ted at 441-6922 or Jolene at 441-7308.

End of the Year Tourney
Co-ed 12 team co-ed 12 team double elimination tournament for all die hard hoopers, May 25-27, Friday-Sunday at Porcupine School gym, for information contact Devonna at 685-1347 or 441-8111.

Jackpot Horseshoe Tournament
Doubles horseshoe tourney on Saturday, May 26 at 11 am at Robert Red Shirt residence north of Allen store, for information call 455-1328.

Co-ed Softball tourney
May 26-28, Saturday-Monday at the Crossroads ball field at Gordon Junction "In honor of our soldiers," for information contact Sandy Two Lance 441-2304, Connie LeBeau 441-0095 or Donnie at 862-6342 or 867-5161.

Memorial Day services
Monday, May 28 at Black Hills National Cemetery outside of Sturgis with Native American services at 9 a.m. and traditional services at 11 a.m., honoring all of those who have served.

OST Council meeting
Special Session of the tribal council, Thursday, May 31 in the council chambers of the Red Cloud building in Pine Ridge dealing with OST Personnel policies and procedures at 9 a.m. and Wednesday, June 6 at 9 a.m. dealing with judiciary committee.

Tornado training
A tornado training meeting on Friday, June 1 at the LaCreek District CAP office in Martin at 1:30 p.m., for information call 867-5161.

Co-ed Softball Tourney
Friday-Saturday, June 1-3 at the ball field in Oglala, for information contact Charles at 454-5330.

4 Love of the Game BB Tourney
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 1-3 in Pine Ridge, an 18 and under girl's and boy's high school basketball tournament, for information contact Tiny at 454-0518, 867-5435 or Monica at 454-2511, 8675894.

Youth Co-ed basketball tourney
Friday-Sunday, June 1-3 at the Legion auditorium in Martin with four divisions 6-8, 9-11, 12-14 and high school, for information contact Rich Cottier at 454-1174, 454-1670, Hermus at 454-1945.

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Sicangu elders games

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have made, while the Kiyukanpi drum sang the flag song. Another drum group, Lecal Wakan was also on board.

Meanwhile, RST President, Rodney M. Bordeaux, welcomed the elders with greetings and a supportive message about the need for all of us to remain active and healthy.

To kick off the physical activity portion of the elders games, Ned asked everyone present to get up and walk together at least once around the track. Christine Dunham said, "I haven't walked that far in 50 years" as she chucked and said, "Not that long ago." Mr. McGhee of Ft. Thompson on the Crow Creek Sioux reservation was a first time visitor to the Rosebud and the Sicangu Elder Games and said he was delighted to be present. He said he had made it a practice to travel informally to other elder games and was hoping to go to a state sponsored elder games in Mitchell this summer. At 64, the bus driver was in very good shape as he easily won the 100 meter and 200 meter dashes. He should have been paired up against some younger runners, perhaps.

There was plenty of water, Powerade, fruit bars and other snacks available to keep everyone properly hydrated and at the right blood sugar level. As the eyapaha kept everyone occasionally chuckling at their Lakota humor it was evident that there was a great respect for the elders as each speaker reaffirmed that sentiment.

Even Kerwin Eagleman of Two Strike, one of the younger elder, said "This is where I used to kick it in" as he walked by in cowboy boots and marked a spot on the track. He was referring to his high schools years when he was an all around athlete and enjoyed a good deal of success and popularity as a letter award winner.

Sharon said the elders had even greater fun as mid afternoon approached and a number of social games like the potato dance and tobacco rolling contest were the highlight of the day. As a matter of fact, the elders wanted to hold a powwow, but the school had allotted only a certain time slot for the Elder Olympics.

State Vital Records office to close for move

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota Vital Records office at 600 E. Capitol in Pierre will be closed May 25 and May 29 while the office moves to a new location in the Waterfront Center, 207 E. Missouri.

Individuals needing certified copies of birth, death and marriage records are encouraged to visit their local county Register of Deeds office.

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CONTACT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION @ 455-6114

First Day of School for Early Head Start — August 7, 2007

First Day of School for Head Start — August 21, 2007

Oglala Nation veteran's celebration June 8-10

PINE RIDGE - The annual Oglala Lakota Veteran's Pow wow will be June 8 to 10 at the Pine Ridge pow wow grounds.

There will be flag raising daily with a parade, a royalty contest and a veteran's stand down on June 7. Breakfast and supper meals will be provided daily. All dancers and singers are welcome. Vendors can call 867-5776 or 867-2373.

For more info on the pow wow call Henny Whalen at 441-6430 or Ed Garneaux at 747-6583 or 454-8079 or Cornell Conroy at 867-5081 or 441-1142.

Big Boy and McCauley sign on with BSC

BISMARCK, N.D. - Buster Gilliss, Bismarck State College coach announced the signing of two Little Wound School basketball players for next season. Rich Big Boy and T.J. McCauley, graduates of Little Wound High School have signed letters of intent to play basketball next season for the 'Mystics.'

Both Big Boy and McCauley were named to the State A All Tournament team and the Lakota Nation All Tournament team. McCauley was named as the MVP of the Lakota Nation Tournament.

"Both T.J. and Rich should be impact players for our program. They are both blue chippers who possess the skills needed as the next level. We are very excited to have them in our program," said Gilliss.

Rez Happenings

Pee Wee Basketball tourney
Second annual KT Ballerz Shootout, June 2, 3 at Little Wound elementary gym in Kyle, for information contact Bryan 45-2658, 441-7103 or Jonas at 441-5770.

Co-ed Volleyball tourney
Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3 at Porcupine School, for information call Harold at 441-4199.

Horseshoe Tournament
Saturday, June 2 at 12 noon sharp at Porcupine School horseshoe pits, call Harold at 441-4199.

Hall Dedication
A dedication of the Fr. Bill Pauly Hall at Christ the King Church at Our Lady of Lourdes in Porcupine, Sunday, June 3 at 10:30 a.m. with a picnic meal; at 12:30 p.m.

Red Cloud Indian Art Show
June 3-August 19, 2007 at the Red Cloud Heritage Center at Red Cloud School northwest of Pine Ridge Village.

Crazy Horse Ride
10th annual Crazy Horse ride in honor of all veterans from June 3-7 leaving Ft. Robinson State Park at 9 a.m. on June 4 and arriving at Veteran's pow wow in Pine Ridge on June 7, for information call Bam at 867-1119.

OST Council Special Session
Wednesday, June 6 at the council chambers of the Red Cloud Building in Pine Ridge on judiciary committee agenda items.

30th Lower Sioux Wacipi
Friday-Sunday, June 8-10 at Lower Sioux Indian Community in Morton, Minn. With grand entries at 8 p.m. on Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday, for more information call 507 697-6185.

Immunization/Well Child Clinic
Will be moving June 13 from Pine Ridge WIC office to Pine Ridge Public Health Nursing office with clinic days remaining the second and fourth Wednesdays of month from 12 noon to 4 p.m., for information call 867-3297.

Casino Grand Opening
Prairie Wind Casino grand opening set for June 14-16 with entertainment, cash prizes and Father's Day celebrations on Sunday, June 17.

Lakota Funds open house
Friday, June 22 at the Lakota Trade Center in Kyle, celebrating Lakota Funds 20th anniversary and small business success on Pine Ridge Reservation with and open house, food, children's entertainment, door prizes, artists booth and musical entertainment, for information call 455-2500.

PROCLAMATION FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE

WHEREAS, The Native American Family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our Lakota Nation; and,

WHEREAS, An average of 667 South Dakota children require placement in family foster homes each month as a result of chronic or continuing abuse and/or neglect; and

WHEREAS, The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation currently has 31 licensed family foster homes that provide twenty-four hour care and supervision for abused and/or neglected children; and,

WHEREAS, These families provide invaluable service to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and its children; and,

WHEREAS, The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is experiencing an urgent need for more families to become licensed as family foster homes; and,

WHEREAS, May 2007 has been designated as National Foster Parent Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN YELLOW BIRD-STEELE, President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2007, as

FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH

On the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, I urge all residents and citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care, foster parents, and the professional staff working with them during this month and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand And caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, in Pine Ridge, this first day of May, in the year 2007.

John Yellow Bird-Steele, President

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Waters, Secretary

Foster Parent Appreciation Month May 2007

"Thank you to all of our foster, adoptive and guardianship families for taking care of Native youth every day!"

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Middle school students take a look at underage drinking

KYLE - Little Wound Middle School students participated in Underage Drinking Awareness activities the last week in April.

Recently, a law was enacted nationally to stop under age drinking, which created a media campaign aimed at adults to stop underage drinking. This is important because most underage drinkers get alcohol from adults and most adults underestimate the problem of underage drinking. Drug and alcohol awareness weekly campaigns are promoted in junior high and high school in April and May when there are proms and graduation celebrations.

A contest was held in writing essays, designing posters and writing poetry and the following students placed in the contest.

The winners in the poster contest were:

First place winners: Chelsea Good Voice Flute, 8th grade; Marlina Garette, 7th grade and Denisha Janis, 6th grade.

Second place winners: Tashaum Long Soldier, 8th grade: Courtney Lamont and Brittany Has No Horse, 7th grade and Tara Iron Quill, 6th grade.

Third place winners: Joesph Rosales, 8th grade; Gabby Montileaux, 7th grade and Adam Poor Bear, 6th grade.

The following essays were selected as the best in 8th grade: First, Donna Shae Garnette, Second, Candace Wright and Third, Tyler Swallow.

Essays for 7th grade were First, Keith Martinez, Second, Brittany Has No Horses and Alanna Brown Bull and Third Amber Andrews.

Essay contest winners for 6th grade were First, Kelie Old Horse, Second, Pat Garrett and Third Erika Crow.

The poetry contest winners were First Inez Gake, Harley Ferguson and Jared Gay.

6TH Grade 1st place essay
By: Kelcie Old Horse

One day on April 24, 2007 there was a kid named named Mahpiya. He and his friend Ryan who was drinking on the side of Angles Store. Ryan said hey Mahpia do you have two dimes and a nickel. Mahpiya said Zee lil homie. Then the cops came over and arrested Ryan. Erika had a little mustache, said Mahpiya.

The next day Mahpiya was in the bank getting money for his monkey. His monkey's name is potatoe who drank a lot. Ryan was getting out of jail. Ryan called Mahpiya to pick him up. Danielle the judge told Ryan not to drink in public

Two years later Ryan and Christa got married. They didn't last long because Ryan drank a lot. Ryan stopped drinking because he lost his marriage. Christa found out he stopped drinking, but Christa didn't care. Mahpiya started drinking with his monkey because he thought the beer smelled good.

Kelcie went to the Army and married. Kelcie came back and found out all of her friends drank all the time. Only one took care of her life and that was Erika with the little mustache.

Everyday someone is drinking.

7th Grade 1st place Essay
By: Keith Martinez

Today a lot of teens are falling into drinking habits. The causes of this are many teens begging them to party and many teens are there as well. I hope other teens go and ask teens that don't want to drink if they will drink with them. That's when our pressure starts because they keep asking and nagging at them to drink. Most teens fail to resist the nagging and start drinking as well.

A lot of teens get beer and beverages with alcohol in them from bootleggers. Some even got their drinks from relatives like aunts and uncles.

Many effects of underage drinking are addiction when older. It could cause many physical and mental problems. Some teens get drunk and start having sex. Some don't even know they are doing this. A lot of girl teens are having babies at this age. This makes it very difficult for the rest of their lives.

Underage drinking causes teen girls to have sex with older men and spreading a lot of STDS. Besides the law doesn't allow alcohol to be sold to teens so others need to stand firm and refuse to give alcohol to teens. That's why, for the sake of teens under peer pressure, stop drinking.

8th Grade 1st place Essay
By: Donna Shae Garnette

People drink when they are young because they think it is fun, but it's not. They think they are older because they drink, but when people drink underage that is what caused car wrecks, rapes and even early pregnancy.

Kids have babies when they are 14 or 15. Drinking just causes deaths. I'm sure more than 15,000 people have died of being a drunk driver or being killed by a drunk driver. Alcohol can make people do bad things; like, some people kill each other or themselves. I wonder why people drink when their young? When they can play basketball, softball, football. There are other kinds of things to do besides drinking or even doing drugs. That's what kids do, they say "friends don't let friends do drugs or drink" but they also do it right along with them.

Instead of doing drugs or drinking, I will play basketball or something else because being a drunk can cause cirrhosis and diabetes. Maybe you can drink like 2 or 3 cans a week and you won't get addicted.

Underage drinking stopped by having more activities and trips. It is good for parents to know where their child is at all times, so when I do somewhere, I let someone in my family know where I will be. I believe that underage drinking can be prevented.

8th Grade- 1st place Poetry
Harley Ferguson

I'm sitting here wondering where my life has gone. Thinking of the things I did wrong. My friends tell me to drink so I do, passing vodka from me to you.

My mind's still dizzy from the fifth drink not even getting a chance to think. Not knowing what to do, taking another drink maybe two.

I know there's no reason for a 14 year old to behave. Mixed in this crazy life it tends to put you on the block or locked up.

Giago's book, *Children Left Behind*, wins award

RAPID CITY - The book, Children Left Behind, about the Indian mission boarding schools, by Lakota journalist Tim Giago has won a Bronze Star from the Independent Publishers Book Awards in New York City.

Harmon Houton of Clear Light Book Publishing in Santa Fe, N.M., the publisher of the book said, "I knew we had a great book when we published it because the response has been so strong. I told Tim to get his acceptance speech ready because he will be accepting the award in New York City on June 1.

"I always believed that I could not let the sad story of the Indian mission boarding schools die on the vine. Too many Indian children paid the price in lost lives for the abuse they received at the hands of the missionaries and too many people have tried to sweep that sad fact under the carpet. I just was not going to let them do it," Giago said.

He added, "As a matter of fact, just as with any parts of the history of Indian education, I believe this book should be read by students of high school age all over this Nation. It would give them an idea of what their fathers, mothers and grandparents endured so that they could have the education they are now getting."

South Dakota Advocacy to hold listening session at Kyle June 11

KYLE - The South Dakota Advocacy Services will be hosting a public listening session and cookout for individuals with disabilities, their families, professionals and other interested people on Monday, June 11 at noon at the Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic church in Kyle.

If you are an individual with a disability, please note that this public session is being held in a physically accessible location and if other accommodations are needed contact this office at 1-800-658-4782.

The purpose of the session is to afford citizens in South Dakota the opportunity to provide input to help SDAS develop the future direction of the agency and the component programs.

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ASK ANNA

Psychic ~ Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I much admire your work and your sensitivity to those who come to you. As I have had a lot of changes in my life many that would have broken others maybe I keep keeping on. I work with many people helping them to heal wounds as I am just a helper of the Creator. Sometimes its nice to get a little help yourself in matters that are making life a little more challenging to say the least. I am a kind and loving woman and others have seemed to take this as a weakness and a license to abuse and use me. I have not always made the best choices but looking back they have always made me a stronger spirit/woman.

Please do not put this in the paper as I don't want others to know as this is a painful subject to me. And I am sure you get tired of having others ask you about there love life but this is what I am going to ask you any way so please bear with me.

I have loved this man for a long time now and we always seem to make our way back to one another after going thru some painful changes/separations. I pray daily I meditate . I honor and respect all things and try my best to be closer to the Creator by being loving and giving to others less fortunate than me.

The other is this man I love. He has an ex-wife and she is one of the major problems in our relationship. Am I an idiot to think that he wants me in his life?

Does he love me and intend to bring me into his life or will he always have "HER" in his life. Granted I got an EX also but I put him behind me a long time ago and wish him well.

Does he even give a darn about me or my feelings for him and does he return them.

Or to put it simply I am the "cheap date" he won't take home to his parents? Does he want this ex in his life or is he feeling like he wants her out of his life. I told him today I would not come near him or contact him as long as he wants to be attached to her as he has in the past. I am not a stupid person but I am feeling that way and very ashamed for loving someone who had no intention of a honest up front relationship. HELP.

Dear HELP:

I did put this in the paper but removed any information that could make your identity discovered. I know that your identity is safe because I know seven women personally that match this scenario.

First, on people taking advantage of you: Yes, many people perceive kindness as a weakness. Know that when they approach you in a way that is usurious you will "feel" it from them. That will allow you to pray for them but not allow them to hurt you.

They need healing more than anyone. It is always okay to say no to people. Remember, you are not a savior, you are a healer. There is a difference.

Secondly, on the man: Yes.

He does care for you. Concerning his ex: He has built in guilt and will continue the dance with his ex for many years to come.

Either decide that you can accept that or get out. He does have a "race" issue with you because he has felt all of his life very strongly about blood lines.

That is an okay way to be - but it does place you in a diminished role as a mate. Personally, I wouldn't want to be a "secret" lover of anyone. It just isn't comfortable.

We all tend to think that we should love "unconditionally." In the humanity way that is exactly the way to be.

Love people regardless of their proclivities, prejudices, problems, misunderstandings etc. However, in the practical role of a mate - we are not unconditional in our love. We do have conditions: faithfulness, loyalty, honesty, integrity, etc. Your relationship cannot survive for you in a good way because this man is not meeting the condition of sharing time with you and being proud to be with you. That shows a larger prejudice than love.

Release yourself from the bond. It may take quite a while, but I would ask you to look at him more honestly to decide who and what he really is.He lacks the strength of character to walk beside you in the light. Let him go.

Dear Anna,

I have a few questions. The first I wanted to know was I once saw you before and you said that I was going to meet the man I was going to be with, well I still haven't. Is it still to come? Do you think I set my standards too high? I feel like I try and do pretty good in the things that I do, but it gets frustrating, especially because I do want to meet someone who has good goals, and a good mind.

Do you see me settling down with anyone that I have already met? I sometimes think about this guy from the past, but he seems to not really be a one woman kind of guy.

The other question is about my career. I work with younger people and I really enjoy it, but there are other things that I want to do. What kind of career do you think I will be satisfied with?

Thanks, just want to get some clarity.

Getting impatient.

Dear Impatient:

If I saw him, then he is on his way. I feel like saying; yes, lower your standards.

What kind of a question is that? Should you settle for a bum because he is available instead of waiting for the right mate? Yes, most definitely. Desperation always will create a pleasant long lasting relationship, especially if you settle for someone that you don't respect enough to think of as great. What is going on with you?

Please let go of the unattractive energy of impatience and desperation. The right man will be there when his life is in order and when you lose the anxiousness involved in basing all of your sense of completion of self in this lifetime on a mate.

He will come into your life within the next couple of years - I promise you that.

Career wise: I see you involved in training and teaching people. Training involves more young adults and those restarting their lives after experiencing vast set-backs (such as prison), Keep working where you are until this opening develops. You will love it.

Dear Anna,

I've been in a relationship for more than 10 years and we have a family. Well my boyfriend has summer activities, which alcohol plays a major factor, but along with that comes other women and this seems to happen every summer.

I know I don't want to go through this again. I don't know if you can see our outlook for this summer, but is my man gonna mess around on me this summer? I don't know why I need to ask it usually happens.

I've already got the summertime blues and it isn't even here yet.

Hello there how are you doing? well me I'm doing okay and I'm writing to you to ask you a few question's and that is. am I going to have a good summer and not only me but my family too.

Will I leave for the military soon. I'm so excited to go but it is my skill's on my work that is holding me back from the service. well I go to go now...bye and take care..

Native 188

Dear Native 188:

Get going into the military. I see that as a great opportunity to let go of a stupid relationship that demeans your grace and the respect you deserve as a woman.

Let this guy go. It doesn't matter if you try to hold it together - because eventually, the two of you will separate permanently. You are correct about this summer.

Why suffer through it? It's is your choice because you can choose not to. Good Luck.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

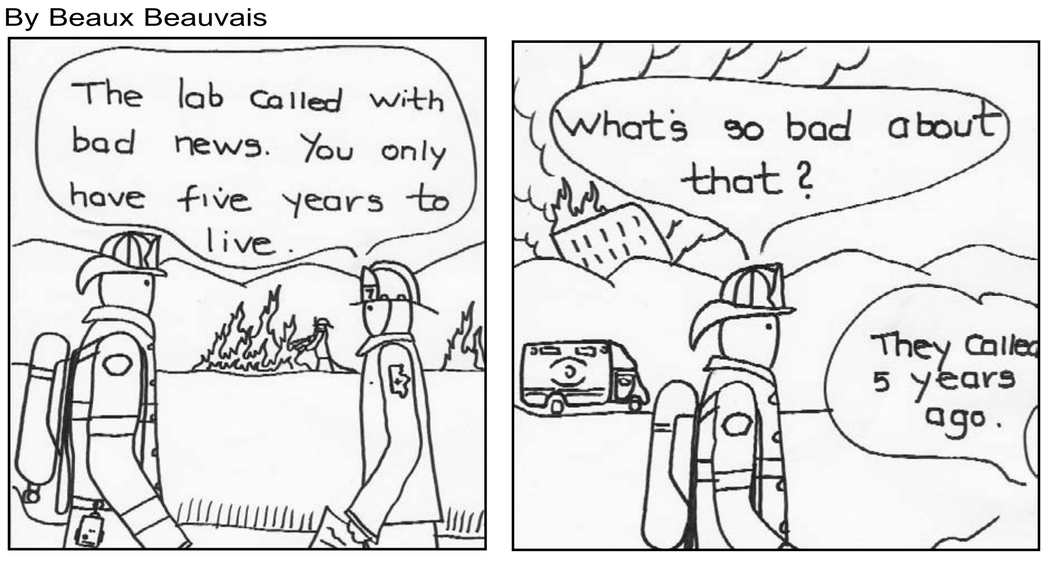
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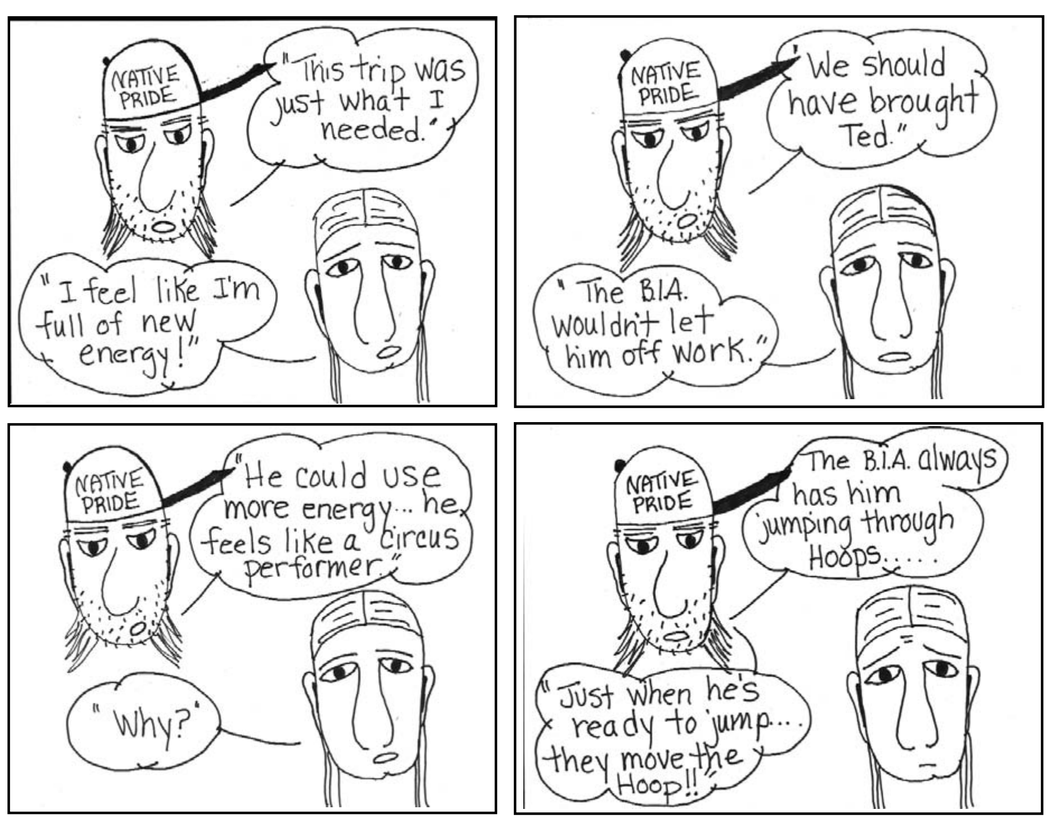
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Lakota Word Search

(answers in next week's issue)

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Jarrod W. Whistler, 27..... Kyle
George W. Baker, 81.....Porcupine
Clifford W. Buckman Sr., 53.....Pine Ridge
Ione Edith Big Crow Miller, 64. Sioux Falls

Jarrod W. Whistler

KYLE - Jarrod w. Whistler, 27, died May 19, at Rapid City Regional Hospital in Rapid City of natural causes.

He is survived by Jerome Bad Bear of Pine Ridge; parents Cheryl Whistler of Wounded Knee, and Ronald Janis of Toppenish, Wash.; brothers Wilson Little Moon of Twenty Nine Palms, Calif, Joseph Little Moon, Jr. and Marcus Little Moon of Wounded Knee; sisters Lindsey Little Moon and Larissa Little Moon both of Wounded Knee; maternal grandmother Ora Janis of Kyle; paternal grandmother bernice DeSersa-Janis of Toppenish, Wash.

First night wake begins on Wednesday, May 23, at Lakota Memorial Church of the Nazarene in Fast Horse Creek, Wounded Knee, second night wake begins on Thursday at at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall in Kyle.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, May 25, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church Hall in Kyle.

Officiating will be Pastor Kim Chandler and Rev. Cordelia Red Owl with burial at the Janis Family Cemetery, Kyle.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

George W. Baker

PORCUPINE - George W. Baker, 81, died May 19 at Custer of natural causes. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

Survivors include wife Rosetta Hernandez-Baker of Porcupine; son Parry Traversie of Pine Ridge; Valentina Traversie of Rapid City and LaDonna No Neck if Porcupine; brothers Kenneth Baker of Rapid City, Darrell Baker of Amboy, Wash. And Creighton Baker of Centralia, Wash.; sisters Ruth Berry of Battleground, Wash. and Verna Culver of Covington, Mo.

Funeral services were Wednesday, May 23 at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Rapid City.

Officiating was Rev. Dave Matzko and Rev. Chris Collins with burial at Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Clifford. W. Buckman, Sr.

PINE RIDGE - Clifford W. Buckman, Sr., 53, died May 17 at Rapid City Regional Hospital of natural causes.

Clifford was born on Nov. 4, 1953 to Vernon and Helen Buckman in Pine Ridge. Clifford loved rodeos, fishing, mechanic work, which he was a great mechanic and playing with his grandkids and nieces and nephews. He went to school at Red Cloud. He was also known at "Billy Joe" by relatives in Crawford, Neb.

Survivors include his wife Olive R. Buckman of Pine Ridge; Vernon J. Buckman, Clifford B. Buckman and Timothy G. Buckman all of Pine Ridge; daughters Billie Jo Greenwald of Homer, Neb., Jolene S. Buckman, Misty R. Buckman, and Jade Buckman all of Pine Ridge and Joyce D. Whirlwind Horse of Bismarck, N.D.; mother Helen "Nellie" Skinner-Nelson of Pine Ridge; brothers Larry W. Buckman and Vernon O. Buckman both of Pine Ridge; sisters Rita M. Buckman, Cheryl A. Buckman, Patty M. Buckman, Jolene T. Buckman, Vernell S. Buckman and Frances A. Buckman all of Pine Ridge; and 12 grandchildren.

Clifford was preceded in death by his father Vern Buckman, his grandparents and one daughter; Angel Rose Buckman

A one night wake was May 22 at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge.

Funeral services were, May 23 at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge with Rev. Steve Sanford officiating. Burial was at Holy Cross Episcopal Cemetery, Pine Ridge.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Ione Edith Big Crow Miller

SIOUX FALLS - Ione Edith Big Crow Miller, 64, Sioux Falls, and formerly of Rosebud, died Thursday, May 10, at Sanford Health.

Survivors include her husband, Edward "Tuffy" Miller; her children, Joseph, Katie, Frances, Christopher and Alexis Fogg; her sisters, Pauline, Teresa and Rita; her brothers, Wayne, Tony, Noah, Sylvan, Wendall, Tyrone, Levi and Lloyd; the father of her children and very special friend, Alex "Tom" Fogg; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Madeline Big Crow; her children, Edna, Frank and Faith; and her brother, Seth.

Visitation was May 22, at Miller Funeral Home, and Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fort Thompson, continuing until services n Wednesday, May 23, at the church.

Burial was at River View Cemetery in Fort Thompson.

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PROPOSALS
MAY 14, 2007
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing ("OSLH") is requesting from qualified individuals for Single Audit for FY ending December 2004, December 2005, December 2006 relating to the OSLH Planning and Administration, Maintenance, Development, and Housing Services. Firms/individuals wishing to submit proposals may request additional information from OSLH by calling (605)867-5161, or by Faxing to (605)8676355.

Inquiries about the proposal process should be directed to Joy Bush, Acting Executive Director. All proposals must be received at Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing, Attn. Joy Bush, Acting Executive Director, P.O. Box 603, East Hwy. 18, Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770, no later than 4:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time, Monday, June 4, 2007. Proposals not received by that time and date will be rejected. Proposals shall be submitted in triplicates in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Proposal for Audit Services." OSLH Reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any and all deficiencies.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Shannon Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at the County Courthouse, Hot Springs, in the Commissioner room on the 1st day of June, 2007, at 11:40 am.

This hearing is being held to consider the deletion of a road from Shannon County's Primary Highway Road System.The following road will be discussed for deletion:

A portion of County Road #13 – that portion that starts at SD Hwy 18 on the west side of Sec 20, Twp 36, Rng 41, and traveling south approximately one-half (1/2) mile, and starting at the southwest corner of Sec 20, Twp 36 Rng 41 and traveling 2 miles East along the south side of Sec 20 and Sec 21, Twp 36, Rng 41, ending at the Southeast corner of Sec 21, Twp 36, Rng 41. The Hearing will be held at the June 1st, 2007 meeting in Hot Springs at 11:40 am. This portion of the road to be deleted is approximately 2 ½ miles.

Any person interested in this matter may appear at the meeting and be heard.
Sue Ganje
County Auditor

*** Notice ***

This will serve as notice that effective immediately the OST Human Resource Department will retain applications for employment for one (1) year from the date of submission. It is the responsibility of the applicant to update their application annually to ensure information is correct and up - to - date.

- Position Announcement -
Professional Research Assistant - Position #677397

The American Indian and Alaska Native Programs at the University of Colorado seeks a community member to work as a **full-time PRA** on the Wiconi Teca Waste Project. This position is based in Pine Ridge, SD.

Duties:
Identify and locate study participants; assist with distribution and collection of project data; maintain/submit accurate and timely documentation; work with community organizations, schools, and youth groups to coordinate community input. Assist other projects, etc.

Qualifications:
Bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience; computer experience (MS Office); valid driver's license, reliable personal vehicle, proof of auto liability insurance, and willingness to travel reservation-wide, and occasionally out of state. Available for a flexible work schedule (early evenings/weekends); able to work in a team environment and observe strict confidentiality and appropriate communication; detail oriented; organized; excellent verbal and interpersonal skills. Knowledge of Lakota language and culture, HIV prevention, school-based programs, or work in a research setting preferred.

Salary: $30,000-$32,000.

Submit application online at www.jobsatcu.com including a cover letter, resume, and three references. Job Title: Fieldworker. Job Posting #801015. If you do not have an email account or internet access, please mail your application materials to:
Fieldworker Position AIANP
Mail Stop F800
PO Box 6508
Denver, CO 80045.
Application Deadline: 5/30/07

Oglala Sioux Tribe

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 439 Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770
Phone: 605-867-6014 **Fax:** 605-867-1922

Opening Date: May 21, 2007
Closing Date: June 4, 2007

The following Vacancy Announcements are now open for Application(s) with the OST Human Resource Department. For further information please contact the OST Human Resource Department at 605-867-6014 or 867-6015.

07-048	Children's Services Coordinator	Office of Attorney General	Pine Ridge, SD
07-049	Complaints Clerk	Office of Attorney General	Kyle, SD
07-050	Process Server	Office of Attorney General	Pine Ridge, SD
07-051	Office Manager	OST Transportation Motor Fuels	Pine Ridge, SD
07-052	Community Health Rep. (CHR)	Community Health Rep. (CHR)	Medicine Root District
07-053	Contract Specialist	Oglala Sioux Rural Water Supply System	Kyle, SD
07-054	Data Intake Clerk	Oglala Sioux Rural Water Supply System	Kyle, SD
07-055	Receptionist	Oflala Sioux Rural Water Supply System	Kyle, SD

RE-ADVERTISED

06-096	Fitness Trainer	Health Education	Pine Ridge, SD
07-002	Office Manager	OST Dept. of Water Maintenance & Conserv.	Pine Ridge, SD
07-017	Secretary	Oglala Lakota Financial Services	Pine Ridge, SD
07-019	Community Health Rep (CHR)	Community Health Rep. (CHR)	LaCreek District
07-27	Specimen Collector/Male/Female	OST Collection Site	Pine Ridge, SD

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a complete OST Application for Employment to the OST Human Resource Department no later than 4:30 pm of the closing date. Mail in applications postmarked on the closing date will be accepted. Attach all pertinent documentation, I.E. Copy of High School Diploma or GED Certificate, copy of Official College Transcripts and/or College Degree, Certificate of Indian Blood if claiming Indian Preference and DD214 if claiming Veteran's Preference.

Faxed in applications(s) will not be accepted.

- INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED -

Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing

P.O. Box 603 - East Hwy. 18 - Pine Ridge, SD 57770

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPENING DATE: May 21, 2007 8:00 am
CLOSING DATE: June 4, 2007 4:30 pm

Construction Inspector (Certified)	Reservation wide
Property & Supply Receiving Clerk	
Property & Supply Inventory Clerk	
Maintenance/Modernization Coordinator	(reservation wide)
Admissions Clerk	
LaCreek District	(1) Maintenance Worker
	(1) Tenant Service Representative
Wounded Knee District	(1) Maintenance/Modernization Secretary
Porcupine Di strict	(1) Maintenance Worker
Pass Creek District	(1) Maintenance/Modernization Secretary
Wakpamni District	(1) Maintenance/Modernization Secretary
Eagle Nest District	(1) Maintenace/Modernization Secretary
	(1)Tenant Service Representative
Oglala District	(2) Maintenance Workers
	(1) Maintenance/Modernization Secretary
Medicine Root Distict	(1) Maintenance Worker
Pine Ridge Villiage	(2) Maintenance Workers

SALARY IS AS BUDGETED:

HOW TO APPLY
Submit a completed Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing employment application to the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Personnel Office.

Attach all pertinent documents, Blood Degree if claiming Indian Preference, Veterans Discharge DD214, High School or GED Diploma, College Transcripts, College Diploma, Three current Reference Letters, Licenses or Certifications and State Driver's license.

Applicants not meeting minimum position requirements will not be selected for interview. No late of incomplete applications will be accepted.

Resumes that are to accompany the employment application must have addresses and telephone numbers of past and present employers. All information submitted will be verified.

Will be required to take the drug and alcohol test. Selection for the position will be contingent upon a negative test result. Applicant is subject to background investigation. Expenses are at the applicants costs.

For position description and additional information please contact:
The Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Personnel office at:
605-867-5161, ext. 104 or ext. 136.

OGLALA SIOUX (LAKOTA) HOUSING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL APPLICATIONS.

Little Wound School

Kyle, South Dakota
JOB VACANCIES
(05-15-07)

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school term:

The following positions are open until filled:

High School Dept.
Principal (closing date 6-1-07)
Lakota Language Teacher
Prevention Counselor(Pine-Ridge Office SY 07-08)
Athletic Director
Math Teacher
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Lakota Language Teacher
P.E. Teacher
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Elementary Dept.
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Middle School: 41)FB Coach 42)FB Assist. 43)Football Assist. 44)FB Cheerleading 45)Boys BBall Coach 46)Boys BBall Assist 47)Boys BB Bo-Assist. 48)Girls BBall Coach 49)Girl's BB Assist 50)Girls BBall Assist 51)Volleyball Coach 52) CrossCountry Coach 53) CrossCountry Assist 54)Track Coach 55)Track Assist 56)MS/Elem Boxing Club Sponsor 57)Boys BB Cheerleading 58)Girls BB Cheerleading 59)Wrestling Coach 60)Wrestling Assist. 61)Softball Coach 62) Softball Assist 63) Student Council 64)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 65)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 66)K-8 Rodeo Club Sponsor 67)MS/Elem Hand Game Sponsor 68)8th Grade Sponsor 69)Competitive Dance Sponsor

Elementary: 70)Elementary Rodeo Club Sponsor 71)Wrestling Coach 72)Wrestling Assist. 73)Girl Scout Sponsor 74)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 75)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 76)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178.
www.lws.k12.sd.us

>>> NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS <<<

It is the policy of the Little Wound School to provide an alcohol and drug-free workplace. All appointments for employment are contingent upon receipt of a verified negative drug test through pre-employment drug testing, receipt of a favorable background investigation and the availability of federal funds. The legal policy of Indian preference will be followed to qualified applicants. Veteran's preference shall be applied to qualified Veteran applicants.

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WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH MY MOTHER FRANCINE G BEAR HEELS A HAPPYBELATED BIRTHDAY ON 5.22.07 HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOM WE LUV YA LOTS RAEDAWN N. RYAN HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT DAY

Congratulations to my son
T.J. Has No Horse
on your graduation
from Little Wound School!
I am so proud of you!!!!
Remember the sky is
the limit.
Love your Ina

Happy Mother's Day
Mom
From Holly Mousseaux
&
Stevie Ray M.G.



Birthday Greetings for my princess, Kanyen Rose, whose life is so beautiful and precious. You are turning 3 years old this week.... You are the joy and greatness of my life! Hope you have fun at Watiki Park, Love and kisses GOOOKIE Girl!, mama's baby girl,I love you..Misty Rose!

I would like to say Happy Mother's Day to Mildred Broken Rope Coming from Takes War Bonnett Family

Congratulations to Carson Smith on his Graduation!

I would like to congratulate
Bethel Takes War Bonnett
&
Brice Belt
On their first baby
on Dec 19, 2007
Coming from
The whole family.

Happy Birthday to my cousins Manny Bear Killer and Cecelia Tallman Hope your day is special. Love your Sis

Happy belated Birthday
to our baby girl
Jamie Leann Helper
On May 8, 2007
Can't believe your 3 already.
Love you lots
J. Helper
Fr. Mom & Daddy Helper

I would like to say Happy Mother's Day To Raelynn Takes War Bonnett Coming from: Her sister Bethel Sonia & Loretta

Happy 8th birthday to our
smart, precious daughter
Ta'mya Essence Rose
"Smarty Pants"

I would like to say Happy Mother's Day to my mother Delores Takes War Bonnett Coming from: Her daughter's Bethel, Raelynn, Sonia, Loretta

Happy Mother's Day to Sally O'Rourke We love you with all our hearts. Thanks for all you do for us Love Trisha, Carson, Tiryli, Tayvon, Jamison.

Happy Mother's Day!
To our mother
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We love you with all our
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being here for us and putting
up with four wild boys. Hope
you have a good day
Love Carson Dane,
Tiryli James, Tayvon Gabriel,
and Jamison Carter
&
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Ohitika Little White Man

Happy Mother's Day
to our Grandma
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Carson, Tiryli, Tayvon,
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In Loving Memory of our Beautiful Baby Sister Arta Margaret Winters May 26, 1988 - October 30, 2006

Being able to see you grow from a cute baby into a beautiful young Woman is precious memories, thinking we wouldn't be sisters and Brothers if it wasn't for all we been through.

Every day that goes by we all think of you and how much you taught us in so little time, taught us to love, cherish, and respect each other even more.

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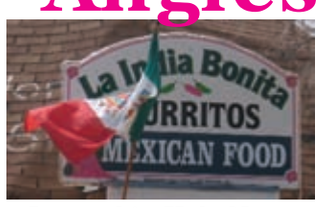
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We thought that you left us for the stars so far above,And then we heard the Angel say "He left you with his love",

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IHS to replace Sioux San hospital with new health care center

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Indian Health Services plans to replace Sioux San Hospital with a new health care center, eliminating inpatient and emergency services and demolishing a number of historic buildings.

But changes are years away, according to IHS officials.

Lorraine Jewett, chief executive officer at Sioux San, said securing funding for the project will require an act of Congress, and federal funds are tight right now.

Before making changes at health facilities, IHS has to give Congress a one-year notice, and that process has not begun, according to Tony Peterson, public information officer at IHS regional headquarters in Aberdeen.





Left: Present day Sioux San Hospital in Rapid City. Right: Sioux San in 1939, from a postcard photo. The Indian Health Service is planning a new health care facility for Sioux San. At issue are the buildings, which have historical value. There are two plans to address the need for an improved facility.

Sioux San was singled out in 1992, when an IHS review identified it as a facility requiring further scrutiny.

Last September, IHS approved an 82-page Program Justification Document, and earlier this spring IHS officials met with tribal leaders and others to discuss the project, according to Allen Davis, public information officer with IHS in Aberdeen.

The proposal outlines two alternative plans for construction at Sioux San's current location at 3200 Canyon Lake Drive.

The first alternative, preferred by IHS for its efficiency in energy use and delivery of services, is to demolish 16 buildings, including the main hospital building, so that all services can be contained in one new building measuring approximately 140,000 square feet.

The second alternative calls for gutting and renovating the existing hospital and dental clinic and constructing a smaller new facility. This plan would involve demoli-

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RST motions to amend constitution of SFIS

Board of education members to be expanded

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - In a marathon session lasting at least twelve hours on Tuesday, the Rosebud Sioux tribal council listened to a presentation by the St. Francis Indian School in response to a list of concerns initiated by the RST education committee. RST then unanimously passed resolution number 07-126 which amends the charter of Sicangu Oyate Ho, Inc.

The RST council had suspended the charter of SFIS earlier in the month and the special session was intended to allow public comment also.

The resulting motion passed by the RST council expands the number of school board members to seven from five members who are enrolled members of the Rosebud Sioux tribe and requires elections no later than July 19. One member will be a student representative and one a staff member. Furthermore, a review board will be appointed to assist the board of education in setting up the election process.

The morning session appeared to revolve around the role of the board of education at SFIS and its relationship with the school's Superintendent Larry Parker. Also, there appeared to be a need to increase the flow of information between the tribe and SFIS. Apparently, the tribal education code has not been fully adopted by the RST council and its resulting passage may serve to alleviate some of the contentious issues in the future. Antelope council representative, Robert Moore, said, "The issues should be answered by the board. Communication has broken down. Our relationship is with the board."

Other major points of discussion revolved around the school's Adequate Yearly Progress status under the No Child Left Behind, questions about a $1 million dollar unallowable investment, the school's adherence to state accountability standards under NCLB and the tribe's sovereign status, tensions between the RST education department and SFIS, a concern about teachers not teaching in their area of expertise, special education, board travel and Indian preference. The school's current designation under AYP is pending with the BIA.

Furthermore, there was concern that too many amendments to the by-laws are being passed by the SOH Corporation without RST council approval. There was also a need to have more parental input and an airing of their concerns.

Finally, there was concern about proper administrative oversight of the Rosebud Alternative program, as well as concern about the need to complete background checks on all employees.

SFIS provided a point by point rebuttal to each of the concerns and all in all, the bottom line is a concern that Sicangu children receive a quality education.

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TWO SECTIONS

Hotel won't be ready for Prairie Wind casino grand opening

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - "The bottom line is that we need a building that we can live with, one that will last for many years and will not crumble," said Cora Whiting, council representative from Medicine Root District, "we were getting some pressure from some employees of Shakopee Mdewankanton Sioux Community to sign the 'Certificate of Substantial Completion' but after meeting with SMSC last week they told us it is our building and it is up to us to decide when we are ready to accept it."

The tribal council, during a special session in the old casino building on May 15, refused to consider approving a certificate of substantial completion from Peska Construction on

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The front entrance leads to a nearly completed hotel. Right: A view of one of the suites, each room is has a Native American decor.
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Sioux San hospital

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tion of 17 properties and would divide services into different locations.

The cost difference between the two alternatives is not significant, according to the proposal.

An initial project cost estimate in October 2005 was just under $57 million; a later estimate was $67.16 million.

Jewett said the congressional process for funding design and construction could take a few years.

If funded, the project timelines from design to completion would be about four years, according to the proposal.

The land and some of the buildings at Sioux San were part of Rapid City Indian School, which opened in 1898 and closed in 1933. The school's main building burned down and was replaced with the current hospital, which was built in 1939 as Sioux Sanatorium, to treat patients with tuberculosis.

On the 42-acre campus, 19 properties are eligible for registration as National Historic Places, and the site is eligible to be a historic district. Under either of the alternative plans for renovation, most of the historic buildings would be demolished.

Because the federal project proposes altering a historic district, IHS has to satisfy requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act. As a first step, IHS contracted with Van Citters: Historic Preservation LLC of Albuquerque, and William Dodge toured the facilities on May 8-9, 2006.

Dodge noted that the hospital, built in 1939, is "a well-known landmark in the community."

"Its demolition would arguably be the most controversial, not only for its sense of history, but because…it is still structurally sound and a viable candidate for renovation," he said in his report.

To make that determination, Dodge relied on an evaluation and report completed by IHS's Division of Engineering Services.

Before demolishing historic buildings, IHS must take certain steps to satisfy requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act, including identifying adverse effects of the project on the historic district, justifying demolition over preservation, and offering mitigation if demolition is the best option.

The federal agency also has to consult with the appropriate historic preservation officers and tribes who might have cultural or religious ties to the property.

IHS officials met April 19 in Pierre with Chairman John Yellow Bird Steele of Oglala Lakota Tribe and Chairman Joseph Brings Plenty from Cheyenne River, along with representatives of the South Dakota Governor's Office and South Dakota's three congressional offices, Peterson said.

Tribal leaders want to "make sure they're all on the same page" and then have public meetings, Peterson said.

Although Peterson said Sioux San is located on Indian land, South Dakota's State Historic Preservation Office has become involved in the process because the land lies outside reservation boundaries, according to Kate Divis, restoration specialist with SHPO.

Divis said IHS and the state don't yet have a formal agreement. "At this point, we are working with IHS to develop a Memorandum of Agreement to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the adverse effects," she said.

Part of the project cost is $500,000 to address adverse effects. Those measures "have yet to be formally determined," Divis said, but the IHS program justification outlines a proposal to document and archive the history of the Indian School and



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Sioux Sanatorium, to collect an oral history from people involved with those institutions, and to create a pictorial display for the lobby in the new building.

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Although graves aren't documented on any maps or blueprints, he said, Native elders and former Sioux San employees tell of people, possibly students of the Indian school, buried on the campus. "In the old days, they were just buried," Sprague said.

If there are graves onsite that would be disturbed by construction, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act would require that remains be returned to descendants or tribes, Sprague said.

In planning Sioux San's future, IHS assessed healthcare needs of the Native population served by the facility (projected at 13,657 by 2015) and the ability of Sioux San to provide those needs. One consideration in that evaluation was the proximity of other health care facilities that could provide contractual services to replace those eliminated at Sioux San.

That assessment resulted in the decision to eliminate emergency services and inpatient care, which Jewett said currently consists of 32 beds, nine of which are designated for mental health care. To offset the reduction in services, Sioux San will extend its evening and weekend clinic hours and request additional funds to contract with other healthcare providers, Jewett said.

Direct services at Sioux San are available to members of any federally recognized tribe, but contractual services are limited to Native people living in Pennington County, Jewett said. If patients residing outside the county need contractual care, Sioux San works with their home reservations to secure it.

Tim Sughrue, CEO of Rapid City Regional Hospital, said Regional took part in a meeting at some point where the future of Sioux San was at issue.

Sughrue said Sioux San's prospective transformation parallels one at Ellsworth Air Force Base "a number of years ago," when obstetrical and emergency medical care was eliminated in favor of increased emphasis on clinical care.

"Efficiencies and economies come from higher volumes" of patients, Sughrue said. To have emergency and surgical services with physicians and nurses on duty at all times is "a considerable investment."

"They [at Sioux San] have to consider, how do they best use their scarce resources?" he said.

Regional, with 417 beds, has the capacity to handle any additional patients from Sioux San, Sughrue said. "We're here; the light's on."

Hotel

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the new casino and hotel. Structural questions on the new hotel continued to plague the formal completion of the overall project.

The council took a number of steps including passing unanimously 16-0 resolutions to hire a geotechnical engineer and structural engineer to evaluate the construction testing reports of American Testing Services and to inspect the hotel to determine the fill and foundation beneath the hotel and the drainage system installed and retaining a mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineer to evaluate the MEP work performed on the project and in particular the electrical wiring and fire protection systems.

"Our hope was that the reports would be done in time to be reviewed by the council during their special session on May 31," said Whiting, "but the reports are not completed and the council meetings for both May 31 and June 6 have been pushed back on the schedule."

Even if the reports had been done and the council had signed off on the "Certificate of Substantial Completion" on May 31 there would not be enough time to get the hotel ready for the casino grand opening scheduled for June 14-16, according to Michael Graham, casino general manager.

"We are going to need time to clean the facility, set up the office, install the phone system, put all of the various items in the rooms like towels and soap and such and test out the electrical lines and all of the water outlets and plumbing through the facility," said Graham, "until that certificate is signed off on, we are not allowed access to the hotel to make preparations for any opening - when we are able to get in we will get it ready and have a separated opening for the hotel."

When asked about what it will take to make the hotel profitable, Graham said that the Innovation Group in their early marketing and analysis work had put up the figure of needing somewhere between 43 and 46 per cent occupancy to break even and show some profit.

"My concern and hope is that the hotel gets up and operating and brings in enough to cover our expenses and operating costs and hopefully enough to cover it's share of the loan payment," said Graham.

When the project first started, the economic and business development committee hired Ellis Gaming out of Las Vegas to develop a job description for a hotel manager. Graham took that job description and used it to advertise for the position in February of 2006. Graham filled the position and it didn't work out so he advertised again and hired both a hotel manager and an assistant manager which the committee suggested, Nellie Bald Eagle as the manager and Wilson Two Lance as the assistant.

Gary Gladstone has been providing training for both the manager and assistant manager and there is software in place to do room rentals and the Lodgenet contract is now in place as well, just no hotel to get ready to open, added Graham.

"You cannot make up for lost revenue, there is no way around that, we just want to be able to get the facility ready as soon as possible for our regular customers and any new ones attracted by the new facility," said Graham.

Between Lodges, Shortbull lead Pine Ridge's hosting of Native American ceremonies at Black Hills National Cemetery

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

STURGIS - "My mother and father are buried here at the Black Hills National Cemetery," said Wilbur Between Lodges, past Oglala Sioux Tribal president, "as well as many of our fallen men and women who made the supreme sacrifice for our nation." Between Lodges was the master of ceremonies Monday at the Native American ceremonies at the Black Hills National Cemetery outside of Sturgis.



Shortbull

Wakpamni Singers shared a Lakota Flag Song and a victory song as veterans from across Pine Ridge Reservation marched to the front led by Legion Post 269 from Wanblee and escorted by the Wild Horse Butte Tokalas from Martin. Delbert Tail, Jr., Post 294 commander, gave the invocation and Shorty Brewer, OST vice president and Ted Twiss, tribal veteran service officer gave welcome addresses.

"As Lakota people we value military service," said Tom Shortbull, Oglala Lakota College president, "I am very honored to be asked to speak here today even though I did not serve in the military, family members from both my family and my wife's family served honorably - my wife's grandfather, Francis Janis served with the Mexican Border Volunteers; even though we weren't citizens of this country in 1917 they stopped in Flandreau and asked for volunteers and Janis went.

Between 200 and 300 men, women and children attended the ceremony on the edge of the Black Hills south of Sturgis. Kierra Lopez, Post 281 and Keylee Jo Reddest, Post 317 laid memorial wreaths, William Center of Rapid City did a pipe ceremony and Reggie Little Killer of Post 265 played taps.

"We love this country, we love what it stands for, its core values of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and we have been willing to fight for this country and we will continue to do so," said Shortbull, "yet we have an obligation to continue to work to make this a great country and an obligation to the many who have sacrificed their lives for this country - there have been many wrongs from the hangings at Mankato to the massacre at Wounded Knee and the taking of the Black Hills but we have opportunities to make change in this country and we need to work at it."

Shortbull announced that the college was dedicating a new veteran's memorial on June 23 as part of the college's graduation activities, a memorial wall honoring over 1,600 men and women who served in World War I and II, Korea and Vietnam. Those serving in the more recent conflicts will be added at a later date.

"We invite all of you to attend the dedication of the memorial and to honor this year's college graduates," concluded Shortbull.

OST to break ground for new transit system facility June 1

PINE RIDGE - The Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Transportation's Transit program is beginning the development of the Transit System by conducting a ground breaking ceremony on June 1 at 11 a.m., one mile east of Pine Ridge on U.S. highway 18 at the old road shop compound.

The transportation department has been working for the past five years to establish the ground work for the construction of the transit facility and development of transit services on the Pine Ridge reservation. Funding of $3.5 million came from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration and the tribes road's program. The transit system will employ 18 people when fully operational.

Services are projected to begin in March of 2008. Emma Featherman-Sam, said the entire South Dakota congressional delegation has been instrumental in securing the necessary funding to make the transit a reality for residents of the Pine Ridge reservation.

Aside from the 22,500 square feet transit facility, they will purchase four (22 passenger) buses and five (16 passenger) vans. The proposed routes are main line: Wanblee/Kyle, Sharps Corner/Porcupine, Wounded Knee to Pine Ridge to Oglala and Prairie Winds. Fares for riding the buses range from $10 to $1.

Transit program employees are Emma Featherman-Sam, coordinator and Renita Quick Bear, office manager and plans to hire transit liaison, bus drivers, two dispatchers and a bus mechnanic.

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Mendoza, Wohlleber set the pace in State track meet

Wilson, Krogman, Whirlwind Soldier with multiple places

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

SIOUX FALLS - For Kiko Mendeoza, Takini sophomore, there is no looking back only moving ahead; last year as a freshman, Mendoza won the State B cross country championship, took first in the 3200 at last year's state track meet and second in the 1600 and this year he won the cross country championship again and this time won both the 3200 and 1600 at state last weekend in Sioux Falls and was named the outstanding B male athlete.

Cheyenne Eagle Butte's freshman running phenom, Jordan Wohlleber, was third in cross country last year, seventh in the 1600 at the state track meet and won the 3200 as an eighth grader; this year Wohlleber won the cross country title and won both the 1600 and 3200 at the state track meet this past weekend.

Kyla Marshall was 15th in the 1600 and Little Wound's Kirsten Clifford was 14th in the 800, the 800, 1600 and 3200 at the Region 7A met last week, Alex Wilson, a senior at Pine Ridge, finished sixth in the 3200, sixth in the 1600 and sixth in the 800. Todd County's outstanding all around athlete, junior Gunner Krogman, finished up seventh in the triple jump with a 47-00.75 and fifth in the long jump with a 21-03.25 while Falcon freshman Marc Whirlwind Soldier took third in the 3200 and 12th in the 1600.

Mendoza ended up fifth in the 800 in the State B track meet. William White Buffalo, a junior at Jones County was eighth in the 3200, second in the 1600 and seventh in the 800. Running for West Central, Philip Red Elk took 17th in the 1600 and 13th in the 3200. Frank Waln of White River was sixth in the 1600 while Elwin Grassrope of Lower Brule was sixth in the 3200 and 13th in the 1600.

"Last year Red Cloud took one athlete to the state track meet, Marissa O'Bryan who placed in the 100 and 200 and ran track for USD this year," said Matt Rama, Red Cloud track coach, "this year we brought 15 athletes with our girls finishing 10th in the 1600 medley, 15th in the 4X800 and 13th in the 4X400; it was good experience for the team, something to build on for next year."

Cheyenne Eagle Butte's Clint Knife, took 16th in the shot put and Tonia White Bull was 13th in the 200 and 15th in the 100. Taylor Otter Robe, McLaughlin, was 14th in the 800. Red Cloud's Desirae Blacksmith was 10th in the 3200 while Shaina Clifford was 15th in the 200 and 18th in the 100.

Code revision sessions, EPA updates, and law enforcment field hearing

By Jeannette Eagle Hawk
Oglala Sioux Tribe Public Relations

PINE RIDGE - The Oglala Sioux Tribal council will be conducting a special session on June 19 at the Wounded Knee District School at Manderson. The agenda includes judiciary committee items. This meeting was rescheduled from June 6,

OST Code Revision Session

A special code review session has been scheduled to review the final draft of the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Law and Order Code and to review the implementation plan for the recently adopted OST Child and Family Code. All agencies and resources utilizing the justice system of the Oglala Sioux Tribe re invited to participate.

On June 1, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m, review plans to implement the OST Child and Family Code developed by each agency.

On June 2, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m, review final draft of the tribe's law and order code.

The sessions will be held at the Ramkota Motel in Rapid City. For more information, contact Alberta Miller, attorney general.

Environmental Protection Program Tech team meeting

There will be a tech team meeting on Wednesday, June 13 and Thursday, June 14 at the Prairie Wind Casino meeting hall. Agenda items include environmental review updates, OST water and sewer items, final recommended approval of Integrated Resources Management Plan, vandalism of pump houses, zoning ordinances, easements, drought and fire suppression issues this summer, trailer ordinances for Pine Ridge village. For more information contact Bob at 867-5236 or Mike at 867-5624.

Public information meeting

The OST Department of Transportation will be hosting a public information meeting on the tribal transportation long range plan which will determine the priority of road construction and repairs on the reservation for the next 20 years. Interested parties are invited to attend and give input and concerns. The meeting will be at the Red Cloud building lobby on Thursday, May 31 at 10 a.m. For more information contact Jeff Whalen at 867-5008.

Law enforcement field hearing

There will be a oversight field hearing on 'The needs and challenges of tribal law enforcement on Indian reservations' on Friday, June 1 at 12 p.m. at the Lower Brule tribal headquarters at Lower Brule. The field hearing will focus on general tribal laws enforcement challenges, funding, status of detention facilities and domestic violence. Witnesses will be invitation only and public testimony will be taken.

SDSU men's coach plans basketball camp at Red Cloud on June 13, 14

PINE RIDGE - South Dakota State University is coming to town on Wednesday and Thursday, June 13th and 14th for a basketball camp at Red Cloud High School. The two day camp features SDSU head men's basketball coach, Scott Nagy, assistant coach Deryl Cunningham and SDSU players Blake Yackley, Mohamed Berte and Red Cloud graduate, Mackenzie Casey.

The two day camp features individual basketball skill instruction for boys and girls K-8 each afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and for boys and girls 9-12 from 6-9 p.m. each evening. In addition to the basketball skill instruction, each participant will receive a t-shirt. Cost of the camp is $20.00 per participant.

The all-time leader of men's basketball coaching victories, Scott Nagy just completed his 12th season as head men's coach at South Dakota State University, the school's third year at the NCAA Division I level, compiling an overall record of 235 wins and 121 losses. With five North Central Conference championships, Nagy has been named conference coach of the year five times.

"We're looking at a fun camp with good fundamental skill instruction for all levels," said Deryl Cunningham, SDSU assistant coach, "this will be a chance to get a part of SDSU out to another part of the state and in particular a part of the state where one of our players is from, Mackenzie Casey."

For information on the camp contact Matt Rama at 441-3823 or Tom Casey at 867-5006 or 685-5533.

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For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178.
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Who was Dr. Charles Eastman?

Wounded Knee Indian doctor's voice might finally be heard

By Nick Coleman
Reprinted from the Minneapolis Star Tribune



Dr. Charles Eastman

HBO's take on one of the most notorious massacres in American history, the 1890 slaughter by the 7th Cavalry of 300 Lakota Indians on a snow-covered South Dakota knoll above a creek known as Wounded Knee, begins airing at 8 Sunday night. The film is called "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee." The title comes from the late Dee Brown's 1970 polemic about centuries of genocide against American Indians. One of the film's main characters is a fascinating Minnesotan, a college-educated Indian physician and influential native author named Charles Eastman. His life was lived in a turbulent effort to mediate the conflict between Indian tribes and a white government determined to either take Indian lands and pressure the tribes into adopting white culture, or to take the lands and destroy the Indians.

A lot of government officials believed the second plan was easier.

Eastman was a Dakota (eastern bands of the "Sioux" spoke Dakota, western bands spoke a variant known as Lakota) who was born near present-day Redwood Falls in 1858, the year Minnesota became a state. He was just a child when his family fled to Canada after the 1862 Dakota war on the Minnesota frontier, barely escaping a punitive military expedition.

Eastman's life spanned the decades-long war between the government and the Sioux, from its bloody origins here to its gruesome conclusion at Wounded Knee, where Eastman was serving as the reservation doctor. It wasn't just the members of Chief Big Foot's band who died in the bloody snow at Wounded Knee. It was the dream of people like Eastman that the long war between the government and the Indians could end without Indian culture being brutally crushed.

Educated at Dartmouth and trained as a doctor at Boston University, Eastman was unable to get a medical practice off the ground in St. Paul. White people, he discovered, didn't want an Indian doctor. He was practicing on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation at the time of Wounded Knee, when the Army paid back the Sioux (so the Indians believed) for their victory 14 years earlier over Gen. George Armstrong Custer at the Little Big Horn.

After the massacre, Eastman helped search for the wounded and recover the slain - who included women and children. It was an event that traumatized him for the rest of his life, and affected his teaching and writing, including the books "Indian Boyhood,"The Soul of The Indian" and "From the Deep Woods to Civilization."

David Martinez, an assistant professor of American Indian studies at the University of Minnesota, who is writing a book about Eastman, says Eastman "accepted the idea that pre-reservation life was gone, and that Indians had to adapt in order to live in America."

But acceptance didn't make it any easier.

"Indians like Eastman were living under extremely difficult circumstances," says Martinez, whose book, due out next year from MHS Press, is called "From The Land of the Sky Blue Water: Charles A. Eastman, Minnesota and the World of the American Indian."Each decision they made was made with fear and trembling," he said. "There was no way to know whether it was the right thing to do."

By the time of his death in 1939 - with native religions outlawed, native languages dying and the country suffering from environmental degradation and economic depression -- Eastman worried that the loss of Indian spirituality and cultural values was not just causing suffering on reservations. The majority white culture was suffering as well.

Eastman is portrayed in the HBO film by Adam Beach, "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee.

Eastman's boyhood Dakota name, Ohiyesa, meant "the winner." His father, a warrior named Many Lightnings, was imprisoned for several years after the 1862 war. When he was released, he changed his name to Jacob Eastman and decided that young Ohiyesa should become Charles Eastman. He arranged for his bright young son to get a good education.

He got one, in more ways than his father might have imagined.

One hundred seventeen years after Wounded Knee, Charles Eastman still speaks to America. Perhaps now, we are ready to listen.

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OPINION PAGE

Words from the 'trenches'

Every Day is Memorial Day



Connie Smith-Blanco

Everyone has the freedom to celebrate Memorial Day in their own way. On one hand it's a holiday connected to a three day week-end and possibly a mini vacation spent on the road or at home. On the other hand it's also a solemn occasion that is spent visiting the gravesites of loved ones whose lives were lost during or after defending our country.

Memorial Day can also be spent visiting the graves of loved ones lost to sickness, drunken driving, drug overdose, accidents, murder, and natural causes. The loss still feels the same and it hurts to know a loved one is never coming back, at least not in this lifetime.

As humans, we are free to celebrate a departed loved one's life in any manner that is law abiding. And because we are human, our method of celebration is as varied as the color of our eyes and skin and the strength of our religious preference. Anything goes in our society today and that is especially true in our personal preferences for celebrating and honoring Memorial Day.

In America we have something for everyone. You can celebrate with the Veterans and attend flag raising ceremonies with patriotic music and hymns. You can visit family grave sites and leave flowers or gifts or messages of love or mow around the headstone. You can have a big family cook-out and invite your large family or your small family, or no family at all. You can cherish family memories as you sit in your yard or as you work in your yard or as you toil in your garden.

I think that's what our Veterans fought for, the freedom to live life as best as we can and as comfortable as we can. This year I might visit my brother Troy in the veterans cemetery in Sturgis. No he didn't die fighting at 17 years old when he went to the Vietnam war. He died fighting the war within himself, the war that came home with him when he finally left the Vietnam War.

Next year on Memorial Day, I might visit Great Grandma and Grandpa Allen, Grandma Viola and Grandpa DeCleo Smith, or Uncle Dick Howe. In America we have the freedom to choose how, when and where to memorialize family members whether they were Veterans or non-veterans.

This year I was questioned about my Memorial Day plans and the lack of cemetery visitation. I tried to explain myself but the words didn't come out right. I simply muttered that cemeteries made me feel uncomfortable and with that, the discussion moved on to other topics.

The Veterans resting in our cemeteries each came from different backgrounds, different families, different traditions and certainly different ways of celebrating and honoring their own family's Memorial Day holiday. Those same veterans fought for our right to honor and celebrate death and life as best we can.

Maybe that's why I rarely go to the cemetery. When I'm there all I can think about is sadness and death. What I want to think about is life. I want to think about my loved one's life and the memories I have of them 'before' their journey to the spirit world. It's very hard to do that while looking at a cold, hard headstone, but I'll keep trying.

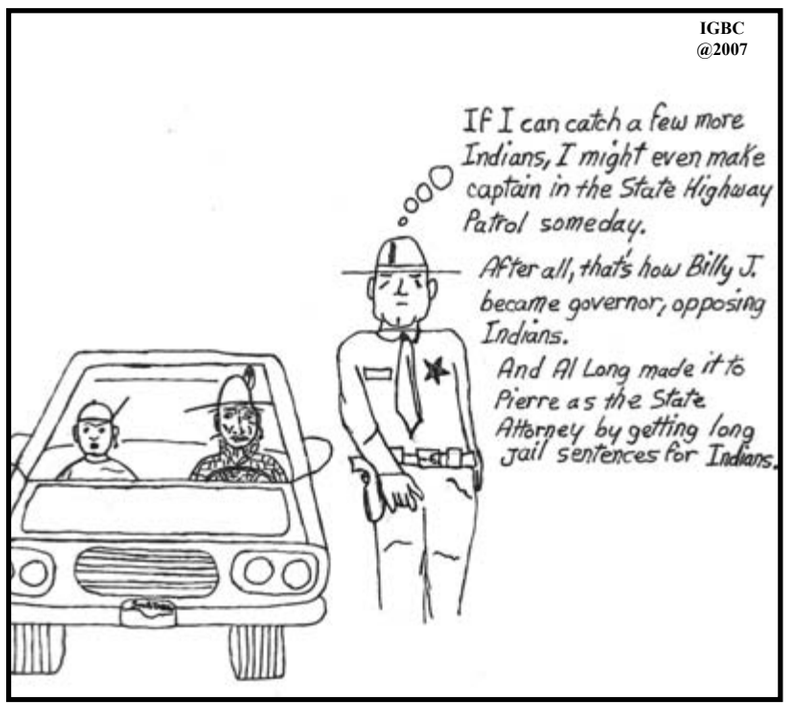
If you truly loved and honored that person in life, then Memorial Day is every day. I can think about my brother and other veterans without driving over a 100 miles to the Veterans cemetery. It's okay if I want to visit the cemetery on less busy and crowded days of the year. And it's equally okay if you choose to visit the cemetery every day.

And today, if I want to remember and laugh at the summer days when my sister and I traded in Great Grandpa and Grandma Allen's used pop bottles and egg cartons to get the two cent return deposits to buy popsicles, I can. If I have to work a few hours on Memorial Day I thank all the veterans for fighting for my freedom to do that.

I especially want to thank my brother Troy. Thank you for the sad, funny, hilarious and precious memories of life with a big brother. I miss you and think of you every day here in the trenches.

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Guest Column

Nation recognizes Keeble with Medal of Honor

The late Woodrow Wilson Keeble, a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe who died in 1982 at the age of 65, fought in World War II and in the Korean War. He received the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the Silver Star and the Distinguished Service Cross award for his service. Last Friday, May 25, a bill was signed into law by President Bush to authorize the Department of Defense to issue the Medal of Honor to Keeble's family.

Along with the senators from North Dakota and South Dakota, the two states where the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate is based, legislation was sponsored to recognize Keeble's service. Congressional action was needed because the time limit already passed to issue the Medal of Honor.

The standalone bill got a boost when it was included in an emergency appropriations measure. But disagreements between Democrats and the White House about funding for the war in Iraq led to a presidential veto earlier this month.

After the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act was stripped of timetables for the war, it quickly gained Bush's signature. The action came on Memorial Day weekend, as the nation honored its veterans.

The bill cites Keeble's actions on October 20, 1951, during the Korean War. On that day, an already-wounded Keeble single-handedly took out took out four machine gun bunkers.

Keeble was twice recommended for the Medal of Honor. But due to bureaucratic mix-ups, he instead received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Army's second-highest commendation.

The following is an interview by Doreen Yellow Bird with Russell Hawkins, whose stepfather was Woodrow Wilson "Woody" Keeble. The article is reprinted from the Grand Forks Herald with permission.

Woody was his buddy, Hawkins said. They met when Hawkins was 11 or 12 years old, and Woody was courting Hawkins' mother, Blossom Crawford Hawkins Keeble. The couple married a year later.

Hawkins would make popcorn, and he and Woody would watch the TV show "Combat," Hawkins recalled. Hawkins would ask questions, and Woody would write the answers; Keeble, by that time, had had several strokes (attributed to war injuries) and couldn't speak.

Can you tell us about Woodrow Wilson "Woody" Keeble?

He was 6 feet l inch and 235 pounds. Woody was a big, barrel-chested guy, very strong, much stronger than other 235-pounders. Veterans would tell this story:

When they were out in the sticks and a jeep would pull up with ammunition for mail, Woody would go to the front of the jeep, pick it up by the bumper and turn it around so the driver didn't have to do a U-turn.

When you met him, he was just back from the military?

Yes. He was a disabled veteran. He was living in Wahpeton, N.D. He worked in Wahpeton before World War II and before the Korean War. He kept ties with Wahpeton Indian School.

In the local community, he did a lot of lawn and shrubbery work, many times just to keep busy - he would mow people's lawns and cemeteries for free. He enjoyed that.

Can you tell us about his experiences in World War II?

He joined with 164th Infantry, which is

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Guest Column

Honor thy father and mother

Dear Editor:

My name is Rodney Renville, I am an enrolled member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. I am a man of God, born again and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and I believe that all brothers and sisters of Native cultures are also baptized with the Holy Ghost.

In my journey through this world I once encountered a storm. As usual it began with fear. I was singing at a wake service at the local community center when the phone was brought to me during the meal. To my surprise it was my wife in a great state of alarm asking me to get home right away, that she had a 12 gauge shotgun loaded and if the people at the crossing would enter she would shoot them. She also said she had called the tribal police and that she has a right to defend herself and the children.

The stepfather of a missing girl said he was going to take my son and hang him and cut him up and that he knows where my son goes and he was going to catch him and chop him up (hurt him bad), he was also calling my wife a bitch and he would get someone to beat her up and if she tried to leave he would smash her car with his car. He was blocking the drive-way with his vehicle. My son got on his bike and left to my sisters. He was scared and crying!

Upon my return home there were three or four cars at the driveway calling us liars.

The police along with the Director of the Child Protection were with the people that were looking for their daughter who had gotten on a bus and come out to Old Agency Village. We had received several calls from the mother about the missing girl, we knew nothing of her other than this girl was on the bus our children ride. By the time I came home from the wake service my son who ran away to the Tiospa Zina Tribal School where they were having a track event.

He admitted to me that the girl did come back to our home with him, but praise God, in the darkness the girl was found and safely returned to her parents.

After this girl was found we came into our home, and were discussing all that had happened because of threats made by the people with the missing daughter and the tribal police. My family was in great distress.

The next morning my wife got up and was very upset yet, I was asking her to calm down but it led to an argument. My daughter called the tribal police. They came and placed me under arrest for domestic violence. I was taken to the jail and I had to spend 76 hours there before I could go to court. I went to court and was released, but I was told I could not go home without a written paper and permission from my wife to be at home. While picking up some things with an escort from tribal police we were able to talk and my wife signed a letter stating I could be home.

I had been praying and fasting while in jail and had received from the Lord that I had to go to the Turtle Mountain Reservation for a prayer service (this is my wife's reservation.). I returned and my children had gotten permission from their mother to go fishing at the dam at Old Agency. My wife had told my sons not to be on the road after dark. It was late and our sons had not returned home yet. So I got up and went to find my sons. They were coming home on BIA 700. It was very dark and I turned around and loaded the bikes in the pickup and got home and sent the boys to bed. The next morning my other son who is only three years old and was lying on the road, there is a very big dangerous hill where we live and I had been telling my kids to stay off the road.

The school bus one day had brought our children home and while the kids were getting off the bus the bus was almost in a serious accident. The bus shop hauled gravel in to to make an approach to safely load and unload the children. I had been telling my children to stay off the road over and over to no avail.

The kids over this winter school year have been slowly progressing to wrong thinking and thinking they can go do whatever they want. So I finally got a green stick and spanked my sons. I left welts on them. I wanted my sons to understand that meant business!

Well again my two older sons and daughter climbed out of the window and went to the dam fishing again. On weekends here, I have seen many high speed chases go right by our house in excess of 100 miles per hour. Semi-trucks are always going up and down this road and also a lot of farm machinery uses this road. After we realized that our children climbed out the window it was 1:30 a.m. and I had no choice but to call the tribal police for assistance in finding the kids.

The police came to our home about 2:00 a.m. and arrested me. They said I was under arrest for child abuse and I wasn't supposed to be in the home.

When I returned from Turtle Mountain I went right to the police station and talked with the dispatcher until 3:30 a.m. and asked him if I could go home and he said he didn't see anything here stating I couldn't go home so I might as well go home.

After getting arrested again I began to pray about the situation and I began to realize how my children over the winter been making statements of "I'll call Child Protection and Tribal Police and you'll go to jail".

It seems to be a learned thing

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Northern Perspectives

Let's commit ourselves to treating at least one veteran in a good way



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais at the Vietnam Memorial in Pierre.

Memorial Day weekend has got me thinking of all the young men who are at war today and all those who fulfilled their commitment in the past. A lot of other people will say things about military veterans, but unless you are one, it is difficult to fully describe our veterans who are very special in many ways.

We don't need to only honor those who achieved the highest rank or those who hold the most award medals, but think of all those who were brave enough to step up and meet the challenge. My dad was kind of a short and slight veteran, but I was always proud of his service.

Being from a traditional warrior society has always made me proud of my military service to the nation and in my role in ultimately protecting the homeland of the Sicangu nation. I don't know that I would want my sons serving in some far away land and putting their lives at risk, however. It seems to me that the longer one lives on mother earth and you start to value life so very much, the idea of war seems to senseless.

I can see dying to repel invaders to one's homeland, but to die in a foreign land protecting someone else's sovereign soil is a totally different issue. I was fortunate when I served in Pleiku, S. Vietnam with the 4th Infantry Division as my time in base camp was not that nerve wracking.

The worst we experienced was an occasional mortar attack in the middle of the night and as the sirens wailed we headed for the bunkers right outside our "hooch."

There was no place to sit so we all had to stand in the dark and listen for any further incoming rockets or gun fire. Most of the time, it subsided very quickly.

I remember we slept in our clothes except for our shirts and were ready at a moment's notice. We also went on a couple of ten mile sweeps that were totally grueling, but for a 19 year old kid, it was a "walk in the park." I hate clichés, but some are just so right on that one has to use them.

Many of the military veterans I interact with occasionally are difficult to label as a whole.

Most of the time, they are respectful and not really demonstrative and despite their demeanor, they really are trained to experience and accept all kinds of comments and behavior directed at them.

I guess what I am trying to say, is that we're just not that sensitive when people wish to treat us indifferently or in a discriminatory fashion.

In my last three jobs, no one cared if I was a Vietnam Veteran and no one gave a hoot if they thought they were discriminating against a military veteran.

I assumed that most institutions were supposed to hire a certain percentage of veterans and keep them in their employ, but in reality, that isn't the practice. I would venture to say that most schools and institutions do not cater to veterans.

I used to think I was priceless in terms of what I sacrificed, but no one ever deferred to me as such and today it doesn't even matter.

I do appreciate, however, the respect that many Lakota people will give the flag and in allowing veterans to lead the grand entry. Beyond that, society needs to do more to extend a helping hand to veterans. Many do not have adequate housing, but of course we know that and there are no easy answers.

Memorial Day is a grim reminder not only that we are currently at war, but that many who have sacrificed have moved on.

It is a very moving time as we recall our friends and relatives who have faithfully served. Let's commit ourselves to treating at least one veteran in a good way as the nation loses veterans each day to a host of illnesses, accidents, and natural causes.

With so many young Lakota veterans returning from the Iraq war, it is important to remember that many are grounded in Lakota spirituality and it is important to be able to extend our support to them through appropriate honorings and ceremony.

We understood for the Vietnam Veterans that post traumatic stress disorder was an issue and now that we understand it even in greater terms we can reach out and help the young men and women who are returning.

I urge tribal leaders, families and spiritual leaders to remember our returning veterans and help them.

Dr. Archie Beauvais (Sicangu) resides on the Rosebud with his son, Beaux. He earned a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) from Harvard University. A decorated Vietnam Veteran, he is functionally literate in Lakota and worked at Sinte Gleska University for 20 years as Dean/Chair of Tribal and Graduate Studies.

Notes From Indian Country

The never-ending fight to defend sovereignty



By Tim Giago

(Nanwica Kciji)

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Indian law, sovereignty and jurisdiction are not "one size fits all" issues in Indian country. There are too many variances in how different states view the Indian nations within their borders and even in how the federal government reacts to issues of sovereignty.

With the surge in Indian gaming in states like California, a state where Public Law 280 gives the state government jurisdiction over law enforcement and the courts, the issues are far different than say in South Dakota, where the state government has no jurisdiction.

When Public Law 280 was first pushed upon the different states by the federal government it was intended to open the doors for state jurisdiction on Indian reservations. The tribes of South Dakota, the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota, have always been strong advocates of their own sovereign status. They had been at war with the state government for too many years to not understand that state jurisdiction in their courts and in law enforcement would automatically bring about severe inequity.

The former president of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Robert Burnette (now deceased), fought the idea of Public Law 280 tooth and nail.

He pushed the reality that if the state assumed jurisdiction over the tribal courts, jails and law enforcement, the costs to the state would be prohibitive. With nine Indian reservations in the state and upwards of 70,000 Indians, the transition alone would have cost the state millions and implementing and sustaining the process would have cost millions more.

South Dakota is a very conservative state and when faced with the prospects of having to shell out millions in order to implement the conditions of Public Law 280, they balked and decided that this prospective entanglement best be left in the hands of the federal government.

Mr. Burnett's efforts paid off and South Dakota did not adopt the law. That was not the case in states like California. There was no visible Indian opposition to the suggested law and it passed the state legislature without a problem.

The tribes in California are numerous but very small and they have a small land base. They were among the poorest of tribes in America getting little financial support from the state government until the advent of casino gambling. Situated in a state with a large population, the success of their casinos was almost preordained.

But problems started to develop when the different tribal governments began to disenroll tribal members. According to Robert Edwards, a former vice chairman of the Enterprise Rancheria, there are now about 3,000 members of California tribes that have been disenrolled since Indian gaming became their main source of income. Edwards himself was disenrolled in 2003 along with 70 other members of his tribe.

Edwards said that in too many cases the Bureau of Indian Affairs dodges the bullet in dealing with the problem of tribes disenfranchising members by saying it's a membership issue they cannot deal with because of tribal sovereignty. "That excuse simply doesn't fly anymore as many tribal governments are violating the civil rights and human rights of their members while showing a total disregard for their tribal laws," he said.

Are the tribes disregarding tribal law or state law? As sovereign nations they have every right to enact and implement their own laws and tribal laws may not always follow the dictates of state law because oftentimes they are constructed around culture, spirituality and traditions that far outdate state law. One Native American legal scholar requesting anonymity said, "Now apparently California is going to use the disenrollment issue to expand their encroachment on the sovereignty of California tribes. And as they say, 'As California goes, so goes the nation.'" She continued, "This is very dangerous, but what can large, land-based treaty tribes do when smaller tribes in P.L. 280 states start us down this path? And if we ever find ourselves in a strong financial position, will we begin to face some of the same issues?"

The larger treaty tribes fought for generations to take control over their own future. They fought hard to take back the right to name their own tribal members out of the hands of the BIA.

They knew the history of their own membership and considered themselves imminently more qualified to choose their own members. After many years of protest and action, they finally assumed that right.

The sad case of the Cherokee Nation is now unfolding and once more the BIA has stepped in to interfere with the sovereign rights of the Cherokee people to select their own membership. If the so-called Freedmen of African American descent wins this case it would set a bad precedent for all of Indian country.

One does not have to agree with the decision made by the registered voters of the Cherokee Nation to make the decision to remove the Freedmen from their rolls, but it is the legal right of this sovereign nation to make that decision. Too many Indians have fought and died to earn that right.

When the Indian Civil Rights Act was first introduced many tribal leaders fought its implementation vigorously because it infringed upon some of their cultural, spiritual and traditional rights.

Many saw the Act as a danger to their sovereign rights and although it has not, to date, lived up to those early fears, the possibilities are still there and what is happening in California and Oklahoma presents a clear and present danger to the inherent sovereignty of the Indian nations.

(Tim Giago, an Oglala Lakota, was the founder and publisher of Indian Country Today. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in the Class of 1991. His latest book "Children Left Behind, the Dark Legacy of the Indian Missions," is now available at: order@clearlightbooks.com. The book just won the Bronze Star from the Independent Publishers Awards)

Medal of honor

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the North Dakota Army National Guard unit. They joined up with two other National Guard units.

Pvt. Woody's first engagement with the enemy was on the island of Guadalcanal. He was involved in one of the bloodiest and fiercest battles in the whole Pacific - the fight for Henderson Airfield.

Henderson Airfield controlled the supply lines for the Pacific, so its capture and defense became one of the most important and pivotal points of World War II. That was where Woody first fought.

The Americans held the field against 20,000 Japanese who were amassed on the banks of the Matanikau River to retake Henderson Airfield. The 164th Infantry reinforced Lt. Col. Lewis "Chesty" Puller's 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, who were defending Henderson field.

The Japanese actually knew the 164th was coming in. They thought they could break through the 164th because they were a green unit that hadn't seen any combat. The Japanese had lost a lot of men at the battle of Bloody Ridge on Guadalcanal prior to this battle.

The Japanese calculated these "recruits" coming in, the 164th, would be of no consequence. They pinpointed the 164th, and the Sendai, a division of battle-hardened soliders, marched there. They thought they could break through the 164th. They were so confident, in fact, that they even brought their artillery pieces - heavy armor - thinking they would break right through. Then, they were going to use those weapons to create a defensive perimeter around Henderson field.

When the Japanese attacked, the 164th met them head on and drove them back. According Jim Fenlon, a private in the 164th, there were 2,800 dead Japanese and approximately 6,000 wounded when the battle was over.

The Sendai division was never able to regain its division strength again.

It was a major battle. There was hand-to-hand combat. The 164th had 37-mm anti tank guns and used them point-blank at the charging Japanese.

It was raining, and the conditions were very poor. There was mud everywhere.

According to one man who fought beside Woodrow, the Japanese were everyplace. The safest place to be was right next to Woody, he said.

Woody never gave his Browning assault rifle a rest; it was a ferocious battle, one of the pivotal fights of World War II. Why was the best place to be beside Woody? First, he was such powerful and imposing figure. One soldier said he saw Woody kill five Japanese soldiers with a knife.

In addition, he gave off such an aura of confidence. He was accurate with his BAR. In fact, after the battle of Henderson Airfield, historians wrote about Woody although they didn't mention him by name.

They said that the 164th didn't collapse under the intense attack by the Japanese. And they wrote that "in the thick of battle and when heavily outnumbered, the men would rally around the big full-blood Sioux Indian from Wahpeton, S.D., whose accuracy with the BAR gun and grenades was legendary throughout the outfit."

What else happened during World War II?

Woody fought throughout the Pacific Theater to the end of the war.

He fought in every major battle that the 164th had after that.

When the Korean War broke out, he volunteered with the 19th Infantry, 24th Division and was sent to George Company as a replacement sergeant.

In October 1951, he engaged the enemy in Kumsong, North Korea, which is some 30 miles north of the 38th Parallel. That is where he was recommended for the Medal of Honor.

This battle was one of the last major offenses. Woodrow was commanding lst Platoon, George Company, 19th Infantry, 24th Division.

All the officers had been killed or wounded in George Company. Woody was a master sergeant.

He was on a mountain ridge and looking across a valley to the next mountain ridge to the north. He saw two platoons pinned down by triangular crossfire from three heavy machine-gun placements. The American forces were pinned down by three heavy bunkers - pillboxes. The bunkers were fortified by open trenches of enemy troops.

Woodrow came down the mountain and joined the two pinned platoons. He assessed the situation; there were two other noncommissioned officers involved, but no commissioned officers. The noncoms were Sgts. Platta and Joe Sagami; they both yielded their command and asked Woody to take charge.

Woody asked for a group of volunteers to attack the enemy. He didn't want to take the whole force.

Woody then led the assault up the mountain but was driven back. He returned and asked for a second group of volunteers. Platta's troop volunteered; Woody led them up, and they were repulsed, too.

The third time, he led Sagami's group of volunteers, and they also were repulsed. Every member had gone up once, and Woodrow had gone three times.

Woody told the platoons to stay put, and he went up alone.

Alone, Woody was able to get into the trenches with the enemy soldiers and eliminated two trenches' worth. From there, he worked his way to the right of the enemy and took out the first bunker with a grenade. Then, he retreated back to his first line of defense, crossed to his extreme left and took out the second bunker with a grenade. Then he went back to the third bunker with a grenade and subdued the rest of the enemy with his rifle.

Woody was hit in the chest, both arms, right calf, knee, right thigh and left thigh. One eyewitness said he saw the chest bullet come out of his back.

When was he discharged?

He was discharged in 1953. He lived in Wahpeton from 1953 until 1966; in 1967, he married my mother and moved to Veblen, S.D. He died in 1982.

Parent

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with the young kids now that they can control the parents with threats of a call to the authorities whenever they get in trouble or don't get their way!!

The tactic implements fear, which is the exact opposite of Faith. The Bible clearly states and instructs parents to discipline the child.

There is much more I would like to share, and I pray that we as Native people will be blessed with Gods wisdom and be able to get our home, reservations and counties back in order. Its time we ask God to step into the systems and programs of this world that are not working.

Lord help us save our children.

God Bless

Rodney Renville
Agency Village, S.D.

Lakota, Dakota, Nakota Language Immersion Program at St. Joseph's June 24

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - A group of Sicangu Lakota educators who are superb Lakota language speakers will be offering a Lakota/Dakota/Nakota summer language immersion program at the St. Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlain. The program will be offered from June 24 to June 29 and will include an intensive 48 contact hours.

Francis Whitebird, Ben Black Bear, Jr., Sandra Black Bear and Philomene White Lance will instruct the classes which represent an exciting opportunity for students, teachers of Indian students and guidance counselors.

Also anyone who works in Indian studies or Indian programs is welcome to apply for the immersion program which will provide room and board and meals free of cost.

However, those who want college credit for the course of study will have to pay for the credit hours.

The deadline to apply for the immersion program is June 15 and applicants are asked to include their name, address, telephone number, email address, tribal affiliation, school where they work, college attended, and school where currently teaching. Include occupation and familiarity with the Lakota language. Applicants will send this information to Marta Neuman, Office of Indian Education, Department of Education, 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota 57501.

Three college credits from the University of South Dakota is pending.

The immersion course will focus on how to speak rather then how to write Lakota and will accept 20 students. Students will use sentences as opposed to word vocabulary.

The two male teachers will mentor five students each while the two female teachers will also work with five students each. The male instructors will teach male gender endings to Lakota words, while the females will teach female endings.

The language immersion class is being underwritten by the South Dakota Department of Education and Governor Mike Rounds.

Depending upon the experience and familiarity of Lakota language that students possess there will also be history, song and dance and spirituality introduced in Lakota. There will also be an opportunity for students to participate in inipi.

Students will also be taken through a number of scenarios in which they will use Lakota to interact with each other.

How to get a loan workshop to be in districts

KYLE - Lakota Funds Wawokiye Business Institute will be holding their "How to get a loan" workshop during the month of the June at the following College Centers;

June 5-Martin College Center-6 p.m.
June 7-Oglala College Center-6 p.m.
June 12-Wanblee College Center-6 p.m.
June 14-Batesland College Center-6 p.m.

Topic will include; Free Technical Assistance, Loan Policies, and Individual Development Accounts Supper will be served.

For more information call 605-455-2500.

AA Meetings

Every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Kateri Hall at the St. Agnes Church in Manderson, Everyone Welcome, call 867-2267 for information.



L-R: Taffy Lafferty, Loan Portfolio Manager, Gus Yellow Hair, Lori Whirlwind Horse, Tony Taylor, Loan Officer.

Lakota Funds supports budding entreprenuers

KYLE - Warren "Gus" Yellow Hair is a greatly skilled grassroots artist, from Allen, with a business called Teton Painted Lodges.

Yellow Hair has a unique niche in the Lakota Arts market with his high quality painted tipis and sweat lodge covers; he paints on the covers with distinctive form of Traditional old style pictographs of Plains Indians. Gus also specializes in beadwork, tanning hides and drum making.Yellow Hair has been a Lakota Funds client for the past eight months and has successfully paid in full his initial loan with Lakota Funds. He also receives technical assistance from Lakota Funds Wawokiye Business Institute to make his business a success. With his recent loan Gus will be expanding his market through the internet.

Gus said "Lakota Funds not only helped me financially, but with technical assistance to help me achieve my dreams."

Elder abuse training: neglect most frequent form of abuse

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

MISSION - The RST Eldercare program sponsored two days of training at the Sinte Gleska University multipurpose building on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 22 and 23.

It was noted that there is an RST elder abuse code in existence, however, it has not been fully refined or adopted by the tribal council.

The trainers included Imani Woody and Helen Spencer from the American Association of Retired Persons Legal Training Project. Woody is a training specialist for AARP and assists in the development of training materials and onsite delivery of such training. Spencer is an attorney who has specialized in Indian Elder Law and who has worked closely with elders of the Yakama nation for 25 years.

Participants were given an attractive folder for each day's session which included an agenda, a biography of the trainers, and evaluation sheet for each session and a fact sheet about tribal elder abuse.

Training specialist Imani Woody helped to facilitate a similar training project last year at the same location. It was pointed out that the training had been offered to other programs in the area and that there was a desire to see more programs present.

Attorney Spencer made a presentation on describing her work with the Yakama nation in drafting a tribal elder abuse code which took a lot of work. Ultimately, the document was not adopted by the tribe, but continues to serve as a model for other codes being developed.

One handout entitled "Elder Abuse in Tribal Communities" noted that "Many tribes, villages and pueblos continue to hold elders in high esteem as a valuable link to their past and as a resource for future generations…unfortunately, abuse and neglect of native elders now occurs with alarming frequency in tribal communities. Nationally, neglect is the most frequent form of elder abuse."

Furthermore, the article noted, "Tribal leaders from across the country have identified three major challenges in addressing elder abuse and neglect issues on reservations:

1) A lack of codes addressing elder abuse issues.

2) A lack of policies and procedures for tribal agencies handling elder abuse and neglect issues and

3) A need for increased training on elder abuse and neglect."

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Sen. Johnson recuperating and working from home

WASHINGTON - Sen. Tim Johnson works at home in northern Virginia last week. He has turned his dining room table into a makeshift office, with a computer. His work is delivered several times a week. His chief of staff Drey Samuelson works with Johnson at his home. Johnson was discharged from the National Rehabilitation Hospital in late April and has been recuperating at home. He is still in therapy five days a week for several hours each day working on physical, speech and occupational therapy. Johnson suffered from an intracerebral bleed caused by an arteriovenous malformation on Dec. 13, 2006 and has been recovering since.

Grief healing sessions held for students at St. Francis Indian School

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ST. FRANCIS - Veronica Nadeau, a Lakota studies graduate at the Associate of Arts level and a human services graduate at the Bachelor of Science level from Sinte Gleska University was the architect of the three grief healing sessions held this spring for students at St. Francis Indian School.

She labeled her healing project the "Sicangu Oyate Teca Ho."

The winter months on the Rosebud reservation were a time of sadness for Sicangu tribal members as several young people had died from suicide and automobile accidents. Nadeau lost her daughter ten years ago to a drunk driver and despite the very tough time, she has endured through being involved in sobriety honorings and generally raising the consciousness of the Sicangu Lakota as to the tremendous hurt that is caused by the loss that alcohol and suicide can inflict upon a people.

When she experienced an attempted suicide in her own family this spring, she enlisted the advice of Sicangu medicine man *leksi* Leonard Crow Dog. She wrote, "I was very angry that they would do something such as this. I felt that they hurt their nagi (spirit) when they tried to do something such as this. I set out to have a healing ceremony but the place that I had wanted to get it done kept falling through."

As a youth activity, Nadeau wanted to take 60 students to Storm Mountain, but was advised to do the work at SFIS. When she approached the school board and the administration, they were fully supportive of the healing project.

Therapist, Lula Red Cloud of Hermosa thought that she could work with students by breaking them down into several groups, and thus, Nadeau decided to coordinate three smaller grief healing sections. The respective enrollment for the three ses-

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Women sentenced for pirating DVDs

SIOUX FALLS (AP) - Two women learned firsthand that the feds are serious about that warning shown at the start of home movies - the one that threatens prosecution for making illegal copies.

Rena Cummins, 61, of Gallup, N.M., was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Albuquerque, N.M., to 2 years of probation for her part in an operation that was based on South Dakota's Rosebud Indian Reservation. She and Violet Little Elk were indicted in U.S. District Court in Pierre on a copyright infringement and aiding and abetting charge after agents seized 774 DVDs on Aug. 25, according to court documents.

Between January and August of last year, they reproduced and distributed copies of motion pictures without authority, prosecutors said in court documents.

Little Elk, whose age and address are not listed, agreed to pay $500 in restitution to the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc., and was placed on nine months of pretrial diversion, which allows her to avoid prosecution if she abides by the terms.

Best of the Best basketball tournaments June 16

FAITH - Faith to host Best of the Best Basketball Tournament for two weekends in June. On June 9 and 10 it will be a tournament for grades 3 to 8 grade with boys and girls having their own divisions. On June 16 and 17 it's high school boys and girls divisions. There will be an entry fee. Anyone within the age limit is encouraged to enter.

The grade school and junior high tournament is limited to eight teams per division and the high school is 12 teams per division. You can call Shawn Peterson 863-2267 or Jenni Fisher at 206-0212 to receive an entry form.

There will be prizes for first to third place and also individual awards including All Tourney, Ms Hustle, Ms. Defense, and most 3 pointers.

All South Dakota High School rules will apply. All proceeds will benefit the South Dakota Jewel basketball team from the Cheyenne River Reservation to attend the NABI Basketball Tournament in Phoenix, Ariz. Forty teams are selected national wide to attend and the girls have been accepted so they are busy raising money.

It will take approximately $7,000 for the girls to attend so there is a lot of fund raising ahead of them, and one of the major fund raisers is this basketball tournament. It was decided to have the tournament in Faith because of the facility and being able to play two games at once in one location.

The girls are also looking at doing a bingo on Friday night June 8 in Faith. The location is undecided at this time, this may also include a Indian Taco Supper.

The girls are also doing a money raffle that started on May 21. Ticket cost $20 for a chance to win $50 in the daily drawings or $200 on Friday's. They are also raffling off a star quilt.

The girls that were selected to attend are Lacy and Ronnie Leaf, Kayla Turning Heart, Scottie Laundreaux, Shawna Franco, Krista Bear Stops, Kace Waloke, Sara Widow, and Mary Knife. They are all very honored to attend and look forward to representing South Dakota in Arizona.

If anyone is interested in entering the tournament, making a donation to the girls or for more information on any of the above items they can contact any of the girls, or their coaches Shawn Peterson 605-863-2267 or Jenni Fisher at 605-206-0212.

Parents, public air concerns at first listening session concerning Rapid City area schools

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Giving Native students a fair shake in school was the topic on the table Tuesday night when a group of parents, school administrators, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens met in Rapid City.

The listening session-the first public meeting of a newly-formed group, the Rapid City Positive Impact Committee was mediated by Grace Sage from the U.S. Department of Justice community relations service.

Sage said RCPIC has decided to begin its efforts by setting up a student advocacy program, with advocates from outside the school system serving students, and by establishing an open dialog between the committee and the community.

Deb Martinez, one of RCPIC's founding parents, said the group will be soliciting information from students also. "If we don't have their input, we're doing it blindly," she said.

The group chose its name to emphasize its desire to have a positive effect on the schools. "We didn't want to be listed as disgruntled parents," Martinez said.

"It about getting our kids through high school…not just Native Americans but all kids. We want to see them graduate," she said.

Tuesday night's meeting was scheduled to give community members a chance to ask questions and vent frustrations, and a few parents did that.

But the group will not be able to publicly discuss specific in-school incidents because of confidentiality issues for both students and staff, according to Rapid City Superintendent of Schools Peter Wharton. RCPIC will be able to air parents' disagreements with school policies, he said.

Policy decisions were questioned by Maggie Ross, a parent once employed by the school district, who said she is concerned that programs for Native students are under consideration for change or elimination.

Margie Rosario, school board president and RCPIC member, said racial equality can't be accomplished with special programs for Native students, but instead American Indians have to be considered in "every curriculum, every program, every decision."

Josie Chase, a social worker who attended the meeting, concurred with Rosario on that point. "Diversity makes society richer," she said, but people in this state have a difficult time with that concept. If Native people are to have power and authority and "if real, honest change is going to occur," then they "have to be part of the decision-making infrastructure," she said.

Mona Bettelyoun, a parent whose children attended Rapid City schools, said she wanted to "put in a plug for parental involvement" and said she was always able to go to her children's schools and find the person she needed to talk to.

Another school policy, allowing probation officers to go into schools to make contact with juvenile probationers, was criticized by Robin Page, a parent who said her family is moving back to Salt

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Community Calendar

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or fax to 605-685-1870.

Rez Happenings

OST Council meeting
Special Session of the tribal council, Thursday, May 31 in the council chambers of the Red Cloud building in Pine Ridge dealing with OST Personnel policies and procedures at 9 a.m. and Wednesday, June 6 at 9 a.m. dealing with judiciary committee.

Sobriety Dance
Mother Butler Center at Rapid City on Saturday, June 9 at 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Music by Lakota Vibe Entertainment.

Public information meeting
Thursday, May 31 hosted by the OST Department of Transportation in the lobby of the Red Coud building in Pine Ridge from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the Tribal Transportation Long Range Plan to determine the priority of road construction and repairs on Pine Ridge Reservation for the next 20 years, for more information call Jeff at 867-5008.

Tornado training
A tornado training meeting on Friday, June 1 at the LaCreek District CAP office in Martin at 1:30 p.m., for information call 867-5161.

Co-ed Softball Tourney
Friday-Saturday, June 1-3 at the ball field in Oglala, for information contact Charles at 454-5330.

4 Love of the Game BB Tourney
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 1-3 in Pine Ridge, an 18 and under girl's and boy's high school basketball tournament, for information contact Tiny at 454-0518, 867-5435 or Monica at 454-2511, 86-5894.

Youth Co-ed basketball tourney
Friday-Sunday, June 1-3 at the Legion auditorium in Martin with four divisions 6-8, 9-11, 12-14 and high school, for information Rich Cottier at 454-1174, 454-1670, Hermus at 454-1945.

Pee Wee Basketball tourney
Second annual KT Ballerz Shootout, June 2, 3 at Little Wound elementary gym in Kyle, for information contact Bryan 455-2658, 441-7103 or Jonas at 441-5770.

Co-ed Volleyball tourney
Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3 at Porcupine School, for information call Harold at 441-4199.

Horseshoe Tournament
Saturday, June 2 at 12 noon sharp at Porcupine School horseshoe pits, call Harold at 441-4199.

Hall Dedication
A dedication of the Fr. Bill Pauly Hall at Christ the King Church at Our Lady of Lourdes in Porcupine, Sunday, June 3 at 10:30 a.m. with a picnic meal; at 12:30 p.m

Red Cloud Indian Art Show
June 3-August 19 at the Red Cloud Heritage Center at Red Cloud School northwest of Pine Ridge Village.

Crazy Horse Ride
10th annual Crazy Horse ride in honor of all veterans from June 3-7 leaving Ft. Robinson State Park at 9 a.m. on June 4 and arriving at Veteran's pow wow in Pine Ridge on June 7, for information call Bam at 867-1119

OST Commodity Distribution
Tuesday, June 5 in Kyle by the CAP office, Thursday, June 7 in Manderson and Wounded Knee, Monday, June 11 in Martin at Sunrise housing, Wednesday, June 13 in Porcupine at Evergreen Housing and in Porcupine at CAP office, Friday, June 15 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni, Monday, June 18 in Oglala, for more information call 867-5511.

Sobriety Dance
Saturday, June 9 at the Mother Butler center in Rapid City, SD from 7pm until 12 midnight.

OST Education Committee
Regular meeting on Monday, June 11 at 10 a.m. with location yet to be announced, for information call Carole at 441-6640 or 441-8124.

OST Council special session
Tuesday, June 19 at Wounded Knee District School in Manderson on judiciary committee agenda items.

30th Lower Sioux Wacipi
Friday-Sunday, June 8-10 at Lower Sioux Indian Community in Morton, Minn. With grand entries at 8 p.m. on Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday, for more information call 507 697-6185.

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Healing

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sions was 5, 6 and 9. Each student chose to come on their own and put a lot of work into the sessions.

The plan was to have students stay the weekend at the school. During the first healing session on a Friday evening five students discussed the different religions from around the world as well as the need for increased Lakota spirituality.

The Saturday morning session was devoted to explaining grief while each was to choose three words dealing with grief that they were to work on. Preparations were made for the oinikage which had been prepared by Myrna Leader Charge. Nadeau explained to the students how to make tobacco ties for the ceremony and the purpose of making flags.

A ceremony later on with Jerome Lebeau, *wapiya wicasa*, of Sharps Corner was held in the same room where the students had slept. Nadeau wrote, "I had wanted family to come and support the youth during the hocoka wakan. Only one family came. The youth were all seated in front of the altar. For the first timer's it was scary. But they came out the more stronger. They talked about they got out of being in the oinikage and the hocoka wakan and from what they talked about it was a very good experience for them."

On the final day, Sunday, the students honored a love one, not necessarily deceased.

Lula explained grief further as each lit a candle and talked about their loss. Each one was given water and puff from a cigarette. They each smudged with sweet grass and then, were given *wasna* and choke cherry juice. A memorial song and healing song was then sung for each followed by a hug.

Nadeau said, "We told them that they were the beginning of a ripple and that they played an important part of the beginning of healing for the youth in their school and in our Lakota Nation. To never feel alone because now they had each other."

The grief healing sessions are an important step in helping high school students to understand grief and to be able to process it in a supportive environment that includes Lakota prayer, song, ceremony and solidarity.

A line from a poem a written by a student who completed the grief healing seemed to be an appropriate summary of the sessions, "Together if we look back then each of us may find, it's easier to look ahead. To let tomorrow shine, if we share our memories, the best will still remain. And, yet we'll have found a way to leave behind the pain."

This past weekend Nadeau took several students from the third grief healing to Sharps Corner to attend a wopila with Jerome Lebeau. Dr. Dan Foster, Francis Whitebird, Myrle and Candice Anderson along with Nadeau were there to show their support for the students.

Rez Happenings

Lakota All Stars Classic
Men's and Women's basketball tournament at the Porcupine School gym, June 15-17, for information call Ted at 4341-6922 or Jolene at 441-7308.

Immunization/Well Child Clinic
Will be moving June 13 from Pine Ridge WIC office to Pine Ridge Public Health Nursing office with clinic days remaining the second and fourth Wednesdays of month from 12 noon to 4 p.m., for information call 867-3297.

Casino Grand Opening
Prairie Wind Casino grand opening set for June 14-16 with entertainment, cash prizes and Father's Day celebrations on Sunday, June 17.

Concert, Education Awareness Day
Death to Meth 2, Saturday, June 16 with a four direction walk at 9 a.m., meth presentation and video from 9:30-11 a.m. then move to the pow wow grounds for music, speaker presentation and meal then finishing up with concert and conclusion at Prairie Wind Casino in Honor of Our Youth and Standing Up for Justice of Our Youth; for information call Carole at 867-2429, 441-6640 or Saunie at 441-0118 or Bev at 867-5643.

Job Fair
Thursday, June 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eagle Nest college center in Wanblee, taking applications for the new Prairie Wind Casino and Hotel positions, for more information call PWC Human Resource Department at 867-6300, ext. 121.

Peace is like a River 2
A gathering of actors, activists, artists, poets and musicians on tribal sovereignty, protection of sacred spaces, respect for the environment and preservation of Native cultures and languages with a poetry slam competition with cash prizes, Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 13-15 at Kiza Park north of Manderson on Pine Ridge Reservation.

Students

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Lake City because her seven Native children can't get the services they need in Rapid City.

Page said juveniles are embarrassed by being singled out and pulled from their classrooms to meet with their probation officers.

Judd Thompson, chief court services officer for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, said program involving probation officers in the schools has been in place for about five years and has been positive for families. "We advocate for those children," he said. But he agreed that the policy should be discussed at future meetings.

State Senator Tom Katus said he and other legislators recently toured Pine Ridge, and he encouraged Rapid City schools to look to Red Cloud School as an example of success.

Red Cloud, a private parochial school started by Jesuits "in one of the poorest counties in the nation," sends most of its students on to college, he said.

In Rapid City's two large high schools, "Native Americans get lost," he said.

Both Katus and Ross talked of current plans to set up a charter school in Rapid City.

Martinez said she would like to find ways to encourage Native kids to get into extracurricular activities such as sports, and Wharton added that a strong drama program and other activities are also available.

Suzan Nolan, retired school counselor, said sports are fine, but academics need to be stressed. Native students are not often found in upper level classes, not because they don't have the ability, but because they aren't held to high expectations, she said.

The school system cannot on its own lead Native students to success, Nolan said. Achievement is the result of a "hand in glove relationship" with the school and parents who get their children to class on time every day, starting in kindergarten.

To "break down achievement barriers," she said, we need to change what we expect of Native children, to let them know "they can be a 4.0 and go to Harvard."

The next public meeting of RCPIC will be held at the Rapid City Police Department on June 20 at 1 p.m.

Traditional healing and honoring for RST veterans

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - A traditional healing for Rosebud Sioux veterans entitled "The Mind, Heart, Body and Spirit" was held at the RST Veterans building on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 22 and 23. The director of RST Veteran Affairs, Orlando Morrison, said that his staff and a core group of people like Marcida Eagle Bear of the RST alcohol program, Hattie Dunham of the RST education department and cooks were responsible for planning and executing the two day affair. Other staff included Billie Jo Thunder and Troy Lynn Peneaux.

Several American flags adorned the entry way into the RST veterans affairs compound and a tipi and a couple of canopies had been erected on the left side. The temperature was very comfortable for the two days as many veterans could be seen arriving to see what was on the day's agenda and then, perhaps returning later or the next day to take part. Some veterans simply sat outside at the entrance to the garage. There was a lot of humor and visiting as many veterans would make it a point to visit with those newly arriving.

RST council representative Russell Eagle Bear served as the eyapaha for the two day event, while Sicangu medicine man Roy Stone, Sr. prayed for the akicita. Francis Cutt, of the Sinte Gleska University Lakota Studies department also served as an eyapaha and gave a presentation on Lakota warrior societies.

Former combat medic, Francis Whitebird, who served in Vietnam and is a Purple Heart recipient, said that he is on full disability and that has allowed him to retire. He has two sons who have followed in his footsteps and are currently serving in the U. S. Army infantry. One son, Colin is currently in Iraq, while Brendon a paratrooper will eventually join him there.

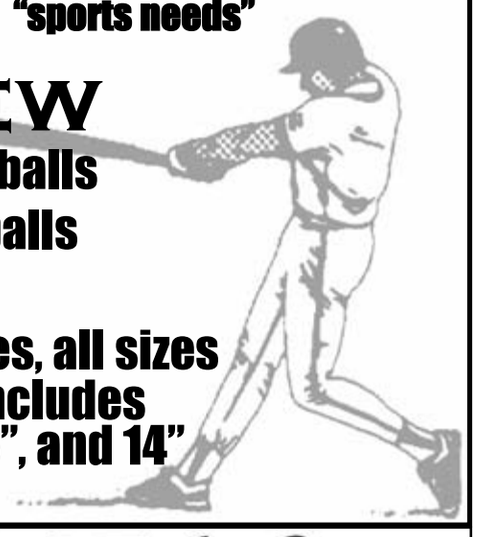
Whitebird said the session on post traumatic stress disorder presented by Dr. Dan Foster of the Rosebud I.H.S. hospital mental health department was especially helpful as he was not aware of some of the current information on PTSD. SGU faculty member, Rodney Bordeaux, gave a presentation on his work with telemedicine. After the first day, several veterans lined the entrance and participated in the flag retreat. By that time, the late afternoon winds had become quite chilly and the cooler temperatures would carry over until the next day.

The second day included a session in which a buffalo was field dressed while prayers were said by Duane Hollow Horn Bear also of the SGU Lakota Studies. A very tasty nutritious meal of buffalo and vegetable stew was prepared outside over an open flame, Lakota style.

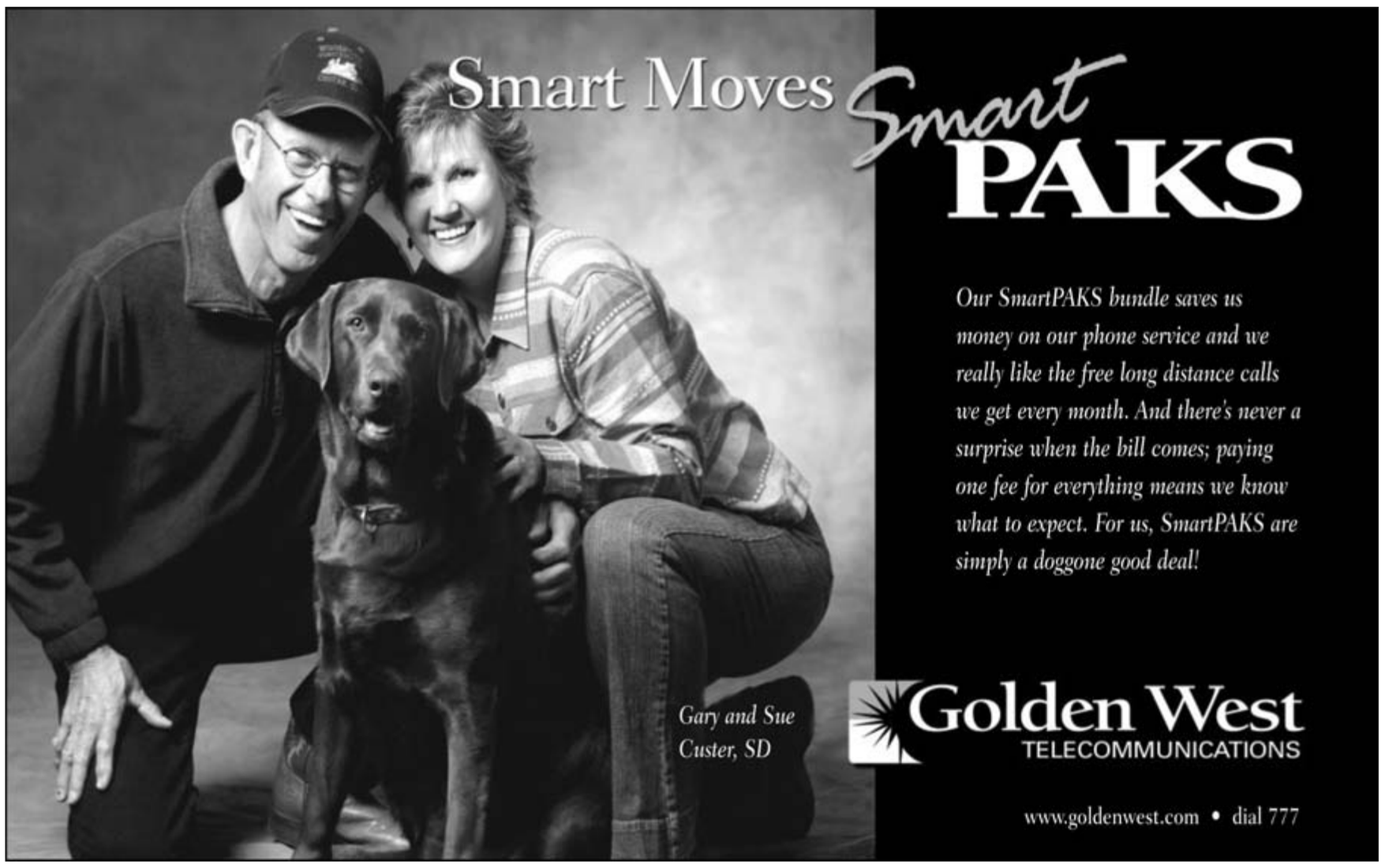
Veterans also had the opportunity to participate in the inipi along with Roy Stone, Jr. Prior to the meal, all of the veterans present were called up front by Russell Eagle Bear and Morrison and presented with a gift. Marcida Eagle Bear presented a footlocker to Francis Whitebird in honor of her son Lance Corporal Russell Eagle Bear.

Lakota Funds open house
Friday, June 22 at the Lakota Trade Center in Kyle, celebrating Lakota Funds 20th anniversary and small business success on Pine Ridge Reservation with an open house, food, children's entertainment, door prizes, artists booth and musical entertainment, for information call 455-2500.

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Ellen N. Bartlett

WANBLEE - Ellen N. Bartlett, 95, died May 27 at the Golden Living Care Center, Rapid City of natural causes.

Survivors include sons Marvin Bartlett of Kadoka and Lester Bartlett of Bemidji, Minn.; sisters Phoebe Thompson of Mobridge and Evelyn Long Soldier of Wanblee; a brother Jimmy Hand Boy of Minneapolis, Minn.

A two night wake began Wednesday, May 30 at Crazy Horse School, Wanblee.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, June 1 at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee.

Officiating will be Rev. Wajira Nampet and Deacon Gerald Bush.

Burial will be at St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery, Wanbee.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Victoria Leah Black Moon Bischoff

RAPID CITY - Victoria Leah Black Moon Bischoff was born and died Wed., May 23, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

She is survived by her parents, Martie War Bonnett and Dustin Black Moon Bischoff of Rapid City; her two brothers and one sister, Jesse War Bonnett, Monique War Bonnett and Michael Holy Eagle, Jr., all of Rapid City; and her grandparents, Gene and Patricia War Bonnett of Rapid City, Grant and Madge Bischoff of St. Anthony, Idaho and the late Leah Black Moon of Red Scaffold.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 26 at Mother Butler Center in Rapid City with Fr. Dave Matzko SJ and Elton Yellow Boy, Sr. officiating.

Interment was at Mountain View Cemetery in Rapid City.

Lenora 'Jessie' Yellow Boy

RAPID CITY - Lenora "Jessie" Yellow Boy, 44, Rapid City, died Wednesday, May 23, at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include two sons, Julian Yellow Boy and Zachary Yellow Boy, both of Rapid City; two brothers, Leo Yellow Boy Jr. and Royce Yellow Boy, both of Rapid City; and four sisters, Denise Yellow Boy, Irma Swift Bird and Peggy Yellow Boy, all of Rapid City, and Victoria Castrejon, St. Paul, Minn.

A two night wake was May 26 at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge.

Funeral services were Monday, May 28 with the Rev. Darrell New, the Rev. Abraham Tobacco and the Rev. Pedro Sharp Fish officiating.

Burial was at Body of Christ Cemetery in Wolf Creek. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Everette G. White Jr.

BREMERTON, Wash. - Everette G. White Jr., 37, Bremerton, died Monday, May 21 in Bremerton.

Survivors include four brothers, Chris White, Rosebud, Ernest White, Pine Ridge, Alvin Ghost, Rapid City and LeRoy Ghost Jr., Sioux Falls, and two sisters, Troylene Black Feather, Minneapolis, and Angelita Ghost, Rapid City.

A two night wake was Saturday, May 26 at St. Agnes Catholic Hall in Manderson.

Funeral services were Monday May 28, at St. Agnes Catholic Hall, with the Rev. Chris Collins officiating and traditional Lakota services by Roy Stone.

Burial was at Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery in Pine Ridge. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

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Psychic ~ Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I was laying down reading your letters and I got a phone call from my mom but it made me sad. I couldn't't read on because of the tears in my eyes. Can you please tell me why my mom doesn't love me?

Also, I will be moving away from the rez. How do you see things for me in that new town? I feel scared and alone, also the man I've been with for 15 years will not be moving with me.

Also can you tell me, if there is a guy who likes me in this town, if there is, can you give me a hint. I like him but I need to know if he feels the same about me. I'm having money problems and suffering from depression. Will things get better for me, or will things change in my life.

God bless Anna,

Wanting Change

Dear Wanting Change:

Your mom does love you even though she is hyper-critical of you and uses a sharp tone in her voice when she speaks with you.

You are so different from her that she doesn't understand you and she doesn't trust that you run your life in the best way - so she contradicts, complains and is generally hard on you.

Mothers sometimes have a hard time of letting go of control of their adult children.

Please don't assume she doesn't love you, know that she does, and use some detachment skills in reacting to her.

That will make your life much better. Once again, let me recommend that you read The Four Agreements by Don Miguel Ruiz available at Borders.

Yes, the guy you like has interest in you.

He is not ready however for a committed relationship, Don't fool with yourself by assuming that is okay for you too...because eventually he will hurt your feelings by dropping out of the relationship should you start one with him.

Please help yourself by looking at each day as a new opportunity to explore the possibilities of life. You don't have to have a relationship with a man to be happy.

The depression you feel needs to be chased away before you get involved or your neediness will exhaust any man that gets involved with you.

I see that by next summer you will have a better handle on your life, will have more feelings of success and will be more ready for a good relationship.

In the meantime, work on improving your life by examining how you react to everything around you.

You are a wonderful person and the first step to a better life is to realize that. Blessings to you on your journey.

Dear Anna,

I have read your column and I am hoping you can help me with some decisions I am struggling with in my life right now. I am seriously considering leaving my boyfriend of five years, we more or less have just grown apart but I feel in order to have a good life - the only choice I have is to let him go.

To be honest I feel he's the one who wants out, because he doesn't love me anymore. Is this true?

Also, I have lived off the reservation for many years and am considering moving back for a change in careers is this the right move?

Three, I am having problems at my work, due to discrimination. What will become of this? If at all, does anything happen?

Four, someone from my past keeps appearing in my dreams what is the reason for these dreams?

Even when I do not think of this person. Well, I hope you can help me in any way, so I can get this off my mind and get rid of all this stress I am going through.

Tired and stressed

Dear Tired and stressed:

Leaving your relationship seems to be the only option. You can't make someone love you in the way that builds a successful future.

If you stay and try to hold on you will only create a feeling of "less-than-ism" on your part. You will feel that you can't do anything right and that no matter what you cannot make this man happy (which by the way is true - nobody can make another person happy),

Does he love you? In a way, but not the way it takes to build a happy live together. Remember, most relationships eventually do not work, because they are not meant to.

Be thankful for the good times, learn something from the bad, and let him go.

There is something going on right now at the spiritual level that is drawing families back together.

The times in front of us are uncertain and filled with earth changes, economic hardship and confusion.

The Creator is moving many people closer to family members. That combined with practical considerations make your move back to the rez a good thing.

Open up your heart and decide to follow your inclinations. Moving back is a good thing and does help your career path. Begin right now to search for an opening in one of the programs back on the rez. Since it is "meant to be", employment won't be too hard to find.

Keep written documentation of all the discriminatory behaviors toward you at work. You are leaving anyway; but you may want to file a legal complaint against these people. There is no room for discrimination anywhere on this earth anymore - so people that are caught in this type of thinking have earned some pretty heavy karma.

The particular person, however, that I see being unfair does not consider herself to be discriminatory - rather, there is unjust treatment due to personal reasons (she just doesn't like you.) and it influences other people around her.

The dream guy - well, some might consider communication of his spirit to yours. I feel that he may appear in your life sometime in the next four or five months.

It does not indicate a deep and abiding love or that a committed relationship will happen; it does indicate that you are being thought about. It is more than likely just a desire on your part to feel loved, projected on someone that you did love, to recall the feeling of love within your own comfort zone.

Please learn how to be more comfortable with your life and quit over-thinking everything. If most problems could be solved by worry you wouldn't have any.

Worry is not positive, and most problems are not really problems, they are just a focus on the worst possible outcome.

Will Rogers once said, "most of the problems I have had in my life never happened." No truer words have ever been spoken.

Dear Anna,

I was reading some of the letters in your article and I just had to write in to give a shout out from the Windy City.

My mother was from Rosebud and I had the pleasure of going about two years ago for the first time.

It was a wonderful experience and I don't remember my mother too well since I got taken from her when I was about two and a half but I felt so connected to her. I know how much she suffered and how unloved and unsafe she was throughout her life. I just want to know, does my mother know this?

She died in a car accident when I was about five or six and as I said I don't remember her but I know that she lives in me.

Am I right to think that she is with me always and is she proud of me? Is she proud of her grandchildren and her great grandchildren?

Wondering about mom

Dear Wondering:

Yes, your mother still walks with you, and she is proud of you. Your feeling is part of the truth of reality. Those that pass away do live on in our hearts.

The love you feel permeates all boundaries; and although your mother is not physically present on the earth plane - spirits never die. Your mom has learned how to "travel" (so-to-speak) from one dimension to another and she has assumed a role of guardian-ship with you. Her heart and love can be felt, and she will always be there with you, your children and grand and great-grandchildren.

Your unconditional love for her is felt by her and calls to her throughout the universe. She is proud and happy for you.

On the day that it is your time to leave the earth she will be the first one to greet you and walk you over.

You are a beautiful person and your spirit of love is felt by many; including your mother. God Bless you.

Dear Anna,

I've been working on my G.E.D since January and was wondering if I'm ever going to pass. I'm trying my best at it but somethings hold me down.

And second of all I'm tired of walking to and from Kyle.

Do you see me getting a car because I so need one.

Just a wonder

Dear Just a wonder:

Yes, you will get your G.E.D. unless you give up. The only thing that is in your way is your fear that you won't get it - therefore you procrastinate.

Your fear is bigger than your faith in yourself.

I know you are tired of walking - and good for you for doing that.

Here is the scenario of events:

1. Getting you G.E.D.,
2. Getting a J- O - B.
3. Getting a car. Good luck (I see a small bluish green car).

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

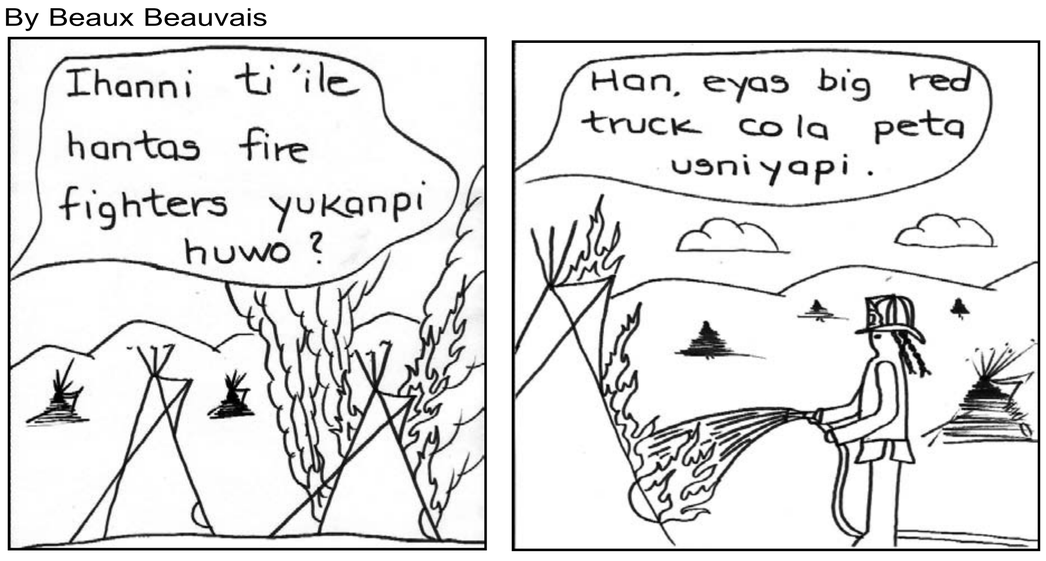
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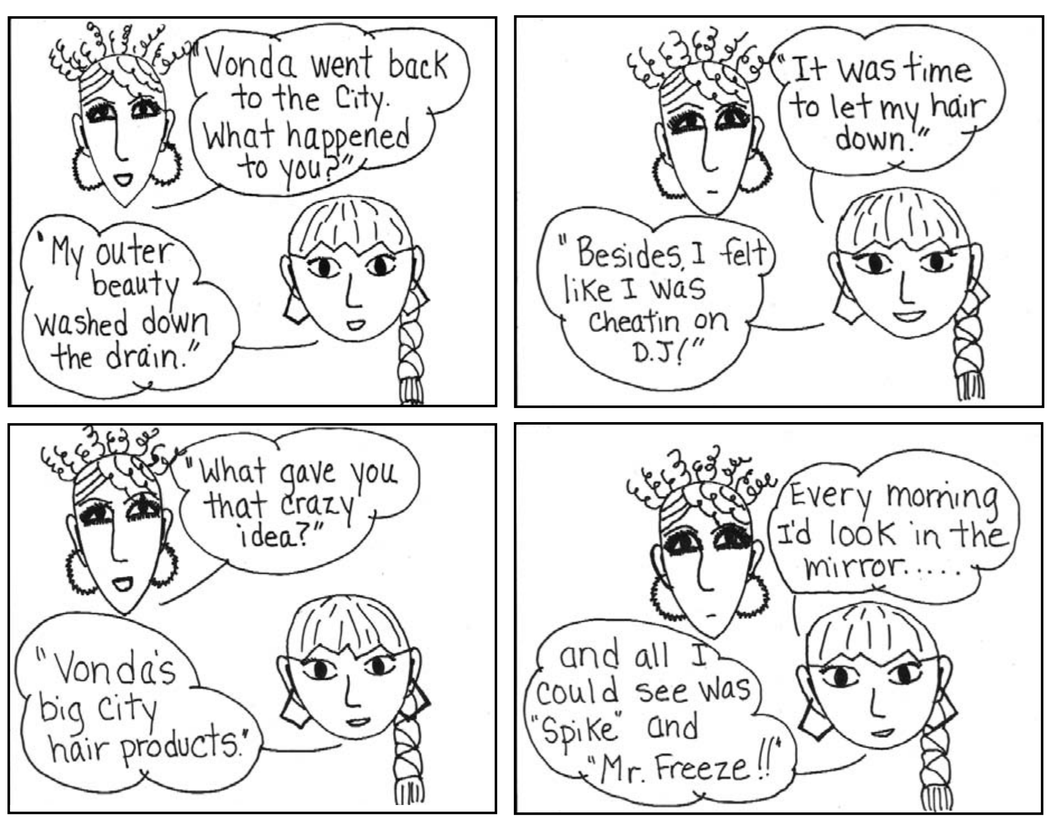
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(answers in next week's issue)

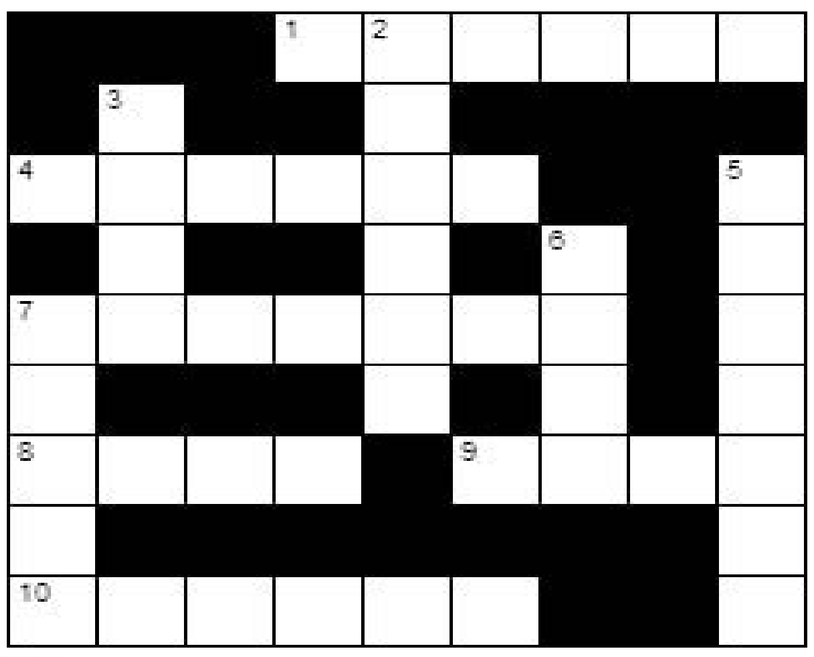
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SHANNON COUNTY MINUTES OF MAY 18TH, 2007

The Shannon Board of County Commissioners met in special session May 18, 2007. Present Connie Whirlwind Horse, Deborah Rooks-Cook, Tom Conroy, Vanessa Roubideaux, Sue Ganje, County Auditor and Julie Graham, Clerk. Absent Inez White Hawk.

The meeting was called to order with time being 3:08 p.m. Eleven people were present including Sheriff Jeff Not Help Him, and former Sheriff Jim Daggett.

The special meeting was called due to a request by Lance Russell, States Attorney, concerning the recent Sheriff appointment. Inez White Hawk was present at 3:13 p.m.

Russell presented a letter from the Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Enrollment he had received in response to his inquiry about possible family relationship between Commissioner Inez White Hawk and Sheriff Jeff Not Help Him. White Hawk stated she was not a blood relative to Jeff Not Help Him.

The request was made due to a statement that was made during the Sheriff appointment procedure.

Russell presented a copy of a SD Supreme Court, (which accepts NJ Supreme Court decisions) case which references conflict of interest and addressed the Board about his concern about conflict of interest while voting for the Sheriff appointment, which would invalidate the action taken, and advised about potential civil liability for the County. Discussion followed which included the Chairman's statement that no action would be taken as they now have a Sheriff living in Shannon County, with no second job, and relayed positive comments they have received since their appointment of the new Sheriff.

Discussion also included questions as to who would make the determination if there was a conflict, which Russell indicated would be a Judge if the action was challenged, along with the determination if any monies were owed to Daggett. Jeff Not Help Him stated he has no jurisdiction over White Hawk, as he has no jurisdiction over tribal members.

The letter from the OST Enrollment Office was reviewed, and although White Hawk and Not Help Him are second cousins, White Hawk's mother, Bernice White Hawk, gave testimony on the family history, which included an adoption, and discussion was held.

Russell advised he will request confirmation for his file.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to adjourn, time being 3:45 p.m. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Connie Whirlwind Horse, Chairman
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OLC to present 168 graduates

Stan Adelstein to make keynote address

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

THREE MILE CREEK - "Our first graduating class in 1973 had four graduates, this year we will present diplomas to 168 graduates," said Tom Shortbull, OLC president, "over the years we have had over 2,100 graduates who have had an impact on their families, their communities and to the Lakota Nation as a whole."

Graduation ceremonies are set for Sunday, June 24 at 10 am at the Three Mile Creek pow wow grounds southwest of Kyle at Piya Wiconi, the college's main administrative offices. Eight masters degrees and 16 bachelors degrees and a number of associate degrees and certificates are set to be presented during the ceremonies.

Stan Adelstein, a businessman, philanthropist and past state legislator will be the keynote speaker on Sunday. While Stan spent two terms in the state house and two in the state senate, he served on the Tribal/State Relations committee and has been a long time advocate for Indian issues. Adelstein served as the chair of Rapid City's He Sapa College Center construction fundraising committee, donated the center's parking lot and was named S.D. Philanthropist of the Year by Governor Mike Rounds in 2004.


Stan Adelstein

"Just as he believes that his efforts to maintain the Jewish traditions and history have enriched South Dakota, he also believes that the Lakota people's efforts to maintain their traditions, their language and their beliefs will serve to enrich the lives of South Dakota as well," said Shortbull, "we are very pleased to have Stan Adelstien address our graduates, he has been a great role model for so many people around the state and beyond."

The college is dedicating and unveiling their Oglala Lakota Veterans Monument on Saturday, June 23 at 10 a.m. between the Piya Wiconi center and the pow wow grounds as part of this year's graduation activities.

Captain Tasha Standing Soldier, Oglala Lakota, AFSC: 43P3, Pharmacist, who is currently stationed at Ellsworth Air Force will be representing the U.S. military at the dedication. Capt. Standing Soldier is a pharmacist assigned to the 28th Medical Support Group Squadron. She graduated from Little Wound High School and received her associate of arts in life sciences at OLC in June 2002 and graduated from South Dakota State University in May 2004 with her bachelor in science. In May 2006 she received her doctor of pharmacy degree. She is a member of the American Pharmacist Association and a member of Kappa Epsilon. She has one son, Damon Standing Solder 6-years old. Upon graduation, she was commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force. Additional activities include the GED graduation on June 21 at 5 p.m. at the Piya Wiconi Administation Center, the Baccalaureate Dinner on June 22 at 6 p.m. at Little Wound School in Kyle, the graduation wacipi on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 22-24 and a 5K/10K run on June 23 at 6 p.m.

Oglala Lakota College will present their 34th graduating class on Sunday, June 24 at 11 a.m. and includes masters of arts in Lakota Leadership/Management with an emphasis in Educational Administration:

Christopher Bordeaux, Devonna Bush, Lynette Cuny, Lyle Iron Horn, Burt Medicine Bull, Aspen Rendon, Robert Taken Alive; masters of arts in Lakota Leadership/ Management: Charles White Buffalo; bachelor of arts in Lakota Studies: Douglas Patton and Corey Yellow Boy; bachelor of science. in K-12 Lakota Studies Education: Phinette Little White Man and Babette Thin Elk; B.S. in Business Administration-Whisper Black Elk-Catches, Cassandra Crazy Thunder, Francis Heath, Madonna Her Many Horses, Francine Parmenter, Tyrel White Buffalo, Jerad Sampson and Tanya Babe Sharp Fish; B.S. in Human Services-Trina Andrews, Carrie

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Lunderman selected at Rosebud Casino manager

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspndent

MISSION - Richard "Tuffy" Lunderman, a Rosebud Sioux tribal member is home at a time when utilizing tribal members in critical positions is becoming a desired trend. Lunderman was selected to lead the Rosebud Casino as its new general manager and for the first three weeks he is getting to know his administrative staff and the some 200 casino employees.

Lunderman is widely known as a superb high school basketball player, who was a little ahead of his time as a tenacious point guard at Todd County High School in the mid 1960's. His team likely knocked off more than just one contender for the state basketball title.

After high school he was recruited to play basketball and baseball at Black Hills State College and subsequently spent many years in promoting health and wellness through his athletic pursuits. In his spare time, he also organized several independent Lakota teams to compete for a number of national titles.


Lunderman

Having spent a lifetime in the athletic field in teaching and mentoring young people, he also worked at Sinte Gleska University as a coach and at Little Wound School as a Dean of Students, coach and athletic director. More recently, he was employed in the Todd County School District.

At the Rosebud Casino, Lunderman is taking the opportunity to perfect his leadership style while attending to the other two businesses that fall under his scope of work. He said, "I want to be a leader who portrays a healthy lifestyle and values. It is no different than being an athletic director. Being in a leadership and management position you have a full work day and you have to be here to get the job done."

One of his employees reminded him that one must balance their professional commitments with their personal life when he said, "You shouldn't be here all the time, because if something changes, you may not be able to see it."

He recognizes the potential that the Rosebud Fuel Plaza represents and says that one must manage a business like they own it. The business management field is not unlike that of coaching in that one must carefully build a team and have them on board because they understand the issues.

Utilizing the casino as way to fight stereotypical views of Lakota people is something Lunderman would like to do through promotion of the culture and by further tapping into the tremendous potential that is represented by the population base in Cherry County in Nebraska and the counties of Tripp, Mellette, Jackson counties and beyond. He said, "Once a patron gets disillusioned with the casino and we lose them, it is very hard to get them back."

Analyzing just where the casino is and what its potential is, is a task that he is undertaking by being able to look at the statistics and other data and seeing what resources the casino has to earmark for a particular undertaking.

The summer months promise to be a peak period for the Rosebud Casino with the fourth of July powwow approaching. The fact that it is midweek will allow more competitive dancers to come to Rosebud. Lunderman said, "It is true that the Rosebud Fuel Plaza has the lowest fuel prices around. We need to look at turning over the dollars here 2-3 times." His desire is that more tribal members will utilize the fuel plaza for their needs.

Other summer events anticipated include the Sturgis bike rally which sees a lot of traffic on U.S. Highway 83 south and a host of community

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Meade County denies Jay Allen off sale liquor license because of unpaid bills

STURGIS - The Sturgis County Line biker bar and its owner, Jay Allen, continue their quest to offer a full venue of liquor sales to the biker crowd when the bike rally rolls around, however, the Meade County commissioners ensured that that would not happen at least partially.

Last Thursday, the commissioners denied Allen an off sales liquor license which would have allowed the sale of beer in a variety of packaged forms where patrons could purchase as much as they desired.

County leaders pointed to unpaid and late payment to construction contractors as their reason for Thursday's denial.

Allen was understandably upset citing his efforts to raise $19,000 for children and the elderly and locating a successful business in the area for the last 20 years.

Sturgis County Line still holds a valid on-sale license to sell beer by the drink which can be taken to campsites. The bar, however, will not be able to sell beer by the six-pack or twelve- pack. The on-sale license does not come up for renewal until the end of the year and that will allow the establishment to take advantage of the large crowd of bikers who will ascend on the area in August.

Allen must get his unpaid bills taken care of by then or he could jeopardize the on-sale license.

The latest was good news for a number of American Indian groups and local ranchers who have documented the tremendous noise, crowds and general impact of having a large number of visitors to the area. Being so close in proximity to the sacred Bear Butte or Mata Paha mountain has been of continuing concern to such groups.

The Lakota, Northern Cheyenne and Arapaho regard the ancient site as sacred to their early movements and even today many tribal people choose to worship at the site which is protected by the state. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe owns some land close to Bear Butte and manages a piece of property there.

When granting such licenses the Meade County commissioners consider the location of the proposed business and the character of the owners. In this case, the commissioners said the fact that Allen had unpaid bills owed to contractors for ten months reflected on his

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Conroy, Dull Knife earn seats on Shannon County School Board

BATESLAND - Unofficial results from Tuesday's school board election for the Shannon County School Board found Tom Conroy with 87 and Barbara Dull Knife with 70 as the two top vote getters to fill the two seats left vacant by the outgoing Melvin and Ruth Ann Cummings.

The school board will certify the results at their next board meeting on June 25 and Tom Conroy and Barbara Dull Knife will be seated at the first meeting in July for a three year term.

Joe Morrisette was third with 58, Etta Mae Runnels was fourth with 57 and Gerald Big Crow was fifth with 52.

Collins CJ Clifford had 51 and Joseph White Bear Claws finished with 29.

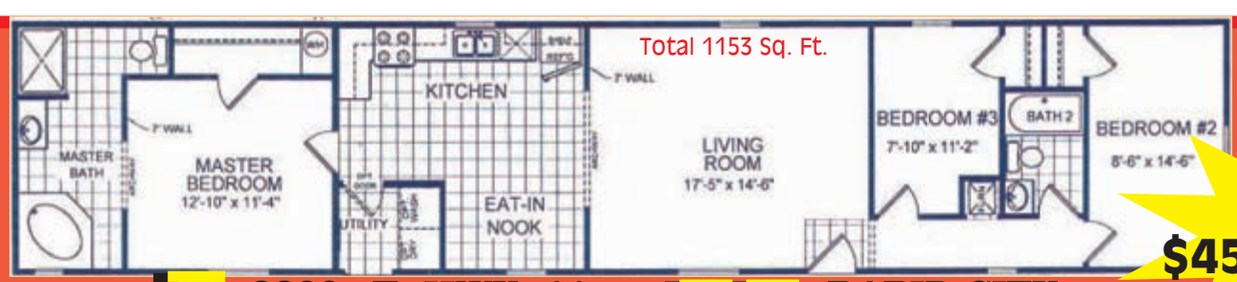
Melvin Cummings had served on the Shannon County School Board for 33 continuous years and was joined on the board by his wife Ruth Ann for the last several terms.

Shannon County operates K-8 schools in Batesland, Wolf Creek, Red Shirt and Rockyford, opened a new school in Red Shirt last year and is looking to add to the facilities at Rockyford. Shannon County has over 1,100 students enrolled. They have also opened up a pre-school at Wolf Creek that has been very positive.

After eight years as superintendent, Margo Heinert is leaving Shannon County on June 30 and will become the new superintendent at Todd County in July.

Curt Voight will take over the Shannon County superintendent job on July 1.

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LAKOTA LANGUAGE SURVEY RESULTS

Oceti Wakan, a small non-profit, in Calico Community on the Pine Ridge Reservation has been doing a systematic house to house survey in each of the nine Districts on Pine Ridge Reservation to see the health of the Lakota language on our reservation. This has been funded by an ANA (Administration for Native Americans) grant. There have been over 8,000 people who have been surveyed. Oceti Wakan mission is for the preservation of Lakota language and culture. We have developed books and CDs on both.

We would like to share with the community the results for each District with the people. As you will be able to see, we are in serious jeopardy of losing the Lakota language. We hope these results that we will be publishing over the next several weeks will help us break the denial of just how serious this is.

Eagle Nest District Lakota Language Survey Results
192 households were surveyed with 1,065 tribal members.

0-6 years old (227 children) 0 children can speak the Lakota language – 0%
7-17 years old (253 children & youth) 1 can speak the Lakota language - .4%
18-29 years old (221 people) 14 can speak the Lakota language – 5%
30-49 years old (223 people) 82 can speak the Lakota language – 37%
50 years old and older (125) 97 can speak the Lakota language – 78%

We also surveyed the number of people who can understand the Lakota Language but can not speak it. The following are the results:

0-6 years old (227) 6 children can understand the Lakota language – 2.5%
7-17 years old (253) 5 can understand the Lakota language – 2%
18-29 years old (221) 39 people can understand the Lakota language – 18%
30-49 years old (223) 60 people can understand the Lakota language – 27%
50 years old and older (125) 19 people can understand the Lakota language – 15%

63% of all households have at least one person that speaks Lakota in it.

LaCreek District Lakota Language Survey Results
158 households were surveyed with 664 tribal members

0-6 years old (116) 0 children can speak the Lakota language – 0%
7-17 years old (187) 0 children and youth can speak the Lakota language – 0%
18-29 years old (112) 6 people could speak the Lakota language – 6%
30-49 years old (133) 29 people could speak the Lakota language – 25%
50 years old and older (113) 55 people could speak the Lakota language – 49%

The number of people who can understand the Lakota language but can't speak it are:

0-6 years old (116) 0 children can understand the Lakota language – 0%
7-17 years old (187) 4 can understand the Lakota language – 2%
18-29 years old (112) 13 can understand the Lakota language – 12%
30-49 years old (133) 17 people can understand the Lakota language – 13%
50 years old and older (113) 8 people can understand the Lakota language – 7%

40% of all households have at least one person that speaks the Lakota in it.

Next week we will give you the results of Medicine Root District and Pass Creek District. Oceti Wakan has been meeting with the elders and in District meetings about creating a "**VISION**" for our long term language goal. **WE NEED MORE INPUT TO CREATE THIS VISION!** We want to ask anyone who has a part of the answer on what we can do to change this and to make this vision a reality to call us.

We welcome your input to create this "Vision". Please respond to us at:
Oceti Wakan
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We will publish the results of that when we have given all communities and members a chance for their input. Thank You.

We would like to hear from you!
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OLC graduation

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There will be 41 students who will be receiving their certificates in business computers, Lakota language, office technology, carpentry, general construction, television production and special education certification.

Rosebud

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powwows and sun dances on the Rosebud during the height of the tourist season which often sees record dollars being spent.

Lunderman is quite aware of the need for a marketing strategy. He said, "Everyone here is in marketing. It doesn't cost anything to say 'hi.' We are tracking spending patterns and encouraging people to come back. It comes down to customer service and our ultimate goal is to be the 'friendliest' casino around."

Finally, he sees a need to give the casino a small facelift and giving it a new look by re-positioning the furniture and slot machines and by also purchasing some new machines.

Bear Butte

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character and was a factor in denying the off-sale liquor license.

Allen can apply for an off-sale license a year from now. He also operates the Sturgis County Line which was built last year and apparently owes a half dozen contractors for work completed.

One piece of irony is that fact that the Meade County Commissioners have taken a lot of heat for continually approving Allen's requests for liquor licenses, while Commissioner Dean Wilks was quoted as saying, "It's ironic that you stiff local contractors."

Tamra Brennan of the Protect Sacred Sites organization wrote, "Now if we can just get the bikers to not support his place, and he has no business this year…Was good to see them actually do the right thing for once…wished it would have been based upon our stand on this but it's a step forward."

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- How To Apply -

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- Vacancy Announcement -

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Position: Realty Specialist, (Contracts Management)
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GS - 07: $35,752 - $46,478 Per Annum

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Vacancy Announcement #: AB-07-40
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Duty Station Location:
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Fax only those documents required in the vacancy announcement. Electronic mail (e-mail) or government envelopes may not be used to submit applications.

Contact Information:
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Oglala Sioux Tribe

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 439 Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770
Phone: 605-867-6014 **Fax:** 605-867-1922

Opening Date: June 11, 2007
Closing Date: June 22, 2007

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07-057 CHR Generalist (3)	Community Health Representative (CHR)	1-Red Shirt Table
07-058 CHR Patient Intake/Data Entry	Community Health Representative (CHR)	Rapid City,SD
07-059 Patient Registration Programs Clerk	Native Women Health Care	Rapid City,SD
07-060 Site Manager	Title VI, Elderly Meals	Porcupine CAP
07-061 OST Finance Committee Secretary	OST Administration	Pine Ridge,SD
07-062 OST Land & Natural Resource Committee Secretary	OST Administration	Pine Ridge,SD
07-063 Construction Inspector	OST Transportation Department	Pine Ridge,SD
07-064 Equipment Operator Apprentice (4)	OST Transportation Department	Pine Ridge,SD
07-065 Highway Safety Specialist	OST Transportation Department	Pine Ridge,SD
07-066 Tribal Roads Project Foreman	OST Transportation Department	Pine Ridge,SD
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07-068 Heavy Equipment Operator	OST Transportation Department	Pine Ridge,SD
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07-070 Equipment Operator/Mechanic	OST Roads Maintenance	Pine Ridge,SD

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OPINION PAGE

Our View

Language is important to the identity of a culture and to our youth

There has been a growing concern that the Lakota language is being slowly lost because we are failing to transmit it to the younger generation and that fact is being proven by recent statistics.

As we go about our daily affairs and plan for the fun our families are going to have during the upcoming pow wow season we all have this sense in the back of our minds that the language, Lakota language is important in some manner, but are just not quite sure who should be taking the responsibility for its survival.

The Oceti Wakan project in Calico community undertook the challenging task of surveying 8,000 members on the Pine Ridge reservation and will be sharing those results over the next several weeks. They warn that the Lakota language is in serious jeopardy of being lost. Their published some of the findings on page A3.

The statistics they gathered seem to bear out the fact that Lakota is not being learned in the early years in the Eagle Nest and LaCreek districts. They surveyed 352 people from both districts. For those 50 years of age and over, the statistics paint a much more hopeful picture as over half to 79 percent of those surveyed can speak Lakota. Also from 40 to 63 percent of all household surveyed have at least one person who can speak Lakota and that is a positive characteristic.

Those in the age categories of 17 to 49 provide a dismal snapshot of Lakota retention as only approximately 69 people understand and speak Lakota.

They will be publishing their results of the other districts in the near future. Language surveys are difficult to pinpoint real clear statistics because it's hard to assess the degrees of fluency and proficiency. It is sometimes advantageous when language assessments rely on a self report inventory as most people know where their language skills lie on a scale.

We don't have a lot of families who have a desire to learn and speak the language fluently or much less to teach their children. It goes back to desire and what is necessary for everyday survival

Knowing the language and culture is a power that gives us our identity as Lakota people. Language is power just as knowledge is power; it is what sets us apart as Lakota people.

It provides identity as a people and right now identity is important to our youth. It gives them strength and power within.

How do we combat the intergenerational and historical shame that is associated with speaking the language, how do we create desires in our youth to learn, and how do we break that shame?

Our schools and our colleges for the past 20 years or so have taken great strides to incorporate curriculum and criteria to teach and retain the language. Without that, our statistics would be higher.

The issues of fluency and language loss is slowly creeping up on all reservations and it is becoming a sign of declining cultural health of the people. It's a part of our identity that we should be transmitting to our youth.

Language acquisition and maintenance, furthermore, is a wonderful way for an indigenous nation to heal and practice that which has power and which promotes pride and resilience. We believe that the language will be revitalized and strengthened as there are still a good number Lakota speakers both from the Oglala and Sicangu Nations.

Go to any small community pow-wow and you will hear nothing but Lakota being spoken. Each of us needs to listen carefully to prayers, humor, teachings and many of the fluent pow-wow emcees who will be taking charge this pow-wow season.

In the past 10 years, we have seen a surge of more people, LAKOTA people participating in ceremonies, sweats and sun dances, where the language is at the center of healing.



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A Lakota Perspective

Racism: educate our children to who they are



By Lydia Whirlwind Soldier

In my travels across the country I realize that the country is in transition in many different ways, especially in acknowledging the diversity that exists in this country. Different languages are spoken over intercoms in airports and large retail stores. Businesses look beyond race and ethnicity because their success is based on financial gain. There seems to be a decline in racism but I wonder how the state of South Dakota would rate if compared to other states.

As Native people we know that we face prejudice and discrimination in many ways and in many places in South Dakota, so much so that it is difficult to ignore. Recently my grandchildren and I stopped in for a sandwich at a tourist center in central South Dakota. White people walked in ahead of us apparently without notice, but as soon as we walked into the gift shop area a man who was working in the reservations area dropped everything and begin to follow and watch us. He even went as far as to move a display of earrings closer to a clerk waiting on a couple. With his arms folded on his chest, his feet spread apart and legs stiffly planted he watched our every move. Obviously, this person has negative views and has stereotyped all Indians as dishonest and as thieves.

This incident cannot be dismissed as simply an isolated and bad experience with one racist person. Bigotry may not be as blatant in some places but in other places it is obvious and still an outrage.

The Nation has ignored the realities of inequality when it comes to indigenous people. We have the highest unemployment rate. Our children's education is substandard. We have the highest push-out and drop-out rate with some schools investigated for discriminatory acts against our students. We do not have preventative health care. Many of our people are discriminated against when it comes to rental properties in towns and cities across this state and are forced to live in substandard housing. Statistics show that there is a disproportionate population of Natives in South Dakota prisons. It has been proven over and over that minorities receive harsher sentences than their white counterparts. This doesn't prove that we have more criminals in our society; it only proves that we do not have the finances to hire renowned and experienced lawyers.

It is not difficult to understand racism when it is experienced over and over. Racism is a disease and a legacy that has become a tradition in some families. It is a chronic infection that generates and contributes to dysfunctional political and social issues in this country. It seems dialogue between the races is not effective because many people are in the state of denial and will fiercely defend and justify their stand on how they view other races.

In order to combat racism we must began with our families and especially with our children. One solution is to educate our children to know who they are, to believe firmly in the value of our history, culture and language. We must teach them to understand our treaty rights, sovereignty and to maintain and value what is left of our homelands. Our challenge is to teach them not to internalize discriminatory acts committed against them and that discriminatory acts against them are illegal. We must teach them that they are not powerless but that they have the power to mold their futures. They must also learn to acknowledge, accept and appreciate cultural differences. This is an overwhelming and awe-inspiring task but it can be accomplished.

We have made great strides that would make our ancestors proud. We still struggle with racial discrimination but we are stronger in our identity because of those struggles.

There are some Lakota quotes that I have valued over the years. In taking walks with my grandparents I heard more than once, "Always look back to see where you have come from to keep from losing your way." Another was, "Remember you are Lakota and that you have come from a Nation of strong, proud and good people."

Finding My Voice

Confessions of a Lakota girl



Dana Badmilk

Ok when I decided to do this on confessions, it is because I want to cleanse my soul. I decided to go back to the first thing I wanted to confess. I realized I have a lot to confess. The roots of evil were planted long ago.

Anyway I will start at the age of 5 and this confession goes to my brother. When I told you to swing from that vine and yell like Tarzan, I knew it was a stereo, a big stereo from the 70s and I knew the vine was the cord. Hey you turned out ok and have an amazing tolerance for pain to your head, right?

To the little boy in first grade, Greg. When we moved to the city and you told everyone I was a "dirty Indian." I wrote your name all over everyone's desk with the crayons you stole from me. I stole them back and walked by after school to watch you scrub your name off the desks. I smiled when you cleaned after this "dirty Indian."

To another boy in first grade, Mark. When you kissed me on the playground and said you liked me. I am sorry I screamed, cried, and ran. I really did like you and your blue eyes and I think our children would have been beautiful.

In second grade, to my grandma, I took your poodle Mr. Bo Jangles or was it Jingles to school and he danced for everyone and then molested my friend's cat.

In fourth grade to my teacher Mr. Collins. Every time you turned your back I sent you death rays and death thoughts but my super powers were not fully developed. I heard you later passed and I am sorry if the powers wore you down.

In fifth grade, to our dearly departed neighbors. Your dog Puppy Joe did NOT crap that much in your yard. I and my brother had to pick up the crap in our yard with one of those long handled pooper scoopers and we parred up into your yard. Your roof was hole in one.

In sixth grade, this confession is to the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. I only went to church because I had a crush on the Pastor's son. Forgive me.

In seventh grade, to my friend Missy, every time I had a crush on someone you and your Daryl Hannah looks made a play for them. So when I said I liked that butt ugly guy at camp with the same name as me, I only did it to make you go out with him while I crushed on the pastor's son. I thought it was funny to see you hold that ugly guy's hand though.

To all the girls at Bible Camp in the "Big Girls" dorm. It was me who put the frogs in your beds, purses, showers, and toilets. God wasn't dammning you and I was surprised to see that none of you noticed my bed and purse untouched and un frogged.

To my brother Trav again, when you gave me the Wrist Rocket sling shot to defend us against those "bad guys." You should have taught me how to aim. That dirt clod that blasted your head was me. But hey, it sent you into a rampage that scared them away.

To one of my best tippers when I bartended, Tony the Butcher. I never went on that second date with you because every time I said something you said "riiiiiiiiii-iiiiiiiight!" Like the Fonz said "Heeeeeey." You even said it when I purposely said something wrong. Hey thanks for all the meat, steaks and other stuff I and my kids enjoyed.

To my kids, sorry I make you get me the remote even when I am closer. My mom did it to me, it is a vicious circle.

To my mom and step dad, the red paint on the front of the van, that was me. I know you argued over it and blamed each other, but you made me take my brother dinner and yeah, that is all I will say.

To my brother Trav, I know you ain't with this chick anymore but when she asked who Susan was because you said it in your sleep, I didn't mean to tell her it was your ex, you guys should have told me you was all lying about it and in on it. I am not a narc.

And last but not least, to my brother Jesse, that one time, I was the one who wrote "Wash Me B----" in the dust on the hood of your car....but it gave it some charm. Oh yeah, and sorry to all the siblings that got blamed.

Ok I have to end there. I will not confess up anymore details to anything for fear of prosecution. I plan to take the 5th if there are any further questions. Oh I am free...the burden is off of me.

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Northern Perspectives

Cin'ca hoksila wana Lakol ocaje ki unkupi



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

We finally were able give Beaux his Lakota name and the gathering was good.

His paternal grandmother, Victoria, was present for the ceremony and we were grateful. His grandmother is in her 80's and does not like to be the subject of any discussion so I will leave it there.

I was also honored that Amanda and her granddaughter, Brittany Rose Poor Bear, were in attendance.

Brittany was quite popular as she sang a song in Lakota about the children and it was quite appropriate given that Beaux is a big kid also. Brittany got much words of encouragement from a couple of Vietnam veterans.

I come from a family that never conducted such honorings and so to actually put one on is a learning experience that taught me more than I really wanted to know. It was an emotional moment for me to see my little boy, who is taller than me, to be honored in such a way. I appreciate all of the family and friends that chose to come when they could have been out shopping or conducting their daily affairs. When I graduated from Harvard my dad could only say, "We born you good" and that was the extent of his congratulations. My mom said, "You done good" and I am sure she meant it.

I had several junctures in my life that were cause for celebration and I passed up the honor.

I can only explain that it wasn't a way of life that I am familiar with and so I just let it pass. I really think I will have my own secular 'wopila' dinner at some point to give thanks to many of the people that have supported me over the years professionally.

As I stood there with Beaux I realized that such a name giving is a way to lend him encouragement for the journey he is embarking on to get a higher education one day. Archie Little saved the day for us and sang several honoring songs, including a meal prayer song which I really appreciate.

He told Beaux before the ceremony outside that life is a rough journey and that he will need all the encouragement and support he can get.

At any rate, the whole event was an experience that taught me about the need to support Beaux in a cultural manner and some of the undercurrents that necessarily occur when adults have their own agendas.

Our precious children really are sacred and like a poker player who keeps his cards close to his vest, we need to keep our children close to our chest.

The best to you, *ta'wicahpi ake' topa* (has 14 stars) as your dreams will be fulfilled one day I promise.

You made us proud beyond words and I will be there for you always.

Notes From Indian Country

The poor Indians pay for the success of the rich



By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji)

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John F. Kennedy said that the American Indian is the least understood and the most misunderstood of all Americans. I believe that with the disparities now so apparent in Indian country, that description by JFK takes on an entirely new meaning.

Headlines in many newspapers last week announced that Indian casinos had brought in a record $25 billion dollars last year. What they did not say is that on reservations such as the Navajo, Rosebud, Pine Ridge, Crow Creek, Blackfeet and Crow, unemployment is as high as 50 to 80 percent. That the average income is less than $5,000 annually. That the average life span is about 55 years of age. That the infant mortality rate is 3 times the national average. That on some reservations the diabetes epidemic claims 50 percent of the total reservation population. That many homes are without electricity or indoor plumbing. That there is such a need for housing that some of the available homes house as many as three families.

But nowadays the average American reads about the $25 billion raked in by the rich casino tribes last year and shrugs it off with distaste, probably with some envy and not without a little anger at all Indian tribes. In other words, the fantastic success of some gaming tribes is setting the agenda for all Indian tribes and it is making the very poor tribes the victims of the success of the rich tribes. Who would have ever thought they would see such a dichotomy in Indian country even 20 years ago?

In the Lakota language there is a word one hears quite often these days and that word is "onsika" (pronounced oon-she-ka) and it means poor, destitute or miserable, but as with many words in the Lakota language it also can mean to humble oneself to another, to act in a humble way, or to have mercy on those who have nothing. All of these definitions could describe the present conditions of the Lakota people.

We say that we are all in the same boat so although many have very little, it is still their duty to help those who have even less. That was true in all of Indian country prior to 1988 when gaming was legalized on Indian reservations, but that is not the case today. One rich tribe, the Mohegan, just purchased a golf course for $4. 5 million. Another tribe, the Seminole, just bought the Hard Rock Cafe and Resorts for a billion dollars.

Prior to 1988 when all of the tribes were "onsika" they all pulled together. There was actually unity in their poverty. Back then one could attend the annual convention of the National Congress of American Indians and meet tribal leaders that knew only poverty. They came to the convention in tattered jeans that were partially covered by a threadbare jacket or sports coat. When they addressed the convention they spoke with humility, sometimes in English peppered by words in their Native tongue. Now they show up in three-piece tailored suits.

I remember when we had our first Native American Journalists Convention in 1984 on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation in Oregon. Many of the editors of Indian newspapers raised the money to attend the convention by holding fry bread sales or local auctions. Some pooled their resources and caravanned to the convention. Students from the Oglala Lakota College on the Pine Ridge Reservation had bake sales and auctions and then, led by their instructor, Gemma Lockhart, piled into their cars and vans, some borrowed, to make it to the convention.

Perhaps some would think of those days as the "bad old days," but on many Indian reservations, those days are still here. And on those very poor reservations it is heartwarming to see that the very poor still have dignity in their poverty.

Last week I wrote about the poorest Indian tribes in America, with $863,286,767.90 now held in trust for them for the illegal taking of their sacred Black Hills, refusing to accept one single penny of that award.

That these people of the Lakota, Nakota and Dakota speaking tribes of North Dakota, Montana and South Dakota, though encumbered with extreme poverty and the many illnesses that accompany poverty, can still refuse to accept nearly one billion dollars that would go a long way into lifting them from their poverty, is a miraculous phenomenon that most of the casino rich tribes could never and would never understand.

As a matter of fact, nearly all of the responses to my column about the monetary award to the Sioux people were from Indians all expressing great pride and respect for a people that refuse to sell their mother earth. Wrote one, "In today's world of greed and money grubbing by too many Indian tribes and their people, it makes me so proud to see the Sioux stand tall and proud against the temptations of the money givers."

Perhaps one of the reasons I received no response from white people is that this may be one concept they find strange or maybe it is just something beyond their realm of comprehension. To be poor and not accept money, according to many, is not the American way. It is not the fault of the rich casino tribes that most Americans believe that all Indian tribes are rolling in wealth. They were lucky to be in a locale conducive to wealth and more power to them for their success.

The words uttered by JFK more than 40 years ago still ring true. The American Indian is still the least understood and the most misunderstood of all Americans.

(Tim Giago is an Oglala Lakota. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in the Class of 1991. His latest book "Children Left Behind, the Dark Legacy of the Indian Missions," is now available at: order@clearlightbooks.com. The book just won the Bronze Star from the Independent Publishers Awards. He can be reached at najournalists@rushmore.com)

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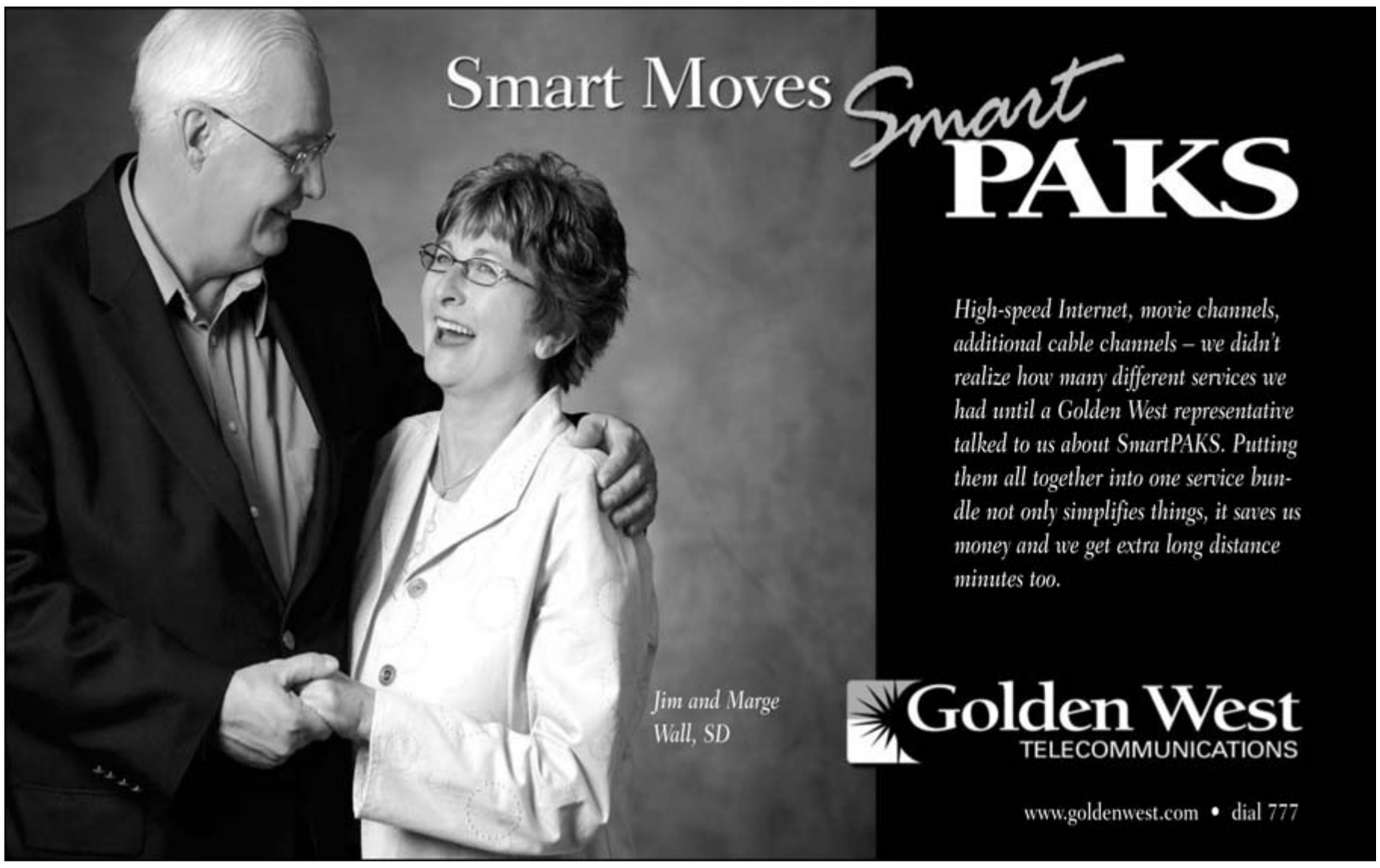
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SDSU Scott Nagy BB camp
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Plenty Arrows family reunion
Thursday, June 14, at 10 a.m. at the Allen pow wow grounds, dinner is at 12 noon, contact Gerald at 454-2298.

Free Rabies Clinic
Sponsored by the Oglala Sioux Tribe CHR program and the Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health on Thursday, June 14 in Wolf Creek from 9-10 a.m., Wakpamni Lake from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Batesland from 12:30-1:30 p.m., Calico from 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Tuesday June 19 in Pine Ridge and Wednesday June 20 from 9 a.m. to 4.p.m.; Tuesday June 26 in Oglala/Igloo 9-10 a.m., Oglala 10 am to 12 noon, Loneman 12:30-1:30 p.m., Lakeside 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Wednesday June 27 Red Shirt Village 10 am-12 noon and Slim Buttes 2-3:30 p.m., for information call 867-5801, 867-3024 or 455-2451

OST Commodity Distribution
Friday, June 15 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni, Monday, June 18 in Oglala, for more information call 867-5511

Lakota All Stars Classic
Men's and Women's basketball tournament at the Porcupine School gym, June 15-17, for information call Ted at 4341-6922 or Jolene at 441-7308.

Casino Grand Opening
Prairie Wind Casino grand opening set for June 14-16 with entertainment, cash prizes and Father's Day celebrations on Sunday, June 17.

Father's Day Activities
Co-ed Softball tourney on June 16 and 17, Saturday and Sunday at Porcupine School field, for information call Steve at 441-8686 or 867-5730; 3 on 3 basketball on June 16 behind Porcupine School, call Beau for info at 454-4151 or 867-5730; doubles horshoe tourney on Saturday and Sunday at Porcupine School, for information call Steve at 441-8686 or 867-5730.

Slow Pitch Slugfest
Father's day, June 15-17 at Memorial Ballfield at Wakpamni Lake for five men's and five co-ed teams, for info call Joe at 308-862-2327.

Concert, Education Awareness Day
Death to Meth 2, Saturday, June 16 with a four direction walk at 9 a.m., meth presentation and video from 9:30-11 a.m. then move to the pow wow grounds for music, speaker presentation and meal then finishing up with concert and conclusion at Prairie Wind Casino in Honor of Our Youth and Standing Up for Justice of Our Youth; for information call Carole at 867-2429, 441-6640 or Saunie at 441-0118 or Bev at 867-5643.

Memorial Ride
Sunday, June 17 riding from American Horse School to gravesite of Gordon Buzi DuBray, for information call Roger at 455-1123 or Mitch at 455-2791.

Gabe Dreamer, Sr. Memorial
Sunday, June 17 with unveiling of headstone at Makasan Cemetery in Oglala at 10:30 a.m., dinner and giveaway at 12 noon at Loneman School gym, everyone welcome, call Norma at 867-6335 or Jackie at 360-3819 for more information.

25th Sacred Hoop 500 mile Run
Runners will gather Sunday June 17 at Bear Butte, leaving Bear Butte for Oelrichs Monday June 18, to Lusk, Wyo. on Tuesday, June 19, to Four Corners Wyo. on Wednesday June 20, to Alzada, Mont. on Thursday, June 21 and to Bear Butte on Friday, June 22, for information call Rick Grey Grass 454-0006 or Mary at 867-2958.

Duane C. Two Bulls Memorial
Memorial dinner and unveiling of headstone on Sunday, June 17 at 12 noon at Christ Church on Red Shirt Table, for information call Adele at 455-2080.

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Rapid City looking for Indian Ed coordinator to put education on the front burner

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY-The position of Indian Education coordinator in Rapid City schools is not slated for elimination, according to current school board president Margie Rosario, but the person hired for the job will be taking on grants administration for the school district.

Several community members spoke to the school board on Thursday, June 7, to express dismay at rumors that the Indian Education director was going to be cut or demoted from a cabinet-level position.

Some of those speaking were responding to information presented to them on Tuesday, June 5, at a meeting of the local Peace and Justice.

Elizabeth Cook-Lynn and Jay Davis, speaking on behalf of Peace and Justice, said the group reached consensus on four points:

The Indian Education program should be retained; the director should be a cabinet-level position; it should be funded with hard money instead of soft, or grant, money; and it should be advertised and filled immediately.

Rosario said that the rumors of program elimination were based on "partial truths," and that plans for the Indian Education position had not yet been solidified at the time of the Thursday evening meeting.

Contacted a few days after the school board meeting, Rosario said the job description for the director of Indian Education and grants has now been finalized, and the job opening will be posted soon.

Rosario explained the process of revamping not only the Indian Education directorship but also other assistant superintendent and director positions.

About two and a half years ago, the school district started examining efficiency of its administration and "decided to get someone from outside the system to evaluate the whole thing," in part to get an objective evaluation, Rosario said.

The district contracted with Technology and Innovations in Education (TIE), a nonprofit agency funded with federal money through the South Dakota Department of Education.

TIE looked at organizational charts, interviewed top and subordinate tiers of administration to determine if their actual jobs matched their job descriptions, and returned to the school district with recommendations, Rosario said.

TIE found that three to four assistant administrators and four to five directors were all answering to Superintendent of Schools Peter Wharton, whose duties took him out of his office quite frequently.

As a result, administration will now be restructured, so that assistant administrators, each overseeing a specific area, will answer to Wharton, and directors will answer to the appropriate assistant administrator, Rosario said.

Although directors no longer answer directly to the superintendent, they are still part of the cabinet, Rosario said.

The TIE audit indicated that the director of Indian Education and director of grants were not each 100 percent full-time obligations, and the duties had close ties, so the two positions were combined, Rosario said.

The new director "will be responsible for integrating cultural competencies and training" as well as supervising a grants coordinator, Rosario said. The position will also be supported by assistance from other directors as well as an accountant in the business office, she said.

"So the director of Indian Ed is not charged with writing every word [of grants]," Rosario said. "There will be a team underneath responsible for the day-to-day stuff."

The district will be looking for someone with the ability and training "to really put Indian Ed on the front burner," Rosario said, and she hopes "the Native community will see that we tried to elevate the position…so it takes its proper place in the scheme of things."

When the opening for the position of director of Indian Education is posted, it can be found, along with other job openings, at the following website:

http://www.rcas.org/employment.aspx

Korean War vet Standing Bear posthumously honored

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

NORRIS - On any given day on the Rosebud reservation the summer months are filled with celebrations, ceremonies and other events that are often reflective of the diversity of events many have come to expect.

On Saturday morning, June 10 a solemn ceremony was held at the St. Paul Episcopal and continuing on to the Corn Creek park. Approximately 200 people came together including veterans to witness the posthumous awarding of military medals, an American flag and a U. S. Marine flag to Severt Standing Bear, Sr. who was a hero in the Korean War. Because of his heroic actions Standing Bear is being touted posthumously as a possible Congressional Medal of Honor recipient.

Many friends and relatives donating a lot of good food for the dinner in memory of Severt.

Sinte Gleska University Lakota Studies department instructors, Russell Eagle Bear and Francis Cutt were present while Francis served as the emcee for the event and the drum group Leca Wakan had the honor of singing the honoring and victory songs.

There were several dignitaries and visitors who made a special effort to make the trip because of their connection of Standing Bear. Retired Colonel Herbert Oxnam of Tucson, Ariz. presided over the gathering as the ranking member of the military while accompanied by his wife, who was also an officer during that time.

Retired corporal Jerry Ravino of Florida, a personal friend of Standing Bear and Sergeant Kamara served with Standing Bear in Colonel's Oxnam unit in Korea. They each took part in the ceremonies as did the South Dakota Marine Corps League color guard of Rapid City. A member of the color guard from Wyoming also participated. Ravino's family also included a young Boy Scout who raised donations for 1,000 white crosses for a memorial to Vietnam Veterans.

Many people from around the Rosebud reservation and Rapid City donated food and gifts in memory and honor of Standing Bear.

Herman and Sarah Standing Bear gave a star quilt to Cpl Ravino while Laverne Looking Cloud gave a quilt and caps to the Marine Corps League. Ron and Rosalie Little Thunder also presented quilts to the Oxnaml and Cpl. Ravino. Finally, Harvey and Linda Marshall gave a horse stick to the Colonel and Mrs. Oxnam.

Pine Ridge June area events

Father's Day Walk
Sunday, June 17 at 9 a.m. at the Porcupine Clinic parking lot. All fathers are invited to come walk and celebrate Father's Day and enjoy a good healthy lunch after walk with t-shirts for the fathers. Sponsored by Oyate Blihelya Diabetes. T-shirts provided by Running Strong for American Indian Youth.

For more info call 867-1706 or 454-2515.

Reservation-wide baseball gathering
Thursday, June 21 at Porcupine School, meeting at 5 p.m., for information contact Paul John at 455-5450 or 455-6473.

Red Cloud basketball camp
Monday June 18 through Thursday June 21 and Monday June 25 through Thursday June 28 at the Red Cloud high school gym for boys and girls with entering grades 1-8 from 1-4 p.m. in the afternoon and entering grades 9-12 from 6-9 in the evening, for information call Matt at 441-3823.

OST Council special session
Tuesday, June 19 at Wounded Knee District School in Manderson on judiciary committee agenda items.

Co-ed Slam fest
Slow pitch softball tourney Friday-Sunday June 22-24 at the Martin City Ballpark, for information call Woodzy 867-5161, 441-1110 or Mona at 45-1294 or 454-2687.

Co-ed volleyball tourney
Saturday and Sunday June 23 and 24 at Sand Courts in Rapid City on Omaha Street, for information contact Harold at 441-4199

Bad River Open
Friday-Sunday, June 22-24 at the Lake Waggoner golf course in Philip, for information call Bernie 365-6481.

Circle of Nations Community Outreach
Tuesday-Thursday June 26-28 with Circle of Nations School Outreach team in Pine Ridge on June 26 and 27 and in Rosebud on June 28, for information call 701-642-3796.

Walk and Run
Wednesday, June 27 at the Porcupine CAP office at 10 a.m. sponsored by IHS Diabetes, Oyate Blihelya.

Job Fair
Thursday, June 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eagle Nest college center in Wanblee, taking applications for the new Prairie Wind Casino and Hotel positions, for more information call PWC Human Resource Department at 867-6300, ext. 121.

Memorial Horseshoe Tournament
Saturday and Sunday, June 30 and July 1 at Louie and Raydeen's in Fragile Rock housing, a 16 team, double elimination, co-ed tourney, for information call Wilma at 867-1794 or 441-9012.

Church Dedication
New Prayer House, two miles east of Porcupine Store with all ministers and musicians welcome on June 30 at 12 noon with a meal to follow, for information contact Frances Ice 867-5050.

Peace is like a River 2
A gathering of actors, activists, artists, poets and musicians on tribal sovereignty, protection of sacred spaces, respect for the environment and preservation of Native cultures and languages with a poetry slam competition with cash prizes, Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 13-15 at Kiza Park north of Manderson.

Vergil Pourier, 16.....Pine Ridge
Robert Cole Sun Bear, infant....Rapid City
Roy J. Helper Sr., 59.....Oglala
Lucy Iron Wing, 43..... Eagle Butte
Sharon Lee White, 56.....Chamberlain

Vergil Pourier

PINE RIDGE - Vergil Pourier, 16, died June 6 at Rochester, Minn of injuries of an automobile accident.

Survivors include his mother Robin Tapio of Pine Ridge; brothers Bill Pourier, Ryan Pourier, Cully John Pourier and Lyle Jack all of Pine Ridge and Joey Pourier of Shakopee, Minn.; sisters Reva Bad Wound of Rapid City, Susan Pourier of Pine and Mona San Marcos of Easton, Pa.

A one night wake was June 11 at Billy Mills Hall, Pine Ridge.

Funeral services were Tuesday, June 12 at Billy Mills Hall Pine Ridge/

Burial was at the Pourier Family Cemetery in Pine Ridge.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Cole-Silver Sun Bear

RAPID CITY - Robert Cole-Silver Sun Bear, infant, Rapid City, died Sunday, June 10, at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include his parents, Robert Sun Bear and Jackie Looks Twice, both of Rapid City; five siblings, Robin Flynn, Kimberly Flynn, Tabitha Sun Bear, Bryer Sun Bear, and Trevor Sun Bear, all of Rapid City; his grandfather, Thomas Flynn, Rapid City; and his great-grandmother, Lula Two Bonnets, Manderson.

Memorial services were Wednesday, June 13, at Serenity Springs' Funeral Chapel of Tranquility, with the Rev. Lou officiating.

Roy J. Helper Sr.

OGLALA - Roy J. Helper Sr., 59, Oglala, died Sunday, June 10 in Rapid City. He served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include four sons, Roy Helper Jr., Luke Helper and Cody Helper, all of Kyle, and Lloyd Helper, Red Shirt; two daughters, Maria Little Boy, Shiprock, N.M., and Maxine Little Boy, Minneapolis; and two brothers, Marvin Helper and Everett Helper, both of Red Shirt.

A wake service was held Wednesday, June 13, at Christ Church Hall in Red Shirt.

Funeral services were. Thursday, June 14, at Christ Church Hall. Burial will be at Christ Church Episcopal Cemetery in Red Shirt. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Lucy Iron Wing

EAGLE BUTTE - Lucy Iron Wing, 43, Eagle Butte, died Wednesday, June 6 at Indian Health Service Hospital in Eagle Butte.

Wake services were held Sunday, June 10, at Emanuel Episcopal Church in White Horse.

Funeral services were Monday, June 11, at the church with the Rev. Norman Blue Coat and Mother Marion Rectenwald officiating. Burial was at Emanuel Episcopal Cemetery in White Horse.

Sharon Lee White

CHAMBERLAIN - Sharon Lee White, 56, Chamberlain, died Tuesday, June 5 at Sanford Health in Sioux Falls.

Survivors include four daughters, Amy One Feather and Amanda One Feather, both of Chamberlain, Alberta White, Sheridan, Wyo., and Natalie White Lightning, Cannon Ball, N.D.; one son, Andy White, Mitchell; five brothers, Ralph White, Little Eagle, Howard White, Oglala, LeRoy White and Lyle White, both of Little Eagle, and Kenny James, Flandreau; six sisters, Linda Sweet, Chamberlain,

Margaret Daniels and JoMarie White, both of Sioux Falls, Cindy Counts, Dunseith, N.D., Bridgette White, Pierre, and Priscilla White, Mitchell; and four grandchildren.

Wake services were June 8 at Hilltop Baptist Church in Lower Brule.

Funeral services were June 9 at the church. Burial will be at St. Alban's Cemetery in Fort Hale Bottom.

Hickey-Wevik Funeral Home in Chamberlain was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial dinner and stone blessing for Henry Clyde Red Shirt

The children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and stepchildren of Henry "Clyde" Red Shirt invite you to his memorial dinner and stone blessing on Sunday, June 24 at Christ Episcopal Church at Red Shirt Table at 1 p.m. Please bring your own chairs.

We miss our dad, uncle and grandpa so very much. There isn't a day that goes by that we don't think of him, the impact he had on our lives and the love he so generously shared with each and every one of us.

Our memories are many and the pain is yet so great, but we would like for you to join us in celebrating his life. We were blessed to have so many caring and generous people who helped us through a difficult time and would like to show our sincere appreciation.

Memorial Dinner for Sylvester Bad Cob

A memorial dinner will be held Saturday, June 16, 2007 at Crazy Horse School, Wanblee, with unveiling of the headstone at 1 p.m. at Presbyterian Cemetery with a dinner and give-away to follow.

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Dear Anna,

I have a few questions for you what is my sister doing with my son's father? Is she trying to hurt me? What are his intentions of all this? Does he realize he's just getting me mad and does he realize he could affect his relationship with my son by doing all this! I mean what are they trying to prove. Did they have sex together? I mean now why does everything happen to me? Why are they using my son to get together I mean both of them claim they love my son but yet they're jeopardizing his relationship with his other family? And I know it's up to me to tell my son things but yet he's too small what am I going to tell him in the future, that OK son, your auntie is with your dad. I mean who in their right mind will ruin a relationship especially if you know it's going to hurt the other person that had no intentions of betrayal and did they have sex together?

Betrayed Sister

Dear Betrayed Sister:

I notice that your refer to your boyfriend as your son's father. That, by the way, is the manner that most women speak of their exes. Your son's father has not pledged himself to you with an everlasting agreement of marriage. There is probably a blessing within that arrangement because it sounds to me like the two of you have too many troubles between you to lay down the ground work of a good, strong, loyal relationship.

Now. Down to brass tacks. Quit screaming about what is being done to your son. Nothing is being done TO him. Your sister and your ex-boyfriend (that is the future truth), may eventually end up together. I don't like it either and I don't think that it is a good idea to date your sister or brother's ex boyfriends/girlfriends. It causes way too much trouble and hurts way to many people yet it is something that happens.

As far as your small son; it makes very little difference who your soon to be ex will be dating in the future. Who cares as long as he is a good father and that the woman he is with is a good person that treats your son with love and respect.

To try and blackmail your "son's father" into behaving with threatening him by destroying the respect your son has for him shows immaturity and very little common sense.

Why would you want to torture your son by belittling his father? What is the point except to release your anger?

I know you are outraged at this whole thing and I also understand that is an average reaction to a break in loyalty. The two of your (your boyfriend and you) will end your relationship because you don't trust him enough to let him out of your site.

If you stay in the relationship you will torture him with your doubt of his loyalty every day of his life. It isn't what a loving relationship is about.

I see you letting your son's dad go because you are too angry with him to recover your balance and live in a good way together. What is the point of screaming and yelling and being miserable together. Better to be happy and apart than self righteously angry and together.

Dear Anna,

I am writing you this letter because I have been thinking about my sister who passed away 20 years ago. Her death was unforeseen and she died at a young age (18). Her death is still unsolved as of this year. A friend told me that in time there would be justice for her death but its been 20 years and I just wonder about it.

I wonder too, if she's with my uncles and grandpa and niece in the Spirit World. You see, when she died I wasn't a parent yet and I want to know if she knows that she has nieces and nephews that wonder about her. If you make contact with her please tell her I haven't forgotten her and miss her dearly. it must be true; God does only take the best!!

Still Missing her Sister

Dear Still Missing Her Sister:

Yes, your sister is with all of the family members. She does visit you and others from time to time. She does watch out for your children. Remember, please, death is only physical.

God, by the way, not only takes the best, he takes us all.

She says to tell you this: "I am far from being over my life. I love you too. I wasn't that young in the Spirit World when I passed away. I have an old spirit.

I want you to know that I am okay. I have found some peace about my life. Thank you for the ribbons. I want you to hang on to your hair bows. I wasn't killed by a guy, it was a woman. That should change the way people look at things. There was a guy involved, but she set it up."

"Everything is okay from here. I am hanging around Julia. She is from a long time ago. Remember, I am not that far away, and I visit a lot, and I have been in your dreams three times now. Take care of yourself, you are beautiful."

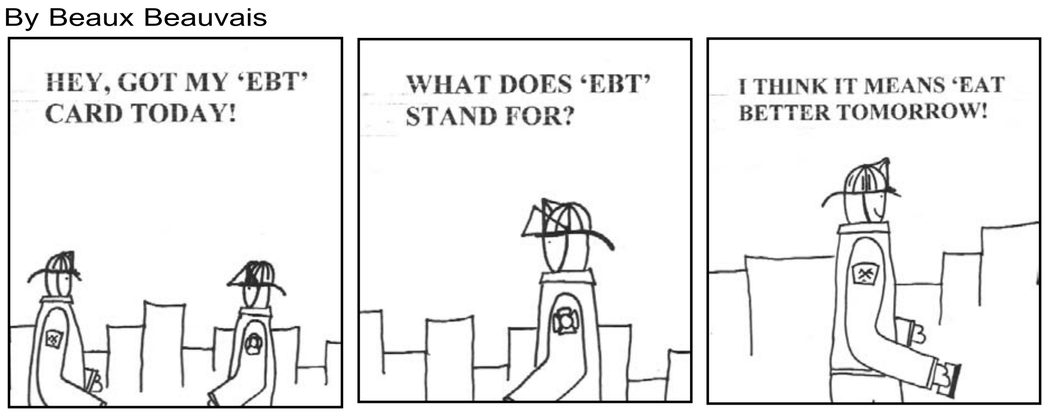
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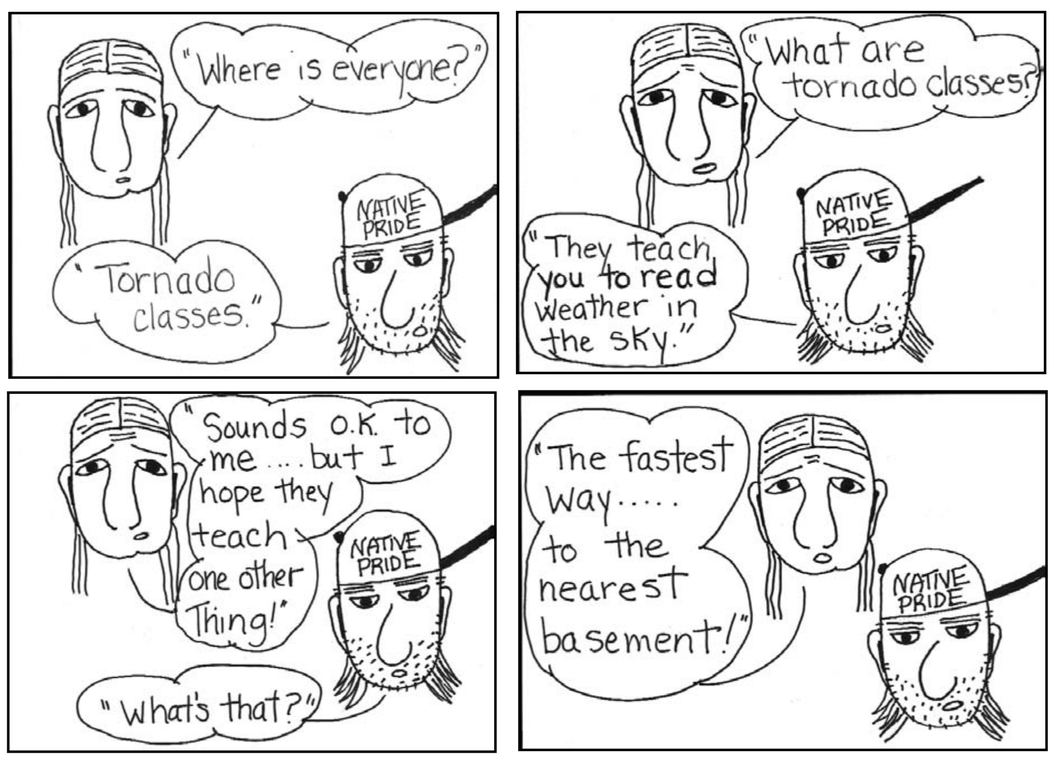
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By Beaux Beauvais



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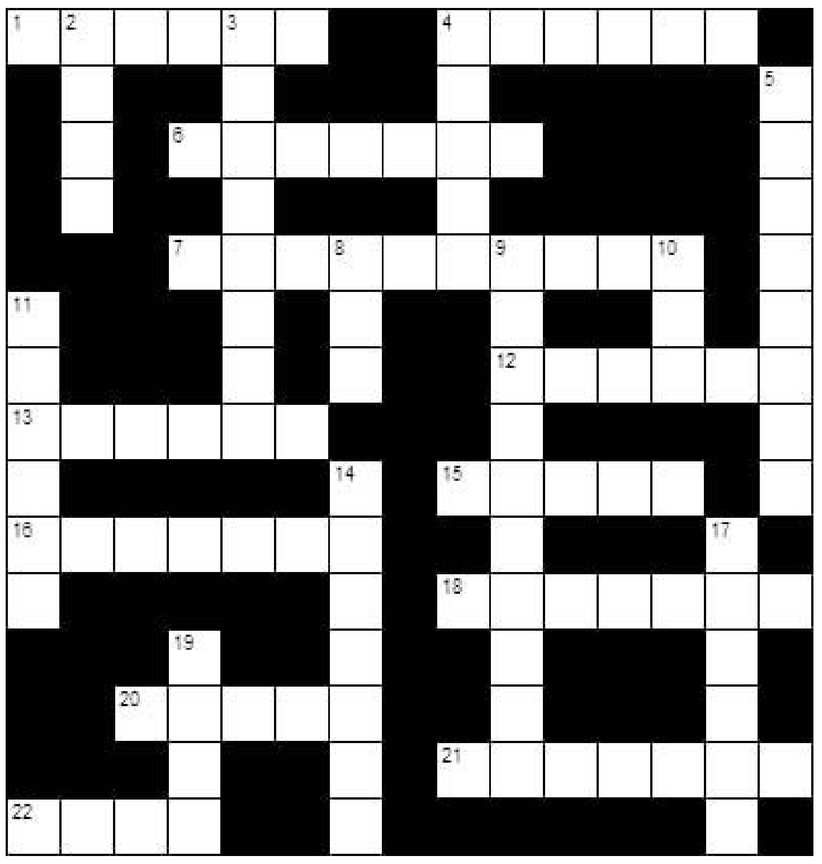
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(answers in next week's issue)

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4. fork
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7. coffee
12. candy
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18. tire
20. bird
21. mosquito
22. to cry, sob

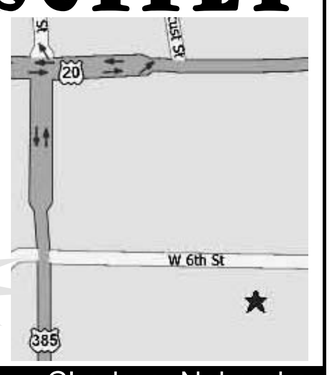
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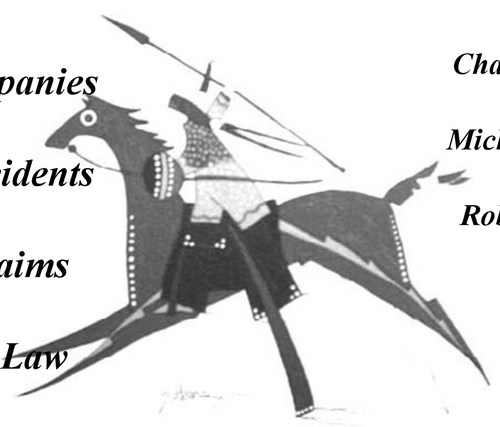


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INVITATION TO BIDS

Little Wound School
Kyle, S.D. 57752

INVITATION TO BID FOR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

The Little Wound School is seeking bids for the implementation of complete school-wide Voice Over Internet Protocol Office System with embedded voice mail. Bid Must include the Office System, software, installation, and training. Minimal required components/ configuration.

One VOIP System, 75 Multi - line Display Telephones, Embedded Voice Mail With Visual Voice Mail Control, 2/32 Party conference bridge, Mobile Twinning, PC phone control, Soft Console with busy lamp field, Remote Maintenance, One hour on site response time for major equipment failure Contact Anne Hunter, Tech. Coord. at 605-455-6155, or Paula Pourier, Bus. Mang. at 605-455-6173 for further information. Sealed bids will be opened and acted upon during the Regular School Board meeting on Monday July 2, 2007 at the Little Wound School.

Closing Date for sealed bids is 1:00 PM on Friday June 29, 2007.

Bid Should be submitted to the LWS Business Office or to the following address: Little Wound School Business Office, Attn: Business Manager, PO Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. Little Wound School Board Reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality, and to accept the bid that is to the advantage of and in the best interest of the Little Wound School.

MINUTES

Shannon County Board of Comissioners June 1, 2007 MINUTES

The Shannon County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 1, 2007. Present Connie Whirlwind Horse, Deborah Rooks-Cook, Tom Conroy, Inez White Hawk, Sue Ganje, County Auditor and Julie Graham, Clerk. Absent Vanessa Roubideaux.

Meeting called to order time being 10:55 a.m.

Agenda was reviewed with no conflicts.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to approve the agenda as read with the addition of approval for 2 private road contracts, Lance Russell, States Attorney and petitions.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to approve the Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer. All voting yes, the motion carried.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SHANNON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 31ST day of MAY, 2007.

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN BANK OF THE WEST $4,036.70

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN WELLS FARGO BANK $1,388.90

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN FIRST WESTERN BANK-HS $ 3,473.48

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ACTUAL CASH $691.19

TOTAL AMT OF CHECKS IN TREASURER'S POSSESSION NOT EXCEEDING THREE DAYS $1,140.40

MONEY MARKET SAVINGS: BANK OF THE WEST $ 2,238.87

WELLS FARGO BANK $1,135.02

FIRST WESTERN-HS $558,955.23

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT-FIRST WESTERN-HS $250,000.00

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts which have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:

Sheriff Change fund: 200.00

RETURNED CHECKS: Atkinson, Jennifer, $40.00; Big Crow,Duane, $39.50; Blackfeather, David, $75.00; Brings Patton, Linda, $55.00; Burgess, Jeanne, $45.00; Eagle Bull, Annette M., $43.00; Feather Earring, Tamera, $41.55; Garnett, Aqualyne, $64.00; Goings, Tanya L. $71.00; Haller, Wanda, $25.00; Janis, Jennifer, $90.50; Lone Hill, Trina, $20.70; Mesteth, Perry, $63.00; Morrison, Nadine, $15.00; Old Horse, John, $15.00; Pourier, Joel, $349.00; Red Cloud, John, $45.90; Ross, William, $53.00; Blethen, Rene, $48.25; Broken Nose, Leroy, $4.50; One Feather, Delmar, $187.02. Total: $824,841.76.

Dated This 31st Day of May, 2007

SUE GANJE, COUNTY AUDITOR OF SHANNON COUNTY.

THE ABOVE BALANCE REFLECTS COUNTY MONIES, MONIES HELD IN TRUST, AND MONIES COLLECTED FOR AND TO BE REMITTED TO OTHER ENTITIES: SCHOOLS, TOWNS AND STATE.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve the minutes of May 3, 2007. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve the minutes of May 18, 2007. Inez White Hawk asked if Tom Conroy was involved with the hiring of Ben Conroy several year ago because of Nepotism. Discussion was held. All voting yes, the motion carried

Bills were reviewed.

Lynn Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent reported Federal Property Trailer was en route to be located at the Highway shop, to eliminate security on week days. Water and sewer are already in the yard. The cost of the trailer will be $8,000.00.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Conroy to approve purchase of trailer in the amount of $8,000.00. All voting yes, the motion carried.

A quote was received by Golden West from Federal Surplus for security system.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Conroy to approve security system. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Lynn Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, gave Highway Department report and requested hire approval for Sonny Wilson as mower and yard worker. Sonny, Lynx and Greg were present and were introduced.

Tom questioned plans for Road#15, South as there is a great need for gravel. Suggestions given on where to acquire gravel which Bettelyoun is checking on.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to approve hiring Lloyd Thompson as Security guard, at $9.00 per hour and Norman Lee Wilson as yard and security guard, at $9.00 per hour, effective immediately. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Bettelyoun requested private road for Janelle Price, 3 miles east of Drywood Housing to fix and level road and parking area. Charge is $75.00 and was paid.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Conroy to approve amended private road contract to require 100% paid in advance, rather than 75% for private road contracts. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Fuel quotes were presented as follows.

UNLEADED-500 GALLONS;#2-RED DYED DIESEL-1,000 GALLONS;

WESTCO BID, $3.146 PER GALLON., $2.49 PER GALLON;

PINE RIDGE OIL, NO BID, NO BID;

MUDDY CREEK OIL, $3.259 PER GALLON , $ 2.569 PER GALLON

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to accept Westco as low bid at $3.146 per gallon for unleaded, 500 gallons; and $2.49 per gallon for #2 Red Dyed Diesel for 1,000 gallons. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve private road contract for Babbit Herman on BIA Road 32; 1-mile west of Pine Ridge; the road to be done with culvert and dirt and gravel, about a football field length worth, will be done when paid in full; total of $1,000.00. Also road contract with Toby and Janelle Price, 3 miles east of Drywood Housing, to fix and level road and parking area, paid in full $75.00. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Gail Kocer, Martin Addiction Center, met to request core agency designation for Shannon County, and she explained program out patient, treatment, assessments, Morning Star Family Ministries; sponsor of MAC Center, 2 trainees, intern in Martin, 1 in Kyle, and trainee in Pine Ridge.

From Anpetu Luta Otipi, Terry Blue Whites; OST Comprehensive Substance Abuse Program; Non-accredited with the state clinical (staff accredited, program not); they are seeking legislative change in Pierre on June 4th, 2007, administrative rules with IHS Standards with centers in Kyle, Pine Ridge, Wamblee and Martin.

Sharon Green, Southern Hills Drug and Alcohol met with the Board to discuss their program.

Motion by Conroy to designate Anpetu Luta Otipi, Chairman asked to hear from Southern Hills Drug and Alcohol Program.

Sharon Murray, Southern Hills Drug and Alcohol met to introduce the staff and go through their program. Said must be accredited to receive core agency contract.

Rooks-Cook questioned money received by Southern Hills Drug and Alcohol. Murray explained that so much is for assessment, so much is for each treatment. Jail in Pine Ridge will receive for assessment and referral services. Office in Rapid City. Said there are issues in Shannon County and working with Judge Fast Horse, Health and Human Services, Commissioners and meetings.

Marina Fast Horse spoke that 97% of Alcohol and Substance abuse related in court and the needs of people.

Tom Conroy said enough information and Deb Rooks-Cook questioned why they couldn't split the money between all entities. Want to know how much money is designated for Shannon County.

Motion on the floor by Conroy, Rooks-Cook amended motion to designate all 3 agencies for them all to help the residents in Shannon County, motion seconded by White Hawk. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Hearing was held as previously advertised on Road Removal.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to remove County Road #

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve the bills. All voting yes, the motion carried.

GENERAL

Comm. Salaries (5-Comm), May Salaries, $ 550.00

Auditor's Office Salaries, May Salaries, 1,277.20

Treasurer's Office Salaries, May Salaries, 1,275.66

States Attorney Salary, May Salary, 825.00

Dir. Of Equal. Office Salaries, May Salaries, 1,267.75

Reg. of Deeds Office Salaries, May Salaries, 1,273.56

Vet's Service Office Salary, May Salary, 900.36

Sheriff Salary, May Salary, 2,826.42

Weed Supervisor Salary, May Salary, 60.00

BP, Gas, 660.75

Dietrich, Donna, MI Hearing, 131.19

Family Health Clinic, Prisoner Medical, 72.00

Farrell, Farrell & Ginsbach, CAAF, 567.24

First Western Bank, Checks, 48.90

Forney's Standard Service, Gas, 104.00

Kooistra, Nelva, MI Hearing , 15.00

Lakota Country Times, Publishing, 32.64

Lewis & Clark BHS, MI Hearing, 130.00

Minnesota Child Support, Child Support, 130.00

Neve's Uniform Inc., Uniform, 258.70

Pennington County Sheriff, MI Transport, 744.32

Rehfuss, Cathy, MI Hearing , 15.00

Rushmore Office Supply, Supplies, 23.88

SD Sheriff's Association, Dues, 350.00

South Dakota Retirement, May Retirement, 1,113.60

US Postal Service, Postage, 209.13

Wells Fargo Bank, May W/H/SS/MDCR, 1,631.82

Yankton County, MI Hearings, 295.65

Alltel, Cell Phone, 352.93

Conroy, Tom, Comm. Travel, 56.32

Rooks-Cook, Deborah, Comm. Travel, 35.84

Fall River County Auditor, Supplies, 1,500.00

Gall's Inc., Supplies, 217.25

Halls, Terri, DOE Travel, 76.00

Lakota Country Times, Publishing, 263.36

Neve's Uniforms Inc., Uniform, 10.50

Ramkota Hotel, Travel, 135.00

SD Assn. of County Comm., Subscription, 10.00

SD State Remittance Center, Drug Test, 45.00

Whirlwind Horse, Connie, Travel, 72.32

White Hawk, Inez, Travel, 57.60

Yellow Birds, Gas, 273.00

COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

CRBR-Construction,

May Salaries, 13,118.89

Including Overtime for

Lynx Bettelyoun, Overtime, 1,440.00

Stacy Garnette, Overtime, 182.25

Greg Steele, Overtime, 252.00

Marty Goings, Overtime, 31.50

Culligan ,Supplies, 23.15

Husker Auto Parts, Supplies , 11,300.39

LaCreek Electric Assoc., Utilities, 140.03

Pine Ridge Oil Co., Gas, 70.00

SD Federal Property Agency , Supplies, 31.00

Sioux Nation Shopping Center, Supplies, 23.17

South Dakota Retirement, May Retirement, 1,055.70

Town of Batesland, Utilities, 50.00

Wells Fargo Bank, May W/H/SS/MDCR, 3,172.82

Westco, Fuel, 3,443.33

Alltel, Cell Phone, 241.59

Butler Machinery, Maintenance, 334.80

California Contractors, Supplies, 1,242.10 Farm Plan, Repairs, 3,230.53

First Western Bank, Supplies, 1,281.46

Great Plains Communication, Telephone, 590.30

Great Western Tire Inc., Tires, 2,435.60

Homestead Building , Supplies, 89.99

Pine Ridge Auto Parts, Supplies, 138.99

Quill Corporation, Supplies, 22.93

SOO Construction & Maint., Electrical Work, 1,363.74

Western Communications, Rent, 40.00

DOMESTIC ABUSE

Cangleska, Fund Balance, 1,510.00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EM Salary, May Salary, 323.00

South Dakota Retirement, May Retirement, 38.76

US Postal Service, Postage, 2.31

Wells Fargo Bank, May W/H/SS/MDCR Tax, 49.42

Jim Bradford, District 27 Legislator, met with the Board to discuss the petitions turned in on removal of officer's. Wanted explanations, and spoke about having Sheriff living in Shannon County.

Deborah Rooks-Cook spoke on being Deputy Coroner and how she only goes in emergency situations.

Sheriff

The Nepotism Policy was presented and the Board discussed and will bring back at next meeting.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to approve receiving a second opinion on petitions if necessary. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to adjourn, time being 12:13 p.m.

Connie Whirlwind Horse, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Shannon County
ATTEST: Sue Ganje, County Auditor
Shannon County

MINUTES

Shannon County School Board Meeting May 29, 2007 Red Shirt School

MINUTES

The Shannon County School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 29, 2007 at Red Shirt School. President Angie Eagle Bull called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

Members present:
Angie Eagle Bull
Ruth Cummings
Todd O'Bryan
Chuck Conroy
Melvin Cummings

Others present:
Dr. Margo Heinert, Superintendent
Maurice Twiss, Special Services Director
MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager
Ted Hanson, Special Education Director
Robert Two Crow, Lakota Studies Director
Dana Christensen, Technology Director
Bob Hall, Rockyford Principal
Monica Whirlwind Horse, Rockyford Asst. Principal
Marlene Stout, Red Shirt Principal
Loretta Giago, Wolf Creek Principal
Myron Pourier, Facilities & Maintenance Director
Patti Nelson, Administrative Secretary
Susanna Swallow
Liz Swallow
Mary Swallow
Gale Brewer, Red Shirt Maintenance
Kai Knag

All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

7233. Approval of Agenda

Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.

7234. Approval of Minutes

Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to approve minutes of the 4/23/07 regular meeting and the May 9th and May 14, 2007 special meetings. Motion carried.

7235. Executive Session

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by M. Cummings to go into executive session at 5:40 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion carried. President Eagle Bull declared executive session ended at 6:30 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

7236. Red Shirt School Air Conditioning

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by M. Cummings to approve installation of the air conditioning at Red Shirt School, not to exceed $271,948 and to require the Director of Transportation and Facilities Management and the district's Construction Project Manager to meet with the appropriate contractors to review the bid and negotiate possible lower costs accordingly. Motion carried.

7237. Personnel

Motion by Conroy, seconded by R. Cummings to approve all personnel recommendations, as listed, including a contract offer to Dr. Curt Voight as Superintendent of Shannon County Schools. Motion carried.

7238. Student Support Position

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to table the withdrawal of implementation of Office of Student Support position, and instruct Superintendent Voight to submit additional information regarding the implementation of this position. Motion carried.

7239. Application for Public School Exemption

Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by M. Cummings to approve an application for public school exemption for a Shannon County student, as listed on file. Motion carried.

7240. Response to Intervention

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by M. Cummings to implement the Response to Intervention (R2I) program at Rockyford School. Motion carried.

7241. Financials

Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by O'Bryan to approve the financial and payroll report, receipts and disbursements, as listed. Motion carried.

7242. ASBSD Workmens Compensation Plan

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to enter into a contract with Associated School Boards of South Dakota for a Worker's Compensation Plan for 2007-08. Motion carried.

7243. 2007-08 Classified Staff Contract Offers

Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by M. Cummings to offer classified staff contracts for the 2007-08 school year, as per administrative recommendations and the SCCEA negotiated agreement. Motion carried.

7244. Preliminary Budget

Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by O'Bryan to acknowledge receipt of the preliminary budget for 2007-08. Motion carried.

7245. Reports

The Board received verbal reports from administrators and directors.

7246. June Board Meeting

The next regular monthly school board meeting will be held on Monday, June 25, 2007 at Batesland, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

7247.School Board Election

The school board election will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at designated voting precincts, with polls open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

7248. Adjournment

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by M. Cummings to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Motion carried.

\Signed
MaDonna Peterson
Business Manager

Approved by the school board this 25th day of June, 2007.

Signed Andrea Eagle Bull President

Disbursements
General Fund

A & B Welding supply $14.69, ASBSD dues $837.74, ASCD membership $79.00, AT&T long distance $854.00 Advanced Business & computing $4,225.00, Alco Store supplies $143.45, All Season Sports supplies $1,008.20, Alltell cellphones $2,861.49, Andersons-its elementary $167.13, Apple Computer Inc supplies $1,106.15, Atlas pen & pencil $57.85, Badland Quilting supplies $750.00, Badland Enterprises repairs $745.00, Barnet Robert travel $17.92, Basler Printing Co supplies $4,080.00, Bennett County school District tuition $24,000.00, Black Hills Electric utilities $2,522.77, Bohlender Melody travel $227.82, Borders Inc supplies $9,519.08, Bowman Jyles training $249.20, BP gasoline $186.88, Business Office System Inc $316.34, Carlow Micheal supplies $300.00, Chief Eagle Dallas services $750.00, Chris Supply Co supplies $2,246.50, Christensen Dana travel $70.40, Cleo Flower Box supplies $427.50, Clifford Shane camp tear down $100.00, Cole Pest Control $930.00 Conroy Charles mileage $37.12, Corporate Card charges $15,664.14, Cresent Eletrical Co supplies $839.97, Cross Roads Inn travel $45, Crum electric supplies $869.19, CSC conference $236.50, Culligan Water conditioning $1,068.80, Cummings Ruth A mileage $16.64, Custer School District tuition $9,000.00, D & R service $264.17, Debbies Cakes and Floral supplies $389.00, Dell Marketing LP Computer supplies $4,288.24, Delta Education Foss kits $855.40, Diamond Green House supplies $70.01, Direct Advantage supplies $192.02, Eagle Bull Andrea mileage $45.44, Early Childhood Support services replace check 17916 $5,125.21, ETA/CUISENAIRE supplies $157.85, ETS-Educational testing $40, Evans Plunge trip $255.48, Evergreen office supplies $2,953.89, Family Thrift Center supplies $739.98, Fanning Tara NECC conference $361.40, Farm Plan diesel $28,412.81, FEDEX supplies $39.99, Fisher Tyler camp tear down $100.00, Flags & wheels trip $980.00, Florida Dept of Education supplies $1,058.08, Florida Micro LLC supplies $5,155.13, Fultz-Hall Candance travel $943.89, Foreman Sales & Service parts $225.33, Garden Café trip $318.47, Gibbons Bill camp tear down $100, Gibbons Terri Jo travel $471.04, Godfathers pizza trip $269.59, Goff, Wayne travel $433.28, Golden Corral Family Steak house $1,362.05, Golden West Tech Inc phone maint. $2,038.40, Golden West telephone Co $1,514.52, Gordon Senior Center services $1,060.50, Gordon Super Foods supplies $457.36, Gordon Theatre trip $473.75, Graham Donna supplies $17.96, Great Plain Communications $729.88, Great Western Tire co parts $1,156.55, Culverson Marilyn travel $120.96, Hansen Perry reimb $292.76, Harcourt Assesment Inc $728.54, Hardee's Hot Springs trip $151.31, Harlow's Bus Sales parts $88.32, Harmon Law Office attny fees $1,027, Hay Springs public school tuition $36,000.00 Heartland Paper Co $996.27, Heathershaw Designs $150.00, Heritage Village Inc supplies $1,423.50, Hernandez Lynn replace check $76.60, Hillyard supplies $5,260.95, Holiday Inn Spearfish travel $930.60, Homestead Building $71.44, House of Vacuums supplies $55.47, Howard Johnson spearfish travel $1,135.82, Howard Johnson Rapid City travel $1,760, HSBC-Office max supplies $387.44, Human Service Agency regisr. $20, Husker Auto parts $2,537.39,IDVILLE supplies $666.19, Industry Electric & supply $652.50, International Laser Group supplies $3,911.11, ISTE supplies $79.00, Jeffco Glass window repairs $224.00, Jenner Equipment Co parts $55.86, Johnson Machine parts $535.68, Jumping Eagle Donna NECC conference $361.40, Kaser Herbert parts $63.59, Kaser Rebecca NECC conference $361.40, KILI Radio services $3,415.00, Krotz Carol postage $82.00, Lacreek Electric Association utilities $12,137.29, Lakerteam chemical Inc $289.98, Lakota Country Times BD MTG. $822.64, Lausen Product & supplies $362.67, Lebeau Connie travel $17.28, Lithia Motors parts $200.12, Loneman School-WC fees $200.00, Lowes Home center supplies $283.84, McDonalds trip $450.00, McDonalds $17.79, McDonalds College drive trip $442.23, McDonaldsstore trip $462.46, McPhearson Jacobson LLC $5,480.20, Menards supplies $1,363.29, Metzger Janine NECC conf $361.40, MT Rushmore cemetery society $25.00, Mt Rushmore Telephone $578.38, NPC International trip $394.80, Nasro Inc training $425, Native Peoples subsri $19.95, Nelson Patti travel $352.68, Newhill services subsr $257, New Kirks hardware supplies $106.34, Nichols Temple seminar $197, North Central supplies $295, OST Water & Sewer $721.40, O'Bryan Caroline $56.48, O'Bryan Todd mileage $7.04, Olrichs school District tuition $78,000.00, Old McDonalds Farm trip $588.00, Oriental Trading Co $557.93, Paper Direct Inc supplies $70.93, Party America supplies $122.81, Pearson Digital NCS supplies $474.35, Pearson NCS assessments supplies $474.35, Petty Cash Batesland $427.73, Petty Cash Wolf Creek $362.75, Pitney Bowes supplies $259.94, Pizza Hut Gordon supplies $263.00, PlumDone Co $28.42, Poor Bear Pte Hinapa Win seminar $197.00 Positive Promotions supplies $699.45, Pourier Myron travel $133.76, Power House supplies $325.36, Prairie Edge supplies $52.20, Prairie Wind Casino ONEC $350.00, Radison Hotel Rapid City travel $126.00, Ramkota Pierre travel $530.99, Ramkota Rapid City travel $16,364.56, Ramkota Sioux Falls travel $83.00, Ranch Amusement park $575.00, Rapid Chevrolet repairs $1,722.87, Rapid City Swim Center $182.00, Renassaince Atlantic NECC $3,400.00, Renassaince Learning Inc $253.80, Reptile Gardens $269.00, SASD registrations $700.00, SD Dept of Environmental water fee $10.00, SD Dept Revenue license Malibu $17.00, SDSTE membership $30.00, Salomon Sanitatation garbage $7,790.00, Sams Club supplies $369.21, SDN communication phone $1,870.22, Sears Commercial one supplies $166.33, Serval Towel & Linen supply $6,304.28, Sherwin-Williams $483.12, Sign & trophy/Westex supplies $1,595.50, Sioux Nation Shopping $81.93, Software Unlimited maint $3,930.00, Speed Ryan mileage $274.80, Stine Lynn seminar $737.60, Stern Oil Co Inc propane $12,465.00, Stumps supplies $310.12, Swallow Elizabeth reimb $36.00, Swallow Lorraine mileage $50.56, TIE conference $30,085, Tatonka Capital Corp lease $839.20, Temperature Tech repairs $412.65, Thompson Publishing group $328.50, Town of Batesland garbage $500.00, True Value supplies $409.48,

True Blood Jesse camp tear down $300, Trueblood Karen tear down $100, Tutoring Promise tutor $14,875, Twiss Andrew travel $653.52, Two Crow Robert travel $78.72, Vanway Trophy &

Shannon County School District
Disbursment Report
April 30, 2007

Fund/Account	Amount
General Fund	$273,115.31
Capital Outlay Fund	$ 5,633.95
Special Education Fund	$ 49,658.01
Food Service Fund	$ 53,612.20
T/A Support Services	$ 7,098.52
T/A Wolf Creek	$ 0.00
T/A Batesland School	$ 194.12
T/A Rockyford	$ 0.00
Total of All Funds	**$389,312.11**

Shannon County School District
Payroll Report
April 30, 2007

Types of Services	Salaries	Benefits	Total
1000 Instruction service	$399,825,.91	$104,117.75	**$503,943.66**
2000 Support Service	$195,276.13	$ 54,422.76	**$249,698.89**
3000 Other Community serv	$ 2,905.00	$ 285.00	**$ 3,190.00**
6000 Co-curricular	$ 12,841.13	$ 1,125.72	**$ 13,966.85**
General Fund Total	**$610,848.17**	**$159,951.23**	**$770,799.40**
Special Education	$144,827.09	$ 42,730.02	**$187,557.11**
Food Service	$ 19,284.49	$ 6,673.80	**$ 25,958.29**
Total All Services	**$774,959.75**	**$209,355.055**	**$984,314.80**

Shannon County School District 65-1
REVENUE REPORT
April 30, 2007

Revenue Sources	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Education Fund	Pension Fund	Food Service	T/A Service	Impact Aid
Local sources							
Taxes	$ 6,246.34	$ 5,000.44	$2,333.50	$499.97	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$47,855.87	$ 10.33	$0.0	$0.00	$15,032.12	$8,300.06	$0.0
County Sources							
County Apportionment	$ 0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
State Sources							
State Aide	$353,844.00	$0.0	$119,338.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Federal Sources						$0.0	$0.0
Other	$472,512.13	$0.0	$57,879.98	$0.0	$56,946.92	$0.0	$589,797.60
Operating Transfer In							
Total Revenue For Fund	**$880,458.34**	**$5,010.77**	**$179,551.48**	**$499.97**	**$71,979.04**	**$8,300.06**	**$589,797.60**

Awards $2,065.83, Vigg Donna camp tear down $100.00, Vigg Tim camp tear down $100.00, Walmart Community supplies $225.59, West River International repairs $455.35, Westco gasoline propane $16,025.67, Whirlwind Horse Monica travel $125.00, White Bear Claws Marge seminar $737.60, White Bill camp tear down $100.00, White Robert L camp tear down $100.00, Winners Circle field $1,039.96, Wood Country Green house supplies $92.90, YMCA Rapid City trip $88.00, Yankton Tori travel $87.96, Youth & Family services $204.00, Fund Total $454,097.29.

Capital Outlay Fund

Best Busines Products lease $683.35, Chris Supply Co $2,138.17, Corporate Card charges $79.60, Deckert Equipment bleachers $761.00, Delmarketing LP supplies $4,248.60, Tatonka Capital Corp lease $4,186.00, Western Document Imaging copiers $9,505.48, Zanner-Bloser Ed Publishers $266.83, Fund Total $21,869.03.

Special Education Fund

Behavior Management service $660, Black Hills Special service tuition $2,664.30, Brimark Inn Travel $90, Childrens Care and Rehab Development Center $10,268.50, Childrens Care Hospital & School tuition $9,082.12, Childrens Home Society tuition $4,162.71, Family Thrift Center supplies $32.35, Frandsen Sandra travel $51.20, Gordon Super foods supplies $10.57, Hansen Ted travel $51.20, Holiday Inn Sioux Falls travel $110, James W King OD supplies $145, Just for Kids Speech Therapy $10,971, McDonalds supplies $62.73, Ramkota Rapid City travel $512, Ramkota Sioux Falls travel $83.00, Ross Donna Ruth services $1,516.64, Sioux Falls School district tuition $211.99, Sky Ranch for Boys Inc tuition $3,460, Talk tools supplies $45.86, USD school of medicine registr $660.00, WellSprings Inc tuition $455.04, Fund Total $45,306.21.

Food Service Fund

Blue Inc Distributing service $716.00, Food Service of America $12,978.49, Grocery Mart supplies $111.98, Harkers Food Service $7,451.42, Hillyard food service $638.03, Kemps Gillette Dairy $4,438.52, Pizza Hut Gordon service $157.35, Reinhart Institutional foods $33,172.30, Reitz Carol travel $45.76, Sensible Food service $234.96, Sioux Nation Shopping supplies $13.16, SDNA School nutition membership $98, Fund Total $60,055.97.

Federal Programs Special services

Corporate card charges $126.72, Debbies Cakes & Floral supplies $146.00, Division of Criminal Investigations $308.00, Family Thrift Center supplies $8.98, Heathershaw designs $442.50, Lakota Country Times graduation $440.00, Occupational Health Neward test $2,794.00, Plantsmyth supplies $6,291.59, Ramkota Rapid City travel $932.00, Western Dakota Tech Insti $1,106.00, Fund Total $12,595.79.

WC Trust agency acct

All Season Sports supplies $2,231.36, NEVES Uniforms Inc supplies $482.71, Fund Total $2,714.07.

BS Trust/agency acct

Gordon Super Foods supplies $74.88, Pizza Hut Gordon supplies $271.67, Fund Total $346.55. Checking Account total $596,984.91.

SPED Parent $140.80, ASBO $90.00, Sped Parent $70.40, Loretta Giago $208.05, Mikki Dennis $600.00, Candance Hall $175.80, Kris Kassler $54.87, Sped Parent $519.76, Mike Carlow Drum group $50.00, Mary Jane Steele $150.00, Katlin Clifford $50.00, Sped Parent $329.60, Luwanna Janis $318.64, Golden West $41.55, First National Bank $3,325.00, Jerene Heesacker $350.00, Wayne Goff $394.00, Tom Vocu $150.00, Jennifer Spotted Bear $150.00, Mike Carlow drum group $350.00, Chris Eagle Hawk $150.00, Autism Society of BH $210.00, Sped Parent $140.80, Pizza Hut $60.00, Wayne Goff $100.00, First National Bank $1000.00, Darrel Eagle Bull $571.90, Total $9,751.17.

Personnel

Resignation: Tegan He Crow-Wolf Creek School Preschool Aide-effective 5-4-07,

Request for release from contracts: $500 penalty: Jana McBride-Wolf Creek School Teacvher-effective end of contract, Jodi Kauffman-Wolf Creek School Teacher-effective end of contract, Ann August-Batesland School Teacher-effective end of contract.

Administrator Contracts for Approval:

Barbara Ice-Red Shirt School Principal/Teacher-from 7-1-07 to 6-30-08, $55,000, Russell Budmayr Wolf Creek School Principal-from 7-1-07 to 6-30-08, $60,000, Connie Kaltenbach-Batesland School Principal from 7-1-07 to 6-30-08, $55,000.

Administrator recommendations: Dr. Curt Voight-District Superintendent

C ontract amended salary for approval: List-Darrell Eagle Bull-Wolf Creek School Dean of Students from 7-1-07 to 6-30-08, $51,053.42, Marsha Smoker-Wolf Creek School Speech Tehrapist from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08, $40,000, Sandra Frandsen-Wolf Creek School Speech Therapist from 7-1-07 to 6-30-08, $50,035.

Batesland School Recommendations:-4th Grade Teacher.

Rockyford School Recommendations: Cindy Lakota 1st grade at Rockyford, Pte San Hinapa Win Poor Bear-Upper Grade Schience Teacher)transfer from Wolf Creek), Tim Villa-Physical Education Teacher

Wolf Creek School Recommendation:

Myla Budmayr-Special Education Aide

45 day Probationary C ompletions: Denver American Horse, Batesland School Home School Coordinator, April Smith-Batesland School Aide, Charles Cummings-Batesland School Resource Officer, Wydene High Pine-Wolf Creek School Custodian, William Jacobs-Wolf Creek School Bilingual Trainee.

Happy Ads....Happy Ads...Happy Ads.....Happy Ads

Happy 9th Birthday to our daughter
Laqael Ferguson
on June 18th!!
Have fun on your special day!
Love you always,
Mom & Dad

Jess Peniska, we are very proud of you, for making 3rd and 4th quarter Honor Roll, at Little Wound School, read on during summer. Next year you will attend Mitchell Public School. From Mother Donna Peniska, Dad Greg Peniska, Sister Mary, Brother Ryan

To our daddy, Louis Garner sr. who's in
Sioux Falls State Prison.
We love & miss you daddy we need you.
All of our love here in Native Country,
Pine Ridge Indian Rez.
Your native babies Jr.sari, sky Feather Garner

To: Juanita Scherich
Thank you for being here for us!
We love you momma
The Mc Bridges

I want to tell my cousin
Rex P.
To keep cool I will see you soon Bro.
Rooks

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Principal
Safe School Officer

Middle School Dept.
Lakota Language Teacher
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Friday Garnette,
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Have a good day and enjoy yourselves!
From: Trevor Iron Cloud

**Happy Father's Day!
2 uncle Weylin W.E.
&
uncle Myrtis W.E.
Luv: Hayden & Kallie B.H.**

**Happy Father's Day:
2 our best father we could ask 4:
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Kallie & Hayden B.H.
Thanks 4 everything
U do 4 us!!**

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Have a good day Pa-Pa!!

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Harold DeCory
Love You Lots
Audra & HD**

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Papa George Red Feather
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In our book, you guys are the COOLEST!
Love, Saige and
Este (Hill) Bettelyoun.

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Your wife and all your children…**

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To my daddy
Wayne Star Boy Jr.
Hope you have a good Fathers Day with love and kisses from your baby girl Kyla "Bug" Star Boy**

**Happy Birthday to our crazy sister
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Don't get too crazy on your birthday!
Love, Mom & Dad
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Always your friend,
Tamz

**Happy Belated Birthday to my
Auntie Trudy
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I hope you had fun at the casino!
Love & Miss you !
Your "sweetest" niece,
Tamera Rae!
(heheheh!)**

In Loving memory of my Dad
Bernard Kills In Water
who has been gone for 15 years on June 9th
and my brother
Cleveland Kills In Water
who has been gone for 16 yrs on June 5th and also in Loving memory of my first grand baby who left us on June 2nd 2006.
We miss you all very much this comes from
Carmelita and Family

**A very special thanks to the Batesland School Staff and Students for clean-up in the town of Batesland. Your contribution and good will to the community is noticed and appreciated.
Have a great summer!
Batesland Town Residents**

Happy 18th Anniversary to Bruce and Mary Kills In Water
We hope you enjoyed your day,
Love your lil'sis Carmelita and the rest of the crew.

**Happy Belated Birthday to
Adaisha and Athan Bull Bear
Hope you both enjoyed your special day.
Love Grandma Beta and the rest of they crew at No Flesh**

Happy 11th Birthday Dante Iron Hawk we love you, hope you enjoy your special day.
Love Grandma Beta and the rest of the family

For my guardian angel
Bobbie Collette Spotted Elk
Miss you & love you,
Keep your head up
your sis always,
Tamz

Thank you for being you, Trina.
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Families win case against Winner School

WINNER - The Winner and Ideal Native American community and the Winner School District reached an agreement June 18 to settle a class action lawsuit brought on behalf of Native American students attending Winner schools.

"This groundbreaking settlement agreement is a major step toward ensuring that our children have the best educational opportunities possible," said Rodney Bordeaux, president of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

Catherine Kim, one of the attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union representing the Native American families in this case, Antoine et al v. Winner School District, said, "Across the nation, education for Native American youth is in crisis. In Winner School District, Native American students drop out of school, transfer to other districts, or are sent to detention facilities at rates far higher than white students. We are pleased that the Winner School District has agreed to take proactive steps to support Native American students. It is our hope that the district can serve as a model for other communities serving minority students."

Rocky Blare, president of the Winner School Board, stated "Our Board spent two days in Sioux Falls, away from our families and jobs, in order to address the concerns that had been raised. Our goal was to act in the best way possible for all children of this district and

Please turn to Winner: A2



PINE RIDGE - Mackenzie Casey, 2004 Red Cloud graduate (back center) returned to Red Cloud High School for the South Dakota State University basketball skills camp last week with his three coaches and three of his teammates; Casey stands with (from left to right) Front row: Garret Richards, unidentified, Mato Black Horn, Will Garnier, Cody Martin, Robert Martin, Jr., Alana Holiday, Middle Row: TJ Nagy, Alejandro Rama, Caleb Two Hearts-Giles, Kellon Blacksmith-Rouillard, Sydney Richards and RJ Jensen. Casey returns for his senior year this fall at SDSU, he has played on the SDSU men's basketball team all three years. See page A3 for more on basketball camps.

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OST council tables ethics code, Little complaint and supports $4.3 million FEMA trailer plan

unified fight for protection of Bear Butte backed by council

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - On Tuesday the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council met in Pine Ridge for a special session to deal mostly with judiciary committee initiatives; the council defeated a tabling motion 5-7 on a proposed ethics code but when the vote was run on the code itself, it was 6-6 and John Steele, tribal president, broke the tie because of the need for so many interpretations so it was defeated 7-6. A subsequent motion to return it to the finance committee so that it could be brought back to the July regular session which would give council representatives enough time to review it and to have their respective districts review it as well passed 7-4 with one not voting.

"There were just too many questions, especially on the part which stated that elected officials of the Oglala Sioux Tribe shall not serve on or be a member of any board, commission, executive board or any other governmental position of the Oglala Sioux Tribe or chartered organization that may engage in business with or have an interest in the governmental affairs of the tribe," said Steele as he cast the deciding vote against.

Cora Whiting serves on a state advisory board, Tom Conroy just got elected to the Shannon County School Board and Philip Good Crow serves on a number of boards, all were unsure how the proposed code would affect their involvement on their outside boards.

As prescribed by tribal ordinance, any complaint against a member of the council or executive board would be taken up before the regular agenda so the council considered the complaint brought to the council by the executive board of the Oglala District. After a discussion and advice from the chair about what constituted an impeachable offense, the council voted 9-3 to table the complaint against Jake Little, council representative from Oglala Whiteclay District until all 18 members of the tribal council were in attendance.

"I was really hoping to get this cleared up and we would be able to move ahead," said Little, "this could drag on for many months."

When the council met in May at the Prairie Wind Casino, Little made comments about the military and veterans that offended many vets and tribal members. According to Hilda Two Bulls the complaint included a petition signed by 320 enrolled members of the Oglala/Whiteclay district and asked for Little's removal. Little spent five and a half years in the military but questioned the need to support all veterans events while stating the money would be better used for education projects so our youth would not have to sign up for the military to have their college education paid for.

Paul Iron Cloud, a past tribal president and housing director and a member of Steele's management team led a presentation with Gary Ruse, past president of First National Bank in Gordon, Neb. on the possibility of bringing somewhere between 250 and 350 new FEMA trailers to Pine Ridge Reservation. A revenue bond put in place in 2003 could be redone to bring together $2.5 million, Rural Development could provide $1 million, the Bureau of Indian Affairs about $300,000 with a total of about $4.35 million to be cobbled together to bring 270-350 trailers at $16,000 each. A resolution made by Craig Dillon and seconded by Sonya Weston to support the initiative and to send a tribal delegation to inspect and tag the trailers for the tribe passed 11-0 with one not voting.

The council voted 12-0 to support an Adam Walsh Child Protection and

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TWO SECTIONS

Prairie Hills Square country club and golf course renovates

RST liquor commission conducts inspection

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

MISSION - The RST liquor commission scheduled a walk-through inspection of the newly renovated Prairie Hills Square last Wednesday. The new owners Troy and Geena Heinert have been very compliant with the liquor ordinance which governs their exciting new business and, in fact, have taken the initiative to communicate with RST liquor commission chair, John Charles Arcoren when necessary.

The renovations have transformed the establishment into a rather trendy location to eat, drink and relax given the fact there is no other place on the Rosebud reservation that promises to have a full menu of steaks, hamburgers and other full menu items soon. Heinert says that they are waiting on the hood for the kitchen stove and will open the kitchen at that point.





The downstairs club house at the Prairie Hills Square golf club and steakhouse was newly renovated and includes all new furniture. Troy Heinert, owner of the newly opened Prairie Hills Square. Club members who pay dues have access to the area with the use of a key card.

Arcoren said that the liquor commission has been appreciative of the club's cooperation. He said, "He has invited me before he had on-sale and off-sales and has been very good about following the ordinance to be sure they were in compliance."

Patrons are greeted by a large split

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Winner school

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Front row: Dennis Putz, Attorney in private practice (Expert on Indian Education Law); Robin Dahlberg, Senior Staff Attorney ACLU Racial Justice Project; Catherine Kim, Staff Attorney ACLU Racial Justice Project, Vonna Lopez, Charlene LaPointe; Stephen Pevar, Senior Staff Attorney ACLU Racial Justice Project. Back row: Cindy Young, Director Tribal Education Department Rosebud Sioux Tribe Ana Weibgen, Paralegal ACLU Racial Justice Project; Christine Rinker,Charlie Long Crow, tribal council member Rosebud Sioux Tribe; Dana Hanna, former Attorney General Rosebud Sioux Tribe now in private practice and Jennifer Ring, Executive Director ACLU of the Dakotas.

move on. Ongoing litigation for years would be detrimental to our main goal of educating kids. With this settlement, we have welcomed the opportunity to provide visibility into our disciplinary policies and our cultural diversity." The settlement arose out of a lawsuit filed in March 2006 by ten Native American families with children in the Winner schools. The court certified the suit as a class action on behalf of all Native American students in the Winner Middle and High Schools and their families. The lawsuit claimed that the schools discriminated against Native American students in disciplining them, were hostile toward Native American families, and took statements from students involved in disciplinary matters that were later used to prosecute them in juvenile and criminal courts. The school district denied any wrongdoing, but agreed to enter into settlement discussions, mediated by U.S. Magistrate Judge John E. Simko, so as to avoid time-consuming and expensive litigation.

Under the settlement agreement reached by the parties, the district will enact policies and practices to ensure that the rights of Native American students are not violated and to enrich the educational experience of all students. Among the key terms of the settlement are the following:

o School officials will not require students to write statements that can be used to prosecute them in juvenile or criminal court;

o The district will hire a full-time ombudsperson, nominated by the collective Native American community, to serve as a liaison between Native American families and school officials, especially on disciplinary issues;

o An educational expert will work with school officials and Native American families to set benchmarks on improving Native American graduation rates, reducing levels of suspension and school-based arrests, and improving the overall climate for Native American students, among other goals; the expert will also conduct periodic on-site visits to ensure compliance with the agreement and monitor progress toward the goals;

1. A committee of Native American parents and school officials will review all disciplinary incidents every quarter for racial disparities and, if disparities are found and cannot be explained, recommend policy changes to reduce such disparities;

2. The Interwest Equity Assistance Center, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, will provide trainings for Winner students on conflict resolution and trainings for teachers on unconscious racial bias and educational equity;

3. The schools will include Native American themes in the mainstream curriculum, in-school activities, and after-school activities. Additionally, the district will offer Native American Culture, History and Language class every year in the high school, taught by a Native American instructor.

Participants in the mediation included Native American families named in the class action lawsuit, members of the Winner School Board, the superintendent, and two school principals. The families were represented by the national ACLU and the ACLU of the Dakotas, and Dana L. Hanna, an attorney based in Rapid City. Additionally, the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council and the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Education Department provided assistance and facilitation. The Winner School District was represented by Gunderson, Palmer, Goodsell & Nelson, LLP, in Rapid City.

Hanna said, "We appreciate all the support that was provided to the attorneys and the Indian families by Rosebud Sioux tribal president Rodney M. Bordeaux and the Rosebud Sioux tribal council. The case was six years in the making and the tribal government supported us all the way."

The settlement agreement will remain in effect until the district substantially complies with its terms for four consecutive years. The federal district court will have jurisdiction over the agreement during this period. The parties will be submitting a proposed consent decree to finalize the settlement, and the court will next consider any objections and decide whether to approve it.

FEMA trailers

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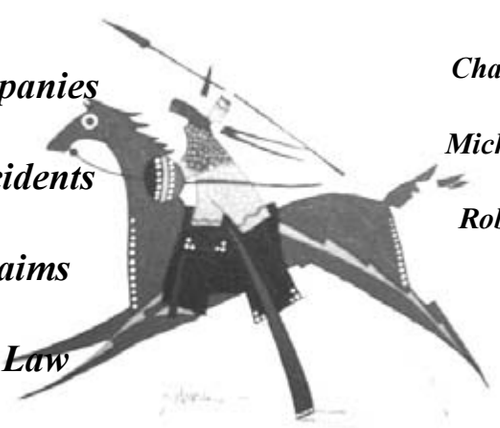
Safety act, 12-0 to support a Porcupine District proposal to Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant to design and construct a new community center for Porcupine; 12-0 for a special attorney contract for Henry Davis for an Indian Child Welfare case in Kentucky; 12-0 to support the construction of a new Wanblee ambulance center; 9-3 to have the OST Treasurer pay the returned tribal portion of the social security withholdings to the tribal council representatives; 12-0 to support the efforts of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe to re-unify traditionalm allies of the Lakota, Cheyenne and Arapahoe to work for the protection of Bear Butte; 11-1 to approve Steve Sandven as OST general counsel for one year and to approve attorney requirements; 11-1 to approve ordinance enacting the 2007 tribal court rules; tabled by a vote of 8-4 an ordinance defining the roles and responsibilities between ONTRAC and Lakota Oyate Wakanyeja Owicakiyapi (LOWO) and tabled by a vote of 7-5 civil fines and penalties for council representatives and executive board members who are late for or do not attend council meetings.

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Heat shuts down KILI Radio temporarily over weekend

PORCUPINE - Late Friday afternoon, during a late spring heat wave, KILI Radio shut down to protect its new transmitter. On Monday morning KILI went back on the air.

"We have not been able to get our new air conditioning units installed before the heat really hit," said KILI station manager, Melanie Janis, "we are looking at mid to late week to get in either a used unit temporarily or our new unit; we need to keep the temperature down in the transmitter room toprotect our new equipment."

After a bolt of lightening knocked the station off the air in April of 2006, the Pine Ridge reservation based 100,000 watt station went back on with low power in June of 2006 and went back on with new equipment in March of 2007. A new digital transmitter has yet to be installed as well as a new-grounding system.

"We are really glad to be back on the air and back on in Rapid City at 88.7, we just need to work through all of the paperwork to get our vendors paid and finish up the equipment renovation project," said Janis.

Prairie Hills

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level building with the hours for off-sale beer sales prominently posted for all to see. The top level is sporting a new floor with brand new tables, a pool table and chairs and the bar is on the east wall where customers may sit. There are two smaller flat screen televisions on the east wall, while a larger one has been installed on the south wall. Joyce Cook who previously operated a restaurant in downtown Mission is tending to customers and she noted that the kitchen staff is ready to roll once the kitchen is up and running.

Arcoren carried the RST liquor ordinance with him and referenced Section 10-2-10 which authorizes the commission to visit anytime. On such walk-through inspections or other spontaneous visits the commission is charged with the responsibility of looking for infractions as noted in the ordinance. Such infractions as under age drinking, serving someone who is excessively intoxicated and an examination of the liquor purchases to ensure that they are from a dealer licensed to do so.

The lower level is essentially the club house for which Prairie Hills takes memberships ranging from a single membership to families. The facility reflects the major renovation efforts which apparently went into creating a first rate club house that also allows children entry at certain points.

There are also flat screen televisions that keep one occupied while four large leather chairs dominate the middle section and which surround a coffee table. Both upstairs and down offer a lot of natural lighting from the outside and one could almost conduct a meeting using the coffee table and comfortable chairs if needed.

On this evening Heinert sat with Arcoren in the office and explained that he has just finished a state and nationally certified course in alcohol handling. He said, "This lets me train all my employees in South Dakota law and who can serve. They gave us signs to post and how to look for fake ID's."

There are six full time and seven part time employees and most are enrolled tribal members as Heinert had promised prior to the opening. He noted they have security personnel on the premises; however, they are not there to intimidate customers. He said, "We look for someone with people skills." There are also eight cameras and motion detectors to protect the property which also includes six golf carts for rent and 110 acres of land for nine holes of golf.

The new Praire Hills Square establishment promises to be a great alternative to traveling to the next state when the kitchen opens for business and locals are wanting a full menu when dining out. Heinert says they will also be serving a lunch menu of soup and sandwiches. He said, "It is scary to think about all of the regular customers coming here for lunch."

The liquor commission will conduct other inspections in the future as needed and when there is more of a crowd in evidence.

LAKOTA LANGUAGE SURVEY RESULTS

Oceti Wakan, a small non-profit, in Calico Community on the Pine Ridge Reservation has been doing a systematic house to house survey in each of the nine Districts on Pine Ridge Reservation to see the health of the Lakota language on our reservation. This has been funded by an ANA (Administration for Native Americans) grant. Last week reported Eagle Nest District and La Creek District representing 1,729 tribal members. There have been over 8,000 people who have been surveyed on the Reservation. Oceti Wakan mission is for the preservation of Lakota language and culture. We have developed books and CDs on both.

We would like to share with the community the results for each District with the people. As you will be able to see, we are in serious jeopardy of losing the Lakota language. We hope these results that we will be publishing over the next several weeks will help us break the denial of just how serious this is.

Pass Creek District Lakota Language Survey Results
180 households were surveyed with 649 tribal members.

0-6 years old (151 children) 4 children can speak the Lakota language – 3%
7-17 years old (215 children & youth) 20 can speak the Lakota language - 10%
18-29 years old (161 people) 29 can speak the Lakota language – 19%
30-49 years old (167 people) 91 can speak the Lakota language – 55%
50 years old and older (92) 65 can speak the Lakota language – 71%

We also surveyed the number of people who can understand the Lakota language but can not speak it. The following are the results:

0-6 years old (151) 0 children can understand the Lakota language – 0%
7-17 years old (215) 4 can understand the Lakota language – 2%
18-29 years old (161) 13 people can understand the Lakota language – 8%
30-49 years old (167) 17 people can understand the Lakota language – 10%
50 years old and older (92) 8 people can understand the Lakota language – 5%

92% of all households have at least one person that speaks Lakota

Medicine Root District Lakota Language Survey Results
139 households were surveyed with 786 tribal members.

0-6 years old (88) 4 children can speak the Lakota language –5%
7-17 years old (167) 4 children and youth can speak the Lakota language – 2%
18-29 years old (104) 13 people could speak the Lakota language – 12%
30-49 years old (162) 70 people could speak the Lakota language – 43%
50 years old and older (108) 75 people could speak the Lakota language – 69%

The numbers of people who can understand the Lakota language but can't speak it are:

0-6 years old (88) 19 children can understand the Lakota language – 21%
7-17 years old (167) 32 can understand the Lakota language – 19%
18-29 years old (104) 28 can understand the Lakota language – 27%
30-49 years old (162) 49 people can understand the Lakota language – 30%
50 years old and older (108) 21 people can understand the Lakota language–20%

62% of all households have at least one person that speaks the Lakota

Next week we will give you the results of Pine Ridge District and Porcupine District. Oceti Wakan has been meeting with the elders and in District meetings about creating a "VISION" for our long term language goal. **WE NEED MORE INPUT TO CREATE THIS VISION!** We want to ask anyone who has a part of the answer on what we can do to change this and to make this vision a reality to call us.

We welcome your input to create this "Vision". Please respond to us at:
Oceti Wakan
PO Box 1958
Pine Ridge, SD 57770
or email @ Oceti@gwtc.net.

We will publish the results of that when we have given all communities and members a chance for their input. Thank You.

We would like to hear from you!
Call Peter or Cindy Catches at: 867-6056

SDSU, USD basketball coaches bring college game to Pine Ridge

Summer camps offer young athletes opportunities to improve

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - For the second time in three years, South Dakota State's head men's basketball coach, Scott Nagy brought his coaching staff and players to Pine Ridge Reservation. Nagy, his assistant coaches Deryl Cunningham and Rob Klinkefus and players Mike Loney, Mark Engen, Mohamed Berte and Mackenzie Casey wrapped up their two day camp Thursday. Individual skills development in basketball were offered to 48 kindergarten to sixth grade youngsters in the afternoon and to 30 boys and girls in grades 7-12 in the evening.

Negotiations have been ongoing to bring University of South Dakota head men's basketball coach, Dave Boots and his staff and a couple of players to Red Cloud High School July 2 and 3.

"This offers us a great opportunity to bring SDSU basketball to different parts of the state," said Nagy, "we like to get out and work with ball players from all parts of the state, we were in Kadoka earlier this week."

If arrangements are worked out, this will be USD's first trip to Pine Ridge Reservation; the camp will be for boys and girls with the first session set for 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. for grades 2-8 and the second session going from 2:30-5 p.m. for students in grades 9-12.

"It's a great to get out west, to have a chance to evaluate young ballplayers and to showcase some of our outstanding players from South Dakota," said Joey James, USD assistant coach, "we have had a lot of success here at USD and we want to share that with the fine people of South Dakota."

In addition to head coach, Dave Boots and assistant coach Joey James, Chris Kassin, another assistant will come as well and players Steve Smith and Mitch Begeman who played at Sioux Falls O'Gorman and Dylan Grimsley who came to USD from the University of Northern Iowa.

Red Cloud has scheduled their own basketball camp for girls and boys set for June 18-21 and June 25-28. grades 1-8 will go 1-4 p.m. each day and grades 9-12 will go 6-9 p.m. each evening. Basketball fundamentals, skill development, games and contests will all be featured over the two week camp. For information call Matt at 441-3823.

According to Little Wound staff, there will be a boy's and girl's basketball camp in July, no date has been set as of yet.

"Summer camps offer an opportunity for our young athletes to get to know a sport better, a sport that they enjoy," said Matt Rama, Red Cloud head boy's basketball coach, "for high school students, it offers opportunities to improve their skills, especially in fundamentals and different parts of the game like ball handling, shooting, defense or rebounding especially if they are thinking about going to college and participating in a sport."

The camps at Red Cloud are individual skills camps; high school varsity and junior varsity teams have the opportunity to play in team camps, leagues and tournaments as well during the off-season

Pine Ridge and Red Cloud have a girl's high school team in the league at St. Thomas More in Rapid City and the Red Cloud boys are playing in the Black Hills High School basketball league hosted by Rapid City Stevens. Pine Ridge girls and Little Wound boys are getting ready for the Native American Basketball Invitational tournament July 8-14 in Phoenix; playing as the South Dakota Basketball Divas, Pine Ridge took second last year.

In addition to the league in Rapid City, Red Cloud boys have participated in team camps at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, Hill City high school and McCook Community College and will travel to Creighton University in Omaha this weekend. Between the camps and the league, Red Cloud is 22-0 this summer with another 30 games planned before the end of July.

In addition to local camps, there are a number of summer camps offered by surrounding colleges and universities including: SDSU Big Man/guard specialty and competitive camp June 18-21 call 688-4433 for more information; football team camps July 16-18 with a junior/senior advance camp on July 19; USD Football 11 man team camp July 8-10, 11-13, 18-20 and eight and nine man team camp July 15-17; Black Hills State University Basketball Skill Development and Competition camp June 17-20 grades 3-12, perimeter and post position camp June 20-22 and a team camp June 22-24 call 642-6607; the Black Hills Distance running camp with sprint/hurdles and pole vault on July 25-28; football camps July 8-11, call 642-6036; girl's basketball team camp June 15-17 and volleyball July 9-11 for grades 1-8 and July 16-18 for grades 9-12 and July 19,20 for Summer Slam team camp, call 642-6885; at Chadron State College basketball skills camp June 27-30 for grades 4-10, call 308 432-6348, track and field camp June 24-26; Northern State University in Aberdeen with Basketball shooting and scoring camp boys July 8-10 and girls July 15-17, Perimeter and post play camp for boys July 10-12 and girls July 17-19 and boys high school team camps July 12-14 and girls July 19-21; wrestling for grades 6-12 June 24-26 and youth camp under sixth grade June 27 and 28.

"It has really been special to do a camp in Mackenzie Casey's home town," said Nagy, "we know he has been a very positive role model to young athletes all across the state in particular to Indian Country, Mackenzie has been a really positive asset to our team over the last three years."

Rodeo cowboys to be honored

KYLE - There will be a honoring ceremony for eight rodeo cowboys on Tuesday, June 26 at Little Wound School gym at 5 p.m.

Those honored will be INFR barebacker rider, Chad Brunsch and Grady Brunsch; Joe, Jesse and Rolli Wilson from Kyle, Jeremy and Luke Meeks from Wanblee, and Shilo Amiotte, 17, who is leading in the NIFR tour.

Community is invited to attend, there will be entertainment and food. Call Ruth Brown at 462-6638 or 454-5273.

LeBeau returns to coaching, hired to guide Lady Thorpes


LeBeau

PINE RIDGE - After spending the last four years in the stands, Dusty LeBeau is set to return to coaching for the 2007/2008 school year with the Lady Thorpes at Pine Ridge high school. Dusty last coached during the 2003/2004 school year when he led both the boy's and girl's basketball teams from Pine Ridge to the state tournament, the Lady Thorpes took second to Sisseton in the 2004 State A championship game.

"When my wife Tess got sick, I stepped down from coaching to spend more time with her and after she passed away in October of 2005, I really didn't feel like doing anything;" said LeBeau, "now, I feel like I'm ready to go, I feel I have enough knowledge to get those girls to the next level. Bill Mendoza did a good job but when I heard he was going back to school, I remember how down those girls looked after they lost in last year's district championship and I figured I could help them."

Dusty started as a head coach in high school at Red Cloud with the girls in 1987 and over 15 years as a boys coach and 12 years as a girls coach he has compiled an overall 452-149 record with a 274-85 for the boys and a 178-64 for the girls. He has taken 16 teams from three different high schools to the state tournament. On the boys side, he won the state championship with Red Cloud in 1995 and his boy's state tourney teams include Red Cloud in 1990 (runner-up), 93 (third), 94, 95 (championship), 96 and 97; Little Wound in 1999 and 2000 finishing fourth both years and Pine Ridge 02, 03 and 04.For the girls, Dusty took Red Cloud to state in 1987, 1991(runner-up), 92 (third) and 95 (5th) and Pine Ridge in 2004 finishing second.

Although the school asked him to consider taking both the boys and the girls positions, he stated he has a mild heart condition and could handle the girls team. LeBeau works during the school year at Pine Ridge as a counselor tech and assists with attendance, grades, transcripts, a little of everything, he said.

"I'm back" said Dusty LeBeau, "If I do good I might continue; I still feel I can give young kids something."

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OPINION PAGE

Words from the 'trenches'

The Little Tipi Casino Train that "could!"



Connie Smith-Blanco

Last Friday morning, the train finally left the station with the Oglala Lakota Nation officially on board for the ride! The new Prairie Wind Casino and Hotel is now open for business and amid flag waving, drum music, singing, praying, hand clapping, political cheering, sweating, and smiling faces, the ribbon was cut to the entrance of the new casino.

Melanie Janis and Kili Radio broadcast the historical event and Amanda and I shared the same table and watched everyone on and off stage take their well deserved bows. Frank "PoPo" Means was the proud MC and he took the crowd down memory lane to that fateful time in 1992.

In 1992 tribal members, many still living and some now in the spirit world, got tired of talking about a casino on the Pine Ridge reservation. They got tired of hearing how other Indian Tribes had found a solution to some of their everyday living problems.

When they'd finally heard enough they decided that this solution could possibly be Pine Ridge reservation's solution to the grinding, unending poverty and unemployment that was a normal part of everyday, reservation life.

With heads bent in thought and prayer and hearts ablaze with Lakota Spirit, little dreams began their journey to becoming big plans and hopeful ideas.

Yes, it was possible to build a casino on the Pine Ridge reservation. And yes, while they were at it, how about adding the dream of the Lakota people owning and running that casino themselves? They could, and they would, and they did!

There are more stories than storytellers about the little tipi casino, that despite all odds, would one day be a brick and mortar monument to those long ago blazing hearts. It's beautiful, it's proud and it is the Lakota people's solution to living in a wasicu world.

Last Friday those early and present-day dreamers and movers and shakers were honored on that windy stage in front of the Prairie Wind Casino and Hotel.

Their achievements did not go unnoticed, despite the long years of patient drudgery up and down that path pebbled with the starts and stops and stalls of hard work. The stories were as wonderful and windy as the storytellers and the beautiful outdoor weather.

Casino manager Michael Graham and all the hardworking employees who have made the casino a hard fought reality were cheered and honored.

Every Prairie Wind Casino employee deserved credit. And Lupe Hudspeth and her great marketing team of Deanna, Sharon and Bridget deserve credit for the week-end of non-stop fun. They put on an unforgettable show with free music concerts, free comedy concerts, free mouth watering food, and free t-shirts in all sizes including XXXL!

What more could a faithful casino goer ask for? Nothing, absolutely nothing. The train is leaving the station and I plan to ride that train as long and as far as my future oxygen tank and walker will take me.

The honoring and back slapping will soon be over.

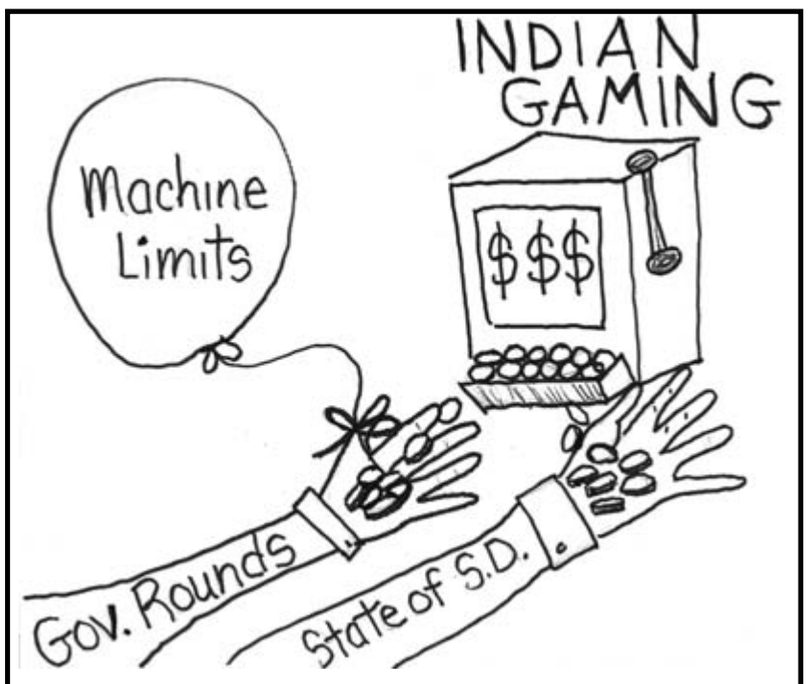
And it will then be time to take the reins of this beautiful, spirited horse and gallop on into the future making way for even better, windier stories for me to tell my grandkids, who in turn will repeat them to their grandkids.

Many more success stories will be told about the little tipi casino that grew up and became the Prairie Wind Casino and Hotel.

The Hotel is now officially open for reservations, just **Call 1-800-705-9463,** it's called the Prairie Winds Casino and Hotel. A big thank you to all those dreamers, planners, and doers from here in the trenches.

Connie Smith-Blanco, Oglala Lakota, is co-owner, business manager and marketing director of Lakota Country Times.

She has pursued a music career in Oklahoma, Tennessee and lived near her sister in Texas, and after 30 years moved back to her roots in South Dakota with two of her three daughters.



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Other Views

Our leaders need to give their word and keep it

Dear Editor:

In Lakota society, those who acted as judges to resolve disputes were elders and those who had earned the respect of the people.

In main stream society, you can't get to be a judge without some measure of worthiness and expertise. Since the 80s, our court has had a reputation for expertise and credibility because we have had law trained people as judges. Until now, we have also provided our people with expertise representation in the public defender and prosecutor's offices.

Reservation courts have always been bombarded with threats and interference from tribal councils. Rosebud has managed to avoid such interference because our judges have always taken a stand against it.

Last year, the tribal council took another step forward and passed an ordinance that forbid council members from interfering with judges' decisions. The ordinance failed to include a provision to keep council from interfering through manipulation of contracts and salaries. The old saying goes, "Whoever has the money has the power," and council continues to exercise that power.

Salaries at the court have always been limited by the funds provided in the 638 contract. From time to time we have had prospective employees who bypassed the chief judge and court administrator to get contracts that overextended the budget. Several years ago, the court set up a wage scale to ensure that everyone was paid according to education and experience and that the budget would not be over fun. Recently, the council decided to over ride the wage scale and gave a contract for $300 a day, which far exceeds the salaries of all court personnel including law trained people.

The person has no legal education and I'm not sure he ever went to college. He was hired after they refused to hire a lawyer for that pay and no other qualified person would take the job.

He must have powerful friends on the council. It's interesting that every councilman I talked to said they didn't know anything about this man's contract. That indicates to me that they voted on a contract without knowing what was in it or that they have ulterior motives.

The tribal council has never supplemented the court budget and the people have now gone for months without LEGAL representation in the public defender's office.

Paying someone a higher salary does not provide proper representation.

The people deserve the very best we can provide and they're not getting it. The failure to provide representation also extends to the multitude of victims of crime on our reservation.

A few months ago, council hired several more police officers and failed to realize that the prosecutors would also need more staff. Insufficient staff in the prosecutor's office results in inadequate protection of victims.

When will the council wake up and realize they have a responsibility to provide JUSTICE and that responsibility is greater than their need to get re-elected.

With elections approaching, I ask the people to take a close look at the candidates this year and determine how much integrity they have.

In my opinion, honor and integrity are severely lacking in our tribal council. Contracts without a waiver of sovereign immunity are not worth the paper they are written on. What matters the most are your political relationships.

Not only is that wrong, it only adds to white society's view that tribal courts are kangaroo courts. I saw first hand that even when they offer a contract, if you turn your back, they will renege.

Two years ago, I was hired and sworn in as a judge and within five minutes after I left the room they voted to re-advertise the position.

They actually were going to hire a non-member who was a two-year law school graduate because ex convicts don't like my personal opinion that felons should not be allowed to run for council.

That's a clear message that neither council nor judiciary committee thinks that qualifications are important when someone is making life-changing decisions for the people.

In spite of that, I continued to work as a temporary employee for two more years because no one else applied.

I finally got tired of working without any sick or annual leave and resigned. I am a tribal elder and deserve better treatment than that.

Our failure to produce courts that are separate from tribal government and failure to honor contracts, employee or business, results in distrust of tribal government overall.

Outside entities including the businesses we are trying to attract are reluctant to do business with a government that fails to protect everyone.

The people want a return to traditional government, but it will not work until we can trust our leaders to give their word and keep it.

Viola Burnette
Mission, S.D.

Wopila to those who help make healthy events successful

Dear Editor:

With much appreciation and *wopila* to the following programs and those individuals who were contacted to assist with contributions and donations of refreshments, food, bottled water, flowers/roses, bags, caps/visors and t-shirts for the Mother's Day Walk that was held on May 13 at Porcupine.

There were 60 plus walkers ranging from babies to beautiful and wonderful grandmothers, mothers, aunties, nieces, daughters and takojas on this very special day Mother's day to Oyate Blihelya Charlie Standing Bear for the bottled water, ONTRAC Juanita Scherich for the roses, LOWO Susan Dubray for the roses. Public Safety was given the request and one individual responded, Rick Mousseau for the cause of oranges, Public Health Nursing was given the request and one Public Health Nurse responded, Mary Mousseau for the case of apples, CHR Program, Marilyn White for the grapes, oranges, bananas and apples, Porcupine Clinic Board and staff for the use of their building, Paul Krizek, Running Strong for American Indian Youth for the beautiful and awesome t-shirts, OST Health Education, Mary Tobacco, Arlene Iron Cloud, Elaine (Worm) Yellow Horse and staff for the yummy roast beef, wheat bread and veggie tray as well as the bags, visors/caps.

To Marilyn Ruby Dodge, Suzanna Kills Back, Brian Dodge, Priscilla Buckman and her daughter, Sarah Buckman, for helping to set up, distribute items and the clean up.

It takes collaboration, network and communication and dedication so healthy activities such as these walks can be successful.

Karen Red Star
Health Educator
Porcupine, S.D.

Widow needs help

Dear Editor,

Jacky Dreamer has a long road ahead of her. She's raising her five children on her own in Rapid City and she has bills and rent to pay. Times are hard and she must clothe and feed them on a very limited income. She is working to make ends meet. She wants to save money for emergencies.

Her husband, Gabe Dreamer, Sr., died in June of 2006 and left her to support their children. Gabe was from Oglala on the Pine Ridge reservation and his death came to all of us as a tragic loss. Some of his family still can't believe he is gone and are waiting for him to come home. Gabe said he was coming home.

Others in his family have accepted his death as a part of life and are building on his legacy by not forgetting Jacky and their children. They know that death is a process of healing and forgiveness. They know she is determined to raise her family in the best way she can.

With the right employment she plans to open many doors of success for the future of her precious and beautiful children. If there is a business in Rapid City who would hire her and give her this opportunity, her worries would end.

This letter is asking everyone in the Northern Plains to help Jacky and her children financially in any way possible. Contact Jacky Dreamer at 102 Waterloo St. #313, Rapid City, SD, 57701.

Gabe was a hard worker and he believed in providing for his family with a Lakota heart of generosity and honor. He isn't coming home and it is our duty to help Jacky and their children fulfill all of their goals and reach their destinations.

George Blue Bird
Sioux Falls, S.D.

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Finding My Voice

Embracing precious moments



Dana Badmilk

I once wrote in my blog about my friend Nate and how he described a moment as being "badass."

Sometimes there are times like that in life where everything is just badass. Maybe it's only seconds or minutes long but it's there, right then and now.

It happened to me on Fathers Day.

I was cooking out for my brother, my uncle, my husband, and his friend for Father's day. The steaks were on the grill. You could smell them.

My husband and his friend were singing one of their songs that my brother requested. A thunderstorm had just passed and some of the clouds were clearing away. It smelled like rain and it was still slightly and steadily raining. The sun was setting up the hill with beautiful coloring and the sunshine was reflecting every raindrop so it sparkled. My kids and my brother's kids were lighting fireworks and laughing in the back yard. I looked up the hill at the rain because it was so beautiful and a little girl with black hair to her waist was running up the hill laughing as a dog chased her.

It lasted a whole 30-40 seconds tops.

I forgot that I have a phone bill overdue, beadwork orders backed up, and a car that needs fixing.

I may live in the poorest county in the country and this neighborhood may be ghetto as all hell.

But those few seconds right then and there were just beautiful and "badass."

You have to take those moments like that when they happen and embrace them, because they are rare and they let you know for a few seconds, that everything in your world is alright.

Dana Badmilk is a 35 year old self employed artist who recently moved back to the Pine Ridge Reservation. She lives there with her husband and 4 children. She can be read at her blog here http://danasvoice.blogspot.com.

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Notes From Indian Country

The 'Great Horse' of the Pawnee Nation



By Tim Giago
(Nanwica Kciji)
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There is a well-kept graveyard in the rolling, green hills on the outskirts of Pawnee, Oklahoma. There lie the graves of the fallen warriors and women of the Pawnee Nation. In one corner is the headstone of an Indian scout identical to the government issued headstones found in Indian cemeteries across America to honor the scouts who served the U. S. Army during the Indian wars of long ago.

On this beautiful June day fluffy white clouds float slowly over the graveyard and the afternoon sun reflects off of the large tombstone bearing the names of Mary and Charles George Shunatona. He was known as Chief Shunatona to the many friends he made in his 84 years on this earth.

On the back of the tombstone is the family name of the Shunatona clan. It reads, "Great Horse," and there is a story behind the name. Told to me many years ago by Charles this is how the story goes:

"One day long ago while the warriors were away from camp hunting, only the women, children and a few elders remained in the camp. A young boy spotted enemy warriors approaching and he raced back to the camp to warn them. The only way to safety was to cross the river now swollen and crashing from the melting snow and spring rains. An elderly man told the boy who brought the news of the enemy to get the great horse that stood grazing at the edge of the camp. He then summoned all of the people together and they followed him as he led the horse to the edge of the raging river. In the Otoe language he told the horse to start across the river and he held out his hand to the boy who in turn held out his hand to a woman and so it went until all of the people held hands tightly as the mighty horse pulled them all across the river to safety."

The elderly Otoe man was the great grandfather of Chief Shunatona and so that is why the name "Great Horse" is etched on the gravestone at Pawnee.

More than 30 years ago I was about to begin hosting a weekly television show on KEVN-TV in Rapid City, S. D. I wanted the show to have an Indian theme song. I knew of only one man that could give me that song and his name was Charles Shunatona. Chief Shunatona was known all across Indian country for his mastery of the flute. I visited him one spring day in Wichita, Kansas. His wonderful daughter Gwen, then an assistant dean at Stanford University in California, was my hostess.

Charles asked me a few questions about my television show, about its format, and then he told me he would have a theme song ready for me by the end of the week. He was true to his word and a couple Sundays later, when my show made its debut, we had taken a Lakota pipe, hung it from the ceiling with black thread against a black background, filled it with tobacco and lit it, touched it gently so that it would appear to be floating in the air with smoke drifting from its bowl, and then came the beautiful tones of an Indian flute enriched by the deep voice of Chief Shunatona telling the story of the flute. In this way my new show, "The First Americans" was introduced to the people of Western South Dakota on December 15, 1976.

All of these memories came back to me as I looked at the headstone of Charles and Mary Shunatona last week. His daughter Gwen was once again my hostess and she delighted in showing me around the campus of the new Pawnee Nation College located on the grounds of the old Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school.

I never cease to be amazed at the outrageous optimism of the Indian people. Through the eyes of Gwen Shunatona, George Howell, the president of the Pawnee Nation, Elizabeth Blackowl, Todd Fuller, president of the Pawnee Nation College, Deb Echo-Hawk, Les Hand, Roberta Gardipe, and Dawna and Charlie Hare, they see a beautiful college campus developing like a Phoenix rising from the ashes of a boarding school that has been closed for 40 years.

The old Pawnee Boarding School was built at the turn of the 20th Century to house and educate the Indian children of the Pawnee, Otoe-Missouria, Kaw, Ponca, Tonkawa and Shawnee. Not only would the children be educated, but they would also cease to be Indians. The BIA policy of "Kill the Indian; save the child" would see to that. The school eventually became known as "Gravy U" by the children in honor of the watery gravy that was served at every meal.

Through my eyes I saw buildings that were ancient and in disrepair. I saw that it would require millions of dollars to restore the buildings (You can see what the campus looks like today by Googling Pawnee Indian School). But I could not help but be uplifted by the unvarnished enthusiasm of Gwen, George Howell, Todd and the other school board members. Gwen returned to the land of her people to pursue this dream and George returned to his homeland from a life as an administrator for the Indian Health Service in order to help make the dreams of his people a reality.

Pawnee Nation College is a dream that, with the help of the American people, can come true. A couple of miles away, beneath a beautiful headstone with the words "Great Horse" carved upon it, Chief Shunatona and his wife Mary, wait, watch and share the optimism and enthusiasm of the people of Pawnee, Oklahoma and today I join them in their shared hopes and dreams that one day there will rise from the ashes of "Gravy U," a college that will grab the tail of the "Great Horse" and be pulled along the path to safety and success.

(Tim Giago is an Oglala Lakota. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in the Class of 1991. His latest book "Children Left Behind, the Dark Legacy of the Indian Missions," is now available at: order@clearlightbooks.com. The book just won the Bronze Star from the Independent Publishers Awards. He can be reached at najournalists@rushmore.com)



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Judge denies stay, uranium drilling to continue

RAPID CITY - South Dakota Circuit Court Judge John Delaney denied a motion for a stay to stop any further drilling by a Uranium mining company near Edgemont. Opposing parties are considering state Supreme Court appeal.

Powertech, a Canadian mining company, began drilling uranium exploratory wells in the Dewey Burdock area northwest of Edgemont a few weeks despite the approval of their permit being appealed in court. Two environmental organizations, Defenders of the Black Hills and ACTion for the Environment are appealing the decision made by the South Dakota Board of Mining and Environment. Cindy Gillis, lead counsel for the two groups had previously sought a preliminary injunction and a restraining order. Judge Delaney denied those requests and said a "stay" was the proper procedure, and one was filed on April 30.

A hearing was held on June 19, in the Pennington County Courthouse and the Judge denied the stay, stating there was not enough environmental information to show harm to the plaintiffs.

Charmaine White Face, coordinator for Defenders, said, "This appeal is about the violation of our Constitutional rights. Our concerns about the environment were not even considered by the Board during the first hearing in January," she said. "That's why we appealed their decision in the first place. We are not even to the environmental questions yet."

Attorney Gillis raised the point in court that Powertech will have all their exploratory wells finished before the hearing on the permit can occur. Judge Delaney stated that even though a number of procedural violations were committed by the Board and the State Department of Environment and Natural Resources, he now had the authority to make the decisions and this was his decision.

The Board's Hearing Chair, Lee McCahren, on Jan. 17, 2007, signed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order that were prepared by Max Main, the attorney for Powertech. This was prior to the Board hearing the oral objections on Jan. 18 at which no court reporter was present. The process also allowed for written objections to be submitted within 30 days after the Hearing. The two groups submitted their written objections, and their objections should have been addressed by the Board in a Final Decision. The Board never sent a Final Decision. In order to participate in an appeal of the decision, the groups filed their appeal in State Court based on the Order sent out by Powertech.

The two groups raise the contamination of the water and watersheds in their objections, as well as the health risks to all living things.

The permit that is being appealed allows Powertech to drill 155 more exploratory wells at depths of 500-600 feet in the southwestern Black Hills. They already have 4,000 uncapped, and unmarked uranium exploratory wells drilled in the past. The mining company plans on doing In Situ Recovery (ISR) of uranium from the Lakota and Fall River aquifers. In Situ Recovery was formerly known as In Situ Leach mining.

During the ISR process, a solution to dissolve the uranium is poured down the wells and the dissolved uranium brought back up to the surface. The uranium is separated from the rest of the radioactive waste solution. The radioactive waste solution is then put back into the aquifer after being held in waste ponds on the surface. The procedure contaminates aquifers and cannot be controlled underground. In case of sudden rainstorms, the radioactive waste ponds often overflow and contaminate the surface ground and nearby watersheds as well.

According to Powertech's application, each exploratory drill hole "will have a small excavated mud pit that will be approximately 12 feet by 5 feet" and 10 feet deep. Among the concerns of the environmental groups are the possibility of overflow from the mud pits with the sudden rain showers that occur in the Black Hills. One of the aquifers empties directly into the Cheyenne River and is used by many ranchers to water their livestock. Among the deeper aquifers of concern is the Madison which provides water for many western South Dakota communities.

The two groups are considering appealing the request for a stay to the state Supreme Court. They continue to state that Powertech does not have a valid permit to drill until after the appeal of the granting of the permit is finished.

June 27 meeting for community development at Martin

MARTIN - Bring out the paddles - the heart of the community may need a jumpstart. Unfortunately, there seems to be a shortage of people who even care - perhaps if we asked for volunteer pallbearers instead?

It's about community self-improvement, asset building, discovering that everyone has something to contribute - but most of all, it's about you and what you've done and can do to build community spirit and pride. Never done anything to help? Here's your chance to show you can do more than point out problems and wait for someone else to fix them. Already overextended? All that's asked is your support - come to the meeting, see what it's about, and then help convince your less-involved neighbors or family to join. Feel that everything's going down the drain and there's nothing anyone can do about it? We'll be just fine without you, thanks.

Pride Isn't a Free Ride - but it isn't unattainable, either. The Bennett county area has a good start. There are enough positive activities and groups to create an environment of growth and enjoyment. Assets such as the golf course, quality schools, seasonal hunting areas, Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Bennett Co. Fair, Rodeo, and Pow Wow, community gym and others contribute greatly to our quality of life. But we could be so much more.

Those willing to help with Community Pride Restoration are invited to join like-minded individuals at a meeting Wednesday, June 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Martin Grade School Community Room to see where we go from here.

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Leadership training at Kyle

KYLE - Community involvement sessions for Medicine Root District will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 26, 27 and 28 at the Little Wound Elementary auditorium. The training will start at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The topic of the training is called Leadership Plenty, said Shelly Middletent, one of the organizers. "We would like to recruit 25 committed to the training of three days," she said.

The training is about change within individuals and organizations and within communities.

The focus of the curriculum training will cover nine modules, teach our community and give them tools to designed to equip citizens with skills like effective communication, conflict management and partnership building that they can use to work together as community leaders to reduce poverty. Leadership Plenty is a program developed by PEW Partnership for Civic Change and offered through the Horizons Program of the Northwest Area Foundation.

The program is established for community leaders to work together for common purposes and to recruit people and encourage newcomers.

Young people are encouraged to participate and the training is available to every person in the our community, she said.

We want to collaborate with organizations within Medicine Root District because we want our community to thrive and all work together for a common purpose in reducing poverty, she said.

For more information call Shelly Middletent at 454-2363 or Daphne Richards-Cook at 718-7802.

Community Peacemaking Training June 26

ROSEBUD - SGU Reclaiming Futures Project will be sponsoring Community Peacemaking Training for adults and their high school students in four communities the last week of June at the following time/locations:

Tuesday, June 26 at Horse Creek Community Building from 2-6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 27 at Antelope Community Building from 2-6 p.m.

Thursday, June 28 at the Parmelee Community Building from 2-6 p.m.

Friday, June 29 at the former RES Building from 1-6 p.m.

The purpose of the peacemaking training is to offer parents, grandparents and other adults with a wide variety of tools they can use to enhance their relationship with their teen-age children and other adults.

People will learn how to understand the nature of conflict; learn about addressing communication challenges and how to utilize Lakota cultural values that promote healthier relationships.

Supper will be served and a small honorarium will be provided for up to 25 participants who complete the training at each site.

For more information, please call Marlies White Hat at SGU Reclaiming Futures at 856-8203 or 828-0396.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Rosebud receives $10,000 from California tribe

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

MISSION - On June 4 Jacinda Begay, Chief Professional Officer of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Rosebud made a trip to Ontario, CA to make a presentation to the Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations comprised of 14 California tribes. The proposal request for $243,000 included a wide variety of components that would be completed if the funds were awarded to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Rosebud. The areas that require completion include a teen center, computer lab, library, kitchen, outdoor commons and completion of the bowling lanes.

As a result of her presentation Begay received a $10,000 check recently and it came as a complete surprise. The check was donated by the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, one of the 14 tribes in the Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations. The proposal which she presented earlier is being considered for full funding.

RST Antelope council representative, Cyril "Whitey" Scott made the initial contact with Lynn Valbueno of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians who is the secretary of the National Indian Gaming Association while on a recent trip to the NIGA conference in Phoenix, AZ.

Scott was scheduled to depart for California, but had to cancel his trip due to a family emergency.

The other areas that are being targeted for completion if the proposal is funded include the office, library, fire place, fire alarm system, ceiling tile, signs and a chain link fence.

Begay reports that all of the vacancies that previously existed at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Rosebud have been filled and that on the average they are serving approximately 200 children a week. All employees are considered RST employees.



Jim Morrison, Facilities Manager, Boys and Girls Clubs of Rosebud Executive Director, Jacinda Begay and RST council representative Cyril "Whitey" Scott of Antelope community were excited at receiving a check to be used to complete construction activities at the club.

PHOTO BY ARCHIE B. BEAUVAIS

Jim Morrison, facilities manager, completed the exterior and interior cost analysis to complete construction of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Rosebud.

Man charged with fatally stabbing boy

RAPID CITY (AP) - A 38-year-old man has been indicted for the stabbing death of a teenage boy Sunday on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

Bryan Clairmont's girlfriend told the FBI that a man later identified as Melvin Smashed Ice stabbed Clairmont with a pocket knife.

An autopsy found that Clairmont was stabbed in the neck and heart.

According to the criminal complaint, Smashed Ice admitted that after an altercation, he chased Clairmont, kicked his legs out from under him and stabbed him three or four times, saying, ``Don't mess with me, you little gangster.''

Kyle woman pleads guilty to bootlegging

RAPID CITY -Judy Lays Hard recently pled guilty in federal court to dispensing intoxicants in Indian country. Lays Hard, of Kyle, appeared before U.S. District Judge Richard H. Battey and pled guilty to two counts: one misdemeanor and one felony contained in two indictments that were returned following an investigation conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The maximum penalty upon conviction is five years imprisonment and/or a $250,000 fine. The charges relate to the illegal sale of liquor on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation on December 22, 2005, and December 31, 2005. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gregg S. Peterman. A presentence investigation was ordered and a sentencing date has been set for Aug. 21.

Sturgis city council renews liquor license for Broken Spoke Saloon

STURGIS - The bills that Jay Allen had left unpaid for several contractors who worked on his Sturgis County Line biker bar had little impact on the Sturgis City Council.

The city council approved Allen's malt liquor license at the Broken Spoke saloon on Monday after his attorney testified that he is working to pay his unpaid contractor bills.

Several people also testified that they did not want Allen to lose his license at the Broken Spoke saloon as he has been an asset to the downtown Sturgis area with his motorcycle collection.

One friend said that she did not think the city should be acting as a collection agent for a project unrelated to the downtown business. Allen owns the Broken Spoke saloon and the Sturgis County Line biker bar.

Allen has been the center of controversy as a number of American Indian groups and ranchers have been adamantly opposed to any biker bar construction anywhere near the sacred Bear Butte.

His 600 acres of land north of Bear Butte and subsequent construction of the Sturgis County Line will bring thousands of bikers, loud music and untold strain on the environment, including local bird and animal habitats.

Bear Butte and the surrounding area is administered by the state as a state park and has been designated as a sacred use area for the Lakota, Northern Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes for prayer and appropriate ceremonies.

Community Calendar

POST your event FREE here.
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or fax to 605-685-1870.

Rez Happenings

Free Rabies Clinic
Sponsored by the Oglala Sioux Tribe CHR program and the Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health on Tuesday June 26 in Oglala/Igloo 9-10 am, Oglala 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Loneman 12:30-1:30 pm, Lakeside 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Wednesday June 27 Red Shirt Village 10 a.m.-12 noon and Slim Buttes 2-3:30 p.m., for information call 867-5801, 867-3024 or 455-2451.

25th Sacred Hoop 500 mile Run
Runners end up in Alzada, Mont. on Thursday June 21 and to Bear Butte on Friday June 22, for information call Rick Grey Grass 454-0006 or Mary at 867-2958.

Red Cloud basketball camp
Monday, June 25 through Thursday, June 28 at the Red Cloud high school gym for boys and girls with entering grades 1-8 from 1-4pm in the afternoon and entering grades 9-12 from 6-9 in the evening, for information call Matt at 441-3823.

Reservation-wide baseball gathering
Thursday, June 21 at Porcupine School, meeting at 5 p.m., for information contact Paul John at 455-5450 or 455-6473.

Job Fair
Thursday, June 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eagle Nest college center in Wanblee, taking applications for the new Prairie Wind Casino and Hotel positions, for more information call PWC Human Resource Department at 867-6300, ext. 121.

Wolf Creek Camp meeting
June 21-24 in Wolf Creek, six miles east of Pine Ridge on Highway 18 and two miles south, two meals daily, for information call 867-5676 or 867-5203.

Lakota Funds open house
Friday, June 22 at the Lakota Trade Center in Kyle, celebrating Lakota Funds 20th anniversary and small business success on Pine Ridge Reservation with an open house, food, children's entertainment, door prizes, artists booth and musical entertainment, for information call 455-2500.

Oglala Lakota College
Graduation Wacipi and Dance Contest, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 22-24 at Three Mile Creek pow wow grounds at Piya Wiconi and Graduation ceremonies at 10am, Sunday, June 24.

Memorial/Sobriety Ride
3rd annual Memorial Sobriety Ride in memory of Ambrose Belt Sr. and Elizabeth Two Bulls Belt on Saturday, June 23 leaving Belt residence on Little Grass Creek at 9 a.m. and arriving at 1 p.m. at Brother Rene Hall, for information call Mike at 867-1891 or 441-5178.

Memorial Dinner
Honoring memory of SFC Christopher Phelps on June 23 at 11 a.m. at Marie Red Cloud residence west of Pine Ridge with dinner given by Bobbi Red Cloud Phelps, for information call Marie at 867-5455.

OLC Veteran's Monument dedication
Saturday, June 23 at 10 a.m. at Piya Wiconi, Oglala Lakota College's main office, six miles southwest of Kyle.

Co-ed Slam fest
Slow pitch softball tourney Friday-Sunday June 22-24 at the Martin City Ballpark, for information call Woodzy 867-5161, 441-1110 or Mona at 45-1294 or 454-2687.

Co-ed volleyball tourney
Saturday and Sunday June 23 and 24 at Sand Courts in Rapid City on Omaha Street, for information contact Harold at 441-4199.

Bad River Open
Friday-Sunday, June 22-24 at the Lake Waggoner golf course in Philip, for information call Bernie 365-6481.

Circle of Nations Community Outreach
Tuesday-Thursday June 26-28 with Circle of Nations School Outreach team in Pine Ridge on June 26 and 27 and in Rosebud on June 28, for information call 701 642-3796.

Walk and Run
Wednesday, June 27 at the Porcupine CAP office at 10am sponsored by IHS Diabetes, Oyate Blihelya.

Youth co-ed softball tourney
June 29-July 1 at the Oglala ball field, 18 and under, for more information call Xaviera at 441-1739.

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Memorial Horseshoe Tournament
Saturday and Sunday, June 30 and July 1 at Louie and Raydeen's in Fragile Rock housing, a 16 team, double elimination, co-ed tourney, for information call Wilma at 867-1794 or 441-9012.

Church Dedication
New Prayer House, two miles east of Porcupine Store with all ministers and musicians welcome on June 30 at 12 noon with a meal to follow, for information contact Frances Ice 867-5050.

Children's Pow wow
Sunday, July 1 from 2-4 p.m. in Rapid City at Memorial Park, grand entry at 2 p.m., for information call 343-2317.

Firecracker Baseball tourney
July 2-4 at Porcupine School ball field with age divisions set for 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, for information call 867-5588.

Antelope Traditional Wacipi
July 13-15 at the Bill Menard Memorial Arena in Antelope on the Rosebud, for information call Grace at 208-4072, Mikey Garneaux at 208-6503 or Tate at 208-0871.

Co-ed Softball tourney
July 13-15 at the Oglala ball field during Oglala Fair, for information contact Xaviera at 441-1739, sponsored by Oyate Blihelya program, Diabetes Prevention program.

Peace is like a River 2
A gathering of actors, activists, artists, poets and musicians with a poetry slam competition with cash prizes, Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 13-15 at Kiza Park north of Manderson .

Rabbit pled guilty to theft from Indian tribal organization

RAPID CITY - On June 15, David Rabbit, Sr., pled guilty in federal court to theft from Indian tribal organization. Rabbit, of Allen, appeared before U.S. District Judge Karen E. Schreier and pled guilty to the original indictment which was returned following an investigation conducted by U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Inspector General.

The maximum penalty upon conviction is five years imprisonment and/or a $250,000 fine. The charges relate to incidents wherein Rabbit and two other individuals misapplied and converted monies and assets in excess of $1,000 of the Oglala Sioux Tribe for personal use. A sentencing date has been set for Aug. 27.

The tribe also has charged 41-year-old Rabbit with wrongdoing. He was recently arrested for spousal abuse, assault, eluding police and other tribal charges.

Those incidents allegedly took place while Rabbit was free on bond after being arrested earlier on the federal theft charges.

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Duty Station Location:
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Procedures on How To Apply:
Mail applications to the BIA Southern Plains Human Resources (FedEx: 1 mile north on Hwy 281)
PO Box 368, Anadarko, OK 73005.
Applications and all accompanying documents must be received by the closing date of the announcements. Applications may be faxed to 1-405-247-4991 and must be received by the closing date of the announcement.
Fax only those documents required in the vacancy announcement. Electronic mail (e-mail) or government envelopes may not be used to submit applications.

Contact Information:
Contact BIA, Pine Ridge Agency, Superintendent or Trust Services Office, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, for further information, 605/867-5125 or 5126.

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Norman D. Under Baggage Jr.

PORCUPINE - Norman D. Under Baggage Jr. 50, of Porcupine, died at home on June 16 with his wife, children, niece and nephew at his side.

He fought a long courageous battle with diabetes and home-dialysis treatment.

Norman was born on August 18, 1956 to Norman and Hazel (Straight) Under Baggage, Sr. Norman is survived by his wife Verona Under Baggage of Porcupine; sons Ronnie Shangreaux of Kyle and Christopher Kills Right of Porcupine; daughters Tokataki Win "Missy" Under Baggage and Danielle Kills Right both of Porcupine; brothers William "Chili" Under Baggage of San Bernardino, Calif., Marlin Under Baggage and Waylon Under Baggage both of Kyle; sisters Doyla Lundstrom of Broomfield, Colo., Arnell Under Baggage and Marla Under Baggage both of Pine Ridge, Donetta Janis and Marlene McDonald both of Kyle.

He is also survived by his niece Chelsea, nephew Dugan and his granddaughter Nevaeh Leah Victoria Torres of New York City, N.Y. Adopted brothers, Richard Moves Camp, Ray Montelongo, Curtis Milk, Tim Taggert and Robert Castro. Adopted sister Virginia Cordoba. Uncles Birgil Kills Straight and Eugene Kills Straight and numerous friends, cousins, nieces and nephews. Norman is preceded in death by his mother; Hazel Kills Straight, father; Norman Under Baggage, Sr., his uncles Philip, Alfred and Charles Under Baggage, aunts; Winnadel Mae Bull Bear and Dora Under Baggage, niece; Justina and nephews; Brian and Brett.

A one-night wake was Tuesday, June 19 at Little Wound School in Kyle.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Little Wound School.

Officiating was Deacon Gerald Bush and Mr. Alton Mousseau.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Alta M. Cuny

SPEARFISH - Alta M. Cuny, 80, Spearfish, died Saturday, June 16, at Spearfish Regional Hospital.

Alta Marie Cuny was born on April 6, 1927, to Charles and Mabel (Speck) Cuny on the family ranch at Cuny Table where she spent most of her life.

In 1987 Alta began attending the Brookings Area Training Center in Brookings. In 1989 she transferred to the Northern Hills Training Center in Spearfish, where she lived until the present time, spending holidays and special occasions with her family at the Cuny Table ranch. Survivors include her brother, David Cuny and his wife Carole, Buffalo Gap and many nephews, nieces and her many friends at the Northern Hills Training Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, four brothers and a nephew.

Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, June 20, at St. Isaac Jogues Church in Rapid City, with the Rev. David Matzko, S. J., as the celebrant.

Interment was at St. Joseph's Cemetery at Cuny Table.

Clayton Jealous of Him

OGLALA - Clayton Jealous of Him, 85, Oglala, died on Monday, June 18, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

He was a United States veteran.

Clayton was born on April 15, 1922 in Porcupine to Alice Jealous of Him. He grew up in Porcupine in his early years then going to boarding school at Holy Rosary Mission.

He participated in basketball, including being one of the State Catholic Championship teams in the early 1940s.

After leaving Holy Rosary Mission, he joined the US Army serving in WWII and later returning home with an honorable discharge with several important medals including two purple hearts and a bronze star.

Survivors include a son Matthew Jealous of Him; adopted sons John Yellow Bird Steele of Manderson, Roger Running Bear, Melvin Running Bear, and Harold Running Bear of Broken Bow, Neb.; daughters Clynda Medicine, Julie Hollow Horn, Verlie Little Moon, Carol Jealous of Him and Wilma Jealous of Him all of Wounded Knee; adopted daughters Barbara High Pine, Bernice Spotted Eagle, Cindy Little Moon, Lori Mesteth and Laraine Hollow Horn all of Wounded Knee; sister Dorothy Cutgrass of Rapid City and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren

Clayton is preceded in death by his wife Bernice Jealous of Him, a sons; Frank W. Jealous of Him, Ricky Jealous of Him and Paul Mesteth, sister; Lydia Cutgrass and his mother Alice Jealous of Him.

A two night wake begins on Thursday, June 21 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wounded Knee.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, June 23at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wounded Knee.

Officiating will be Rev. Pedro Sharpfish and Rev. Abraham Tobacco.

Internment will be at the First Body of Christ Church Cemetery, Porcupine/

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Temple Marie Charging Hawk Running Horse

ROSEBUD - Temple Marie Charging Hawk was born Aug. 12, 1970 at the Rosebud Hospital in Rosebud, to Victoria and Theodore Charging Hawk. She attended school in He Dog until the 3rd grade, then she went to the Rosebud Dormitories and attended South Elementary. She graduated 8th grade in Crow Creek and attended high school at Todd County.

Temple met and married Waldo Murray. To this union three children were born Lucy, Tisha and Waldo, Jr. In 1992, Waldo, Jr. died.

She also has an eight year old son, Phillip. In 1995, Temple married Michael Running Horse.

Temple was preceded in death by her son, father, one sister Jenny Leona Whipple and two brothers: Pedro and Elgin Whipple. She is survived by two daughters: Lucy and Tisha; son Phillip; mother Victoria Charging Hawk; sister Mary Whipple; brothers: Daryl Whipple, Sr. and Roger Whipple; husband Michael Running Horse; many nephews, nieces, grandchildren; and also many, many other relatives and friends.

Wake services were held Monday at He Dog Community Center and Tuesday at He Dog School Gym.

Funeral services were June 20 at the He Dog School Gym with burial at Holy Innocents Cemetery at Parmelee. Holmes Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Marla Jo Baker

WAKPALA - Marla Jo Baker, 32, Wakpala, died Monday, June 11, in Cannonball, N.D. A wake service was held June 17 at Wakpala Community Center. Funeral services was June 18, at the community center, with the Rev. Leslie Campbell and the Rev. Buford Marsh and the Standing Rock lay readers officiating. Burial was at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Cemetery in Wakpala.

Cheyenne Marie Cisneros

RENO, Nev. - Cheyenne Marie Cisneros, 35, of Reno, Nev., died Saturday, June 2 in Reno. Survivors include one son, Michael Cisneros, Reno; one daughter, Monique Cisneros, Reno; her parents, Monica Cisneros-Miller, Gordon, Neb., and Gerald Two Bulls, Red Shirt, S.D.; five brothers, Reginald Buckman Jr., Reno, Scott Two Bulls and Jacob Two Bulls, both of Red Shirt, Brandon Hernandez, Rapid City, and Richard Hernandez, Springfield; and two sisters, Kathleene Buckman and Josecita Pacheco, both of Reno. A wake service was held June 18, at Wakpamni CAP office in Pine Ridge. Funeral services were Tuesday, June 19, at Wakpamni CAP office. Burial was at Fast Horse Creek Cemetery in Wounded Knee,. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Manuel Larvie

PINE RIDGE - Manuel Larvie, 26, Pine Ridge, died Saturday, May 5, in San Francisco, Calif.

Survivors include his parents, Daniel Larvie Sr., San Francisco, and Patricia Running Hawk, Pine Ridge; four brothers, Daniel Running Hawk, Joshua Two Bulls, Gilbert Lakota and Harry Lakota, all of Pine Ridge; and four sisters, Lilly Larvie, Humboldt, Tenn., Sharon Running Hawk, Lubbock, Texas, Tyra Running Hawk, Pine Ridge, and Maggie Lujan, Scottsbluff, Neb. A one night wake was June 18, at Br. Rene Catholic Hall in Oglala.

Funeral services were Tuesday, June 19, at the hall. Burial was at Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery in Pine Ridge. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Crystal Bad Wound

MARTIN - Crystal V. Bad Wound, 63, Martin, died Wednesday, June 13 at Bennett County Health Care Center in Martin. Survivors include her husband, Gary Bad Wound, Martin; and two sisters, Mary Rose Dillon, Martin, and Caroline Cordell, Sioux Falls. A two night wake service started Thursday, June 14, at Martin CAP Office. Funeral services were Saturday, June 16, at Martin CAP Office, with the Rev. Craig West and Rev. Lyle Noisy Hawk officiating. Burial was at Inestimable Gift Episcopal Cemetery in Allen. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Velvedene L. Tobacco

PINE RIDGE - Velvedene L. Tobacco, 58, Pine Ridge, died Tuesday, June 12, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include one son, Calvert Tobacco, Pine Ridge; two adopted sons, Ivan Tobacco and Eldon Tobacco, both of Oglala; two daughters, Janelle Tobacco and Velvedene Wounded Horse, both of Pine Ridge; one sister, Suzanne American Horse, Calico; four brothers, Albert American Horse, Jr., Ashland, Ky., Denver American Horse, Calico, Gerald American Horse, Pine Ridge and Dale American Horse, Towaok, Colo.; one adopted brother, Burgess Bianas, Batesland; and numerous grandchildren.

A one night wake service was Friday, June 15, at Joyner Episcopal Hall in Pine Ridge. Funeral services were Saturday, June 16, at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Pine Ridge with the Rev. Rhoda Mesteth officiating. Burial was at Advent Chapel Episcopal Cemetery in Calico.

Memorial dinner for Monte Ecoffey

April 5, 1966 to June 18, 2006

A memorial dinner will be held for Monte P. Ecoffey on Saturday, June 23. An unveiling of the headstone will be at 12 noon at the Catholic Church in Wounded Knee. Following the services and unveiling, there will be a meal and giveaway at the Bob and Anita Ecoffey residence in Wounded Knee.

The best and most beautiful
Things in the world cannot
Be seen or even touched.
They must be felt with the heart.
- Helen Keller

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Natasha Dye

EAGLE BUTTE - Natasha Dye, 19, Eagle Butte, died Saturday, June 9, at Rapid City Regional Hospital. A wake service was held June 17, at the Cultural Center in Eagle Butte.

Funeral services were Monday, June 18, at the Cultural Center, with Sister Addie Morris and the Rev. Harris Jackson officiating. Burial was at Eagle Butte Cemetery.

Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

Darrell W. O'Rourke

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. - Darrell W. O'Rourke, 63, died June 17 at Lakewood, N.Y. He was a veteran of the United States Navy.

Darrell was born on Sept. 17, 1943 to Richard "Dick" O'Rourke and Beatrice Tibbits-O'Rourke in Pine Ridge. He was born and raised on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

He retired from the US Postal Service and was also honorably discharged from the US Navy in 1968. Darrell completed three tours of Viet Nam.

His passion was being an avid member of the American Indian Movement. He participated in the takeover of Alcatraz, the Longest Walk and many Civil Rights demonstrations in order to better the lives of all Native Americans. Darrell participated and assisted at many sun dances. He earned his nickname of "Rooster" by getting the sun dancers up at the crack of dawn.

Survivors include a special friend Magdalene King of Lakewood, N.Y.; sisters Betty Sanchez of Mesa, Ariz., Myrna Flores of Tucson, Ariz., Terry Chavez of Showlow, Ariz., and Charlene O'Rourke of White River, Ariz.

Darrell is also survived by many nieces and nephews whom he loved very much.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents and an older brother, Walter O'Rourke.

A one night wake begins on Thursday, June 21, at the Wakpamni CAP office, Pine Ridge.

Funeral services will be 9 a.m., Friday, June 22, 2007 at Wakpamni CAP office at Pine Ridge. Traditional Lakota Services will be by Mr. Wilmer Mesteth

Burial will be at 2:30 p.m., Friday, Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis.

Franklin Floyd Shortey

KLAGETOH, Ariz. - Frank Shortey, 43, Klagetoh, died on Saturday, May 5, at Sioux San Hospital in Rapid City. Memorial services with a meal will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, June 25, at Prairie Edge Trading Co. & Galleries at Sixth and Main streets in Rapid City. Laura Gordon and Dan Tribby at 342-3086 are in charge of the services.

Shortey was born and raised in Arizona and is a member of the Navajo Nation. Frank lost his parents at a very early age and finished his schooling by selling his paintings in order to survive.

His grandparents became a contributing factor in his life and though he had no formal training in the arts, he drew on his natural talent. By the time Frank graduated, he had won a scholarship in the arts, however, after then losing both Grandparents Frank began to search for his "Traditional Spirituality", that he knew would get him through hardships and fill a void in his life.

As a part of this search, Frank ended up in the Black Hills of South Dakota in 1984, and it was here that he discovered his true spirit and identity. He found himself in a new life, and a way of preserving an "old life" through his art forms.

Leaving behind the Southwest style, Frank began recording history through traditional means such as hide painting.

Frank was adopted into the family and Clan of Redhail, (Wasu' Lu'Da') a Lakota Elder of the Crow Creek Nation.

Participating in the Ceremonies of his newly found people, he began to record that history on the hide paintings and winter count robes.

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Secondly, I am curious if I will find housing soon for my daughter and I. A home of our own is something that I greatly desire, mainly to provide a stable and healthy environment for my daughter, because I am the only parent she has. Do you see this as a reality for us soon?

And finally, I am wondering if I will ever be able to have another child. I greatly desire a son, and would like to have one in the future. However, I know that physical problems with my last pregnancy may prevent this.

Also, if I do decide to have another child, I wish to do so alone, because I have a feeling that I will not meet a man who is responsible and "adult" enough to handle a child. Will this cause problems for myself?

Thank you Anna, I hope I did not overwhelm you with all of my questions. Take care and I wish the best for you and yours.

Hopeful

Dear Hopeful:

You have made a decision that you will be single for awhile. There is nothing the matter with that decision; and it is very smart and emotionally strong to wait until you find a man that is really the man you desire to have in your life. I don't necessarily agree that it is in the stars that you will live that way. There are many methodologies of astrology - and some are so amazingly correct that it is far beyond the odds of coincidence. However, since there are many people that are your sign, and certainly not all of them will remain single, I feel that this astrological forecast made for the general public and not specifically designed for your birth date and birth place is not a forecast that you can thoroughly trust.

There is a home for you and your daughter. You will find out more about that this fall.

I do see you with a mate; but feel that it may be as long as five years from now.

He is a well-educated gentle man, well traveled and will have the desire to settle down in South Dakota and work with helping people create a better chance of career success. He is not tall, has dark hair and a small scar on his lip.

You are able to become pregnant. Before you do this please know that there are risks. These risks can be minimized with good medical attention, personal attention to self, and with the help of an interpreter man.

That is the route that I would recommend to insure a healthy pregnancy and birth.

You have formatted your own future to include a pregnancy outside of a relationship. That is pretty much the way I see it too. I do see another pregnancy for you; but I am not so sure it will be a boy.

Good luck and thank you for the kind good wishes.

Dear Anna,

This is the first time I am writing to you. I have a lot of questions on my mind.

The problem is that I don't know how to ask them, I am a really shy person and I am afraid that people will know who I am and they might try to get in to my business but anyways I'll just ask you the questions.

Well this year I landed on the wrong hand, and I just wish that I could turn it back and start over, but I can't.

I want to know if my boyfriend is lying to me about this incident that happened a couple of months ago.

You see he told me a story about this girl liking him and such, and last night I was talking to that girl that apparently she had a crush on him and wanted to hook up with him. She told me the same story but it was the other way around. Apparently he liked her and wanted to hook up with her and then I was talking to one of my friends and he said that my boyfriend went up to him and asked him for advice to break up with a girl (me and my boyfriend have a very complicated relationship).

Did he break up with me because he wanted to go out with her, or was it because of what he really told me - and that was basketball? Who should I believe, because me and him are back together now for at least three months, and this happened in November.

Does he really love me?

Do I really love him?

Is he going to hurt me again?

Is my letter confusing?

All I want to know is, Did I make the right decision on getting back with him? Is he the only one I'm ever going to be with? How long am I going to be with him?

I just need real answers, So can you help me figure out the real answers?

Need Real Answers

Dear Need Real Answers:

He is not the last man (boy) in your life. You are far too young to plan forever with the first strong infatuation being your only experience.

He did and didn't lie to you.

The bright side is that he did break up with you instead of being unfaithful. He is too young to dedicate the rest of his life to you and you alone. He did want to break up because of basketball and he did want to break up because he wanted to be single.

Single means that he wouldn't have to respond to you about anything he wanted to do or anyplace he wanted to go, or anyone that he wanted to hang out with.

The past does not matter. You were broken up. That is history and has no bearing on today. Let go of it.

Who cares?

What difference will it make or does it make?

It is just an excuse to be angry, entrusting, and torture him with your insecurity and anger at being dumped in the first place.

Hang in there sweetheart. He is just a boyfriend, and unless you completely lose your mind and try to marry him, someday he will be an ex boyfriend: An experience of your youth and just a memory.

Now, I have a question for the high school and junior high students? Why are you all so very desperate to "hook up?" What happened to just enjoying your friends company and your friends? Why does dating mean ownership? Why are you trying to imitate marriage and ownership of each other at such a young age? What is going on with you? Please don't blame your parents. You are responsible for you.

Dear Anna,

I have met an African American man who is younger than me and he wants to spend the rest of our lives together.

He wants to move to New Jersey where gays are accepted. I still have feelings for another man who is about my age but he is in prison. What do you see happening?

No Name

Dear No Name:

My advice, especially (no offense intended) is he is Nigerian so be careful. Please don't leave this country to be with a man in Africa unless you have spent a very long time with him here.

That doesn't mean that you cannot visit him if he has to go back - but it is only wise not to take off to Africa right now. It is pushing my alarm buttons.

Guys in prison are guys in prison. They are all in love.

They have a lot of "time on their hands" and write the most loving long letters. Wait until he is released and returned to a real life and see how he chooses to live. Then you can make a better more real decision.

I see a young man that is in college. He is blondish with greenish eyes. Perhaps he lives in Spearfish.

I wouldn't be gay on the rez for a zillion dollars.

Although winkte men used to be considered sacred, because they embodied the strength of a man with feminine characteristics of a woman.

That attitude has long ago perished and been replaced with a much crueler one. For a healthier and happier life where acceptance is everyday in every way, consider a larger city for a better choice of relationship prospects.

I see the west coast for you. Possibly Seattle or Portland? Good Luck and my thoughts and prayers are with you.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

All requests may be subject to publication. *Clearly mark Ask Anna on your request. This column is meant for entertainment purposes only.*

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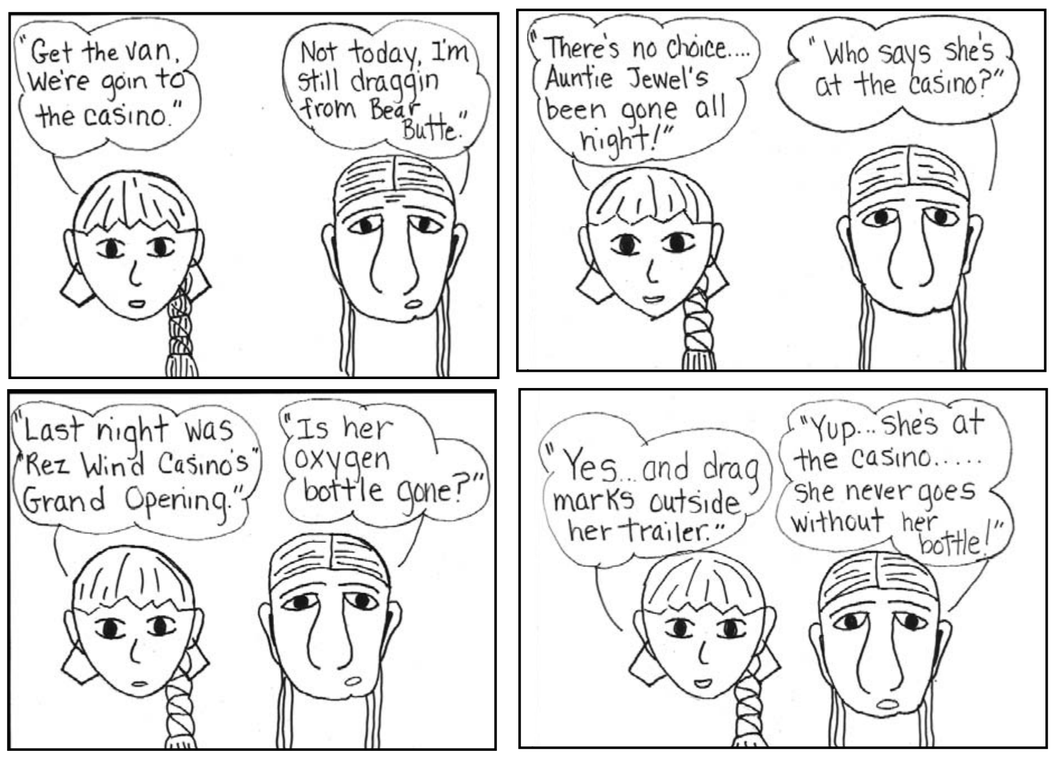
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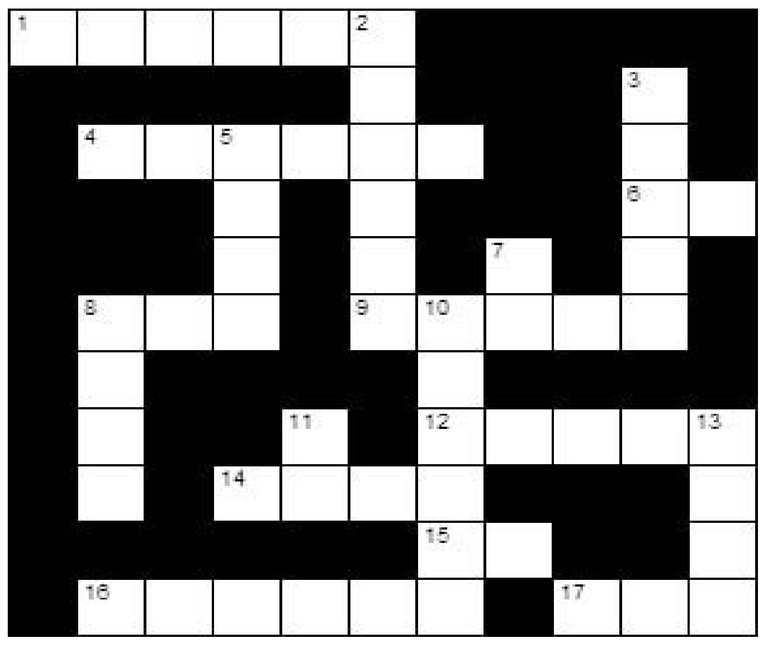
Crossword Puzzle

(answers in next week's issue)

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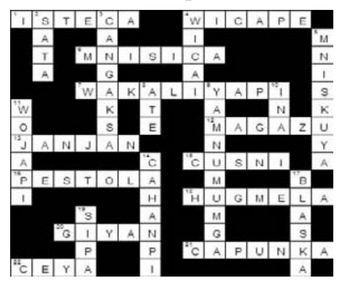
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15. skin
16. knee
17. upper lip

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3. finger
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United States Department of the Interior - Vacancy Announcement -

Position: File Clerk, GS - 0305-3
GS - 3: $22,980 - $29,873

Vacancy Announcement #: AB-06-64
Opening Date: 06/18/07 **Closing Date:** 06/25/07

Summary of Duties: The incumbent will provide routine clerical support to the Branch of Execution Direction and Trust Services.

DUE TO THE URGENCY IN FILLING THIS POSITION THE LENGTH OF ADVERTISEMENT HAS BEEN SHORTENED. THIS IS A TEMPORARY POSITION NOT-TO-EXCEED ONE (1) YEAR.

Duty Station Location:
BIA,Office of Superintendent and Trust Services
Pine Ridge, SD

Procedures on How To Apply:
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Contact Information:
Contact BIA, Pine Ridge Agency, Office of the Superintendent or Trust Services, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, for further information, 605/867-5125 or 5126.

MINUTES

Shannon County School Board Special Meeting June 7, 2007 MINUTES

The Shannon County School Board held a special meeting on June 7, 2007, via conference call. President Eagle Bull called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Members present: Angie Eagle Bull, Todd O'Bryan, Ruth Cummings, Melvin Cummings

Member absent: Chuck Conroy, Others present: Dr. Margo Heinert, Superintendent, MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager, Tom Harmon

All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

7249. Executive Session

Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by O'Bryan to go into executive session at 9:02 a.m. Motion carried. President Eagle Bull declared executive session ended at 9:33 a.m. and reconvened into regular session.

7250. Grievance

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by M. Cummings to approve the findings of the grievance decision and direct the President to sign the findings document accordingly. Motion carried.

Chairperson Eagle Bull turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairperson R. Cummings for the following action:

7251. Administrative Position

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by M. Cummings to authorize administration to create and advertise for the position of a Director of Student Support and Intervention as an administrative position that requires a bachelors college degree but not administrative or teacher certification. Motion carried, three voted yes, Eagle Bull abstained.

Meeting turned back to President Eagle Bull.

7252. Adjournment

Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by O'Bryan to adjourn the meeting at 9:36a.m. Motion carried.

Signed MaDonna Peterson, Bus. Mgr.

Approved by the school board the 23rd day of June, 2007.

Signed Andrea Eagle Bull, President.

BIDS

Little Wound School Kyle, S.D. 57752 INVITATION TO BID FOR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

The Little Wound School is seeking bids for the implementation of complete schoolwide Voice Over Internet Protocol Office System with embedded voice mail. Bid Must include the Office System, software, installation, and training. Minimal required components/ configuration.

One VOIP System, 75 Multi - line Display Telephones, Embedded Voice Mail With Visual Voice Mail Control, 2/32 Party conference bridge, Mobile Twinning, PC phone control, Soft Console with busy lamp field, Remote Maintenance, One hour on site response time for major equipment failure Contact Anne Hunter, Tech. Coord. at 605-455-6155, or Paula Pourier, Bus. Mang. at 605-455-6173 for further information. Sealed bids will be opened and acted upon during the Regular School Board meeting on Monday July 2, 2007 at the Little Wound School.

Closing Date for sealed bids is 1:00 PM on Friday June 29, 2007.

Bid Should be submitted to the LWS Business Office or to the following address: Little Wound School Business Office, Attn: Business Manager, PO Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. Little Wound School Board Reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality, and to accept the bid that is to the advantage of and in the best interest of the Little Wound School.

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Executive Director - Administrative Office

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Salary as Budgeted

- How To Apply -

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Attach all pertinent documents, Blood Degree if claiming Indian Preference, Veterans Discharge DD214, High School or GED Diploma, College Transcripts, College Diploma, Three Reference Letters, Licenses or Certifications and State Driver's License.

Applicants not meeting minimum position requirements will not be selected for interview. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.

Resumes that are to accompany the employment application must have addresses and telephone numbers of past and present employers. All information submitted will be verified.

Will be required to take the drug and alcohol test. Selection for the position will be contingent upon a negative test result. Applicant is subject to Background Investigation. Expenses are at the applications costs. For this position the drug test and the background investigation must be attached.

For position description and additional information please contact the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Human Resources Office at (605)867-5161, ext. 104 or ext. 136.

OGLALA SIOUX LAKOTA HOUSING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL APPLICATIONS.

United States Department of the Interior
- Vacancy Announcement -

Position: Deputy Superintendent - Trust Services
GS-0340-13/14
GS-14: $89,115 - $115,848 Per Annum
GS-13: $75,414 - $98,041 Per Annum

Vacancy Announcement #: AB-07-26

Opening Date: 06/14/07 **Closing Date: 07/12/07**

Summary of Duties: Serves as the principal Deputy Superintendent - Trust Services and advisor to the Superintendent and shares fully in carrying out all phases or activities within the Agency's trust programs, i.e., trust, natural resources, forestry/fire, real estate services, including land consolida-

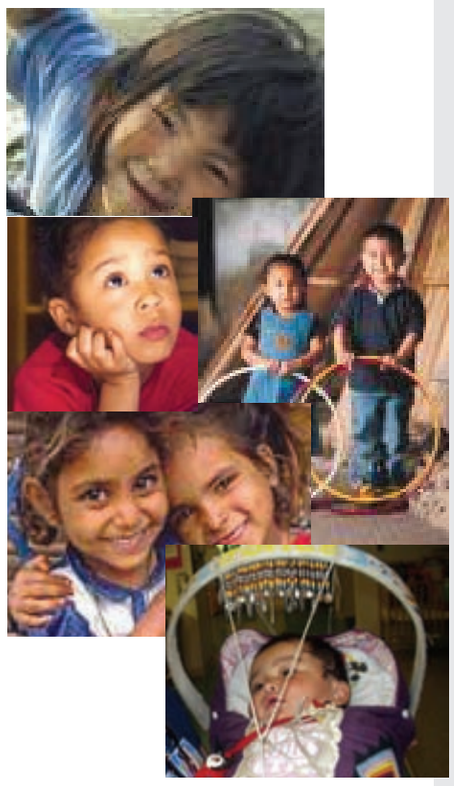
Duty Station Location:
BIA, Trust Services

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Fax only those documents required in the vacancy announcement. Electronic mail (e-mail) or government envelopes may not be used to submit applications.

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Little Wound School

Kyle, South Dakota

JOB VACANCIES

(06-19-07)

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school term:

The following positions are open until filled:

High School Dept.
Lakota Language Teacher
Prevention Counselor
(Pine Ridge Office SY 07-08)
Athletic Director
Custodian

Middle School Dept.
Lakota Language Teacher
P.E. Teacher
Counselor
Custodian

Elementary Dept.
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Kindergarten Teacher
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2 Teacher Assistants

Extra-duty positions Open until filled (64)

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Middle School: 30)FB Coach 31)FB Assist.32)Football Assist. 33)FB Cheerleading 34)Boys BBall Coach 35)Boys BBall Assist 36)Girl's BB Assist 37)Girls BBall Assist 38)Volleyball Coach 39) CrossCountry Coach 40) CrossCountry Assist 41)Track Coach 42)Track Assist 43)MS/Elem Boxing Club Sponsor 44)Boys BB Cheerleading 45)Girls BB Cheerleading 46)Wrestling Coach 47)Wrestling Assist.48)Softball Coach 49) Softball Assist 50)Student Council 51)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 53)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 54)K-8 Rodeo Club Sponsor 55)MS/Elem Hand Game Sponsor 56)8th Grade Sponsor 57)Competitive Dance Sponsor

Elementary: 58)Elementary Rodeo Club Sponsor 59)Wrestling Coach 60)Wrestling Assist. 61)Girl Scout Sponsor 62)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 63)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 64)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178
www.lws.k12.sd.us

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George, Alice, Sharon,
and Karlyn and his
grandchildren and great
grand
children

Happy 3rd Birthday
to our " tons of fun"
nephew
grandson, greatgrandson
Lesaine DJ Loafer
on June 15th.
We love u oh so much
and miss u lots!
Hope u have a fun day.
From gramma Joyce,
Uncle Cody, aunties
Katie, Erm , Acey

**Congratulations
Duane
on receiving your
Masters Degree.
Also a Happy
Birthday,
Don't party to hard at
the docks
see you there.
Coming from your
counselor Pedro**

Happy Fathers Day
Steven A. Hernandez
From Tanya thanks for
eveything Dad hope you
enjoy your day.

I would like to say Happy Fathers Day
to my dad
Chris One Horn
Love ya dad enjoy your
day (K)
Love your daughter Crystal One Horn

**Happy Birthday to
Auntie and Grandma
Carol Blue Bird
Have fun at the
casino From Tanya,
Doug & the boys**

We want to wish
Darryl Young
Happy Father's Day up
in Heaven.
You are thought of and
missed every day, with
love and kisses to you
daddy up in Heaven
from your girls, Nancy
and Catherine Covey.

**Happy Father's Day
to our Grandpa
Stan G.V.E. in Oglala
Have fun from your
grand Daughters
Laila & Lainna**

Happy Father's Day to
my husband
Darryl Young
love and kisses sent to
you in heaven
From your wife Dawn
who loves and misses
you

Happy Father's Day to
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Fm: Agnes, Alex, Brad Jr,
and Isiah

**Happy Father's Day
to our Godfather,
Vince Lafferty
Love- Terra
&
Charles Badmilk**

**Happy Father's Day to
Aaron Bradley We love
you everyday more and
more. We'll always be in
your "big" heart always
and forever. Love you
Daddy. Your Princess'
Laila Rose and Dalila
Marie**

**Happy Fathers Day
Crystal One Horn
no I did'nt forget you,
your doing a great job
with your beautiful
daughter, hang in there
it gets rough but it gets
easier, love your Auntie
mom Carmelita**

Happy Father's Day
to. Ray Takes War
Bonnett
Coming from: All his
daughters & son

Happy Father's Day
to my dad
Sam R. Milk jr.
From your kids
Rielly Collins Milk,
Caitlyn Mackenzie
Joyce Milk

To Our
Papi, Ira J. Brown Bull
Happy Father's Day, you've
been, and always will be, a
wonderful dad.
We love you beary much.
Have a blast!
Love, Mariah, Rosalyn,
Jodie, and babygirl-to-be.

Happy Father's Day
" Korg " I love you very much.
Hope you enjoy your day.
Love you always Mara

**Happy Father's Day to
our bro
Clarence Joseph
You'll always be with
your kids in your
heart.
Fm: Your sisters,
nieces, and nephews**

Happy Fathers Day
to Doug, Lyle, Ryan,
Chuck, Vince, Duane,
Steve, Tom, Merle, Will
and Stan.Hope you all
have a good day dudes.
From Tanya & the boys

**We would like to wish a
happy birthday to
Michelle Ann Kills War-
rior on 6-17-07
Hope you have a good
day.From Tanya,
Doug and the boys.
Happy Birthday (Shelly)
on 6-17-07.
from Isaiah, Dale &
Lucas.**

Happy Fathers Day
Crystal One Horn
enjoy your bar-b-que
From Tanya, Doug and
the boys

Happy Father's Day
Papa Rod
Love Lainna, Laila and
Millie Ann

Happy Fathers Day
Paul Mousseau Sr in
Rapid City
Hope you have a nice time, it
has been awhile.
Love your children
LaTisha, Christopher and Paul
"Sonny" Mousseau Jr.

Happy Father's Day to
our Grampa, Howard
Badmilk SR
We love you a whole
bunch!!
Terra, Tricia, Charles,
Breanna, & Aloni Bad-
milk

Happy Father's day to these
wonderful, caring, and supportive
dads;Clint Marshall,Quentin
Marshall,Hermus Bettelyoun,
Zack Richards,Troy "totes"
American Horse, and to all the
dad's who support, protect, love,
care, and provide for their family
and those who take the time to
play, and be silly with their
children!

Manuel, Happy Father's Day!
Thanks for the BIG breakfast.
Love, Connie, Brandon and
Roseanna and Rookie

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to Doug, Lyle, Ryan,
Chuck, Vince, Duane,
Steve, Tom, Merle, Will
and Stan.Hope you all
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From Tanya & the boys

Happy Fathers Day
Crystal One Horn
enjoy your bar-b-que
From Tanya, Doug and
the boys

Happy Father's Day to
my Godfather,
George Ecoffey
Love
Aloni Badmilk

Happy Father's Day to
our dad,
Howard Badmilk JR
Thanks for everything
you do for us!! We don't
know what we would do
without you!!!
Love, Terra, Tricia,
Charles, Breanna, &
Aloni Badmilk

Happy Birthday to
my auntie
Dawn Young
on June 14th
hope you had a good
birthday and many more
to come. With love from
your niece Alice

**Happy Birthday To
nephew: "Grady Laine
Taken Alive" on June
22nd Have a Good
Day & I Love You!
Love Auntie Robyn
Black Cloud**

Happy Father's Day to
Leroy, Anthony, D.J.,
Louis , John, Marty,
Fish, Alberto, Albert Jr.,
Leonardo, Lyle, Ira,
Aaron, BJ, Clarence,
Michael, Jesse Luke,
Angelo Cody, Kermit,
Wilbert, Frank, Louis II,
Wally, and Steve Red.
Fm: Moto Ota Tiospaye

Happy Father's Day to the
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HEART SR.
Grandpa i hope you
enjoy your day and take it
easy.
HAPPY FATHER'S
DAY!
FROM YOUR TAKOJAS
TRINITY-TALEAH-
GUY4

**Happy Father's Day to
our Uncle's and
Grandpa's**

**Uncle Justin Brewer
Uncle Kyle Clifford
Uncle Jared Doxey
Uncle Poncho Aguilar
Uncle Woody Brewer
Papa John Red Feather
Papa Sonny Red
Feather
Papa Jumbo Red
Feather
And
Papa George Red
Feather
We hope you all have a
great day. We Love You
lots and.
Thanks for being there
for us when we need
you.In our book, you
guys a COOLEST!
Love Janae and
Sae Doxey
(from Winnebago)**

**Happy Father's Day
to Anthony James
Waters
You may be a
grouch but remem-
ber, although how
crabby you are,
we'll always love
you. Fm: All the
women in your life
Agnes, Antoinette,
Jodie, Heather, and
Elizabeth
(also, brandy)**

Happy Father's Day
to: Albert and Alton
B.R., Reno and John
W.W.H., Jesse R.E.,
Uncle Carl, and
Luke F.

**A very special
Happy Father's Day
to Aaron Bradley
Red Bear
"my taco man."
You'll always be in
the palm of my
hands and in the
center of my heart,
always. Love Ya
Babe, Heather
Dawn**

We would like to
wish our dad
Leland B. Long Wolf Sr,
a Happy Father's Day.
We love you very much,
always and forever.
Loue your kids; Lariah,
LeBryant, and Leland Jr.

Happy Fathers Day
to our Daddy
Stanley Good Voice Elk
Jr. We love you
Love your daughters,
Lainna & Laila Good
Voice Elk

I'd like to wish my
"Simple Man"
Leland Brian Long
Wolf, Sr
Happy Father's Day.
No matter what
happened between us
in the past, our ups and
downs, I want you to
know that I will always
"Love You" sky high,
through thick and thin we
found our way towards
"a good life." So,
"Baby Don't Go,"
back to the rez.
Love Always, Antoinette
E. Waters

**Memorial Fathers Day
to my DAD
Bernard Kills In Water
I love you DAD and I
sure miss you,
I wish you were here, its
been 15 years since you
left but I still miss you
so much. You would've
been so proud.
Love your daughter
Carmelita Kills In
Water-Mesteth**

Happy 1st
Fathers Day
to my son and
son in law
Benjamin High Horse
& Stan Good Voice Elk
Jr. I hope you both
enjoy your special
day, Thank You for my
beautiful
granddaughters.
Love Mom

We would like to wish
our daddy Tommy Janis
a Happy Father's Day
coming from Talanna
and Tiara Janis

WE WANT TO WISH
OUR DAD RICHARD
LEFT HAND OUT IN
LOWER BRULE.SD
A VERY HAPPY
BELATED FATHER'S
DAY!!! WE LOVE YOU
ALTHO WE DONT
SHOW IT MUCH, BUT
WE DO. WITH LOVE
YOUR DAUGHTERS,
JERILYN GRASROPE
& EDY EAGLEMAN

Happy Fathers Day to
Rodney Mesteth

Happy Fathers Day
to my hunka
Norman Standing Soldier
Have fun
Love Christopher Samuel
Drake Mousseau

**I would like to wish
my Papa Chris A
Happy Fathers Day
I Love you nery much
Papa Hope you enjoy
your day, Love you
granddaughter
Ayannah Nasya
Amara One Horn**

**We would like to wish our
princess a belated "Happy
1st Birthday" Dalila Marie
Red Bear~Waters We'll
love you always, Mom, Dad,
and big sister Laila Rose**

We would like to wish
the following people a
Happy Fathers Day
Chris, Ssam, Bill,
Bruce, Clifton one
Horn, Ben High Horse,
Stan Good Voice Elk
Jr. From Crystal and
Ayannah One Horn

**Happy Fathers Day to
Bruce, Sam, Chris, Bill,
Shawn One Horn,
Frank, Rich Two Crow,
Uncle Alvin No
Horse,Uncle Willard
Kills In Water, Uncle
Pete No Neck and Hap-
py 1st Fathers Day to
Ben High Horse, Stan-
ley Good Voice Elk Jr,
This comes from the
whole family at
No Flesh**

**Happy Fathers Day to
our grandpa
Stan Good Voice Elk Sr.
We love you grandpa
Love your
grand daughters Laila
Rose & Lainna Grace
in Kyle**

Happy Fathers Day
Paul Mousseau Sr
in Rapid City
Hope you have a nice time,
it has been awhile.
Love your children
LaTisha, Chr
Mousseau Jr.

WE WANT TO WISH
OUR DAD WAYLON
GRASSROPE A HAPPY
BELATED FATHER'S
DAY AND LET HIM
KNOW WE LOVE HIM
AND HOPE HIS DAY IS
A DAY TO BE HAPPY
AND WITH US.
LOVE,Baby, Son
& SPIRIT

Happy Birthday to
Staven Janis
On June 19th.
From your #1 hero
Lorie B.

We would like to wish our dad
Leland B. Long Wolf Sr,
a Happy Father's Day.
We love you very much,
always and forever.
Loue your kids; Lariah,
LeBryant, and Leland Jr.

We would like to wish our bro's a
Happy Father's Day:
Reno W.W.H., Brandon Y.H.,
Jay D., Moses and Frank R.B.,
Layne R.B., Pat M., Ira B.B.,
and Angelo P.B. Coming from
your boys in Alliance, NE: Aaron
and John Happy Father's Day to
Louis Sanchez II Fm: Aaron,
Heather, and the girls

Happy Birthday to the
following: June 27- Mariah
Angel June 26-John
Anthony I love you babies.
Fm: Auntie Heather, Aaron,
and the girls in Nebraska

**WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND A
SHOT OUT TO THE WORLD
BEST DAD-GUY DULL KNIFE 3
AKA BOSS- HAPPY FATHERS
DAY DAD! WE WANT YOU
TOO KNOW YOUR THE BEST
IN ALL THAT YOU DO FOR
US.SO ENJOY YOUR DAY
.LIKE THEY SAY"ENJOY IT
WELL IT LAST"HAHA WE
LOVE YOU VERRY MUCH!
FROM YOUR TWO BEAUTIFUL
DAUGHTERS -TRINITY &
TALEAH DULL KNIFE ONLY
HANDSOME SON -GUY DULL
KNIFE 4TH-AKA LIL'BOSS**

To my sister Jodie Rose
Waters: I hope your doing
alright with the baby. We miss
you and the girls. Take care
sister. Love, Heather, Laila,
and Dalila

**We would like to wish the fol-
lowing individuals a very "Hap-
py Birthday": Mariah Angel-
June 27 and John Anthony-
June 26 Fm: Aunty Antoinette,
Lyle, and your three crazy
cousins:Lariah, LeBryant,
&Emilio**

**A belated birthday wish to my
mom Nancy Wilma Broken
Rope. I love you mom very much,
I miss you, and I'll see you soon.
Enjoy your days. Love, Heather
and the girls**

Wishing a Happy Father's Day to
my Dad, "Nick" Marshall.
Where ever you are and whatever
your doing, I hope you
are well and safe. When I was
your baby girl, you were
the best daddy there ever was! I
miss you dad, I hope to
visit with you soon! Love ya
dad! Have fun!
Your daughter, Tamera Rae

Happy Father's Day to our
daddy, Scott Thank you for
taking care of us and buying
us toys everyday, but most
of all, thank you for
being the crazy dad you are!
Your just too crazy!

We love you anyway!
Your babies, Tanya Elouise
& Akicita Hoksila

Happy Birthday to the
following family in June:
Shilo Tallman, Kyle Longman
Albert Shot w/ Arrow,Travis
Thunder Bull , Storm Thunder
Bull,Darwin Longman
Albert Curry,Laqael Ferguson
Darian Respects Nothing
Dakota Gray, Hope you all
have a great Birthday!

We would like to wish our uncle
Matt a Happy B-Day on 6-15-07
From: Tayten, Amber, Tatiana,
Taydence, Leni JR

Happy Belated Birthday to
Melissa Rain Hernandez
on 6-9-07. Hope you enjoyed your
day From Tanya, Doug & the boys

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The veteran's monument was built as a tribute to the many Oglala Lakota veterans who served in several wars. A veteran who ttended the dedication, reads the names on the wall.

Veteran's wall of tribute will stand through time

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor

KYLE - On Saturday, a tribute was given to Oglala Lakota veterans that will stand through time and for many generations to come.

A substantial crowd of veterans, visitors, Oglala Lakota staff and Oglala Lakota tribal officials gathered at Piya Wiconi, the administrative headquarters of Oglala Lakota College on Saturday morning to dedicate a permanent memorial to Oglala veterans of several wars.

Thomas Shortbull, Oglala Lakota president, hosted the event and Wilmer Mesteth who said prayers and purified the monument. The bronze plates with names of the veterans and two bronze statues, representing the Lakota male and female veterans were all wrapped in star quilts until the unveiling was done by veterans. The statues were sculpted by Randall Blaze.

The monument is really about the several bronze panels that have the names of Oglala Sioux veterans from World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam in-country and from the Vietnam era in raised letters. Room was left on the concrete wall for further additions.

John Steele, president of Oglala Sioux Tribe and a Vietnam veteran, gave an introductory speech for the event recalling the war. He spoke

of two veterans Clayton Jealous of Him, a World War II veteran, whose funeral was

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Millie Rexroat, a World War II veteran pilot and Tasha Standing Soldier, Oglala Lakota spoke at the dedication.
PHOTO BY JERRY MATTHEWS OF DOUBLE M STUDIO

Senators vow to curb violence in Indian country

By Jennifer Talhelm
Associated Press Writer



WASHINGTON (AP) - Senators, shocked by stories of skyrocketing violent crime on American Indian reservations, are looking into forming a congressional commission to seek a solution.

Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., called the increase in rapes, murders, gang shootings and brazen crimes on reservations in recent years ``unbelievable'' and said it is Congress' responsibility to fix it.

``We must find a way. This must stop,'' Dorgan said, as tribal leaders testified to the committee about their frustrations with the Bureau of Indian Affairs police and the Justice Department, which is responsible for major crimes on reservations.

The commission was the suggestion of former Minnesota U.S. Attorney Thomas Heffelfinger, who also testified. The Justice Department alone does not

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RST council moves to remove Father Hatcher, rescinds motion

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor

ROSEBUD - The Rosebud Sioux tribal council passed resolution number 2007-147 on Wednesday, June 20 which requests that Bishop Cupich of Rapid City remove Father John Hatcher from St. Francis Mission and the Rosebud reservation.

The resolution was amended by a quorum of the RST council while in session and a roll call vote showed there were 6 voting 'for' in the positive and '4' in the negative. There were 3 'abstentions' and 7 council representatives were absent.

The text of the resolution reads, in part, "Whereas, Father John Hatcher is and (1) promotes elitism amongst tribal members by allowing only a certain few jobs and selective membership for church activities, (2) passes judgments on tribal members by telling them that they will only receive church services if they are an upstanding church attending person, (3) fundraises by using Lakota people/children; the funds received do not benefit the tribal membership, (4) continuously tries to erode sovereign immunity for jobs and use of mission buildings after loss of a million dollars in the R.S.T. Tribal Court."

The next whereas reads, "Father John Hatcher is (5) integrating Lakota Wicoun (the Lakota way of Life) and Lakota designs (sacred symbols-four colors) with the catholic religion offending the feelings of traditional Lakota medicine men and traditional tribal members, as well as (6) creating opulence in the midst of extreme poverty by renovating buildings into dollar settings and plush offices for himself where most tribal

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Remember who you are, don't waste history, speaker tells OLC graduates

110 dancers, 13 drums honor graduates during graduation wacipi

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

THREE MILE CREEK - "All of us have an obligation to remember, to not waste history and to work to stop the abuse," said Stan Adelstein, businessman and philanthropist, to the 2007 Oglala Lakota College graduating class Sunday at the Three Mile Creek pow wow grounds, "we both have an responsibility to not forget who we are, you remember Wounded Knee, I remember Auschwitz and even though culture may change our values will be there to help us through; for the Lakota there is sharing, a strong extended family, respect and a search for spiri-

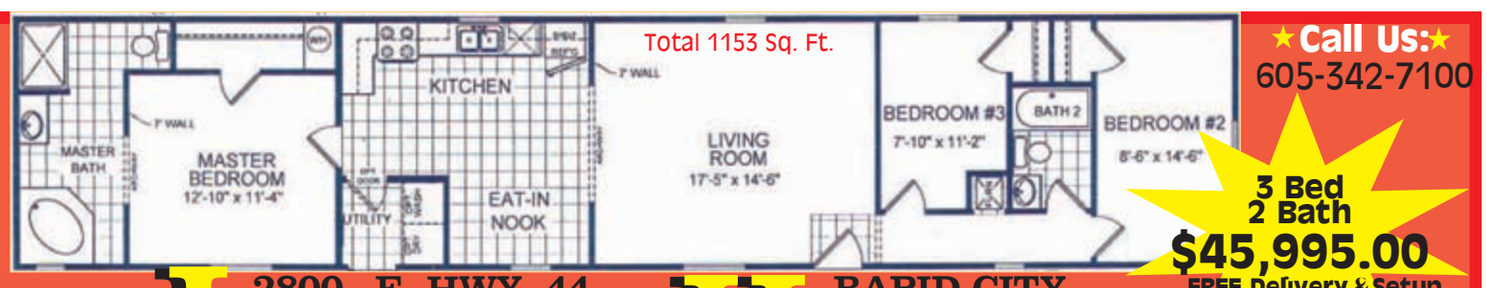
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Stan Adestein, guest speaker at the commencement. Right: Carolyn Bettelyoun receives her masters degree.
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being held the day of the dedication at Wounded Knee and of Frank Jealous of Him, Clayton's son, who died in Vietnam. Steele was adopted by Clayton's family.

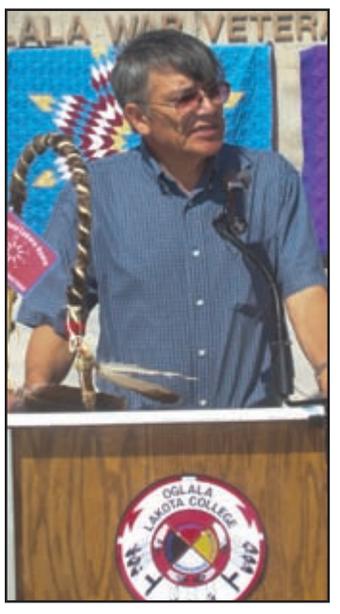
Several American Legion posts from across the Pine Ridge reservation were in evidence with their respective legion flags, including one tribal member who held up a Vietnam Veteran's flag the entire time.

Ola Millie Rexroat, Oglala Lakota, World War II pilot, was one of the guest speakers and she was honored for her distinguished service and for being one of the few female pilots in the war. She served in the WASP and after that tenure, she went to work as an air traffic controller for the civil aeronautics administration. In addition to a beautiful satin star quilt, the college awarded her a honorary master's degree in Lakota leadership from Oglala Lakota College.

Ola's experiences in World War II included flying the T6 single plane with a large target being towed at 150 miles per hour with a 70 foot cable with other planes flying close enough to her plane to shoot at the target. There were incidents in which the TS single planes were shot down during the target shooting exercises.







Left: veterans were honored after the ceremony by those attending. Newton Cummings, president of the Oglala Lakota College board of trustees shakes the hands of the veterans.
John Yellow Bird Steele, president of Oglala Sioux Tribe speaks of his experience in Vietnam.
PHOTOS BY JERRY MATTHEWS

Emma "Pinky" Plume spoke of Ola's experiences, of the 25,000 who applied to be pilots, 1,700 were chosen and of those, less than 400 are still here today.

Captain Tasha Standing Soldier of the U. S. Air Force who earned doctoral level credentials in pharmacy from South Dakota State University spoke of the price of freedom and such things as sacrifice, honor and duty while reading from a prepared script. Shortbull pointed out that she was likely the highest ranking officer that the Oglala Sioux have in military service.

The college's carpentry and construction instructors and students were recognized for their work in constructing the sidewalk, the cement walls and the landscaping of the monument.

As the ceremony wound down, all veterans present stood in single file along the sidewalk which extended up a small hill toward the powwow arena. The people then lined up and shook hands with each veteran beginning from the north side. Many veterans turned out for the event, in spite of the extreme heat. A meal was prepared by the college which included chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy.

The veteran's memorial is located behind Piya Wiconi, Oglala Lakota College's administrative building, west of Kyle..

Violence

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have the clout or the interest in fixing the problems, he said.

Heffelfinger had been on a list of prosecutors considered for termination until he resigned last year. Officials in the department had criticized him for spending too much time on Indian issues.

On Thursday, Heffelfinger said if that is the reason he was targeted to be fired, ``It's shameful and embarrassing for the Department of Justice."

He agreed with senators questioning him that ``it's not a coincidence'' that most of the prosecutors targeted had been active on the same Indian subcommittee.

Heffelfinger, who has since joined a private firm, said clashes between the U.S. attorneys and the department are common on Indian issues because the Justice Department views them as ``local'' and less important than national initiatives.

The agency's lack of interest means that ``only a congressionally supervised and monitored group of experts and interested individuals can realistically meet this challenge," Heffelfinger said.

A Justice Department spokesman did not immediately respond.

Tribal leaders said the problems with violent crime have grown worse with the rise of methamphetamine use, and is exacerbated by the lack of police and confusing law enforcement jurisdictions that remain from a century of patchwork legislative action by Congress.

This spring, Amnesty International reported that Indian women are more than twice as likely to be raped as other U.S. women. Suspects often go free because of confusing police jurisdictions and lack of adequate forensic capabilities on reservations, the report found.

Criminal jurisdiction is shared by federal, state and tribal authorities. Which agency responds depends on where the crime occurs and whether the person involved is a tribal member.

Once law enforcement agencies sort out jurisdiction, it might take more than an hour to get to the far corners of a rural reservation. Even then, they often don't follow through.

In one case highlighted by Marcus Wells, chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation in New Town, N.D., six guns and body armor were stolen from the home of one of the tribe's own police officers. While BIA took interviews, it took no more action, he said.

Wells and others say the solution is to allow tribes the ability to police all crimes on their land.

RST council

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members are unwelcome, (7) refusing to attend burials and funerals unless invited."

After the council action was completed by RST, the St. Francis Mission issued a statement originating from its KINI FM studios. The RST resolution was read in its entirety, followed by a postscript that noted that neither the church nor Father Hatcher were invited to the unprecedented council meeting in which a couple of community members brought the resolution to council and a council representative presented it on the council floor.

SFM's announcement, which ran all weekend, also noted that an emergency parish council meeting had been called at St. Charles parish in St. Francis on June 21 where members of the parish council signed a binding resolution in support of Father Hatcher.

The resolution read, in part, "Whereas, some of those present at the tribal council meeting on June 20, 2007 lied and misrepresented the will and desire of the people of the Parish of St. Charles by saying that the Parish Council supported the removal of Fr. John Hatcher, SJ."

It continued, "Therefore, let it be resolved that (1) St. Charles parish council supports Fr. John Hatcher and St. Francis Mission in their many new works. (2) That St. Charles Parish asks the Tribal Council to rescind their resolution regarding Fr. Hatcher that was passed on June 20. (3) That Bishop Cupich of the Diocese of Rapid City and the Superior of the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus be notified of the support of St. Charles Parish for the ministry of Fr. Hatcher, SJ and and that the parish council ask that Fr. Hatcher not be removed. (4) That St. Charles Parish asks other Parishes which Fr. Hatcher and St. Francis Mission minister at to make similar resolutions of support."



Father Hatcher

On Wednesday, June 27, the Rosebud Sioux tribal council entertained a motion to re-consider the motion to remove Fr. Hatcher and tabled it until July. The resolution is no longer in effect. SFM apparently asked to be present at that meeting. RST President Rodney M. Bordeaux said that he was aware of two tribal members who wanted to be heard on the issue. It was noted that both sides of the issue wished to also be heard.

Bonnie Hairy Shirt, one of the sponsors of the resolution and of St. Francis Indian School, said since St. Francis Mission lost their case in tribal court with the school regarding $1 million from a foundation trust, Father Hatcher has required the school to sign a waiver of immunity that waives any and all sovereign immunity which they might have under any charter for usage of Digmann Hall. She said employees of the Mission have been required to sign a choice of law and forum clause which states any disputes of the employee contract will be heard in state court.

Hairy Shirt said documents were forwarded to Rev. Cupich and Father Kretek, bishop of Rapid City explaining reasons of the resolution to the tribe.

"Please keep in mind we are in no way attacking the church, the parish or the parishners, only the insensitivity of Father Hatcher," she stated in a letter to Kretek.

By these documents we are praying you will remove Father Hatcher and replace him with a priest that is compatible to the Lakota people in general. I must admit we are spoiled by the caliber of priests like Father Jones, Father Gill and Father Fagen and others who were like surrogate fathers to our people and probably can never be replaced," she said.

Meth tool kit available to tribes

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - The use of highly addictive methamphetamine is endangering tribal cultures across the nation, leaders with the National Congress of American Indians said June 11, unveiling a new "meth toolkit" to help communities battle what they called a looming crisis.

"Meth is a lot different than marijuana and alcoholism, which is more long term," NCAI President Joe Garcia said during a news conference in Anchorage. "With meth, the effects are almost immediate."

American Indians have been especially wracked by the drug, with an abuse rate of 1.7 percent, almost three times the rate for whites, according to NCAI statistics. On some reservations, addiction rates are closer to 30 percent.

"Meth threatens to eradicate an entire generation," said Carl Artman, assistant secretary of the BIA. "This is something we cannot waste a lot of time on."

The multimedia toolkit - packaged in a large colorful box - is the product of a joint effort between tribal leaders, BIA and NCAI, one of the nation's oldest organizations serving indigenous groups, including Alaska Natives.

Inside the box are information sheets and CDs detailing the devastating effects of meth on health and families, and the damage to the environment from dumping toxic chemicals used to make the drug. There are stickers for children and a poster showing photos of a female addict's deteriorating face over a 10-year span.

The kit, developed in consultation with Montana State University, contains a wealth of information invaluable to schools, courts, law enforcement and health communities, officials said. The CDs can be edited to customize to a community's needs, said Heather Dawn Thompson, NCAI's director of governmental affairs.

The kits will cost about $130 to cover the cost of production and can be purchased through the NCAI. Officials said they hope states will step in with funding.

Man admits causing accident that killed Denoyer

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) _ A Sioux Falls man acknowledges that he caused an accident that killed a Rosebud man.

Ivan Watts, 31, was accused of driving negligently Jan. 31 in Todd County on the Rosebud Indian Reservation and killing Pete Denoyer.

Watts has pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Pierre to involuntary manslaughter and faces a maximum punishment of six years in prison when he's sentenced Aug. 30.

Exposures photography program returns

KYLE - The Exposures Cross Cultural Youth Photography Program will be working with youth from Pine Ridge and other parts of the country at Little Wound School from July 2 through 13. the group worked out of Pine Ridge and Red Cloud the last two years.

Exposures is inviting community members interested in making photographic quilts from images the youth program creates. Experienced quilters wanting to learn how to print photographs on cloth or others just wanting to help are invited to participate.

The program also wants to collaborate with individuals, families or organizations in and around Kyle in making photographs and stories. If you know of anyone or any organizations who might like to have photographs made, call them.

On Friday evening, July 13, there will be a one night exhibit of the artwork created and there will be a free meal at 6 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come an see the artwork and share food with the art students," said John Willis, program coordinator, who has been coming to Pine ridge for the last several years.

For additional information call John at 454-8127 or Erin Barnard at 454-8039.

Graduation at OLC

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tuality."

During their 34th graduation ceremonies, Oglala Lakota College awarded 168 degrees, eight masters and 43 bachelors.

On Thursday, June 21, 33 students received their GED certificates and on Saturday, OLC honored over 1,800 men and women who participated in the U.S. military in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

"The U.S. government, schools and churches worked hard to assimilate Lakota people as soon as possible, there was Carlisle Indian School and many others like it that took Lakota children as hostages trying to assimilate the children," said Adelstein, "we need to be integrated into the ways of the worlds, not assimilated and education is the way to go but stay who you are. Art LaCroix was the first Lakota to become mayor of Rapid City and he built a fine administration, he brought Lakota values with him, he was integrated not assimilated."

Following the presentation of diplomas, students receiving special awards included: Lynette Cuny/Lloyd Eagle Bull for highest GPA with a masters degree, Raulin Martin/Black Elk award for highest GPA getting a bachelors, Cory Yellow Boy and Francine Parmenter/Reyer Award,

Elisha Ann Risse/Hattie Twiss Award, Steve Yellow Hawk/Patrick Hays Award, Iva Good Voice Flute/Spirit of Jeanne Smith, Doug Patton/Robert Gay Memorial, Phinette Little White Man/Lakota Studies, Marshall and Janice Burnette/Lakota Studies, Norma Tibbitts/Nursing, Susan Geleiga and Steve Yellow Hawk.

"As you leave here today, look at the horizon, it I different than when you started towards your degree," said Adelstein, "you have been integrated into society but as I did, I was a soldier and an American and I always wore the Star of David, think about who you are and as you go down that road how will you honor your Lakota values and history."

The college sponsored the annual graduation wacipi and dance contest to honor all of the graduates; Sunday there were 110 dancers participating in the grand entry as 13 drum groups gathered to provide the music.

When the dust settled Sunday night, the dance contest winners included:

Contest Winners

Women's Golden Age-1) Millie black Bear, 2) Cheryl Between Lodge, 3) Sandra Black Bear and 4) Joanne Yellow Hawk;

Women's Traditional-1)Maxine Broken Nose, 2) Delmarina One Feather and 3) Daeda Lays Bad; Women's Jingle-1) Jolene One Star, 2) Alice Phelps, 3) Marissa Eagle Thunder and 4) Lynda One Feather;

Women's Fancy-1) Helene Gaddy, 2) Tiffany Weston, 3) Gayla Black Horn and 4)Jamie McGhee;

Men's Golden Age-1) Fred Stands, 2) Gary Richards, Sr., 3) Corbin Conroy and 4) John DuBray, Jr.;

Men's Traditional-1)Wesley New Holy, 2) MJ Bull Bear, 3) Waylon Gaddie and 4)Tyler Yellow Boy; Men's Fancy-1)Marlon Kelly, 2) Dave Kelly, 3) Clinton Bird Hat and 4) William Spotted Tail;

Men's Grass-1) Zack Two Bulls, 2) Sage Iron Cloud, 3) William Stewart and 4) Greg White Face;

Teen Girl's Fancy-1) Vonna Blacksmith, 2) Ignatia White, 3) Charlie Cuny and 4) Jamie White Face;

Teen Girl's Jingle-1) Emily Thunder Hawk, 2) Kalsee Has No Horse, 3) Ryanne White and 4) Lynssey New Holy;

Teen Girl's Traditional-1) Daisa One Feather, 2) Sage Blacksmith, 3) Chyler Weston and 4)Angel Broken Nose;

Teen Boy's Fancy-1) Kevin Eagle Heart and 2)Dwight Kelly;

Teen Boy's Grass-1) Demetrius Blacksmith, 2) Byron Bear Robe, 3).John Black Bear III and 4).Patrick Iron Cloud;

Teen Boy's Traditional-1).John Richards, 2) Jonas Bear Heels, 3)Adrian Eagle Hawk and 4)Lorenzo Red Eagle;

Junior girl's fancy-1) Lareese blue Legs, 2)Danielle whirlwind Horse, 3) Cassandra Black Horn and 4) Cante Iron Cloud;

Junior Girl's Jingle-1)Elaine Red Shirt, 2) Sunshine Arcoren, 3).Kiana Brien and 4).Ariana Marie Red Feather;

Junior Girl's Traditional-1)Katie New Holy, 2) Tamera Waste Rooks, 3)Gabriella Rodriguez and 4).Korah Curley;

Little Boy's Fancy-1).Hunter Blacksmith and 2)Pacer Blacksmith; Little

Boy's Grass-1)Arrow Heart Iron Cloud, 2) Dave McBride, 3)Maurice Broken Nose and John Apple; Little

Boy's Traditional-1) Antwan Bull Bear, 2)Jacob Bull Bear, 3) Emery Little Thunder and 4) Damion Brings Plenty.

Drum groups participating included Eagle Mountain, Porcupine, Pass Creek, Creekside, White River Crossing, Sons of the Oglala, Mahpiya Maza, Lakota Wahpa, Ironwood, Road House, Wakinyan, Kiyaksa and Crazy Horse.

Chris Eagle Hawk was the eyapaha and Charlie White Buffalo served as the arena director.

Overall graduation events were coordinated by the activities cmmittee and included Theresa Lone Hill, Mia Ferguson, Michelle Yankton, Krista White, Kathy Ferguson, Tony Brave, Shirly Sitting Bear, Anthony Garnette, Edward Jumping Eagle, Vincent Fire Thunder, Diane Winters Clifford, Cheryl H. Janis, Jason Tenant, Roberta Wounded Head, Myrene Iron Cloud, Julie Yellow Cloud, Vanessa Ferguson, Randi Hunter, Jay Roman, Misty Brave, Rhonda Little Boy, Jonnie Clifford, Holly Provost, Hope Conquering Bear, Katrina Red Willow and Victoria Shoulders.



Above: John Dubray of Allen, placed the men's golden age during the wacipi contest. Below: Bob Cross ties a feather plume on Lois Cross, the last agenda event of the graduation ceremony.

Remembering Sunshine, murdered Lakota woman special spirit

By Brenda Norrell
Special to the Times



Lillian "Sunshine" Wright

TUCSON - At the end of a scorching day, with a gentle breeze at sunset, the people of Tucson came from every walk of life to a downtown park to honor a special soul that touched the lives of so many in her life and death.

Lillian Ruth Wright, known as Sunshine, was Lakota Sioux from Rosebud, South Dakota. Wright was found on the morning of June 12, laying in a pool of blood beneath the stars where she chose to sleep in downtown Tucson.

Rosebud Sioux tribal member Connie Laven and Sunshine's sister Sylvia Konop remembered Sunshine and thanked those who came to Presidio Park to honor her.

Laven asked the crowd to imagine an Indian boarding school, with people carrying wajapi and fry bread, with beautiful star quilts and speaking words of respect. She asked those gathered to imagine Sunshine's friends shaking hands with the family and crying as they vowed never to forget her.

"We bury our dead very well," Laven said.

Attorney Robert Lundquist, who allowed Sunshine to sleep outside his law office and housesit at his home during summers, tearfully remembered this Lakota soul who gave him so much.

Bearing a basket of organic vegetables from his garden as an offering for those who came and were in need of food, Lundquist spoke of the gifts that Sunshine gave him.

"She was a gift to humanity, as we all can be," Lundquist told the crowd of several hundred friends, attorneys, community members and people who make their homes on the streets of Tucson.

Lundquist said his journey to meet Sunshine began in college. After he read, "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee," he said he no longer thought like a white man. Then, he read, "Black Elk Speaks."

Lundquist said all Native American people call themselves "human beings," in their own languages, because that is what people truly are. "I was destined to meet Sunshine because I finally saw that."

"When Sunshine came to our house, she blessed us with her spirit." With Sunshine, the family watched "Dances with Wolves." She pointed out her Lakota relatives and the parts of the film that were right and those that were "baloney."

Lundquist said for Native Americans, there is no word for religion, because their lives are their religions. "Sunshine taught that to all of us." She was kind, witty and intelligent.

Sunshine taught Lundquist to speak Lakota words; he called out those words in her honor. She gave him a new name, "Warrior."

"By God, I'm going to live up to it."

As the wind grew stronger and stirred the drums and feathers at the memorial, Lundquist said, "We can't see you, but we can feel you.

"Her spirit is here."

In his hand, Lundquist held sweetgrass, a gift she always gave him. He remembered how she would housesit for the family in summers, loving the animals and tending the garden. She would stay on for a couple of weeks when they returned. But ultimately, she missed sleeping beneath the stars. She missed her friends, and always offered cash or an extra sleeping bag to those in need on the streets.

Sister Rebecca Theresa said Sunshine had dreams like everyone else, but life had come along and interrupted those. Sunshine had been a nurse in Vietnam.

"Nobody went through Nam and came out the same.

"She had to live with it."

Theresa memorialized Sunshine with the lyrics, "Look what they've done to my song, ma."

Laura Ward, a city of Tucson employee befriended her, here in Presidio Park where Sunshine spent her days. Ward bought Sunshine a CD of warrior drum songs, because those were Sunshine's favorites. When she realized Sunshine had no way to listen to them, she bought a little stereo for her. Ward temporarily delayed giving it to her, for fear that owning it would make her a target.

"She never got to hear this song, but maybe she can hear it now," Ward said with tears, as the Grandmother's Prayer sounded out and floated from the park.

Ward said stories of Sunshine will be collected and placed in a book, a collection of handwritten stories, to be shared here, in Presidio Park, during Friday markets.

At the memorial, Preyin' Eagle, Native American drummers from Phoenix, joined Elliott Gover & Sons, Pumpkin Vine of the Pawnee Tribe and Tony Redhouse to offer drum, flute and musical tributes to Sunshine.

Tucson police have not released the details of her murder or the names of any suspects. Sunshine's Chihuahua, Wichica (Little Girl), was put up for adoption by the Pima Animal Care Center and more than 50 people volunteered to adopt the dog.

Most of those attending the memorial were surprised by the large crowd. Still, they were happy to live in a community where people take time to care.

Others paused and wondered how many times they had passed Sunshine on the street and failed to say hello, or to even see her.

During the memorial, Pastor Rolly Loomis of the United Methodist Church, spoke of her humor and how she loved and cared for everyone.

"She would often give money to those in need."

Loomis said the things that matter to most of us, the material things, didn't matter to her. "She lived it for us."

Sunshine's friends said she could see inside one's soul.

Loomis said Sunshine saw the authentic self within each person. Although she stayed at times inside, she always returned outdoors.

"She always returned to her home under the stars," Loomis said.

"Sunshine died on holy ground."



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Thoughts that come from the heart

Education will always be the answer



By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
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My sister Devonna Bush graduated this past week with her masters degree in Lakota leadership management with an emphasis in educational administration from Oglala Lakota College and another sister finally got her GED so she can take college classes.

We came from a family of 12, Devonna is sixth from the oldest and I am third from the youngest. Our tiwahe is huge, out of the 12 siblings, we have more than a 100 grand children together, I gave up counting when it reached 110. In the Lakota way, that means we are grandma to those 100 and some grandchildren and great unci to the 20 some children from them.

My mom was a great archivist, she kept track of the names and the birthdays, and we still try to do it in bits and pieces. It's important to keep family history rolling to the next generation, it helps our youth to know who they are.

She has been a teacher for many years, she taught at Standing Rock High School for a short while, then at American Horse School as a gifted and talented teacher for 14 years and now she will job hunting for something that will fit her criteria.

She has touched the lives of many, many children through those years, just as she has touched my life.

I always saw her as a good teacher, she is dedicated to educating children and she is good at what my mom used to say, *owigni or inigni*, which meant being resourceful.

My mom would say if you have a lot of kids, that it was a skill you needed to learn in order for the survival of your children. Devonna is that way, not only with her own children but with her students. She is creative in that way, by looking for the coolest things to do so her students will have fun learning and brainstorming how to solve problems.

She and her husband John Bush have been married for 40 years and raised three boys and three girls and looked after many other children, including me. I learned a lot from her in my life, mostly about respecting myself in a sense to care for myself. They are generous people, especially when it comes to hospitality, there was always something to eat their home.

In all, my sister is a great teacher. I could write a book from the stories she tells of classroom experiences. I have the utmost respect for her and what she has done with her life but most of all, she has been a great teacher of the meaning of wowaunsila.

On Sunday, there were eight people who received their masters in the education field, along with the others who received bachelors, associates and certificates. Devonna, Colleen Bettelyoun, Chris Bordeaux, Lynette Cuny, Lyle Iron Horn, Burt Medicine Bull, Aspen Rendon, Robert Taken Alive and Charlie White Buffalo acquired masters degrees that day and each of them have already made an impact on someone's life with their teaching and now they have a tool to empower them to move on to make even greater impacts.

That goes for all of the graduates. Those that received bachelors, associate of arts, and certificates, it was hard work to get that far and each of them has someone backing them.

Sunday was a day of celebration and accomplishment, not only for the graduates and families but for the college's vision.

Every year, there is always so much pride and accomplishment during graduation days for Oglala Lakota College and Sinte Gleska University and other institutions.

On those days, I think of Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, Red Cloud, Spotted Tail and Little Wound, as they struggled with an answer to the future for their people.

This was the answer.

Finding My Voice

Embracing tiwahe



Dana Badmilk

There are many ceremonies of our Lakota people that are still practiced in this day and age and preserved through the years. There are also many of these ceremonies that are exploited. I guess I am not really here to talk about that this week. I just wanted to make that point, to start with.

Other than ceremonies we have many traditions that we practice and have been throughout the years.

One of these is the memorial dinner which is held one year after a loved one has passed. Sometimes, or most of the times the "Wiping Of The Tears" is performed at this memorial and it is time for the mourning to end.

If anyone reading is not familiar, the Memorial Dinner is a celebration of sorts of that loved one's life. Songs are sung, words are said, a feast follows with a giveaway of many wonderful things, including starquilts and such. Many families save up all year for this one last celebration of that person's life.

Which is really what I want to talk about.

Family.

Tiwahe.

A 6 letter word either way.

And a very strong word.

I often joke that "You choose your friends not your family." Or that my family puts the "dis" in dysfunction, or the "funk" in dysfunction. Or there is an old joke that we are the "Bright Family" when someone does something that is not so bright. It's all good and fun. I like to joke and laugh around, as does my family.

But for real, FAMILY is a very powerful part of our lives. I know many times when I lived off the reservation and I felt something in my life was missing, it was family. Which resulted in monstrous phone bills.

Many times when I felt there was nowhere else to turn, there they were.

Or sometimes when I am home alone and everything is peaceful, someone shows up to visit and eat. It's all good. Tiole is the way to be.

Sometimes when I am sad from watching some dumb, sad chick flick, my family laughs at me and makes me feel dumb for crying to Toy Story, uh I mean, uh...Legends of The Fall.

Sometimes when I....I mean my kids lock my keys in the car, my part of the family that knows how to open car doors without keys, will help me out.

Or sometimes, when I am short on change in the grocery store, someone in my family will put something back from my cart and tell me I really don't need those Swiss Cake Rolls.

Then there's the time when a cat attacked me from a nearby bush and made me scream and run, (last year) who else was there to laugh at me but my family.

Aw...and when I got married, who else but my brothers took a pool on how long it would last. By the way, my brother Steve wanted me to mention that there really isn't a pool, but if there was and anyone was interested, it would be 25 dollars in a money order along with a self addressed stamped envelope. Such jokers, they are!

And my family is so great that if I fall, they race to run over and put their arms widely spread out in front of me and scream "SAFE!" Of course I was safe, I just fell on ice....at night....in the middle of a deep freeze.

OR the time my little sister was so thankful on Earth day when I told her how simple can she be to not know how to plant a baby pine tree that she hit me in the face with it.

Or my other little sister who was so concerned when she painted the wall with toothpaste that she cleaned it up all by herself....with my suede jacket!

The best was when my 4 year old little sister and I was stuck on a bumper boat because I didn't know how to steer it. So my family rallied around us and soaked us until the guy at the park jumped in and rescued us from drowning.

My family is awesome. Our ties bind us. I treasure every minute I get to laugh, cry, hug, be around, and fall down around them.

Treasure every minute you get with your family...so you are not one day sitting at a memorial dinner and regretting the time you didn't spend with them.

Honor your family, even if they put the "funk" in dysfunction.

Love your family because they love you. (That doesn't mean snag your cousin! We are Lakota, not hillbilly! HEEY!)

Embrace your family, because if nobody else is there, they will be.

I didn't choose my family, but I am thankful for all of them.

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Other Views

A mother's worst nightmare

Dear Editor:

My name is Robin Tapio, and today I am writing to anyone out there who will listen. I would especially like people to hear about the corruption that goes on in Pine Ridge and on our reservation. Last week I read an article in the *Rapid City Journal* which stated a man of Pine Ridge was picked up on a weapon charge, and had a previous drug conviction charge.

Someone from Rapid City blogged in "Public Safety commended."

Well let me tell you this: he is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to drug dealers in Pine Ridge. They're on every corner and Public Safety chooses to look the other way!

Our cocaine addiction amongst the youth and adults is at an all time high. We have repeatedly heard of drug busts by Public Safety and when it comes time for court all the evidence seems to disappear!

This group who is here to protect and serve are worse than the "Mafia". I believe Public Safety is corrupt and there are a given "few" who are thriving off people's misery. Vergil Pourier, my son who you've read about being in a car accident was a victim of Public Safety's negligence to pick him up.

Vergil had been struggling with a cocaine addiction since he was 13 years old. (I myself am a recovering addict and alcoholic since 2000.)

He's been to Sky Ranch for boys, treatment, and I was about to have him sent away again. He completed treatment on March 8, 2007 at Timberline Treatment Center.

Since April I have been desperately trying to have Public Safety pick him up and hold him in JDC until I could again find placement.

There are countless pick-up orders, JINOC, and warrants to apprehend him yet these officers who see him every night turned a blind eye on him!

I have been told at least five times that he would be picked up. I went to the police station at least 3 or 4 times a week since April. On June 1st at 4:15 pm I ran down to the police station crying and asked the officer to come to my mothers residence about 100 yards away and pick him up; he was high on cocaine and drunk!

He was downstairs in his room at the time we waited and waited no one came! Finally about 6 p.m .he disappeared from the basement.

That was the last time I saw him. On Saturday June 2, 2007 he was in a horrific car accident (in which he was driving) 5 miles north of Pine Ridge. He had a very large amount of cocaine and marijuana in his system at the time.

At Rapid City Regional they informed us he had severe trauma to the brain and he ruptured his aorta.

We were directly life flighted to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. My son never once regained consciousness. The Neurosurgeons put a bolt in his head to alleviate swelling and pressure, but it would not help with the brain functions.

The vascular surgeons then repaired his aorta, but he began to swell and his organs began to shut down.

Vergil passed away at 5:45 am on June 6, 2007. A young man with so many hopes and dreams. I plan on forming a coalition of people with complaints about Public Safety, have a peaceful protest; as our congressional delegates to get involved and maybe even contact various organizations, because this corruption and negligence against community members has to stop!

Two other teens have passed on from a Meth overdose and the other one was stabbed.

I never imagined that my son would be the third.

I am a grieving a mother,
Robin Tapio
Pine Ridge, S.D.

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Northern Perspectives

Protecting our children today



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

Is it just me or do all older parents worry as much as I do about all of the potential illnesses and viruses that represent danger to our children. Maybe generations of parents have always worried about such things. Never mind the usual dangers of drugs and alcohol, there are also the usual illnesses and afflictions that our children normally get vaccinated for.

Things like rubella, mumps, chicken pox, polio and tetanus are just a few of the childhood diseases that our children get vaccinated for, however, there are others which are recommended by pediatricians.

Most are effectively treated by the standard regimen of vaccines, however, there is a booster shot recommended for chicken pox that most people probably are not aware of. Obviously I am not a pediatrician so if you have small children you might want to consult with them on any outstanding shots they may be need.

Most of the schools are very conscientious in specifying the range of vaccinations that children need before attending school, however, as a parent there is one that I need to research to see if the benefit outweighs the risks if my son were to get it.

I am making reference to the meningitis shot and it is something that I have been thinking about a lot in recent weeks. I need to simply do more research on it and then decide it he should have it.

There was a young college student who died recently in the state who had been working with girls scouts and contracted the disease which apparently can kill in a matter of hours.

It sounds like it is a rare disease, but one which can happen when there are a large group of people like college students and others living in close proximity. I hope all parents will consider doing their own research and consulting with their pediatricians or family doctor.

I have not examined my child's shot record carefully, but I am assuming that it is one that is not required.

At least I don't recall seeing it, but will follow up on it. I would imagine there are other recommended vaccinations that people could receive and it would depend on their line of work later in life or their particular social environments.

Anyway, the world really is a scary place to live when you consider all of the environmental factors that could pose a risk to our lives.

Mother Earth for all of her beauty is going to be changing in the next 100 years or so based upon some projections that some scientists have carried out. The world's population base is literally going to increase substantially and put a terrible strain on the world's resources while the polar ice caps will eventually melt and raise the ocean level by three feet or so.

Luckily, most of us are not going to live for a hundred years, but our children will surely see some of the beginning effects of population changes and increasing temperatures. Some day in the future if we do not do something about all of the escaping green house gases higher levels of carbon dioxide will eventually lead to the extinction of many plants and animals.

Fresh water will be scarce as well as the oil which most nations depend on.

Anyway, you can look up the projection for the future of the world and in the meantime, you can also think about our precious children and ensure that they are protected today from the routine diseases and potential health risks which are out there. Prevention is a nice sounding word, but it really is true that using prevention will help to delay or eradicate some of the issues which are facing future generations.

Other Views

A tribute to Crystal Bad Wound

Dear Editor:

The Foster Grandparent Program would like to pay tribute to Crystal Bad Wound, who was a wonderful volunteer since August 4, 2003, in the Black Hills Foster Grandparent Program.

She volunteered with children at YO in Martin and most recently at the Girls and Boys Club in Martin. Crystal's enthusiasm toward assisting children after school was made evident by her continued participation in the Foster Grandparent Program even while fighting illness. She attended required trainings even when she was too ill to actually be with the children and then, as soon as she was well enough, she was back with the children again in an exemplary fashion.

She volunteered over 3,000 hours which qualified her for a Gold pin last year. Crystal died on June 13, 2007. Staff and fellow Foster Grandparents in the Foster Grandparent Program will miss her immensely and we consider it a great privilege to have known her.

Her legacy will include a true love and caring for children in her community.

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A father speaks for his daughter

Dear Editor:

Hello to Lakota Country Times and staff and to all out there reading your great paper of happenings.

My name is Verdell Yellow Horse, father of Jaimie who is unable to answer any on goings with her namesake. I'm writing this to you in concern of her well being.

She was found guilty by the public from day one, broadcasted several times more than any other similar case state-wide.

She was more than willing to plead guilty and take her fate head on, she wasn't allowed to.

Time went on, we waited while she was at her key low point waiting, not knowing what may become of her case. Then she was switched judges. One obstacle after another, but as her father, she deserves a little courtesy and respect.

She accepted her fate, but to get acknowledged with this little word of hate on air on May 23 is totally undeserving.

As her loving father am only backed by family to an extent.

There's more to this but I'll hold off, see how this goes for now.

Verdell Yellow Horse
Oglala, S.D.

Notes From Indian Country

Clinton came, saw and moved on



By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji)

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President Bill Clinton came to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota at the tail end of his administration. He witnessed the extreme poverty and absorbed the feelings of hopelessness, and then moved on.

Nothing changed.

Clinton's emissary from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Andrew Cuomo, now Attorney General of New York State, followed Clinton to Pine Ridge, had his photographer take pictures of the Third World conditions in housing, had the pictures blown up, framed them, hung them on his office walls, and then moved on.

Nothing changed.

Shannon County, the heart of the Pine Ridge Reservation, is still among the top ten poorest counties in America. Since it was proclaimed as the poorest county in America in the U. S. Census of 1980, 27 years ago, nothing has changed.

I now believe that by behaving as victims of poverty, the Lakota people are shortchanging themselves. We must rid ourselves of this "victim mentality" and enter a new paradigm of "prospective prosperity."

As victims of poverty the Lakota people have become the beneficiaries of handouts. This benevolence includes used clothing, used furniture and a whole lot of religious enthusiasm offered by those who believe that our road to prosperity must pass beneath the arch of a church. Plenty Indians have become infected by "that old time religion" but it hasn't done much to feed or house them. Nor has it done much to bring jobs and prosperity.

I emailed www.hillaryclinton.com and asked her to follow her husband's trail to Pine Ridge, but to come here with thoughts of economic development leading to prosperity on her mind. We don't need more handouts. We need a hand up. Whether she wins or loses, the problems that exist on this reservation will still be here waiting to be solved.

It seems that the mindset of South Dakota's Congressional delegation keeps us compartmentalized as victims.

While they work for and introduce bills to move the white population of the state towards prosperity, they eke out bills designed to keep the people of the Great Sioux Nation in poverty.

If we had some genuine, forward looking leaders amongst our people, they would also erase this picture of poverty stricken victims and instill in the people a pride that will lead to a goal of prosperity. They can do this by creating a commission to represent all nine tribes of the Sioux Nation and send this delegation to visit every wealthy tribe in America looking for funds and ideas.

They would send this delegation to visit with all of the major corporations in America and make an effort to entice them to construct industry on reservation lands. There are plenty of unemployed skilled and unskilled laborers available and the corporations would also receive countless tax-free benefits. If American jobs are now outsourced to India, why not outsource a few of them to the American Indians?

For those who would do good you can replace the truckloads of used clothing and furniture with truckloads of lumber, plywood, hammers, nails, concrete, trucks, backhoes, Caterpillars, road graders, and other building materials and equipment, so that our carpenters, plumbers and electricians can start to build homes for the thousands of people that are now nearly homeless. By so doing you have just created jobs and a future.

Maybe a wealthy casino tribe can buy busses that can traverse this reservation that is 100 miles long and 50 miles wide so that the people without automobiles can make it to town to buy groceries, visit the hospital or report to their jobs without having to pay a friend or relative an arm and a leg to get them there.

HUD can help move us toward prosperity by demolishing the "cluster houses" it built over the years to save money and begin to build houses on the land the people abandoned in order to move into the cluster communities. The cluster homes contributed to violence, gangs, drugs and crime that did not exist when the people lived in homes on their own allotment lands.

Internally we have a lot of problems to solve, problems of alcoholism, drug abuse and a very high incident of high school dropouts. Contributing to these problems are the lack of jobs, adequate housing, poor healthcare and a mindset that causes us to believe we are victims.

If Congress would allocate the money it spends in one day in Iraq to improve the lives of its own citizens living on the poorest reservations in America, then and only then, can it hold itself up as an example for the rest of the world. There is an old saying that a nation shall be judged on how it treats its indigenous people and to date, America has a failing record.

Bill Clinton came, saw and moved on. Whether the next president is Hillary or whoever, maybe they will come to Pine Ridge, see the problems, solve them, and not move on. Or at least give the people the means to solve the problems themselves.

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Advance military cadre visits Rosebud

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

ROSEBUD - U. S. Army, Captain Shelley Brooks and U. S. Air Force, Staff Sergeant Sabrina Bullock-Labaran of the Andrews Air Force base in Maryland represented an advance team that met with Dr. Valerie Parker ahead of a larger medical team that will arrive on the Rosebud reservation in August.

Both military personnel had been on the Rosebud three years ago and on this particular visit will be gathering data and other relevant statistics for presentation to the commanding officer. Based on their "After Action Report" which will focus on the particular health needs here, their superior will decide which personnel to send out on what the military describes as a "humanitarian mission" for two weeks.

Those who sign on to the humanitarian mission are given a choice of three places to go for temporary duty; the Rosebud Hospital and the Rosebud reservation is one of those choices.

Brooks made the point that the military health team is accustomed to serving civilian dependents and therefore, coming to the Rosebud to assist in delivering health care where needed is within their scope of activity. She said, "We make sure there are no conflicts. We can come later or earlier. We make sure that all needs are met in terms of logistics, transportation and meals. It is a humbling experience to see how things are done on the reservation."



U.S. Army, Captain Shelley Brooks, and U.S. Air Force, Staff Sergeant, Sabrina Bullock-Labaran were on the Rosebud reservation as an advance team meeting with Rosebud I.H.S. personnel to arrange a larger team of military health professionals who will arrive on the Rosebud in August. The 15 member team from Andrews Air Force in Maryland will work in dentistry, optometry and the emergency room for two weeks.

Brooks, who specializes in infection control, education and training said that the health personnel who will come in August will come from the area of dentistry, optometry, and emergency medicine and may include a couple of physicians.

SSG Bullock-Labaran, 26, has been with the Air Force for six years and specializes in health services management and is qualified to teach CPR. She is close to earning her associate of arts degree and plans on being a midwife or earning a doctor of medicine degree one day. Brooks, a registered nurse holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Hampton University in Virginia.

Both Brooks and Bullock-Labaran are not sure if they will return with the full contingent of 15 military health professionals who arrive in August, but they are hopeful. Bullock-Labaran, as a part of her military basic dress, is allowed to wear the head scarf that is representative of her Muslim faith.

Tribes can now get FEMA homes

WASHINGTON (AP) - Tribes throughout the country will receive 2,000 unused trailers intended for Hurricane Katrina victims after the storm hit two years ago.

Thousands of trailers have been idling in Arkansas and Texas, prompting criticism about government waste. They originally were purchased to house people displaced by the hurricane, but officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency said regulations against placing the homes in flood plains prevented their use on the Gulf Coast.

Last year, Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., urged the agency to donate the trailers to Indian country, but the agency said federal law dictated the trailers must be used for disaster victims. In September, Johnson pushed through legislation allowing FEMA to sell or donate the trailers.

Nine months later, the trailers will finally be distributed, Johnson said in a statement issued by his office last Friday.

``I saw pictures of tens of thousands of empty mobile homes sitting unused in Hope, Arkansas, while South Dakotas Indian tribes were struggling through a tough winter with inadequate housing,'' Johnson said in the statement. ``There is still much that needs to be done to improve Indian housing, but this is a good step toward addressing this serious problem.''

Indian housing has been a problem for decades. According to a 2003 survey, approximately 90,000 Indian families are homeless or ``under-housed.''

Tribal officials throughout the country will be able to inspect the homes from July 9 to July 20, then they can make requests which will be administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The homes are mostly three bedrooms homes.

Johnson is out of the Senate recovering from a December brain hemorrhage, but has been working from home on the issue, said spokeswoman Julianne Fisher.

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LAKOTA LANGUAGE SURVEY RESULTS

Oceti Wakan, a small non-profit, in Calico Community on the Pine Ridge Reservation has been doing a systematic house to house survey in each of the nine Districts on Pine Ridge Reservation to see the health of the Lakota language on our reservation. This has been funded by an ANA (Administration for Native Americans) grant. Last week they reported Medicine Root District and Pass Creek District representing 1,435 tribal members. There have been over 9,000 people who have been surveyed on the Reservation. Oceti Wakan mission is for the preservation of Lakota language and culture. We have developed books and CDs on both.

We would like to share with the community the results for each District with the people. As you will be able to see, we are in serious jeopardy of losing the Lakota language. We hope these results that we will be publishing over the next several weeks will help us break the denial of just how serious this is.

PINE RIDGE DISTRICT – LAKOTA LANGUAGE SURVEY RESULTS
445 households (65 not home) were surveyed representing 1,854 tribal members

Speak Lakota
0-6 years old (262 children) 2 children spoke Lakota – 1%
7-17 years old (562 children & youth) 2 children and youth - .4%
18-29 years old (277 people) 4 tribal members spoke Lakota – 1.5%
30-49 years old (381 people) 50 tribal members spoke Lakota – 13%
50 years old and older (294) 103 tribal members spoke Lakota – 35%

Understands Lakota but can not speak it.
0-6 years old (260 people left) 4 children spoke Lakota – 2%
7-17 years old (560 people left) 15 children & youth – 3%
18-29 years old (273 people left) 4 tribal members – 2%
30-49 years old (331 people left) 34 tribal members – 11%
50 years old and older (191 people left) 44 tribal members – 23%
32% of all households have at least one person that speaks Lakota in it.

PORCUPINE DISTRICT – LAKOTA LANGUAGE SURVEY RESULTS
233 households were surveyed representing 1,131 tribal members

Speaks Lakota
0-6 years old (220 children) 5 children spoke Lakota –1%
7-17 years old (362) 18 children and youth – 5%
18-29 years old (180) 16 tribal members spoke Lakota – 9%
30-49 years old (236) 91 tribal members spoke Lakota – 39%
50 years old and older (117) 82 tribal members spoke Lakota – 70%

Understands Lakota but can not speak it.
0-6 years old (215 left) 15 children – 7%
7-17 years old (344 left) 49 children – 15%
18-29 years old (164 left) 33 tribal members – 20%
30-49 years old (145 left) 46 tribal members – 34%
50 years old and older (35 left) 16 tribal members – 35%
56% of all households have at least one person that speaks Lakota

Next week we will give you the results of Wakpamni District and White Clay District. Oceti Wakan has been meeting with the elders and in District meetings about creating a "language vision" for ourfuture. We welcome your input to create this "Vision".

Please respond to us at:
Oceti Wakan
PO Box 1958
Pine Ridge, SD 57770
or email @ Oceti@gwtc.net.
We will publish the results of that when we have given all communities and members a chance for their input. Thank You.

We would like to hear from you!
Call Peter or Cindy Catches at: 867-6056

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Hicks reaches for Eagle Scout honor by cleaning up Inestimable Gift Cemetery

ALLEN - A 17-year-old Spearfish youth says he's confident that he will make Eagle Scout status with the Boy Scouts of America's before his 18th birthday, July 26.

The work is done, said Jared Hicks, 17, Oglala Lakota, son of Harvey and Carol Hicks of Spearfish. Earlier this month the Spearfish High School junior coordinated a group of friends, family members and fellow scouts from the Belle Fourche Troop 252, to help restore the cemetery at Allen.

The graveyard holds a bit of history for Hicks and his family.

"I decided on the Allen cemetery because my great-great-grandfather Amos Ross started the church and cemetery," said Jared, grandson of Marva and Ross Hicks of Martin.

Rev. Ross helped found the Inestimable Gift Church where he served for nearly 40 years before retiring in 1927.

Hicks said he scoped out the acre of ground speckled with tombstones and large grassy area during his initial trip. Then, he organized workers, tools and materials for the graveyard cleanup in early June.

"It was a lot of work," he said. "The hardest part was getting all the supplies for mowing, trimming and fencing down there."

The fencing alone was quite a chore, said Hicks. Crews put up several portions of fence that had fallen down and relocated others. Because no welding had been done on the initial construction of the fence, Hick said they had to use screws and bolts to stabilize the medal panels.







Top: The Inestimable Gift Episcopal (Allen) cemetery, before recent repair, shows how the grounds had aged through years of neglect and weathering. This spring Jared Hicks (above), of Spearfish, selected the historic graveyard as a project for completion of his Eagle Scout award.

Right: Pruning lilac bushes, fellow Boy Scouts from Belle Fourche Troop 252 assist Jared Hicks in his quest to cleanup the Inestimable Gift Episcopal (Allen) Cemetery. Friends and family volunteers helped with landscape maintenance and fence repairs earlier this month. Many of the rod iron panels were repositioned several feet away from the original fence line that surrounds cemetery, established more than 100 years ago by Jared Hicks' great-great-grandfather, Rev. Amos Ross. COURTESY PHOTOS OF KRIS GARLICK-BEATY.

Boy Scout supporters helped mow the grass, trim the trees, shape the lilac bushes and pick up loads of garbage around the sacred grounds.

"It worked out better than I had hoped," said Hicks, who with his brother, Justin, has been a scouting participant since the second grade.

To become an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in BSA, Hicks had to earn a total of 21 badges, with 15 badges falling under required guidelines. In addition, a final project had to be completed for the benefit of a community, local group or organization other than Scouts. The idea had to be approved by the Black Hills Council of the BSA. Hicks will now offer a written synopsis of the project to the council for final approval.

Arthur Rose Eldred was America's first Eagle Scout. Hicks will be the next local Boy Scout to join the ranks of nearly 1.5 million young men to hold the distinction of Eagle Scout since its inception in 1911.

Changes in KINI 96.1 programming

ST. FRANCIS - KINI Radio 96.1 FM of St. Francis has recently made some changes in their programming.

The station is using the Scotts Studio SS32 automation system which is complete with touch music database and a digital production studio. All KINI employees have gone through training courses so we can better manage the database and production work. He station is now equipped to be on-air 24 hours to serve the people with great entertainment and announcements. The current music format is 75 percent WAV.files and 25 percent CD.

The station now has a new Associated Press News Desk, so they can receive and deliver the latest South Dakota and Nebraska news, sports and weather. Their current weather wire is more reliable and accurate.

Station management have made some changes in our request policy. They now accept birthday, memorial and anniversary requests.

The requests must be handwritten, typed and faxed, emailed, mailed or dropped off. Phone requests will be accepted, however, the DJ's can open the phone lines for call-in requests at their discretion.

The KINI Community Calendar which local announcements will be played twice in a hour in a 24 time period. In sending in a community calendar item, it is requested to mark "Community Calendar" on the item and put it in writing and fax, email, mail or deliver it to the station two or more weeks in advance.

The station currently plays Class Rock, Native American, Gospel, Classic Country, Country, 80s, 70s, 60s and 50s Pop, Alternative Rock, and Top 40 - which consists of all of the Chart Topping Songs. Currently employed at KINI FM radio station are Marylee Fast Horse, station manager; Alice Star Boy, receptionist. DJ and database manager; Roger Crow Eagle, DJ and database manager and Megan Van Winkle, DJ for the summer.

Contact KINI Radio at PO Box 499, St. Francis, SD 57572, kinifm@gwtc.net, 605-747-2291. Fax 605-747-5791. Owned and operated by the St. Francis Mission.

Area educators participate in youth lifeskills curriculumn training

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

MISSION - Kaufmann and Associates of Spoke, Wash. held a three day "American Indian Life Skills Curriculum Training" at the Rosebud Casino from June 18-20. Kaufman and Associates were originally approached by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and were asked to sponsor training in response to the recent suicide, violence and bullying in Indian Country.

The training is labeled "Native Aspirations" and relies upon a textbook developed by Teresa LaFramboise of Stanford University. The text is entitled "American Indian Life Skills Development Curriculum" and the one in use was created for the high school and included such topics as building self-esteem, emotions and stress, communicating with others and solving problems effectively, eliminating self-destructive behaviors, how to help friends thinking about suicide, and planning ahead for a great future.

The participants mostly came from the northern plains and included, Emanuel Red Bear of Eagle Butte, Margo Rosas, Donita Loudner, Samantha Chase, Megan Garcia, Jacque Gray, Cheryl Taken Alive, Evelyn Goodhouse, Renee Yellow Earrings, Miskoo Petite, Charlotte Emery, Robert Critchlow and Tonya Boyd of the Todd County Schools, James Leader Charge and Hattie Dunham of the RST Tribal Education Department, Dan Foster of the Rosebud I.H.S. Hospital, Sylvan White Hat of Sinte Gleska University, Pearl Iron Shell of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Rosebud and Claude Two Elk of the RST tribal courthouse.

The cost of the training, room and board was provided by Kaufmann and Associates through the grant and it was limited to 25 participants. RST Tribal Education Director, Cindy Young, was instrumental in coordinating the training. Kaufmann and Associates will provide the "Native Aspirations" in other locations throughout the country and will be conducting a follow-up training at the Rosebud Casino at a date to be announced.

Gary Nuemann is the Director of the "Native Aspirations" project and he is assisted by trainers, Dr. Rachel Green of Oklahoma, Paulette Running Wolf of Montana, Ila McKay of Kansas, Elizabeth Rose and Freddie Hunter of Phoenix, Ariz.

The participants were

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Community Calendar

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Rez Happenings

Red Cloud Indian Art Show
June 3-August 19, 2007 at the Red Cloud Heritage Center at Red Cloud School northwest of Pine Ridge Village.

Circle of Nations Community Outreach
Tuesday-Thursday June 26-28 with Circle of Nations School Outreach team in Pine Ridge on June 26 and 27 and in Rosebud on June 28, for information call 701-642-3796.

Everett Janis 75th birthday party
Celebrating the 75th birthday of Kyle elder, Everett Janis, Thursday, June 28 at 2 p.m. at Little Wound School in Kyle in the elementary auditorium.

Revival Services nightly
Wednesday-Saturday, June 26-29 at the Porcupine Body of Christ church, two and a half miles east of Porcupine Store with dinner at 5:30 p.m., Kids games 5:30-7 p.m. and services nightly at 7pm with a medical clinic on Thursday 1-5 p.m.

Power Outage
A power outage is scheduled for Friday, June 29 in Pine Ridge Village and the Bureau of Indian Education, Pine Ridge agency Office and the Pine Ridge school system will be closed.

Youth co-ed softball tourney
June 29-July 1 at the Oglala ball field, 18 and under, for more information call Xaviera at 441-1739.

Memorial Horseshoe Tournament
Saturday and Sunday, June 30 and July 1 at Louie and Raydeen's in Fragile Rock housing, a 16 team, double elimination, co-ed tourney, for information call Wilma at 867-1794 or 441-9012.

Church Dedication
New Prayer House, two miles east of Porcupine Store with all ministers and musicians welcome on June 30 at 12noon with a meal to follow, for information contact Frances Ice 867-5050.

Children's Pow wow
Sunday, July 1 from 2-4 p.m. in Rapid City at Memorial Park, grand entry at 2 p.m., for information call 343-2317.

Firecracker Baseball tourney
July 2-4 at Porcupine School ball field with age divisions set for 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, for information call 867-5588.

Wakpamni Fourth of July Pow wow
Batesland, July 4-8 with honoring of the vets on Wednesday and grand entry Friday night at 7 p.m. and horse races on Saturday, all day.

Antelope Traditional Wacipi
July 13-15 at the Bill Menard Memorial Arena in Antelope on the Rosebud, for information call Grace at 208-4072, Mikey Garneaux at 208-6503 or Tate at 208-0871.

Co-ed Softball tourney
July 13-15 at the Oglala ball field during Oglala Fair, for information contact Xaviera at 441-1739, sponsored by Oyate Blihelya program, Diabetes Prevention program.

Peace is like a River 2
A gathering of actors, activists, artists, poets and musicians on tribal sovereignty, protection of sacred spaces, respect for the environment and preservation of Native cultures and languages with a poetry slam competition with cash prizes, Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 13-15 at Kiza Park north of Manderson on Pine Ridge Reservation.

Kicking Bear Wacipi
Thursday-Sunday, July 26-29 in Manderson at Crazy Horse Park.

Eagle Nest Pow wow
Thursday-Sunday in Wanblee with a carnival starting on Thursday, grand entry set for Friday and Saturday at 7 pm and Sunday at 1pm, for information call Elroy at 462-6644.

12 Step meetings
Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m. at the East Wakpamni College Center in Batesland.

Open gymnasium
Tuesday nights at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge from 4:30-8 p.m. open to all ages sponsored by the Oyate Blihelya Diabetes Prevention Program.

Prairie Wind Casino celebrates opening with generosity

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor

PINE RIDGE - Last week, Prairie Wind Casino and Hotel officially celebrated the grand opening of their $20 million casino building and hotel with gifts, food and speeches.

On Friday morning, June 15 in front of the new casino, more than 100 people attended a ceremony with speeches and gift honoring, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially mark the grand opening.

Frank "PoPo" Means, who emceed the ceremony, recounted the time and events that lead to opening of the casino to the celebration of the day. He read many names, some that have journeyed on to the spirit world, that contributed to development and building of the casino. Some were honored with plaques.

Those attending the ceremony were Phil Hogan, Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, Jesse Renteria of the National Indian Gaming Association, Kurt Luger of the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association, Michael Graham, Prairie Wind Casino general manager; Austin Watkins, Medicine Root tribal council representative and economic development committee chair; Ned Metcalf from Rosebud; and in attendance were council representatives Chuck Jacobs, Ron Duke, Garfield Little Dog, Big Crow.





Top: L-R: Speakers the grand opening ceremony at Prairie Wind Casino: Jessie Renteria, Michael Graham, Shorty Brewer, Kurt Luger (standing), Phil Hogan and emcee Frank "Popo" Means. Right: Comedy Jam entertainers (L-R): Milo Smith, JR Redwater, Vaughn Eaglebear and Jim Ruel.

PHOTOS BY AMANDA TAKES WAR BONNETT

Hogan acknowledged the tribal gaming commission for their work in the development of the casino and keeping it on the 'straight and narrow.' He said Indian gaming is designed to bring economic development to Indian country and Prairie Wind is doing that. The key is creating jobs.

Kurt Luger, executive director of the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association of Bismarck, N.D., said last year, Indian gaming contributed in 210 communities, $47 million worth of economic activity in the state, from electric companies to tool sheds and all of those were purchases of above $100,000 with 2,500 hundred jobs, 1,500 on tribal lands and we aren't getting enough credit for such an impact. Gaming contributes $135 million annually to the state.

"We are here to celebrate persistence and courage, the Oglalas are known for that," Luger said.

Graham, casino manager, said one of the casino's goals is to bring 100 Class II gaming machines to the casino in the future.

Peska Construction was honored for their work in the construction of the casino and hotel.

Also recognized was Lenart Brown Eyes, Rick Shangreaux, Tim Bullman and Margaret Lineberry for their work in getting the construction completed.

Raymond Big Crow, Phillip Zimiga, Jeanette Spoonhunter, Lorraine New and Rick Shangreau had the honors of cutting the ribbon across the casino entry way to mark the opening of the casino.

A barbeque was held after the ceremony with t-shirts distributed. On Thursday night, the casino hosted a free concert featuring Tanya Tucker and Restless Heart and on Friday night, about 200 people attended a Comedy Jam featuring native comedians.

The comedians Vaughn Eaglebear, originally from Norris; Jim Ruel, Ojibwe, from California; JR Redwater, Hunkpapa; and Milo Smith, Crow Creek, delivered a captivating show for the audience that ranged from rez humor to just entertaining comedy.

The Pow Wow Comedy Jam tour has done shows from tribal casinos and conferences to special invitations.

Other activities include cash giveaways with a $5,000 and a $10,000 giveaway on Saturday night.

As of last week, the Prairie Wind Casino Hotel is now open for business.

John Graham loses extradition appeal for 1975 Pine Ridge slaying

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) - A Yukon native has been taken into custody after a British Columbia court denied his appeal of an order that he be extradited to the United States to stand trial for a 1975 slaying in South Dakota.

The ruling against John Graham came Tuesday morning in Vancouver and his bail was immediately revoked, so he was taken to jail.

Graham had been under house arrest since he was charged in December 2003 with first-degree murder in the killing Anna Mae Pictou Aquash on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in late 1975. Her body was found Feb. 24, 1976. The Nova Scotia native had been shot in the head.

Aquash's murder came amid a series of bloody clashes in the mid-1970s between federal agents and members of the American Indian Movement. Aquash, a member of Mi'kmaq Tribe of Canada, was among Indian militants who occupied Wounded Knee, S.D., for 71 days in 1973.

Prosecutors have said AIM leaders ordered Aquash's killing because they suspected she was a government informant. AIM leaders have denied that assertion.

The other man charged with killing Aquash, Fritz Arlo Looking Cloud, received a mandatory life sentence in 2004 after a federal jury in Rapid City, convicted him of first-degree murder committed in the perpetration of a kidnapping. A federal appeals court upheld the conviction.

Graham has said he's innocent, but a Canadian judge who issued a written ruling Tuesday disagreed.

"In my opinion, a properly instructed jury acting reasonably, could convict on the evidence that the appellant brought the deceased from Denver to South Dakota and there carried out her execution with the assistance of Looking Cloud," the judge wrote.

Witnesses at Looking Cloud's trial testified that Graham shot Aquash, whose family exhumed her body in 2004 from an Oglala grave and reburied it in Nova Scotia.

A Canadian judge ruled in 2005 that Graham should be extradited and the Canadian minister of justice affirmed that decision last year.

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introduced to the American Indian Life Skills training model. The model basically calls for modeling of a skill to be taught, practicing the skills, feedback by teachers, and a discussion of experiences, while assigning homework.

Providing assessment to fellow students and the Kaufmann trainers was viewed as important after each training session. There was a very good cross section of students from the Rosebud area who represented the school district, the hospital, RST courthouse, SGU, and the RST tribal education department.

The students were given lessons and were expected to demonstrate a lesson from the text on anger, self-talk, anger, and finding our own power.

The teams represented the Crow Creek Sioux, Rosebud Sioux, Standing Rock Sioux, Cheyenne River Sioux and the Oglala Sioux.

Green said, "They are doing the high school curriculum at 35 minutes each and there is one for the middle school and elementary. This is an excellent group. They are very participatory. We have done this in several states. The lessons are multi-tribal.

People will know their own tribes and can implement the lessons."

Kyle plans July 4 events

KYLE - There will be a July 4th celebration for community at Medicine Root District on the Little Wound School football field.

There will be a parade at 10 a.m. with prizes, categories include Most Beautiful, Most Colored, Patriotic and Humorous. Other activities include costume contests; hot dog feed at noon, make and take booths at 2 p.m., ice cream social at 2 p.m., community feed at 5 p.m., free prize bingos at 6:30 p.m., children's games, and a tug of war.

There will be booths that will have sno cones, balloons, cotton candy and popcorn.

The evening before Medicine Root District will sponsors a feed on July 3. The Oyate Teca Project will sponsor a fishing derby and there will be a horseshoe and volleyball tournament.

There will be fireworks at dusk on the football field.

The events are sponsored by Little Wound School, Medicine Root District and Oyate Teca Project.

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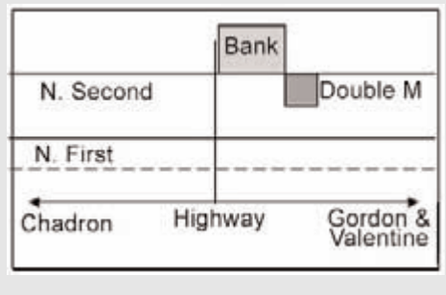
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Roy Afraid Of Lightning

EAGLE BUTTE - Roy Afraid Of Lightning, 75, Eagle Butte, died Thursday, June 21 at Indian Health Service Hospital in Eagle Butte.

A wake service was Wednesday, June 27 at the Cultural Center in Eagle Butte.

Funeral services were Thursday, June 28, at the center, with a meal and giveaway beginning at 11 a.m. Charity Hill, Frank O'Lodge and Byron Buffalo will be officiating. Burial was at the UCC Cemetery in Bridger under the direction of Oster Funeral Home in Mobridge.

Judith Kay LaPointe

ROSEBUD - Judith Kay LaPointe, 50, was born in Rosebud on Oct. 9, 1956, to Edward Elliott LaPointe and Genevieve Marie White Wing. She died at St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre on June 19.

Wake services were held at St. Bridget's Church in Rosebud on Saturday and Sunday, with funeral mass on Monday, June 25. Fr. Gene Donahue officiated. Burial followed at St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery in Mission.

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Joslyn Peyton LaPointe

ROSEBUD - Joslyn Peyton LaPointe, infant, was born at Rosebud Hospital on June 21. She was 10 inches long and weighed 11.5 oz, born to Christal Grace Little Elk and Carl Dean LaPointe, Sr.

Wake services were Tuesday, June 26 at the Violet Little Elk Residence in Two Strike.

Funeral mass was Wednesday, June 27 at St. Charles Catholic Church in St. Francis with burial at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Holmes Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Robert Poignee

ROSEBUD - Robert 'Bobby' Joseph Poignee, 27, was born in Rosebud on Nov. 18, 1979, to Jack Lee Poignee and Ruth Ellen Hopkins. He died in Crow Wing County, Minn. on June 16.

Bobby is survived by his wife Jolene Stark and children Raina Doyle, Shyanee Poignee, Nathan Kunta, Austin Stark and Tyler Stark; parents Jack Poignee and Ruth Hopkins Poignee; brothers Bill Poignee and Kris Poignee; grandpa Sydney Hopkins, Sr; grandmas Cordelia Brings Three White Horses and Ellen Poignee; as well as many other friends and relatives.

Wake services were held at St. Thomas Hall in Mission with funeral services Wednesday, June 22, 2007. Holmes Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Terrance Claymore Sr.,

WAKPALA - Terrance J. Claymore Sr., 78, Wakpala, died Saturday, June 16 in Minot, N.D.

Rosary services were Wednesday, June 27, at Oster Funeral Home in Mobridge.

Funeral services will be Thursday, June 28, at St. Bede's Catholic Church in Wakpala with the Rev. Tony Grossenburg officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Patricia A. He Crow

SIOUX FALLS - Patricia A. He Crow, 45, Sioux Falls, died Friday, June 22, in Sioux Falls. Survivors include two daughters, Latisha Morgan, Sioux Falls, and Marissa Two Bulls, Number 4 Com-munity; one brother, Abraham He Crow, Oglala; and one grandson.

A one night wake was Wednesday, June 27, at Brother Rene Catholic Church in Oglala.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 28, at the hall. Burial will be at Makasan Presbyterian Cemetery in Oglala. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

Sarah J. Looks Twice

RAPID CITY - Sarah J. Looks Twice, 47, Rapid City, died Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include two sons, Eric Looks Twice and Kurt Looks Twice, both of Rapid City; three daughters, Skye Looks Twice, Robin Flynn and Kimberly Flynn, all of Rapid City; her mother, Donna Jean Sanchez, Winslow, Ariz.; two brothers, Marty Chase Alone, Denver, and Troy LaPoint, Winslow, Ariz.; and three sisters, Georgine Looks Twice, Oglala, Annette Looks Twice, Albuquerque, N.M., and Iva Looks Twice, Manderson.

A wake service was Friday, June 22, at St. Agnes Catholic Hall in Manderson.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 23, at St. Agnes Catholic Hall in Manderson.

Burial will be at a later date. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Madeline J. "Midge" Morgan

GORDON, Neb. - Madeline J. "Midge" Morgan, 72, Gordon, Neb., died Tuesday, June 19.

Survivors include one daughter, Judy Dawkins, Gordon, Neb; two brothers, Fred LaDeaux, Pine Ridge and Ben LaDeaux, Wichita, Kan.; three sisters, Pearl Cournoyer, Marty, and Kathy Janis and Rose LaDeaux, both of Manderson; and three grandchildren.

Wake services were June 22 at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Gordon with a rosary service.

Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, June 23, at the church, with the Rev. Tim Stoner officiating. Burial was at Gordon City Cemetery.

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Dear Anna,

How are you today? I hope all is good for you. Well I just wanted to write a letter to you and ask you a few questions concerning my family and I.

I surely hope you can help me. I'm still in high school and wonder how my future, education wise, is going to be like. I really do enjoy going to school, I also like to get involved in other activities. Lately I've been lacking in school and quitting sports that I'm in. This just isn't me. But I really want to know what sits in the future for me. I also want to become a pediatrician or some sort of doctor that will help people in poor countries.

Another question I would like to ask is how do you see things going for my mother? This year she just found out that she has arthritis. Do you see it clearing up? I love my mom very much and hate seeing her hands swell everyday. I don't want this for her, I pray for her a lot asking guidance and help for her. So please Anna can you fill me on some answers? Oh yeah, there's one more thing do you see any other person in my life right now?

Looking for answers!

Dear Looking for Answers:

I do see a health career - and it looks as though you will be working in orthopedics and rehabilitation for injured and handicapped people. That is a good career choice.

Almost everyone suffers a little burn out now and then. A constant diet with high performance expectation without a balance of relaxation and enjoyment leads to frustration and loss of interest and ambition. Life is about balance, so remember that and always allow yourself time to consider the joyful aspects of living: nature, family, food, reading, entertainment, self-improvement and introspection combined with meditation, and other self-interests. A change of scenery always is a good pressure valve release.

Please tell your mother that glucosamine with codrointen is a good supplement for arthritis. I also recommend massage and exercise. Lots of water and avoid foods high in sodium (i.e. pop).

Yoga works wonders with arthritis, particularly the bending and stretching. I recommend Kundalini Yoga by Germuke (DVD available at Borders), and although I would not expect anyone to keep up with the entire DVD when you first start - it is eventually attainable. When I do Kundalini Yoga I modify many of the aerobic parts and don't jump much - I just shift my weight from foot to foot and lean, rather than jump. The breathing will help release toxins that further solidify the effects of arthritis.

My business partner and I do wonderful work with arthritis. We work on a donation basis. Our type of healing is called Balance Point, and we feel that the Creator and the Spirits work through us to do the actual healing...we are just the instruments. If your mother is interested in an appointment just email the paper and they will let us know.

Your mom doesn't need to concentrate now on what is the matter with her body - that just enhances the pain. Instead, please tell her to focus on what is right. All pain in the body is reflected by some way of thinking in a person. Arthritis generally indicates some resistance to change - so the body becomes "stiff" and has trouble with flexibility.

Yes. I do see a boyfriend. He is quite tall and very thin. He has a little skin trouble and a great smile. His hair often gets in the way of his left eye.

Dear Anna,

I am previously, 'Wondering' from the Windy City, Chicago. I just had to write to you to 'thank you' for answering my letter and to tell you that I appreciate so much your reassurances about my mom. That response from you is so valuable to me and also to my own daughters. I pray God's protection over you and I give thanks for the wonderful gift of 'sight' that was given to you by the Creator.

Please, give me some insight on my future? I feel I have so much to offer and that I am wasting precious time. I need to get involved in something and I am at a loss. Please advise me. I don't want to leave this earth and have not given back or at least tried to make a difference. I would like to make some type of meaningful contribution to my people. But, I don't know where to start.

Help me to see where and what I could be used that could really impact. Not for 'celebrity' but, to be able to leave my mark, so to speak, and truly impact in someone life.

Wondering from the Windy City

Dear Wondering.

Blessings to you and thanks to you. I am blessed by many gifts from the Creator and so am very fortunate.

You are a wonderful person. You are helping everyday - through prayers, kind words, and in other ways as well (lending a helping hand to someone, a smile at a lonely person, etc.). Never underestimate your impact on others.

I do see you helping people at home. I see you gathering things together and sending them to the reservation. This is no small deal - it looks as though it is quite a bit of needed items (like a truck full).

I do see you putting money together (grant?) and creating a fund for children that need special help. I happen to see clothing - but I think it goes far beyond that into providing services in behavior counseling and even braces on a young boy's legs.

I see knit items being sent. I see the hiring of some people from the reservation to come out to your area to make some sort of presentation (this creates a larger funding source and provides employment).

Give yourself time. You have also thought about a fund to create acknowledgment or scholarship for young students in art, music, dance and other traditional and inherent abilities.

Your mark is left on the Mother Earth with every prayer and with every breath. Your desire to help is the first prayer and it will be granted. The Creator Blesses you for your heart and for your will to help create a better Earth experience for The People.

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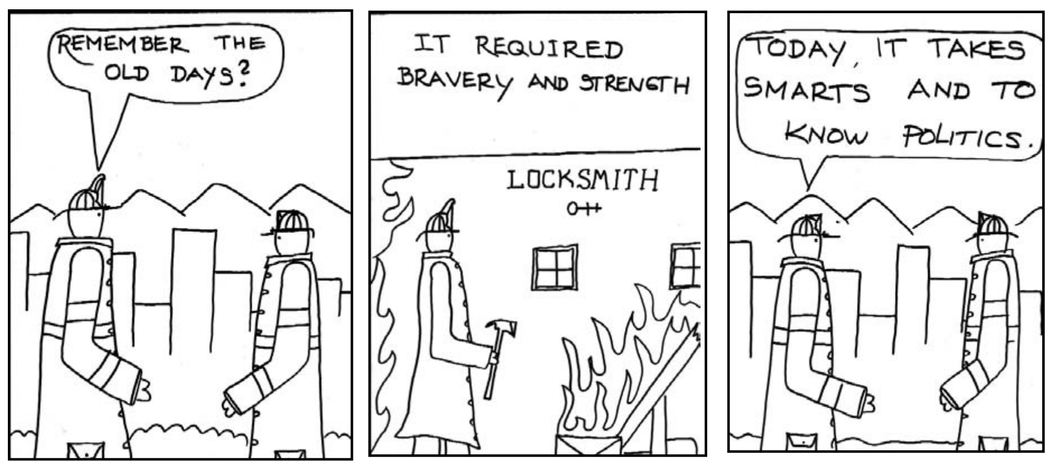
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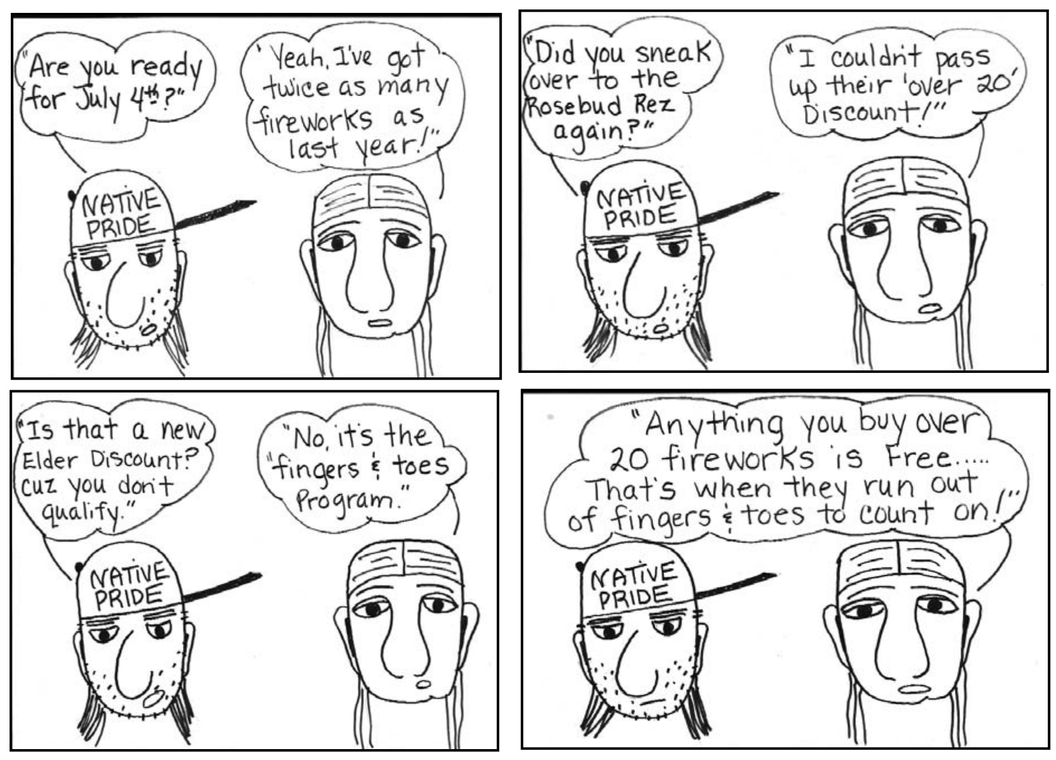
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The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Wacipi Committee will be accepting sealed bid(s) for a period of 15 working day.

Sealed bid(s) should be submitted with in a sealed envelope clearly marked #07-051 on the front of the envelope. Fail to mark envelope will result in a no bid(s) and will be mailed back to sender. Rosebud Sioux Tribe will not accept e-mail, fax and or telephone bids(s). Sealed Bids will be accepted until July 17th at 5:00 pm. All Bid(s) will be publicly opened on July 18th at 2:00 pm at the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Treasure's Office.

Sealed Bids will be mailed to the following address: Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Treasurers Office, Att: Mary Greaves, RST Treasurers, PO B ox 430, 11 Legion Avenue, Rosebud, SD 57570.

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www.lws.k12.sd.us

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Happy Birthday to My baby girl Lea Shae Lucy Puckett 7-3-07. I love you. From MOM

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Happy Father's Day to Chris Faubion From: Allie & Max



Happy 9th Birthday to my baby son, Wakinyan Storm Young, on June 22. I love you baby! Mom



I would like to wish my handsome son, Cassidy Marshall a very Happy 18 Birthday on June 28. I am so proud of your accomplishments in life. Stay on the right track and you'll go far. I love you and I'm so very proud of you my son. Love Mom.

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OST working hard to bring FEMA trailers to Pine Ridge

Steele requests 300 homes, over 4,000 needed

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - "We could use 4,000 plus homes here on Pine Ridge," said Paul Iron Cloud, past tribal president and executive director of housing and current member of tribal president John Steele's management team, "I just finished a conference call with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and we have until July 11 to put together a letter and background information on the need for homes we have here on Pine Ridge. The Bureau will look at all of the requests and the back up information and decide by the end of July on a formula to distribute the mobile homes."

There are thousands of vacant FEMA trailers sitting on lands in Arkansas and Texas. Originally the trailers were built and purchased to house people left without homes from the hurricanes in Louisiana and Mississippi but regulations prohibited placing the homes in flood plains on the Gulf Coast.

Senator Tim Johnson of South Dakota led a legislative initiative to allow FEMA to sell or donate the trailers to reservation communities. A study released in 2003 stated that there were approximately 90,000 Indian families homeless or living in sub-standard housing.

"There are over 200 tribes that have expressed interest in applying for the FEMA trailers," said Iron Cloud, "in HUD's Region VI there are 27 housing authorities that have expressed interest."

The Bureau is expected to have a formula put together by the end of July and once the distribution plan is in place, tribe's will have 15 days to move the trailers.

"It is my understanding that it will cost about $16,000 to move each trailer and set it down, anchor it and skirt it," said Iron Cloud, "we are looking at enough money to afford about 270 trailers, that would be 30 per district, we are work-

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Nearly 10,000 emergency housing trailers that were intended to be sent to the Gulf Coast to help Hurricane Katrina victims have been freed up for other uses and have been made available for tribes. The Federal Emergency Management Agency parked some of the trailers at Hope Municipal Airport of Hope, Ark. in the months following the hurricane.

Rosebud seatbelt study shows more awareness needed

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

ROSEBUD - The summer months are likely very busy months for the Rosebud Comprehensive Healthcare facility as there is increased traffic flow and community celebrations that the Rosebud tribal membership is engaged in especially during the Fourth of July.

This flurry of activity is borne about by the increased revenue being reported in CEO, Shelly Harris' report to the council. The summer months generally appear to result in an above average amount of revenue from all third party resources.

There are other issues that appear to be emanating from the RCHC facility that warrant further explanation and in-depth clarification for not only the general tribal membership, but also for veterans who are very much concerned about their health and well-being. The hospital has been very forthcoming and sharing with such information and it is greatly appreciated.



A couple of months ago, Charles Mack of the environmental office could be heard on KINI FM radio explaining a seat belt study during a Sunday morning coffee show with deejay Perry DeCory. There were some features of the study which were quite revealing and spoke to the very low percentage of Rosebud Sioux tribal members who actually buckled up. It was a very dismal statistic and one which documented the need for a tribal ordinance to support a seat belt law, and thus, result in a decreased incidence of injury and death among reservation drivers through increased education.

Mack graciously provided a copy of the seat belt study at an earlier date; however, the highlights had not been published. The discussion on KINI FM radio was help-

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Pine Ridge, Rosebud teams head for Native American Basketball Invitational

Hoop Divas took second last year in national tournament

PINE RIDGE/KYLE/MISSION - The South Dakota Hoop Divas will lead three girl's teams and one boy's team from South Dakota to this year's fifth annual Native American Basketball Invitational in Phoenix, Ariz.; the Divas are trying to improve on their second place finish in last years tourney losing to the Navajo Nation Lady Cats 53-51 on a buzzer beating shot.

"We are as ready as we can be, we're excited, relaxed and in good shape," said Tiny DeCory, Divas head coach, "we have played 78 games since the high school season wrapped up in March; we have played in Nebraska, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Wyoming and all over South Dakota, we have played in tournaments, team camps and we have played all star teams and now we are ready for this national 40 team tournament that plays their championship game in the Phoenix Suns and Mercury's home arena."

The 2007 Diva roster includes Lacy Weston, Sophia, Christian and Allie Janis, Robin Webber, Nichelle Red Owl, Saudia Tasso, Kali Brave and Keisha Brewer with Decory as head coach and Will Good Eagle assisting. The Divas open on Monday, July 9 at 8:30 a.m. against Gila River from Sacaton, Ariz.; they play NCFST from Toronto, Ontario, Canada at 8:30am on Wednesday and the Gym Rats from Lame Deer, Mont. Wednesday evening at 7:10 pm. Following pool play, each team is seeded into a single elimination tournament which finishes in the U.S. Airways Arena on Saturday night.

Coming off of a 24-2 high school season and a second place finish in the South Dakota State A tournament, Little Wound is playing in their last tournament together as the Lakota Regulators.

The team leaves Saturday evening and flies out of Denver Saturday morning. Their first game is Monday, July 9 at 9:50 a.m. against the Yakama Nation out of Wapato, Wash. They play the defending champs, the SBT Shockwave from ft. Hall , Idaho Monday night at 8:30 p.m. and finish pool play with Fort Mojave from Needles, Calif.

Dave Archambault has come out of

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ing with Rural Development, looking at rewriting the tribe's bond, asking Shakopee for help and working on a proposal to the Indian Health Service."

According to Iron Cloud, the tribe plans to send a delegation to Arkansas to look at the trailers after July 11 but he adds we just do not know how many will be given to the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

"John Steele would like to request as many as 300 but depending on the Bureau's formula, we could get anywhere from five to 350," said Iron cloud, "once we know how many we will receive, it will be up to the council to determine how many will go to each district and how they will be distributed in the district."

At the present time, Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing manages 1,700 homes on the reservation; housing has 27 new home ownership houses that have not been completed and 52 Ellsworth units that have been sitting in the housing yard in Kyle for over a year and a half waiting for a decision on how they will be distributed and completed.

"We are doing everything we can to put together as much resources as possible for these trailers," said Iron Cloud, "we have been getting all kinds of calls about the trailers, how many we are going to get, how will they be distributed on the reservation but we are dependent on the Bureau and the formula they put together so we just do not know how many the tribe will receive - we will let people know as soon as we can and we have asked for a compilation of all of the available tribal land in each district, we have to be ready to move on this as soon as possible."

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ful in focusing upon the consequences of not wearing seat belts and points out the need to continue to build on such studies which may justify the need for legislation and punitive measures for protecting the tribal membership.

A number of organizational changes were announced in the tribal council report, including pharmacy reconstruction, a release of information window, a UPS system for the radiology CAT scan machine and a nursing call light system. New hires at the hospital included a podiatrist, a nurse practitioner/midwife, an emergency room physician and an obstetrician.

Finally, the third party collections as reported by the hospital, including Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance totaled $9,296,471 to-date and appeared to represent 92 percent of the agencies collection goals.

A couple of other issues that will be explained to the tribal membership include a letter which was sent out to veterans a couple of months ago explaining that the I.H.S. was considered the "payer of last resort."

There was a recent change in Medicare billing and that issue along with the letter to Sicangu veterans will also be explained very shortly by the hospital in a series of notices.

AA Meetings

Every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Kateri Hall at the St. Agnes Church in Manderson, Everyone Welcome, call 867-2267 for information.

12 Step meetings

Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m. at the East Wakpamni College Center in Batesland.

Porcupine AA meeting

Every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Pahin Sinte College Center in Porcupine, for info call Janice at 867-5404.

Co-dependency Support

Meets on Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. in the basement of the old hospital coordinated by the OST Employee Assistance Program, for info call 867-1841.

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retirement to coach his grandson's team in Phoenix. Archambault coached the Little Wound Mustangs to two State B appearances in the early 80s. The Regulators include Rich Big Boy, TJ McCauley, Brice Hornbeck, Michael Apple, Dustin Shangreaux, Casey Montileaux, Devon LeBeau, Orin Three Stars, Shilo Pierce and Ty Lunderman with Archambault as the head coach and fundraisers Billi Hornbeck, Darrel Lynn Runnels and Tina Two Crow.

Summer and Mica Lunderman are coaching the South Dakota Lady Sioux from Rosebud and open at 3:10 p.m. on Monday against Hoop It Up from Scottsdale, Ariz, take on the Lady Magic from Shiprock, New Mex. on Tuesday at 11:10 a.m. and finish pool play at 3:10 p.m. on Wednesday against the Sacred Mountain Ballerz from Flagstaff, Ariz.

The Lady Sioux include Todd County's Josie Stone, Jordan Rahn, Auria Prue, Shelby Hunger, Tasha Herman and Marissa Scott, St. Francis Marci Rodriguez, Red Cloud's Marque Lunderman and Bennett County's Keely Krolikowski.

The South Dakota Jewels from Cheyenne River open this year's NABI tourney Monday at 4:30pm against Northern NM from Fruitland, New Mexico, play 4 the Love of the Game on Tuesday at 9:50am and finish pool play taking on Eastern Native Sista Hoopz from Thoreau, New Mexico on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.



Everett Janis celebrates 75 years

KYLE - Last week on Thursday, June 28, the family of Everett Janis (right) honored him with birthday celebratiion at Little Wound School. Janis of Medicine Root District, has given more than 20 years service to the educational field by serving on the Little Wound School board and other boards. A meal was served with birthday cake. Rev. Lyle Noisy Hawk (above left) was one of several speakers at the honoring. Other speakers includes Chris Eagle Hawk, Wayne Weston and Janis's daughter Melanie Janis.

Vital records law changes July 1

PIERRE – Beginning July 1, parents who experience a stillbirth will be able to request a certificate of birth resulting in a still birth, thanks to legislation passed during the 2007 session. Under current statute, the Department of Health issues a fetal death certificate, which is combination of the birth and death record, when there is a stillbirth.

"During testimony parents of stillborn infants made clear that as part of the grieving process, they wanted a document that reflected the birth of their child, not just the death," said Kathlene Mueller, State Vital Registrar for the department. "For that reason, certificates of birth resulting in a still birth will be available for any fetal death already on file in our office."

Mueller said the certificate for birth resulting in a stillbirth will be issued only at the state level, not at county registers of deeds offices.Another vital records law change going into effect July 1 will allow customers to request a list of marriage records. Each register of deeds can provide a list of marriages for the licenses issued by that county with the state able to provide a full list. The list will include name, age, residence and place of marriage for marriages occurring after July 1, 2007. There is no charge for the list.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Special Events Committee

is accepting Sealed Bids for the following positions to be filled for the 131st Annual RST Wacipi being held on August 24-26th, 2007

1. **Carnival**
2. **Port a Potties**
3. **Official Pow-wow t-Shirts, Caps, and Sweatshirts**
4. **Youth Activities**
5. **Horseshoe Tournament**
6. **Little League**
7. **Women's Softball**
8. **Mud Volleyball**
9. **Garden Contest**

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Special Events Committee will be accepting sealed bid(s) for a period of 15 working day.

Sealed bid(s) should be submitted with in a sealed envelope clearly marked **#07-053** on the front of the envelope. Failure to mark envelope will result in a no bid(s) and will be mailed back to sender. Rosebud Sioux Tribe will not accept e-mail, fax and or telephone bids(s).

Sealed Bids will be accepted until July 13th 2007 at 5:00 pm. All Bid(s) will be publicly opened on July 16th 2007 at 2:00 pm at the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Treasure's Office.

Sealed Bids will be mailed to the following address: Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Treasurers Office, Attn: Mary Greaves, RST Treasurers, PO B ox 430, 11 Legion Avenue, Rosebud, SD 57570.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe has the right to reject any or all bid(s), waive informalities or accept any bid(s) or any combination there of which appears to serve the best interest of the tribe. Award of the project will be subject to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe requirements.

LAKOTA LANGUAGE SURVEY RESULTS

Oceti Wakan, a small non-profit, in Calico Community on the Pine Ridge Reservation has been doing a systematic house to house survey in each of the nine Districts on Pine Ridge Reservation to see the health of the Lakota language on our reservation. This has been funded by an ANA (Administration for Native Americans) grant. Last week they reported Pine Ridge District and Porcupine District representing 2,985 tribal members. There have been close to 9,000 people who have been surveyed on the Reservation. Oceti Wakan mission is for the preservation of Lakota language and culture. We have developed books and CDs on both.

We would like to share with the community the results for each District with the people. As you will be able to see, we are in serious jeopardy of losing the Lakota language. We hope these results that we will be publishing over the next several weeks will help us break the denial of just how serious this is.

WAPAMNI DISTRICT – LAKOTA LANGUAGE SURVEY RESULTS

292 households (65 not home) were surveyed representing 970 tribal members

Speaks Lakota

0-6 years old (123 children) 0 children spoke Lakota – 0%
7-17 years old (234 children & youth) 2 children and youth - 1%
18-29 years old (153 people) 13 tribal members spoke Lakota – 9%
30-49 years old (266 people) 61 tribal members spoke Lakota – 24%
50 years old and older (165) 98 tribal members spoke Lakota – 60%

Understands Lakota but can not speak it.

0-6 years old (123 people left) 6 children spoke Lakota – 5%
7-17 years old (232 people left) 46 children & youth – 20%
18-29 years old (140 people left) 42 tribal members – 30%
30-49 years old (205 people left) 78 tribal members – 38%
50 years old and older (67 people left) 27 tribal members – 40%

50% of all households have at least one person that speaks Lakota

WHITE CLAY DISTRICT – LAKOTA LANGUAGE SURVEY RESULTS

248 households were surveyed representing 935 tribal members

Speaks Lakota

0-6 years old (135 children) 3 children spoke Lakota –2%
7-17 years old (247) 8 children and youth – 3%
18-29 years old (142) 27 tribal members spoke Lakota – 19%
30-49 years old (174) 72 tribal members spoke Lakota – 41%
50 years old and older (102) 79 tribal members spoke Lakota – 78%

Understands Lakota but can not speak it.

0-6 years old (132 left) 45 children – 34%
7-17 years old (239 left) 161 children – 67%
18-29 years old (115 left) 50 tribal members – 44%
30-49 years old (102 left) 66 tribal members – 65%
50 years old and older (23 left) 14 tribal members – 61%

5 9% of all households have at least one person that speaks Lakota

Next week we will give you the results of Wounded Knee District and the total of Pine Ridge Reservation results. Oceti Wakan has been meeting with the elders and community members at District meetings to get input to create a long range language goal to create a vision for our future. We need your input.

Please respond to us at:
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We will publish the results of that when we have given all communities and members a chance for their input. Thank You.

We would like to hear from you!
Call Peter or Cindy Catches at: 867-6056

Alex White Plume's endeavor to grow hemp will be broadcast in a "Point of View" documentary

By Chet Brokaw
Associated Press

MANDERSON -- Alex White Plume hoped his extended family could make a good living growing hemp when he first planted seeds on his land near Wounded Knee, but years of fighting with federal drug officials have left him in financial trouble.

The White Plume family planted hemp for three years from 2000 through 2002, but they never harvested a crop. Federal agents conducted raids and cut down the plants each year because U.S. law considers hemp, a cousin of marijuana, to be a drug even though it contains only a trace of the drug in marijuana.

"We had all these plans of grandeur and independence, to lead the way with industrial hemp," White Plume said. "None of it worked out."

White Plume plans to sell much of his ranching operation this fall. He said he probably can keep his house and at least some of his buffalo that graze among the pine-dotted ridges that give the reservation its name. His horses, a truck with license plates reading "HEMP," and other equipment likely will be sold to pay off some of his debts.

But even though White Plume lost a court case last year, he is ready to resume the cultivation of hemp if the federal government ever allows it.

The plant could help boost the economy of the Oglala Sioux Tribe's poverty-stricken reservation, where unemployment is estimated to be as high as 85 percent, he said.

"I could never climb back up to where I was, but I still believe in hemp, so we're going to continue to struggle," White Plume said.

The family's attempt to grow hemp, which is used to make rope, oils, skin lotion, cloth and a variety of other products, is featured in a "Point of View" documentary that will be broadcast Tuesday on Public Broadcasting Service stations nationwide. The film started as a look at hemp growing, but it grew to include a look at Indian treaties and the Lakota culture and tradition, according to filmmakers Suree Towfighnia and Courtney Hermann.



Alex White Plume's hemp story will air on Public Broadcasting on Tuesday.

An important part of the story, filmed periodically over a five-year period, deals with the emphasis on extended family among the Lakota, Towfighnia said during a recent visit to White Plume's home. "People can learn from the Lakota way of life because it's a beautiful way of life."

White Plume said he used to run a successful trail ride business, but that faltered after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks because fewer European tourists visited the United States.

He said he became interested in growing hemp in 1998 after seeing country star Willie Nelson promote it. The Oglala Sioux Tribe also passed a measure legalizing the growing of hemp on the reservation.

The tribal law should have been enough to allow hemp farming because of the sovereignty granted to the Lakota by treaties, White Plume said.

White Plume planted hemp on his land in 2000, planning to make money by selling the seed to others, but U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents cut down his plants a few days before he intended to harvest them. The DEA also seized similar plantings by his brother and sister in the next two years.

"All that left us in debt and demoralized, trying to figure out what to do because our sovereignty was directly attacked," White Plume said.

But he laughs when he talks about the hemp plants that still grow on his land, even right outside the back door of his house. The plants spread from seeds knocked off during the DEA raid, he said.

"When the DEA used their weed whackers to cut my plants down, they reseeded it something awful," said White Plume, a former vice president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

White Plume never was charged with a crime, but the DEA sued him and got a court order to bar him from growing hemp. He argued that the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868 gave the Sioux the right to grow hemp.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last year ruled against White Plume, saying the treaty did not give tribal members the right to grow the plant. Hemp is also subject to federal drug laws, which require a DEA permit to grow the plant in both its marijuana and hemp forms, the appeals judges said.

"We are not unmindful of the challenges faced by members of the Tribe to engage in sustainable farming on federal trust lands. It may be that the growing of hemp for industrial uses is the most viable agricultural commodity for that region," the appeals judges wrote.

The appeals court also noted that hemp is used to make many useful products, and the DEA registration process imposes a burden on anyone seeking to grow hemp legally.

"But these are policy arguments better suited for the congressional hearing room than the courtroom," the appeals judges wrote.

White Plume's lawyer, Bruce Ellison of Rapid City, said courts have consistently declined to give much consideration to Indian treaties. And the hemp law should be struck down because it is not rational, he said.

"The only argument against it is fears based upon misleading information or misinformation that it can somehow be used as a drug or to hide drugs or something like that, which it can't," Ellison said.

Those who oppose legalizing hemp have argued that law officers could have difficulty determining whether plants are drug-laden marijuana or hemp that has only a trace of the drug.

The best hopes for the White Plume family and other farmers who want to grow hemp are measures in Congress and North Dakota's effort to get the DEA to issue licenses for the production of hemp, Ellison said.

North Dakota has authorized hemp growing and issued the nation's first state licenses to grow hemp, but the two farmers with state licenses could face legal problems without DEA permits. The DEA has not acted yet on the farmers' applications, and the farmers filed a lawsuit two weeks ago asking a federal judge to let them grow hemp without being subject to federal criminal charges.

Vote Hemp, an industrial hemp advocacy organization, says North Dakota is one of seven states that have authorized industrial hemp farming.

White Plume said he and his family has gone through some tough times, particularly when they were uncertain whether federal officials would charge them with drug crimes for growing hemp.

He also had to endure jokes that implied he was really growing a drug.

"That was the hardest, hardest time," he said.

White Plume now intends to spend time working on environmental protection and treaty issues, such as an effort to regain the Black Hills that were taken from the Lakota more than 125 years ago.

And if farmers ever are allowed to grow hemp, he's ready to plant another crop.

"We didn't give up our struggle. We still want to grow hemp and we still got all our plans in shape," White Plume said.

"It's not a drug plant," he said.

Iris Gay uses matching savings, loan program to buy quilting machine

KYLE - Iris Gay wanted to increase her output of quilts from her home based business.

She knew what she needed to do to find a simple quilting machine that would be user friendly, easy to operate, and only cost a few thousand dollars.

She knew that Lakota Funds offered the ideal asset building program to do this.

First, she committed to increasing her own financial literacy and her knowledge of how to run a business by systematically saving in the Individual Development Account program.



Taffey Lafferty, loan portfolio manager; Iris Gay, Fairuz Dakam and Tony Taylor, loan officer pose with a check presentation of the loan Gay recieved using the savings and loan project.

As an IDA participant, she not only built her personal financial capital by getting an infusion of dollars from the two to one match Lakota Funds provided her, but she also attended financial literacy, credit repair, business planning sessions, and group discussions with other savers.

Tonia Young, business success coach, was her guidance though the IDA program and Lakota Funds will continue to provide her additional technical assistance as she's on her way to success.

Next, through the business planning course she began developing plans for her business, obtained a tribal business license, and began developing a loan application.

Jason Brave Heart became her success coach on this leg of her journey.

When her IDA account was built up to the point she could make a substantial down payment on the machine, she applied for a loan under the micro lending category that only requires a cash flow projection, credit score, some collateral, along with business and personal financial records and her personal guarantee to be reviewed by the loan staff and the executive director. With her personal integrity and commitment, Iris is pursuing her dream of owning her own business.

Gay, first time borrower of Lakota Funds, is using her loan and the money she earned through the IDA savings program to purchase a high quality quilting machine to enhance productivity in meeting the demands of her customers and the potential to attract new clients.

Gay has been making quilts of excellent craftsmanship by hand for 20 years. Iris is the first IDA participant to use her proceeds as equity in obtaining a loan from the Lakota Funds to start up a business. Iris pledges, "To provide high quality machine quilting at reasonable prices."

To order her quilts or to discuss your needs for a particular design and colors, call her a (605) 455-2981

State hunting season to take lions is causing concern for tribe

RAPID CITY - The state declared hunting season in early June that would allow hunters to take 35 lions and 15 of those could be female. The hunting season is causing concern for Trudy Ecoffey, a senior wildlife biologist for the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Ecoffey, who studies mountain populations on the Pine Ridge reservation presented data to a meeting of the Prairie Hills Audubon Society and in which she noted that there have been 150 sightings of lions on the reservation and 25 percent of those were verified. She believes that there are between 6-8 lions there and is concerned that all licensed hunters statewide can now hunt for a lion. Previously, only landowners who have a prairie license could hunt.

Ecoffey operates on a grant from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife and is concerned that lions which wonder off the Pine Ridge reservation could be hunted.

Regional Game, Fish and Wildlife supervisor John Kanta said that he does not believe that there is a population of lions on the Pine Ridge reservation and that the GF&P is not interested in managing lions outside of the Black Hills.

Ecoffey said that her board would like to be informed of any hunting activity that occurs near the Pine Ridge reservation.

Bible school students from Iowa do outreach on the Rosebud

ROSEBUD - On June 16, there was a group of 24 eighth grader non-denominational bible school students from Ames, Iowa who were camped out at the Rosebud veteran's affairs building. The youngsters and their eight chaperones used the building as their home base while out doing works of generosity during the day.

Pastor Joel Vint served as the spokesman for the group as they were making preparations to return home. The youngsters had selected the Rosebud community for their social and Christian outreach. Upon their arrival they proceeded to offer a free car wash by the tribal building and got 40 some takers. They also went into the neighborhood around Rosebud and simply played with the kids and drank Kool-Aid and shared other treats with them.

The youth raised their own money to make the journey out to the Rosebud and they arrived in two buses. "We want to take a holistic approach to helping the elderly, the middle age and others. We also listened to Darlene Meyers.

We would love to learn the history of the people." Vint noted that the group met a lot of local people, including RST tribal president, Rodney M. Bordeaux.

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Other Views

A youth view of the White Clay issue

By Duane Two Bulls
Pine Ridge Reservation
Special to the Times

Hello to the Lakota Oyate:

It has been two months since I have written, just this past Wednesday I walked into a room and seen what had happened at Whiteclay. I commend Alec Morgan for the breakup in Whiteclay I might also add that I was rather shocked to see Russell Means in cuffs being dragged off to Pine Ridge Jail.

What had happened with the blockade really stunned me to see what Duane, Russell and other individuals were doing for this blockade and I personally think it was a bad thing from the start…and remember I am just a 14-year old individual trying to make this "rez life" possible.

I commend the Chief of Police James Twiss for having his co workers act on scene right away. I also commend my mother Connie Two Bulls-Lund because she deals with alcoholics everyday she takes a step into the Pine Ridge jail. I can see where the alcohol problems affect the reservation and the people of the reservation but the people who put this blockade up, went about this issue the whole wrong way. Not meaning to say that this blockade was a 'bad' thing and I don't think that it was a good thing either… because the alcohol has been coming from not only Whiteclay but there is Martin, Interior, Kadoka, and as for Red Shirt the alcohol comes in from Hermosa and Rapid, so just say that it was a disaster waiting to happen. Alcohol seemed to already do the damage in families on the rez.

I have some family members who live lives revolved around alcohol, drugs, and Whiteclay, I am honest about that factor because I always see them in the poorest condition and it hurts me to see my fading away from other wise the Two Bulls Family and/or the Brown Bull family. My father/uncle Duane Two Bulls passed away from a alcoholic related issue and that really made me against alcohol and drugs

For one certain thing I know that alcohol is EVERYWHERE on the rez, if you don't see it in one community (which is very unlikely) you would see it in another community. When you deal with alcohol, you are like dealing with kids and I am tired of seeing and hearing of alcohol damaging families on the rez.

I am sorry if this article is upsetting but this is my firm belief of how I think about this issue and to stay alcohol and drug free. Alcohol and drugs really, really misrepresents the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. That refers to the alcoholics and druggies on the rez and again I am not saying that fate brought the reservation to this conclusion.

I will tell you this the people on the west coast think that we still live in tipis and they hear of the reservation and they see how poor we are, how violent we are, how hostile we are, and how lack of dignity we have and the list goes on. Literally this is stupid of how the U.S. Government really labeled as poor and that we always have no money. From the statistics of 2006 (courtesy of google.com) it states that 74 percent of the Pine Ridge Reservation's population is unemployed and a Oglala Sioux is expected to live to 46 years of age and substandard housing is six times the national average and the annual income for the tribe is $2,600 per year whereas it is supposed to be $14,420 per year.

Also 66 percent of the population of the reservation lives under poverty, every winter elderly die due to the cold and lack of heat so they die of hypothermia, and an average Pine Ridge teen would kill themselves three times more often than the average American teen, less than 1 percent has a bachelor's degree or higher, Diabetes and tuberculosis rates are 800 percent higher than the national average. So to all you readers this is what the Federal Government labeled us (OST) and also they labeled us in debt that was the 2006 reservation statistics so the OST is somewhat hopeless because of its people.

So with that I conclude and so really the reservation is a nightmare to foreigners that come to the reservation because of the gang violence.

I personally feel that if the younger generations stand up today and take leadership as a priority, I think that we will be better off in a better tribal government because there will be less corruption and we will maybe reach our goal and get ourselves out of this big 'poor hole' that we put ourselves in and then we will have better yearly statistics from the Federal Government. I hope this message will get out to some individuals who may take a step forward and have a actual purpose for the rez!

So with that I conclude and I wish the best to you, the reader and your families!



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Other Views

Let's help our children dreams come true for tomorrow

Dear Editor:

Annexing for better future, winning the conquest. Mobilizing activity of ideology challenging innovation, the new age of the horizon.

Adaptability to transform ourselves to a better future, embracing education, the communication infrastructure. The independents of one's dreams, the individual achievements, the importance of one's dreams. The prestige ambitions of competition in particulars of technological advances to develop the fertile ground to change for the betterment of the future.

Such possibilities lay just beyond the horizon. To take that step one needs education, and a dream to make that dream come true. For our future is our children, and their children. We need to take that step by not being arrogant toward our children and their needs and emphasize their dreams.

What are the possibilities of our future? For their talents and success is the fulfillment of life.

The quest for the ultimate future lays beyond the horizon and our investment for our future. We now live in the string theory age and unification where its at.

For our children, dream should be our aspirations to our future, the quantum leap of achievement. Let's help our children dreams come true for tomorrow.

Jesse J. Black Bonnet
Coleman, Fla.

Reader enjoys column about Wakinyan

Dear Editor:

The June 14 column of Amanda Takes War Bonnett reflects excellence in living, writing and knowledge of this life. Ms. Takes War Bonnet's respect for Wakinyan is at once generous and inspirational. I can smell cedar of her father's prayer. I can feel the power of thunderclouds 'charge through the sky.' Concepts of courage to learn new things and saving money for a weather radio lend strength for this or any day.

Thank you for the work of Amanda Takes War Bonnett. Our world is a richer place when she writes.

Gemma Lockhart
Colorado

Words from the 'trenches'

The wonderful feeling of 'Retirement?'


Connie Smith-Blanco

My 'slightly' older, only sister drove up from Texas to spend the month of June with me and my family. It is now July 2 and she is almost ready to start her trip back to Texas with her devoted pooch, 'Rookie.' What started off as a "by the way, I'm coming to visit you now that I'm retired and have time on my hands" turned into a "by the way, I'm coming to live in Martin again, now that I'm retired and have time on my hands."

Of course I'm excited (I moved back six years ago and haven't regretted it since), my parents are dubious ('remember when you were a teenager and you left town saying 'I'm never moving back here.'), and her many Texas friends were shocked ('Is this a mid-life crisis or did she hit a prairie dog hole and shake a screw loose driving across the Badlands to South Dakota?').

We'll never know and we'll never ask. The main thing is, she's all excited to leave the rat race of Texas behind and join the Martin snow shovel club. She's wasting no time. She found a house, rented a post office box, opened a bank account, ordered new checks, and most important, said to me "you'll have to go with me to buy a winter coat." She knows she doesn't need the coat in this triple digit weather, but it shows she hasn't lost any of her organizational skills. And this should show her Texas friends that she still has all her screws, even if they are a little loose.

Is she too young to retire at 50 something? Of course she is. But who can argue with her hard earned Police Pension, you sure don't see many of those anymore. Will she be bored leaving a city of 40,000 to add one more number to Martin's population of 1,011? Of course she won't. As the saying goes, she's 'been there, done that!' And for city excitement she can drive to Rapid City where she'll see half of Martin on any given week-end.

She's a techie and keeps in touch with her friends and the world through the internet. (Her entire trip to South Dakota was posted on her friend's website, complete with pictures and almost daily postings. I had to blackmail her not to post the picture she took of me bending over my first grandchild and her first birthday cake.) Yes, I love my sister, but I will resort to threats if I have to, like the fact I have plenty of pictures of her picking her nose, that I can publish in this newspaper if I'm forced to.

She's so techie she has a business on E-bay that she simply has to unplug in Texas and plug back in, here in Martin. And everyone at my house likes the idea of her moving back here.

She actually puts three squares a day on the table while I'm working here at the paper. Every time I turn around she's cooking or baking something. My kids want to adopt her and let her move in permanently.

"We can't adopt her I tell them, we're already related (besides, she's making me look bad. She hardly did any of those things when she worked full-time). Remember the magic word here, it's called 'retirement! Even Manuel and Amanda love her personally delivered, afternoon snacks of individual containers of double-chocolate ice-cream.

My parents and my aunts and my cousins are looking forward to seeing her on a regular basis, as they turn to me and say, "we never see Connie because she's' always working." Job offers have not stopped coming in for her and when folks find out she won't actually be moving here until September they all say "what's taking so long?"

If it sounds like I'm a 'little bit' jealous I probably am.

I have no idea what it would be like to retire at 50-something. However, being the 'slightly younger still working sister' does have its' advantages.

I'm not afraid to ask her for a 'little' help if I get in a pinch! After all, the magic word is 'retirement' and that's a most unusual thing, here in the trenches!

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She has pursued a music career in Oklahoma, Tennessee and lived near her sister in Texas, and after 30 years moved back to her roots in South Dakota with two of her three daughters.

What happened at Barre, Mass.

By Rick Lennox
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As one of the organizers of Saturday, June 30 demonstration on the Barre Common in Barre, Mass., I would like to set the record straight. Until this latest attempt to repatriate the sacred items in the museum in Barre, the library/museum's own website trumpeted the collection there as being from the site of the Wounded Knee massacre. Only since we began our efforts last fall has the website been changed to remove all mention of "Wounded Knee." Now, the library director is claiming that the items housed there are not even authentic, that they are tourist reproductions. How, then, would he explain that in 1993 a Lakota delegation traveled from Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota in an attempt to recover the items in the museum? That delegation did, in fact, manage to reclaim one item -- a lock

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Northern Perspectives

Combining education with wisdom



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

In Lakota society the things we say are not always cut and dried as we essentially live in two worlds. Let me explain. As we work very hard to survive in this new technological age there are a lot of competing interest and distractions which are not only breaking down Mother Earth, but also the ability of different ethnic cultures to survive.

Even the latest revelation that half of the people in the world are now living in cities is a change that indirectly impacts us. Many Lakota people visit cities regularly while many also live there and pursue a living. White society calls it "brain drain" when the young choose to leave the area and work elsewhere. It is especially damaging if many of the best and the brightest do not come home after their education and training to make a difference. As a result we become complacent because the up and coming young people with potential are not coming behind us and it leaves a void.

We are taught that wisdom and foresight lies with the elderly and we have come to expect their participation when people come together.

Even that has changed, or it may be a function of my getting older, as the elders no longer are the dominant spokespersons at gatherings anymore. When I was young, it was expected that we would hear a lecture or a lengthy explanation of the history behind some event and it was something that we more than likely retained. It was like the elders had you cornered and you had to listen before taking part in a nutritious meal or an anticipated giveaway and the wait was worthwhile.

The advice that the elders often dispensed is called "wahohonkiye" and it could mean to instruct or advise. I think it was a technique that worked especially if the recipient of the advice played a willing part. If we are willing to learn cultural advice then it is there to for the taking.

Apparently getting rid of bad emotional energy really is something that scientist can see now through new imaging devices and it is beneficial when we get rid of such energy simply through saying it and letting it go.

As we necessarily adapt to that changing world we have to bring all the skills we have learned to the table as we compete with the white man. There are outside criteria, standards, and expectations that our children are expected to meet if they want to be successful when they venture out. It's okay if we use the western "wasicu" education we learned to help guide our young so that they will one day be successful to.

It was never a requirement that Lakota people had to do mathematics, science or be able to write a research paper, but it has become increasingly important that our children do that even if we would prefer that they follow a traditional Lakota lifestyle.

I have arrived at a place where I know that I have a bit of wisdom and hindsight gained through living on the "rez" and being able to combine that with my western education has allowed me teach and assist others. I cannot say that education is better than wisdom or vice-versa, but when we are able to combine life's experiences with whatever we have been fortunate enough to gain in the classroom it can be a good thing.

Dr. Archie Beauvais, (Sicangu) earned his Doctor of Education (Ed.D) degree from Harvard University and currently works as the director of the Lakota language preservation project for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Functionally fluent in the Lakota language, Dr. Beauvais continues to pursue a professional interest that is forever enlightening.

Lakota artifacts

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of hair belonging to Chief Big Foot, the leader of a band of Lakota who were among the victims of the massacre. Was the lock of hair a tourist reproduction?

We who gathered in Barre on Saturday were assured earlier that the museum would be open and available to us, even though yesterday was not the usual day for the display being open to the public. When we arrived, we found the museum locked and guarded. Rebecca Three Stars traveled from South Dakota to see the relics belonging to her ancestors, and she was turned away...We tried to arrange a meeting between anyone from the museum board of trustees and Three Stars and/or other Lakota representatives. Naturally, no one was available from the museum. Ann Meilus, an attorney and the director of the board of trustees, had more important business to attend to; she was out of town, helping a friend move.

We were very grateful to see that Meilus had her priorities straight. Clearly, it was more important to her to help a friend move than to meet with people who had traveled 1500 miles or more in an attempt to reclaim sacred items that belonged to their ancestors.

Please do not be taken in by the evasions and obfuscations of the library/museum people.

Every attempt of ours to repatriate these items, every argument we have advanced, has been met with a new and different set of lies, a different rewriting of history, a different excuse for the continued refusal to return these items to their rightful owners...If the items in the library are in fact not authentic, then why the reluctance to return them. If the items are fakes, they can have no monetary value at all. The Lakota people on several occasions have offered to make reproductions of the items in the museum and swap them for the items on display, and each time the museum has found a reason not to make the trade. Why is that, if the items on display are fakes? Why has the museum removed all mention of the display being from Wounded Knee. It's pretty transparent, isn't it?

Incidentally, to refer to the incident at Wounded Knee as a battle or to the place as a "battlefield" does a grave injustice to the Lakota people who perished there and to their descendants. What happened at Wounded Knee was NOT a battle; it was most certainly a massacre. The few Native warriors there had already been disarmed when the shooting began; most of the victims were women and children and the elderly; the 7th Cavalry soldiers who were killed were caught in their own crossfire, not killed at the hands of Native people. A complicated set of circumstances led up to this massacre, but many people believe that one major factor was that the 7th Cavalry was allowed to be involved, just 13 years after that same 7th Cavalry unit was soundly defeated by the Lakota and Cheyenne, resulting in the death of General George Custer at the battle of the Little Bighorn.

We were pleased that the Channel 7 News of the area mentioned twice that the museum display had been locked yesterday.

I guess we are to assume that the museum staff locked up a display of worthless tourist junk. Why not let knowledgeable people into the display to verify that the items are in fact not authentic?

As I hope you can see, there are a lot of questions surrounding this display and especially the people who are responsible for the display. We would be most appreciative if Channel 7 News chose to pursue this story further. No one gains from trying to understand the original motivations of the people who looted the Lakota bodies at Wounded Knee and sold the relics, nor those of the people who bought those relics and sold or donated them to this museum and others like it around the country. However, one can expect that, in our relatively enlightened age, the current possessors of these items should be expected to act responsibly and ethically. What we have here is an idyllic little New England town, with a cute little library/museum holding the spiritual lives of many Lakota people hostage. It's wrong, and it should be illegal, and it certainly should be brought to light.

The history of the massacre at Wounded Knee and the events leading up to it make fascinating reading. The story is complex and heart-breaking.

The situation is a microcosm of European treatment of Native people all over the continent. I encourage you to do your homework, learn the particulars of the massacre, and continue to pursue the actions of the staff at the Barre Library/Museum.

I also thank you very much on behalf of all of the people working to right the egregious wrong being perpetrated in Barre. Our job will not be finished until the items in the museum are back in Lakota hands.

Thanks again, and please feel free to contact me or any of the other involved people. I can be reached at this email address, or go to www.barretowoundedknee.org for a contact list of people involved in this effort.

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Notes From Indian Country

Thomas Sowell, out of sight, out of mind and out of touch



By Tim Giago
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Thomas Sowell is a nationally syndicated columnist who happens to be an African American. He is also a senior fellow at the Hoover Institute at Stanford University. I am sure that he is an expert at the things he normally writes about, but he is an abject failure when it comes to writing about Native Americans.

I am often taken aback at writers who take on the challenge of writing about something they know little or nothing about. What happens in most cases is that the writer not only makes a fool of himself, but he also imparts information that is false, ineffectual and worse yet, damaging to the people he is writing about. This is what happened when Mr. Sowell decided to write about the Navajo people.

Mr. Sowell and his wife were on vacation and happened upon some Navajo boys on what he determined was "a Navajo reservation." Perhaps his column would have taken a different slant if he had referred to the homeland of the boys correctly as "the Navajo Nation."

He surmised that the boys were "bright and cheerful lads" but when asked in what state Pittsburgh was located "none of them knew." Mr. Sowell explained away this phenomenon by writing, "The most likely explanation was that they were being taught other things, things considered 'relevant' to their life and culture on the reservation."

Mr. Sowell surmised that any culture, whether in or out of the mainstream, is not just a badge of identity or a museum piece to be admired by others. "A culture is a tool for serving the many practical purposes of life, from making a living or to curing diseases. As a tool it has to change with the ever changing tasks that confront every culture as time goes on," he wrote.

Say what? For the information of Mr. Sowell and his readers, there is probably no ethnic minority that has been forced to go through such dramatic changes in the past 100 years as Native Americans.

Not only have they managed to survive with a foot in two distinctly different worlds, but they have managed to maintain their traditions, culture, language and spirituality also.

If Mr. Sowell had taken more than just a passing interest in the land he passed through, perhaps he would have discovered that the Navajo Nation has its own law enforcement, judiciary, government, elementary and high schools, and a wonderful college system all functioning with a high degree of intelligence, diligence and with a success that is the envy of many in Indian country.

Oprah Winfrey made the same lame observations as Mr. Sowell when she visited the Navajo Nation several months ago. She asked tribal members to stage a pow wow for her entertainment and her cameras even though pow wows are not the traditional fare of the Navajo people. Since no pow wow was forthcoming, she created one with old films for her television show not knowing that the attire worn by the dancers was that of the Indians of the Northern Plains and not the Navajo.

If Mr. Sowell had visited Denmark and ran across some Danish boys who did not know what state Pittsburgh was located, would he have admonished them for not getting outside of their culture?

Mr. Sowell writes, "Unfortunately, in this age of multiculturalism, there are too many outsiders who want all sorts of cultures to remain frozen where they are, preserved like museum exhibits."

Oh, if that were only so, Mr. Sowell. An attempt was made by the "outsiders" to strip the American Indian of everything that set him apart as a unique race. Schools were established to strip him of his language. Food was distributed that would create a generation of diabetics. Outsiders converged on the Indian nations to forbid and then strip the Indian of his religious beliefs. The Indian was forced to adapt to the religion of a foreign culture, a foreign language, foreign customs, foreign housing and even foreign medicine.

No the Native American did not remain "frozen where they are," but instead adapted, absorbed, took the good from the new culture, abandoned the bad, and then got on with a way of life that was adjustable to both cultures.

They did not "nurse historic grievances" as Mr. Sowell implies, but fought for their rights as sovereign nations. In order to protect and save what was already theirs, they had to take on the government and the corporations of America. They won historic battles for their water rights, land rights and human rights. They fought for the return of their traditional religions and language and to them; this was not stepping back in time, but bringing time back into balance for their people.

Please understand Mr. Sowell, that the Navajo boys you saw on their bicycle tour were citizens of the Navajo Nation as well as citizens of the United States and like many Native Americans, oftentimes their loyalty begins with their own Indian nation and like the Navajo Code Talkers you praise, their lives oftentimes end in defense of not only the Navajo Nation, but also for the United States of America.

Consider yourself lucky, Mr. Sowell, to be a senior fellow at the Hoover Institute at Stanford University, because my research tells me that there has never been a tribally enrolled American Indian accepted in that prestigious institute.

Oversight? One wonders.

I hope that in the future you take the time to learn about a people before you write condescendingly and disparagingly about them. And please accept this as constructive criticism.

(Tim Giago is an Oglala Lakota born and raised on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in the Class of 1991. His latest book "Children Left Behind, the Dark Legacy of the Indian Missions," is now available at: order@clearlightbooks.com. The book just won the Bronze Star from the Independent Publishers Awards. He can be reached at najournalists@rushmore.com)

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Pine Ridge's Rez Runblerz finish undefeated Saturday in Rapid City

RAPID CITY - Dave "Bull Dawg" Michaud led a five man Pine Ridge Runblerz team to Rapid City Saturday for the Ringwars 14, South Dakota's premier Mixed Martial Arts competition; Michaud competing in the middleweight division (171-185 pounds) knocked out previously undefeated Derrick Lang of Gillette, Wyo. in 13 seconds of the first round earning a title fight on Aug. 7 at Ringwars 15.

Michaud graduated from Pine Ridge High School in May as his class valedictorian, earned all state and all American honors in football, won the 189 pound division wrestling state championship at 189 pounds and earned the prestigious Jim Thorpe Award.

He was named a Gates Scholar this past spring and will attend South Dakota State University in the fall, majoring in journalism and playing football for the NXAA Division IAA Jackrabbits.

MMA is a fast growing sport in the U.S. and includes a mixture of boxing, wrestling, judo, karate, jui jitsu and other full contact competitions. Competitors are armed with a mouthpiece, a cup, shorts and four ounce fighting gloves to protect the hands. You can win by knockout, submission or referee stoppage. There are seven different weight classes: super lightweight (145 pounds and under), lightweight (146-155), welterweight (156-170), middleweight (171-185), light heavyweight (186-205), heavyweight (206-265) and super heavyweight (265 pounds plus).



Pine Ridge Rumblerz won all five of their matches Saturday at Ringwars 14 in Rapid City at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center and included Harry "The Hit Man" Steele, Sam "Bruno" Bravo, Tyler "Smokey" Eagle Bull, Brandon "Kills em all" Kills Small and Dave "Bull Dawg" Michaud; Photo courtesy of Pine Ridge Rumblerz's.

Sam "Bruno" Bravo opened the evening for Pine Ridge at 225 pounds in the heavyweight division taking on Arlen Richards of Rapid City. Bravo used an arm bar to force Richards into submission at 1:37 mark of the first period. Tyler "Smokey" Eagle Bull made his fight debut in the welte weight division fighting Chris Tabor, a jui jitsu technician from Gillette. Eagle Bull used his wrestling and striking skills to punish Tabor throughout the match with the referee stopping the match at the 8:32 mark of the third period.

Harry "The Hitman" Steele was also making his first fight taking on Arlis Hamilton from Casper, Wyo. in the welter weight division. The referee stopped the fight with six seconds left in the first period as Steele was pummeling Hamilton at will. Brandon Kills Small fought professional fighter Tyson Burris from Team Miletich out of Iowa and after a flurry of 14 straight punches, the referee stopped the fight at the 1:54 mark of the first period giving all five Pine Ridge fighters victories on Saturday night.

A supportive crowd of 300 fans came from Pine Ridge to cheer for the Rumblerz and sponsors of the Pine Ridge team included Ampetu Luta Otipi, Prairie Wind Casino, Stadium Sports, Ghost Bear Construction, the Stonebergers and Pine Ridge School.

Red Cloud wins both varsity, JV Black Hills summer league tourneys

RAPID CITY - The Red Cloud Crusaders boy's basketball team completed their run in the Black Hills Summer high school basketball league at Rapid City Stevens high school by winning the tournament championship 82-40 over Rapid City Central Sunday evening.

Art Vitalis led the Crusaders with 17 second half points including three three pointers while Lester Gotheridge and Brier Iron Cloud helped with 13 each, Billy Scott added 12, Christian McGhee chipped in 11 and Dave Giago helped with 10.

Red Cloud opened the tourney against Hot Springs, getting a 71-46 win as Gotheridge hit for 24 points and 15 rebounds, Iron Cloud added 18 points, seven rebounds and five assists while Scott chipped in 12 points and seven boards, McGhee helped with 11 points, six assists and seven rebounds. Red Cloud knocked off Rapid City Stevens 59-44 in the semis behind McGhee's 14 points, five rebounds, five assists and four steals.

Red Cloud finished the league 8-1, moved their overall record to 32-3 for the summer and play in Bismarck this weekend, at S.D. Tech the following week-end and in Washington D.C. the last weekend of he month.

Red Cloud's JV also finished of league play by winning the tournament with wins over Rapid City Central JV and Rapid City Steven's JV. Tally Plume coached the JV team which included Jeremy Blacksmith, Kiley Weston, Truman Rossman, JD Plume, Mike Clifford, James Pine, Henry Crow, Daylon Black Bull, Ryan Lays Bad and Frankie Sioux Bob.

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CHS program regulations are in the 42CFR (Federal Register) and must be adhered to. Under subpart C 26.23 (e): "When funds are insufficient to provide the volume of contract health services indicated as needed by the population residing in a contract health service delivery area, priorities for services shall be determined on relative medical need". At this time only emergency (threat to life, limb, or senses) services which are necessary to prevent the immediate death or serious impairment of the health of an individual are eligible for CHS payment.

If a patient has been seen by an IHS provider and provider has determined a medical need outside the scope of services provided by the IHS facility the referral process will begin. The CHS committee will establish priority of medical need and the referral will be approved or denied. If approved, CHS staff will assist in scheduling appointment and discuss possible transportation alternatives with patient. If alternate resources are available (Medicaid, Medicare, VA Healthcare, private insurance etc.) to the patient to pay for part or all of the care, IHS is the payor of last resort. If denied, a denial letter will be issued citing the reasons and instructing the patient or family of their appeal rights with the specific timeframe allowed for the appeal. The reasons for a denial are as follows: not eligible, residence outside CHS delivery area, 72 hour emergency notification not met, no prior approval for non-emergency care, not within medical priority, non-emergency care, alternate resources available, and service available at IHS facility.

For further information please contact the Contract Health Services office on their direct line at (605) 747-3239.

8th Year of Severe Drought Conditions on Pine Ridge Reservation

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- Try watering lawns in the early morning or late afternoon to prevent evaporation and scorching of the grass during mid-day sun.
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- Over-watering can cause fungus to form brown patches on lawns.
- Water lawns and shrubs once every five days to promote longer stronger roots.
- When mowing try keeping grass 3 inches long to help in moisture absorption.
- Keep swimming pools covered to stop debris and to help prevent evaporation.
- Try backwashing your swimming pool's filter weekly to help keep the water clean.
- Clean feet before entering pool.
- Make sure all livestock watering devices have an adequate float system that does not leak.
- Report all yard hydrant and thermo-line leaks to proper authorities.

Be Water-Wise Indoors

- Report all leaking bathroom and kitchen fixtures.
- When washing clothes use the right water setting for the load.
- Listen for toilet constantly running or filling when not in use (a leaky toilet can account for up to 1400 gallons of water lost per day, while the average household uses only 350 gallons per day.)
- A leaking toilet can cause your septic system to back up because of over saturation.
- Try using low flow toilets (1.5 to 2 gallons per flush), old toilets use up to 5 gallons per flush.
- Don't use your toilet as a garbage disposal.
- Turn off water while brushing teeth, shaving and washing dishes.
- Take fast showers instead of baths.
- Use low flow fixtures in baths and kitchens.
- An Ultra low flow showerhead uses 1.5 gallons per minute, while conventional showerheads can use up to 5 gallons per minute.

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Police break up attempted beer blockade, arrest three

PINE RIDGE (AP) - Tribal police last Thursday shut down a volunteer blockade aimed at keeping beer out of the Pine Ridge area and arrested three organizers who refused to leave.

Only a few vehicles had been checked for alcohol by the time Oglala Sioux tribal police told the volunteers to stop because of safety concerns. After several minutes of arguing, police arrested Russell Means; Duane Martin Sr.; and Frank LaMere, a Winnebago activist.

Martin was arrested after it appeared he fought with officers over a staff he was carrying. He spoke in Lakota as more than a half-dozen officers wrestled him to the ground.

The three were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and obstruction of justice, said tribal police Chief James Twiss.

``You can ask only so long before you have to arrest them and get them into custody,'' Twiss said.

``It looked like the violence was initiated by tribal police,'' said Mark Vasina of Nebraskans for Peace. His group and Martin's Strong Heart Civil Rights Movement staged the blockade.

About two dozen people were at Thursday's blockade, but only four or five actually were stopping vehicles. About half the people there were reporters.

As many as 20 tribal officers were called in to break up the blockade, while about a dozen Nebraska law officers stood by in Whiteclay.

Alcoholism is rampant on the reservation, which bans alcohol, and the volunteers had hoped the blockade would help curtail bootlegging. Four stores in Whiteclay, a village just outside the 16,500-member reservation, sell about 4 million cans of beer a year, mostly to American Indians.

Blockade workers, wearing bright green construction vests, had planned to stop vehicles, ask occupants whether they had any alcohol and confiscate it if they did. They attempted a similar blockade last year, but it was abandoned when police raised safety concerns, and both sides agreed to work together to address the problem.

Beer cans litter reservation roads and the streets of Whiteclay. People loiter outside the stores.

``I'm tired of my people dying. You've got 18-, 19-year-olds trading alcohol for sex,'' said Martin.

Martin had indicated organizers didn't need support from the tribal government, citing support of the Oglala Sioux's traditional leader, Chief Oliver Red Cloud. But organizers had wanted law enforcers to take over the blockade to ensure it remained nonviolent.

Twiss said that he empathizes with the group's mission but that he has to follow tribal law. He added that tribal police conduct at least 15 sobriety checkpoints on the reservation each year and plan to do one starting Friday through Wednesday _ including the road between Whiteclay and the reservation.

Earlier, acting tribal police Capt. Wilmer Youngman said the searches the volunteers planned went beyond the authority of police. ``We can't even search vehicles'' without having probable cause to believe a crime has been committed, he said.

Twiss said he told the organizers a year ago they needed to change tribal law and make the blockade legal but they didn't. ``They had a whole year to do something legislatively,'' Twiss said.

Counseling services available in Kyle, Mission and Martin

KYLE - Catholic Social Services has a counselor available in Mission on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and in Kyle on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If someone needs to set up an appointment they can call 1-800-727-2401 and arrangements can be made. There are also services available in Martin one day a week.

Every effort is made to provide services that is affordable and available to those in need. Catholic Social Services takes a look at each case and does not present fee barriers that may prevent people from receiving mental health services from their professional counselors.

If there is a mental health emergency there is a 24-hour Rural Helpline that is free 1-800-664-1349 and someone will be on the other line to assist during a crisis situation.

Clifford, Long Soldier and McCauley named Goldenwest scholarships



Clifford Long Soldier McCauley

WALL - Catlin Clifford of Red Cloud High School, Brice Long Soldier of Crazy Horse High, Theodore McCauley of Little Wound High School have been named recipients of a $1,000 Golden West Scholarship for the 2006-2007 school year.

Catlin is the son of Stanley Clifford Jr. and Julie Cuny and has participated in golf, basketball, rodeo, wrestling and guitar club. Catlin was also a varsity letter winner in golf, wrestling and rodeo.

Catlin's plans this fall include attending Chadron State College to major in Art.

Brice is the is the son of Lawrence Bettelyoun and Donella Long Soldier of Wanblee.

Brice was selected by the school based on a number of merit based qualities including leadership, academic achievement, civic and extracurricular activities as well as his motivation to serve and succeed.

Brice participated in student council, track and football. He was also recently selected to travel to Washington, DC to learn more about government, tour some of the Capitol's historical sites.

Brice's plans this fall include attending Western Dakota Technical Institute to study Computer Network-ing and Programming.

Theodore is the son of Theodore McCauley Sr. and the late Kris Seaboy and accomplishments include: Lakota Nation Invitational Most Valuable Player, All Tournament Basketball Player, Most Valuable Player on the Basketball Team, baseball, cross country and boxing.

Theodore's plans this fall include attending Black Hills State University in Spearfish.

The Golden West scholarship is an annual award established to help promote educational opportunity for students within the Golden West service area. More than 300 scholarships have been awarded by the Wall, based telephone, Internet and cable television company since the Scholarship Program was established in 1999.

Lakota Funds receives $25,000 from Citi Foundation

KYLE - Lakota Funds on the Pine Ridge Reservation has received support of a $25,000 grant from Citi Foundation.

The money will help recruit, orient, assess, and provide guidance, training, technical assistance, and support for family asset building, individual development accounts, small business development, and lending to prospective and expanding entrepreneurs who are Oglala Sioux tribal members.

Included in the choices provided to meet selected needs of individual clients will be financial literacy, credit maintenance and repair, home buying, and business planning (including dimensions of success, market planning, cash flow planning, operations planning, management and capitalization).

Lakota Funds business success coaches currently have more than 80 clients working on business plans. This project will enable the coaches to include financial literacy, credit repair, and for up to 26 of them, IDA enrollment. In addition, over the next six months, 60 or more people will complete a business planning course produced with the local college. All of these people will be recruited to participate in financial literacy, family asset building, and credit building courses.

In addition, the business planning graduates will be eligible to have a success coach assigned to them to follow up on and deepen the feasibility, desirability, and viability of their business. For those needing micro loans, artist loans, small business loans, or technical assistance and/or bridge loans to assist in the development of larger businesses, we will help them prepare applications (including loan documents and applications).

The money received from Citi Foundation will supplement funding from the Bush and Kellogg Foundations for the Wawokiye Business Institute. This support allows Lakota Funds to provide free services to WBI clients.

Eagle Nest District Celebration July 26

Thursday-Sunday, July 26-29 in Wanblee with a carnival starting on Thursday, grand entry set for Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m., all drums will be paid daily and namings, honorings and memorials will be held and three meals served daily, for information call Elroy at 462-6644.

Wakpamni Fourth of July Pow wow

Batesland, July 4-8 with veteran's honoring ceremonies, family specials, singing contest, fancy shawl special, youth day, horse races, triathlon and breakfast and noon meal served daily, for more information Wilma-288-1922, Robert and Sharon-288-1873, Connie-862-6342, Sandy-441-3931 or Kelly-288-1882.

Community Calendar

POST your event FREE here.
Email to editor@lakotacountrytimes.com
or fax to 605-685-1870.

Rez Happenings

Red Cloud Indian Art Show
June 3-August 19, 2007 at the Red Cloud Heritage Center at Red Cloud School northwest of Pine Ridge Village.

Co-ed Softball Tournament
Rainbow Valley Co-ed Softball Tournament, Wednesday-Saturday, July 4-7, for more information Donnie 441-6679, Lanita 441-7917 or Connie 441-0095.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
Meeting on Thursday, July 5 at 5 p.m. at Wolf Creek School reviewing constitution and bylaws.

Men's Memorial Fast Pitch tourney
Albert "Sonny" Long Memorial Men's Fast Pitch Softball tournament, Thursday-Sunday, July 5-8 at Pine Ridge high school field, for information call Gummer 867-1510 or 454-3881, Will-867-1576 or Hobart at 454-2190.

OST Commodity Distribution
Friday, July 6 in Kyle at the CAP office, Tuesday, July 10in Manderson by the post office and in Wounded Knee in the upper housing, Thursday, July 12 in Martin at Sunrise Housing, Monday, July 16 in Porcupine at Evergreen Housing and by the CAP Office, Wednesday, July 18 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni at the entrances to the housing and Thursday, July 19 in Oglala at old Oglala Store site,
for more information call 867-5511.

Mega Sports Camp
Monday through Thursday, July 9-12 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day for ages 7-12 for those interested in basketball and volleyball at the Lakota Gospel Church in Porcupine with a Thursday noon barbecue for all of the kids and their parents.

OST Education Committee meeting
Monday, July 9 at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers in Pine Ridge with special education/early intervention, Crazy Horse School, tribal education department interim director and Johnson O'Malley on the agenda, for more information call Carole at 441-6640 or 441-8124.

Antelope Traditional Wacipi
July 13-15 at the Bill Menard Memorial Arena in Antelope on the Rosebud, for information call Grace at 208-4072, Mikey Garneaux at 208-6503 or Tate at 208-0871.

Co-ed Softball tourney
July 13-15 at the Oglala ball field during Oglala Fair, for information contact Xaviera at 441-1739, sponsored by Oyate Blihelya program, Diabetes Prevention program.

Peace is like a River 2
A gathering of actors, activists, artists, poets and musicians on tribal sovereignty, protection of sacred spaces, respect for the environment and preservation of Native cultures and languages with a poetry slam competition with cash prizes, Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 13-15 at Kiza Park north of Manderson on Pine Ridge Reservation.

Memorial Boxing Smoker
Geri Jane Plenty Arrows Memorial Boxing Smoker, Saturday, July 14 in Oglala with weigh-ins at 10 a.m., physicals at 1 p.m. and boxing at 5 p.m., for information call Mar or Val at 867-2664

Mid-Summer Dance
Friday, July 20 at the Medicine Root District CAP Office in Kyle, 9 p.m.-12 midnight, music provided by DJ Spinnerz, concessions to be sold, for information call Trevor Iron Cloud at 454-8037 or 308 862-6995.

Kicking Bear Wacipi
Thursday-Sunday, July 26-29 in Manderson at Crazy Horse Park.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye pow wow
First Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye pow wow of the year, Thursday, August 2 during the Oglala Nation Fair, Rodeo, pow wow and dance contest.

Annual Oglala Nation Fair
Thursday-Sunday, August 2-5 in Pine Ridge with pow wow and dance contest, parade, rodeo, softball and baseball tournaments, golf tourney.

Volleyball Jamboree
Friday, August 17 at 9 a.m. at Red Cloud School for those who would like to learn more about volleyball or become an official, sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association, for information call Jen Schaer at 867-5491, ext. 506.

Eleanor Bad Heart Bull, 67,.....Oglala
Clayton Iron Necklace, 53....Tucson, Ariz.
Theresa Taken Alive, 65.....Bullhead
Mary Elk Eagle Red Bird, 87...Eagle Butte
Tracey Buckley, 39.....Batesland
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Anita Whirlwind Horse, 41 .... Batesland
Edmund Manydeeds, 85.... Ashland, Wis.
Melford Witt, Jr., 59.....Corncreek

Eleanor L. Bad Heart Bull

OGLALA - Eleanor L. Bad Heart Bull, 67, Oglala, died Wednesday, June 27 at Pine Ridge Hospital. Survivors include her husband, Matthew "Kayo" Bad Heart Bull, Oglala; six sons, Coy Bad Heart Bull, Kim Bad Heart Bull, Doyle Bad Heart Bull and Marty Hart, all of Oglala, Lyndon Stone, Sioux Falls, and Kenneth Hart, Pine Ridge; two daughters, Elaine Provost and Tiffany Ebert, both of Walthill, Neb.; two sisters, Anita Hart Wanna and Serena Hart Buddock, both of Sisseton; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A one-night wake was Sunday, July 1, at Loneman School in Oglala.

Funeral services were Monday, July 2, at the school, with the Rev. Pedro Sharpfish and the Rev. Abraham Tobacco officiating.

Burial was at Makasan Presbyterian Cemetery in Oglala. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Clayton Iron Necklace

TUCSON, Ariz. - Clayton Iron Necklace, 53, Tucson and formerly of Sioux Falls, S.D., died Saturday, June 2, 2007.

Services will be at 2 p.m. CDT on Friday, June 29, at Oster Funeral Home in Mobridge with Mother Marion Rectenwald officiating.

Burial will be at Ascension Episcopal Cemetery in Blackfoot.

Theresa Taken Alive

BULLHEAD - Theresa Taken Alive, Taniyan Wakan Win, Holy Breath Woman, 65, of Bullhead died Wednesday, June 27 at Indian Health Service Hospital in Fort Yates, N.D. Funeral services were July 3, at the Community Center in Bullhead, with the Rev. Harvey Schmeichel officiating. Burial was at the Catholic Cemetery in Bullhead.

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Mary Agnes Elk Eagle Red Bird

EAGLE BUTTE - Mary Agnes Elk Eagle Red Bird, To Ka Tawa Agli Win, Brings Back Enemy Horses, 87, of Eagle Butte died Tuesday, June 26 in Eagle Butte. wake service was Monday, July 2, at H.V. Johnston Cultural Center in Eagle Butte. Funeral services were Tuesday, July 3, at the center with Deacon Hazel Red Bird officiating. Burial was at St. Peter's Episcopal Cemetery in Thunder Butte. Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of the arrangements.

Tracey Buckley

BATESLAND - Tracey Buckley, 39, Batesland, died Tuesday, June 26 in Gordon, Neb., as a result of an automobile accident. Survivors include one son, Bear Black Elk, Wakpamni Lake; three daughters: Jasmine Buckley, Autumn Comes, and Alexanda Comes, all of Wakpamni Lake; four sisters, Dorothy Black Crow and Marylou Black Crow, both of Wakpamni Lake, Marilyn Black Crow, Batesland, and Betty Black Crow, Rushville, Neb.; and five brothers, Eugene Black Crow, Kenny Short Bear, and Ricky Grey Grass, all of Wakpamni Lake, Dwight Black Crow, Batesland, and Waylon Black Crow Sr., Oglala.

Wake services were Thursday, June 28, at Batesland School in Batesland.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 30, at Batesland School with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating.

Burial was at St. Andrew's Episcopal Cemetery in Batesland. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mary Two Two

PINE RIDGE - Mary Two Two, 56, Pine Ridge, died Tuesday, June 26 in Pine Ridge. Survivors include two sons, Greg Brewer and Harold Goggleye III, both of Pine Ridge; four daughters, Connie Cook, El Paso, Texas, Tracey Brewer, Phoenix, Mona Goggleye and Joanie Goggleye, both of Pine Ridge; four sisters: Linda Two Two, Portland, Ore., Joann Two Two, Rapid City, and Sylvia Red Cloud and Mona Two Two, both of Pine Ridge; and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 30, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pine Ridge with the Rev. Steve Sanford officiating. Burial was at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wounded Knee.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Anita Whirlwind Horse

BATESLAND - Anita Whirlwind Horse, 41, died Tuesday, June 26 in Gordon, Neb. as a result of a automobile accident.

Survivors include her husband, Cory Whirlwind Horse, Batesland; two sons, Waylon Black Crow, Wakpamni Lake, and Beaudele Black Crow, Porcupine; four daughters, Shiela Black Crow, Wounded Knee, and Maya Black Crow, Oglala; brothers, Harold Hollow Horn Jr., Wakpamni Lake, Reggie Hollow Horn, Manderson, Adrian Hollow Horn, Slim Buttes, and Alton Black Tail Deer, Manderson; and two sisters, Trina Williams, Manderson, and Debbie Hollow Horn, Gordon, Neb.

Wake services were June 28 at Batesland School in Batesland.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 30 at Batesland School with the Rev. Pedro Sharpfish and the Rev. Abraham Tobacco officiating. Burial was at St. Andrew's Episcopal Cemetery in Batesland. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Melford Witt Jr.

CORN CREEK - Melford Witt Jr., 59, Corn Creek, died Monday, June 25 in Bemidji, Minn. Survivors include a son, George Young, Parmalee; two daughters, Tashini Young and Sheena Running, both of Parmalee; four brothers, Fred Witt, Norris, and Albert Witt, John Witt, Donald Witt and Mike Witt, all of Corn Creek; and four sisters, Francine Witt and Agatha Witt, both of Corn Creek, Shannon Witt, Wanblee, and Latisha Witt of California.

Wake services were Thursday, June 28, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Corn Creek.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 30, at the church, with the Rev. John Spruhan and Russell Eagle Bear officiating. Burial was at St. Thomas Episcopal Cemetery, Corn Creek.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Edmund Manydeeds

ASHLAND, Wis. - Edmund Manydeeds, 85 of Eau Claire, Wis. Died June 23.

He was born July 17, 1921 in Prior, Mont., the son of Edmund, Sr. and Mary Jane (High Eagle) Manydeeds. He was an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. He graduated from High School at McLaughlin High School, McLaughlin, South Dakota and received his bachelor's and master's degrees in education at Northern State College, Aberdeen. He was a U.S. Army, WWII veteran serving from Aug 7, 1942 until Nov 11, 1945 in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. He began his career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1948. From 1948 to 1953 he was a high school teacher at the Cheyenne River Agency. On July 17, 1949 he was united in marriage to Jennie S. Cascella at Palmer, Mass. In 1953-54 he was guidance counselor at the Rosebud Agency, Rosebud, South Dakota. From 1954-60 he was high school social studies teacher at the Turtle Mountain Agency, Belcourt, N.D. In 1960-62 he was relocation assistant at the Great Lakes Agency in Ashland, WI.

Survivors include four sons, Edmund III (Marcia) of Eau Claire, WI, Steve (Mary Jo) of Boulder, Colorado, John (Karen) of Eau Claire, WI and Chris (Maria Helena) of Rockville, Maryland; daughters, Louise (Pat) Sather of Superior, WI and Mary Manydeeds of Vancouver, Washington; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, July 6, at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Ashland, Wis., with Father John Eaton, O.F.M. as celebrant.

Interment will take place in Saint Agnes Cemetery, Ashland, Wis, with Military Honors under the auspices of the United Chequamegon Area Veterans.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Mountain Funeral Home of Ashland and Mellen, Wis.

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ASK ANNA

Psychic ~ Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

Hello and greetings! Have you been enjoying all this beautiful weather and rain as much as I have?

I hope so! I have written to you before at the beginning of the year in regards to my best friend whom I lost two and a half years ago. Thank you for everything you said! It helped me out a lot and though I can't say I have completely moved on with my life, I can say that I am doing a lot better now. I wanted to say thank you for your help.

Well now Anna I am writing you once again for some guidance. I have been trying to figure out who I am and what I'm meant to be doing with my life lately.

In this process I may have wakunzan "cursed" my family and someone I love with all my heart. I just received word that my dad may have cancer but we don't know for certain until he goes to the doctor. I'm not sure on the details all too much and I don't know how to talk to my dad about it.

I think about it and I remember what it was like when I lost my Gaga "Grandpa" to several years ago. I have talked with my mom and she has said that she's been stressed out because of my dad's health issues and this has created her to have anxiety attacks as well.

I am so stressed out and worried about my parent's health. I can't even begin to imagine my life as well as my kid's lives without my dad in it. I have depended on my dad so much throughout my life that I don't think I will be able to handle it if something were to happen to him.

I thought about going to a medicine man and talking about all this with him. I would do anything for my dad and it's hard hearing him talk about "not being around" or "when I leave."

Anna, I have confidence in you that you know what I am trying to say and what I'm asking you.

Am I putting my family at a bigger risk if I do go down the path I'm thinking of taking? Will everything work out for my parents or is this really meant to happen? I need answers and I need them now. I think I've made myself sick from worrying and at a high risk for diabetes but unsure of that as well. Everything has been a mess lately and I am trying to sort it all out. I need your help and insight please!

Stressed and Worried

Dear Stressed and Worried:

Unless you have done harm to others, through prayer, through thought, or through action, and made a bargain to take away from someone else, then there is nothing to fear about retribution against your family.

Life is round. Like Mother Earth, Like the Sun, the Moon, the Universe. We are born, we live and we die.

Each grave stone has a date of birth, and a dash, and a date of death. It is what we do with the dash that really counts.

Your father is intuitive. I have lived long enough to listen to people when they tell me they are going to leave. It doesn't mean immediately, but it means that God has given them some insight into when.

My sister told me for years that she would die when she was 53 years old and sure enough she left the Earth life then. The same thing happened with my husband.

Death is not a punishment. It is the natural order of events. A medicine man once told me that before the Europeans came to this continent that the Lakota people had no fear nor sadness associated with death.

They recognized it as a release into What Is Next.

They knew of the roundness of life, that the grandmothers and grandfathers would be coming back again.

To expect your life to end when the ones you love leave the Earth is not fair.

To burden them with a responsibility for your life and happiness creates a dark void of energy that sucks life energy.

We love our parents, they teach us everyday about life, about love, they protect us, they show us about how to live or not to live.

We must, in turn, show their Spirit, by living in a good way when they pass.

Paralyzing yourself in grief is more of a selfish expression than people realize. It holds the Spirit of the person here who is passing.

They cannot leave in peace if we are holding them with extreme despair. In effect, we are blaming them for our inability to function because they continued on their own true path.

That said, your father as far as I can see, is not passing into Spirit right away but he is preparing himself and his family for when that does happen.

He cannot live his life for you, and he does not want you to become static in grief and not live in his name. There is a time of grief and mourning, and it varies in time...but a year of recognition of their contribution to your life is what feels right to me.

That does not mean you wail around in grief and decide you cannot live. That is disrespectful to their memory. They do not want to be responsible for your pain so don't make them be responsible for it. Act like your father would act. Be strong, loving, kind, and compassionate.

The death of loved ones teaches us to honor and respect life as Spirits in human form.

It is not a curse to be in a family when people begin to pass. It is normal. Everyone does it, sooner or later.

Your life journey...and your identity are yours to find. I see you helping others; especially children. I see you walking with them and showing them and teaching them. It does not feel like a normal classroom.

I would consult a medicine man. They understand about the roundness of life. They are humble human men who also feel death in their lives. They know they cannot give us living and helping others because the ones they love choose to pass (I speak from a soul level).

They know that sometimes a person cannot be healed because it is their time to go Home. They can share this with you in a more culturally correct manner than I am able to do.

You are just finally maturing into a beautiful, cognizant, realized human being. Don't try to take on guilt for what you are not or have not or cannot do...or what you think you are responsible for doing that is not within your influence.

It is a useless emotion that burrows the Spirit in a cavern of immobility. It takes too long to heal from supposed inequities. Be responsible every day, in every way, for everything you say and do, and you will have no moment to reflect about what you cannot do.

Express your life as a reflection of the Creator in every moment, love every life form as though it were you, and have compassion - first for yourself (so you truly understand that you are not a mean spirited person), and then as for yourself for others.

You're great. Sometimes life is hard and sometimes it is easy. Sometimes it all in your perspective. Quit focusing on what is wrong with life and you will learn to enjoy and honor the Gift of Life (from the Creator) a lot more easily. Good Luck. I do love you and I do care.

Dear Anna,

I would love to have your help on a problem or two and even many. I am a person who worries about everything and I have a hard time sleeping at night, but I am in love with a Viet Nam veteran and was wondering if he really loves me as much as he says he does. But somewhere in this crazy mind I don't know where this is leading, do you think that I am on the right track in life.

I am a Pisces and my partner is a Gemini.

My daughter is a Virgo and is this relationship of ours affecting her in a bad way, I have been praying everyday now for almost a year and so far she has been doing alright, but I need some reassurance.

If we move in with my partner and his three boys will things be all right? (on the rez).

Really wondering out here
love you Anna!
Pelamiya!

Dear Really Wondering:

These are questions that any aware mother would ask (concerning your daughter). I would give serious thought before I moved my daughter in with three boys.

I would want them to interact for a long period of time before I placed them within the same four walls.

Common sense can play out the possibilities.

I do see this man as a man who truly does love you. I see that he has some issues with impatience; but that he is true in his heart and wants a good life.

I see that it may be better to wait a while before deciding to live together. Time is the truest test of relationship integrity.

When everyone, including his boys, agrees that the families can merge in a good and peaceful way, then I might consider the move. Until then, remember his boys also have feelings and behaviors.

Children do not always act saintly.

They need adjustment time before someone moves in and tries to tell them what to do.

Good luck with this. Stay tuned to love in your heart and your life, and be aware of the quality of the interaction between you and this man - in everything, in every way, and every day. Blessings to you.

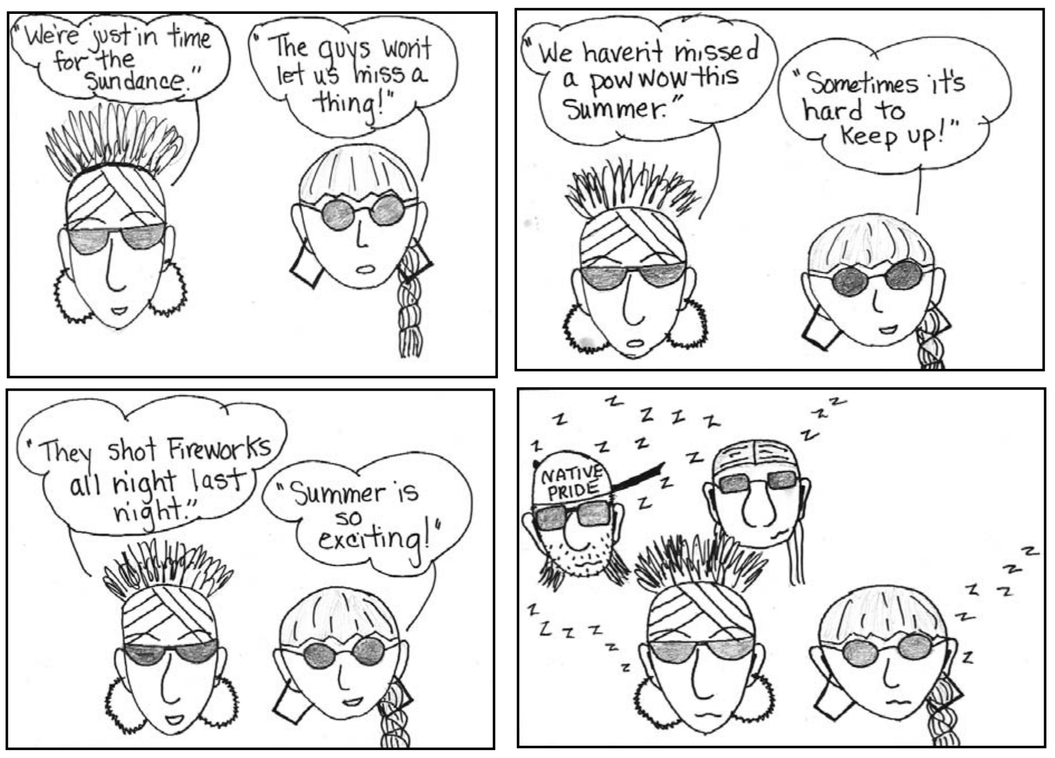
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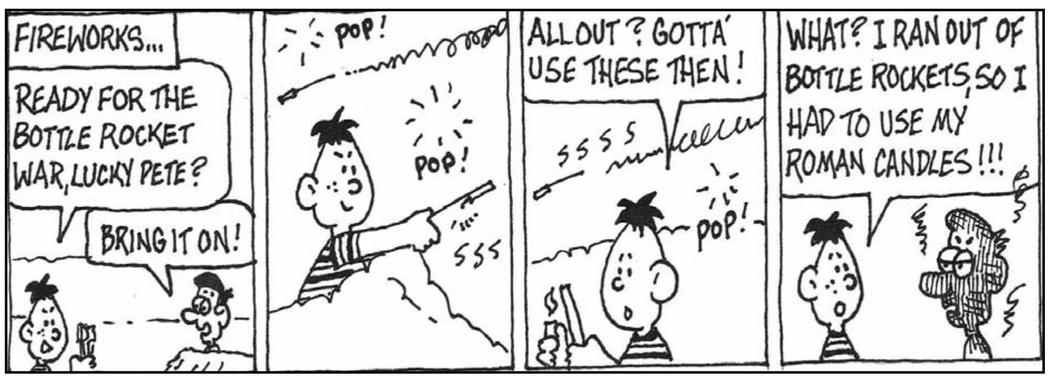
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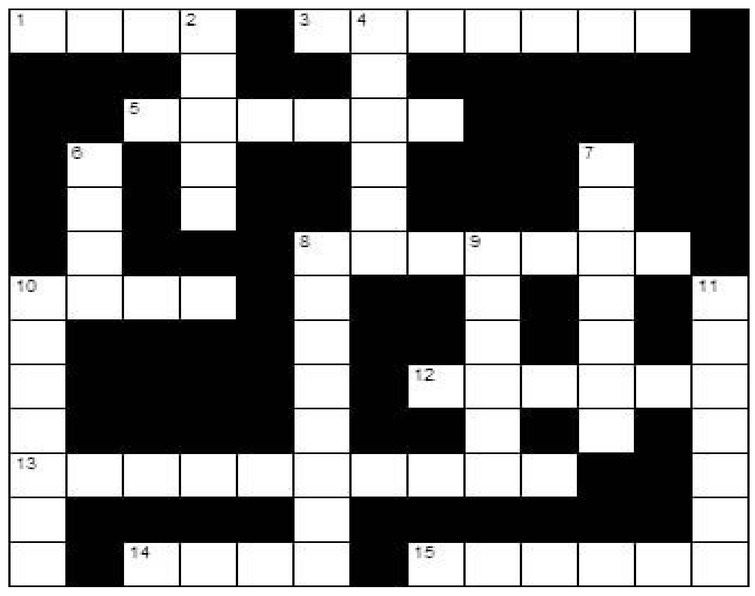
Crossword Puzzle

(answers in next week's issue)

CLUES

Across
1. dawn
3. end
5. apple
8. peace
10. cedar tree
12. men
13. midnight
14. new
15. blizzard

Down
2. trip
4. snow
6. the earth
7. I sing
8. candy
9. Santa Claus
10. star
11. evening



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INVITATION TO BID

Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Rosebud, S.D. 57570

REQUEST FOR BID

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Wacipi Committee is accepting Sealed Bids for the following positions to be filled for the 131st Annual RST Wacipi being held on August 24-26th, 2007. Tribal Preference will apply.

1-(2) Master Of Ceremonies
2-(1) Arena Director
3-(1) Head Men's Judge
4.-(1) Head Women's Judge
5.-Cook

Descriptions:

Cook: 1.-Purchase food, equipment and supplies 2-Stores food properly both raw and cooked 3-Maintain safe and sanitary procedures throughout entire operation 4-Handles all food properly to meet state and local sanitation standards; use suggested sanitation solutions to ensure cleanliness of equipment and work areas 5.-Clean equipment and work areas thoroughly 6.-Meet the time and schedule demands. 7.-Prepare 2 meals daily consisting of breakfast and supper for 3 days. A traditional Menu will be favored.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Wacipi Committee will be accepting sealed bid(s) for a period of 15 working day.

Sealed bid(s) should be submitted within a sealed envelope clearly marked #07-051 on the front of the envelope. Failure to mark envelope will result in a no bid(s) and will be mailed back to sender. Rosebud Sioux Tribe will not accept e-mail, fax and or telephone bids(s). Sealed Bids will be accepted until July 17th at 5:00 pm. All Bid(s) will be publicly opened on July 18th at 2:00 pm at the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Treasure's Office.

Sealed Bids will be mailed to the following address: Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Treasurers Office, Att: Mary Greaves, RST Treasurers, PO Box 430, 11 Legion Avenue, Rosebud, SD 57570.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe has the right to reject any or and all bid(s), waive informalities or accept any bid(s) or any combination there of which appears to serve the best interest of the tribe. Award of the project will be subject to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe requirements.

Shannon County School District 65-1
Batesland, S.D.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Shannon County School District #65-1, Batesland, SD, will receive sealed bids for repair of the Rockyford School Gymnasium roof until 4:30 p.m., July 16, 2007, in the administrative office at Batesland, SD.

The successful bidder must remove and replace the old interior insulation of the gymnasium, 11,602 sq. ft., in accordance with OSHA standards, repairing any and all leaks.

Bids must be sealed and marked "Roof Repair Bid" in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope and addressed to Myron Pourier, Director of Facilities & Maintenance, Shannon County School District, P.O. Box 109, Batesland, SD, 57716. Bidders who are interested in inspecting the site may also contact Mr. Pourier at (605)288-1921 or (605)685-8905 during business hours of 8:00 am until 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Bids will be made public at the next regular Shannon County School Board meeting on Monday July 23, 2007, at Batesland, SD, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The school board reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any irregularities therein.

MINUTES

Shannon County School Board Meeting
June 25, 2007
Batesland, South Dakota

The Shannon County School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 25, 2007 at Batesland, SD. President Angie Eagle Bull called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

Members present:
Angie Eagle Bull
Ruth Cummings
Todd O'Bryan
Chuck Conroy
Melvin Cummings

Others present:
Dr. Margo Heinert, Superintendent
Maurice Twiss, Special Services Director
Vickie Grant, Assessment Coordinator
Ted Hanson, Special Education Director
Wayne Goff, Batesland Principal
Dr. Curt Voight
Myron Pourier, Facilities & Maintenance Director
Candi Foltz-Hall, Pre-School Director
Monica Whirlwind Horse, Rockyford Asst. Principal
Patti Nelson, Administrative Secretary
Norma Cummings, Rockyford Teacher
Devona Pourier, Rockyford Cook

All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

7253. Approval of Agenda
Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by R. Cummings to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried. (Attachment A)

7254. Approval of Minutes
Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by M. Cummings to approve minutes of the May 23rd special meeting, May 29, 2007 regular meeting, and the June 7th special meeting. Motion carried.

7255. Executive Session
Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to go into executive session at 5:16 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion carried. President Eagle Bull declared executive session ended at 6:18 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

7256. Personnel
Motion by Conroy, seconded by M. Cummings to approve all personnel recommendations, as listed. Motion carried. (R. Cummings absent) (Attachment A)

7257. Shannon County Pre-School Handbook
Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by R. Cummings to approve the Shannon County School District Pre-School Handbook, with the addition of further explanation of attendance and enrollment of staff members' children. Motion carried. (Attachment B)

7258. Authorization to Advertise for Bids
Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by M. Cummings to authorize advertising for bids for one 16'x70' mobile home. Motion carried.

7259. Financials
Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by Conroy to approve the financial and payroll report, receipts, disbursements and supplemental budgets. Motion carried, O'Bryan voted no. (Attachment C)

7260. Classified Employees' Negotiated Agreement
Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by O'Bryan to approve revisions of the Classified Employee Negotiated Agreement for the 2007-08 school year, in accordance with negotiations between the school board and representatives of the SCCEA. Motion carried. (Attachment D)

7261. Certification of Election Results
Motion by R. Cummings, seconded by O'Bryan to table certifying election results. Further, to schedule a special meeting for Monday, July 2, 2007 at Batesland, SD, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

7262. Restructuring Response
The board acknowledged receipt of the district's restructuring response and encouraged the Superintendent and administrators to work closely with the state department for the best interest of the students.

7263. Reports
The Board received verbal reports from administrators and program directors.

7264. July Board Meeting
The next regular monthly school board meeting will be held on Monday, July 23, 2007 at Batesland, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

7265. Special Board Meetings
Special board meeting to canvas poll books is set for July 2 at 5:00 p.m. at Batesland;
Special board meeting for employee hearing is set for July 10 at 5:00 p.m. at Batesland;

7266. Adjournment
Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by O'Bryan to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed
MaDonna Peterson, Bus. Mgr.
Approved by the school board this 23rd day of July, 2007.
Signed
Andrea Eagle Bull
President

Financials
General Fund
Florida Micro supplies $1,058.08, Pelican Publishing Co supplies $384.12, Shannon County School Imprest $4,449.94, Twiss Maurice travel $653.52, Fund Total $6,595.66

Special Education Fund
Shannon County School Imprest $1,466.23, Fund total $1,466.23.

Food Service Fund
Shannon County School Imprest $60, Fund Total $60.

Federal Programs Special Acct Shannon County School Imprest $3,725.00, Fund total $3,725.00, Checking Account total $11,846.89.

General Fund
A & B Welding supplies $28.80, AT&T long distance $756.35, Abouresk & Zephier attorney fees $27.00, Advanced Business & computing $4,940.00, African American Publishing $219.90, Albertsons supplies $115.42, Alco Store $274.94, Alltel cell phones $97.63, Altiris licenses $171, American Horse Martha $133.84, Armstrong Extinquisher supplies $2,959.40, BHSU Ed program $12,928.80, Badlands Interprises $1,610.00, Beautiful Rushmore Caves $32.50, Black Hills Electric $2,068.92, Blacksmith Sandra $41.11, Bohlender Melody $17.93, Bowes Judie $178.16, Bowman Jiles travel $175.36, BP gasoline $88.80, Bus parts warehouse $904.73, Business Office Systems $29.40, Channing L Bete Co supplies $68.38, Chris Supply Co $863.77, Clements Darlyne $135.76, Cole Pest Control $930.00, Committee For Children $3,553.47, Computer Village $89.95, Conroy Charles $87.04, Corporate Card $29,854.08, Culligan Water conditioning $1,197.60, Cummings Norma $166.16, Cummings Ruth $261.76, Dakota Supply Group $558.62, Dakotaland Auto glass $1,061.64, Dakotland auto glass $375, Delta Education $1,381,80, Donovan Mark $150.00, Eagle Bull Andrea $184.96, Eddie's Truck Sales $14,162.82, Enviromental Products supplies $399.08, ETA Cuisenare $34.88, ETS Educational Testing $80.00, Evergreen Office $219.20, Family Thrift Center $308.60, Farm Plan $9,555.06, FEDEX $27.47, Flaghouse Inc $660, Flags & Wheels $247.50, Florida Micro $1,913.67, Foreman Sales & Service $922.53, French flowers $592.60, Gibbons Terri Jo $86.17, Goff Wayne $229.76, Golden West Technologies $2,038.40, Golden West Telephone $1,657.75, Gordon Super foods $1,233.17, Graham Donna $42.04, Grant Vickie $511.04, Great Plains communications $394.64, Grocery Mart $35.00, Handi Stop $54.42, Harcourt Assessment $1,917.95, Heartland Paper Co $1,700.91, Heesacer Jeren $135.76, Highsmith Inc $224.16, Hillman Doris $182.64, Hills Tire & supply $494, Hillyard $3481.91, Homestead building $298.37, Husker Auto Parts $1,263.17, Hutchison Lyla $142.22, Jacobs Chuck $200, Jefco Inn $80, Johnson Machine $752.87, Jumping Eagle Mary $134.48, Keester Diane $196.08, Kieffer Sanitation $765.44, Kuxhaus Ami $94.46, Lacreek Electric Assn $11,679.07, Lakota Country Times $490.24, Lawson Products $593.43, Lee's Flooring $47.93, Linweld supplies $119.00, Lithia Motors $185.89, Little Whiteman Vincent $50.00, Ludens Gayle $85.54, Martin Auto Parts II $165.78, McDonalds trip $267.90, $420.00, $331.27, Mcleods printing $232.74, Medical Technologies $220.00, Medicine Root District $25.00, Merrill Doris $181.36, Mesteth Jay $130.00, Minerva's $85.62, NPC International $303.36, National Geographic subsr $34.00, Nelson Margaret $136.72, Newkirks Hardware $195.02, North Central Supply $792.00, OST Water & Sewer $500.89, O'Bryan Todd $104.32, Old Mcdonalds Farm $328.00, Olson Towing II $398.00, Our Lady of the Sioux $20.00, Party America $340.18, Pearson Education $826.34, Penworthy Company $551.75, Peterson Madonna $267.80, Petty Cash Wolf Creek $298.61, Phelps Alice $100, Pitney Bowes $1,068.00, Pitney Bowes reserve acct $1,000.00, Publishers Billing Services $59.99, Ramada Inn Airport $214.00, Ramkota Sioux Falls $237.00, Ranch Amusement Park $13.00, Rapid Chevrolet $83.55, Rapid City Journal $342.35, Red Cloud Indian School $50.00, Renaisance Learning $93.06, Reptile Gardens $314.50, Rininger Clifford $56.91, SASD $4,195.45, SD Federal Property Agency $300.00, Sacred Heart Church $150.00, Salomon Sanitation $3,895.00, Sam's Club $2764.41, Scheels $211.72, SDN Communications $1,870.22, Servall Towel & Linen supplies $3,480.21, Shannon County School District $988.80, Shannon County School Imprest $3,361.09, Shannon County School Lunch $3,246.67, Sherwin Williams $1,354.36, Sheshunoff $479.95, Sign & Trophy Westex $1,440, Singing Horse Trading post $179.20, Sioux Nation Shopping Center $520.45, Software Unlimited $2,980, Soo Construction $1,389.75, Speed Ryan $175.36, Standing Soldier Jr Ted $100.00, studenttest.com $1620, Swallow Elizabeth $70.11, TIE $35,000, Tatonka Capital Corp $839.20, Town of Batesland $500.00, True Value $75.44, Trueblood Jesse $100.00, Trueblood Karen $100.00, Tutoring Promise $10,675.00, UPS $15.16, Vitalis Leona $134.48, Voight, Curt $4,000, Walmart Community $627.18, Wechsler Brian $175.36, Wellmark Bluecross Blueshield $400.64, West River International $198.49, Westco $24,626.64, Weston Thetna $131.92, White Bill $100.00, White Robert $100.00, Winners Circle $297.74, Wounded Knee District Cap office $25, Zimmerman Leean $38.04, Fund Total $257,369.09.

Capital Outlay Fund
Best Business Products $683.35, Decker Equipment $1480.00, GE Capital $329,049.65, Houghton Mifflin Company $815.33, Pearson Education $2898.96, Tatonka Capital Corporation $4186.00, Fund Total $339.113.29.

Special Education Fund
Black Hills Special Services $2,753.11, Brimark Inn $225.00, Children's Care & Rehab $11,130.17, Childrens Care & Hospital $17,067.72, Childrens Home Society $4,600.89, Corporate Card $58.50, Donovan Mark $52.00, Just For Kids Speech Therapy $1,404, McDonalds $78.70, McDonalds store $9.28, Moon Jim $16.32, Ross Dona Ruth $487.50, Shannon County School Imprest $1,326.80, Sioux Falls School District $87.29, Sky Ranch For Boys $3,760.00, USD School of Medicine $1,197.20, Wellspring $161.16, $138.24, Fund total $44,463.88.

Food Service Fund
Child & Adult Nutrition $55.00, Food Services of America $5,188.31, Gordon Super Foods $65.64, Grocery Mart $15.25, Harkers $3,811.41, Kemps Gillette Diary $3,599.45, Reinhart Institutional foods $26,959.07, Sioux Nation Shopping Center $44.88, SNA of SD $540.00 Fund Total $40,279.01.

Federal Programs
Special Service
All American Publishing $150.00, Corporate Card $2,845.10, Debbies Cakes & Floral $30.00, Division of Criminal Investigation $836.00, Martin Floral $47.99, Occupational Health Network $1,490.50, Pennington Conservation District $573.46, Shannon County School Imprest $450.00, Fund Total $6,423.05, Checking Account Total $687,648.32.

Imprest Account
Expenditures
Francis White Lance $200.00, SPED Parent $107.76, Marilyn Halverson $70.40, Billy Gibbons $300.00, Marquittee Heathershaw $212.72, Regina Little Bull $130.64, April Iron Cloud $146.00, Leona Broken Nose $178.76, Jean Belt $130.96, Annabelle Between Lodge $130.00, Deb Shedeed $140.24, Mary Steele $154.32, Lorraine Swallow $207.25, Erma Pino $150.00, AUL $20.94, AFLAC $67.08, SPED Parent $140.80, Radisson Hotel $415.00, John Briggs $375.64, MaDonna Peterson $542.84, Mark Donavan $80.00, SPED Parent $519.76, SPED Parent $276.48, Mark Donovan $202.00, Leon Grass $58.30, ETS Teaching and Learning $180.00, Total $5,137.89.

Resignation:Susanna Swallow-Red Shirt-effective 6-128-07(via phone conversation),Tyrell Pierce-Rockyford School Special Education Aide-effect 6-19-07,Cindy Lakota-Rockyford School Teacher-31,500,Sandra Frandsen-speech Therapist-$50,035.00,Tim Villa-Rockyford School Physical Education Teacher-$31,500.00,Marsha Smoker-Speech Therapist-$40,000,Administrator Recommendation:Darrell Eagle Bull-Director of Student Support and Intervention-$55,000,Batesland School :Stacey Darnell-4th Grade Teacher-no alternate Rockyford School:Lynette Miller-Response to Intervention Interventionist, Del Rae LaRoche-alternate, Wolf Creek School:Avis Monroe-2ndf grade teacher-no alternate,Marvin Goings-Maintenance-no alternate. Classified Contracts due 6-19-07,Charles Cummings-SRO-BS-didn't turn in-Shane Clifford-Title 1 Aide-didn't turn in,Lorelle Knight-Aide-didn't turn in,Phoebe Running Hawk-aide-6-25-07;Wydene High Pine-custodian-6-22-07,Luwana Janis-social worker/counselor-6-22-07;Jeannie Pourier-Custodian-6-21-07,Jovita Seda-aide-didn't turn in.Classififed emplloyees List:Bornsen,Candy,Secretary,$25,072.00,Brewer,Gale-maintenance-$27,950.00,Briggs,John-security-$19,292.00,Conroy,Rena,records clerk-$34,795.60,Cummings,George,maintenance-$31,355.00,Dugan,Dawn,secretary-$20,400.00,Fast Wolf,Antionette-attend clerk-$17,784.00,Gibbons,Deborah,sec/recept-$27,600.00;Halverson,Marilyn-accts payable-$35,311.60,Janis,Stephanie-receptionist-$14,800.00,Lawrence, Michael,Maint. Coord-$33,402.40,Lonberger, Dawn,Asst. Bus Mgr.-$32,215.60,Martinez,Andrew,grounds/maint-$23,512.00,Nelson,Patti-admin sec-$34,228.00,Obryan,Carolyn-attend clerk-$31,472.00,Red Owl,Brooklyann-h-resources-$33,369.00,Reitz,Carol-Food Svc Sup-$40,166.88,Rosane,Robert,Mech/grounds-$29,670.00,Roth,Jackie,Fed Prog Asst/sec-$32,267.20,Shedeed,Nancy-receptionist-$22,274.00,Spotted Bear,Jennifer-Alt Secretary-$22,176.00,Steele,Mary-Attend Clerk-$23,776.00,Vocu,Tom-Activities Coord-$38,016.16,Williams,Rory-Maint/grounds-$27,864.00,Wilson,Mary-secretary-$31,072.00,YLankton,Torey,Attend cclerk-$18,720.00,Youngman,Evans-groundskeeper-$15,686.40,Youngman,Wilmer-mechanic-$36,962.80,Big Crow,Jr.,Francis-bus-$11,586.60,Big Crow,Sr.,Francis-bus-9,761.68,Black Feather,William-bus-$17,845.68,Brewer,Vince-bus-$14,259.00,Carrick,Tim-bus-$6,160.00,Charge On Him,Virgil-bus-$13,347.88,Condon, Mary-bus-$16,110.00,Eagle Bull,Darrell,bus-$10,872.80,Gomez,Soni-bus-$13,306.60,Haller,Kimbus-$12,408.76,-Hart,Bonnie-bus-$21,445.64,Harvey,George-bus-$18,757.28,Has No Horse,Delane-bus-$16,963.32,Iron Cloud,Margaret-bus-$12,408.76,Johnson,Clay-bus-$20,549.52,Jumping Eagle,William,Jr.-bus-$11,320.00,Jumping Eagle,William,Sr.-bus-$15,253.96,Kaiser,Herb-bus-$14,686.04,Kehn,Bryan,bus-$16,036.24,Kirk,John-bus-$15,475.52,Marks,Barbara-bus-$11,320.00,Pourier,Jr. Duane,bus-$12,408.00,Pourier,Sr., Duane-$12,408.00,Red Cloud,Bernard-bus-$16,480.00,Steele,Julia-bus-$12,408.00,Swallow,Amaris-bus-$11,320.00,Temple,Merle-bus-$17,546.00,Vocu,Dalebus-$8,822.56,Whipple,Stanley-bus-$13,040.00,Wince,Don-bus-$8,822.56,Youngman,Donovan-bus-$13,994.60,Youngman,Evans-bus-$8,822.56,American Hors,eDenver-aide-$19,792.50,Big Crow,Alice-sped aide-$16,380.00,Big Crow-Francis,Jr.-sped aide-$16,243.50,Black Crow,Debra-aide-$22,058.40,Black Feather,William-sped aide-$22,498.84,Brewer,Vincent-alt aide-$19,708.78,Briggs,Monte-sped aid-$16,311.75,Brings Him Back,Illa-speech aide-$28,173.60,Buresh,Lorine-aide-$26,808.60,Carrick,Tim-sped aid-$15,224.30,Clifford,Pat-sped aid-$19,792.50,Clifford,Shane,aide-$29,388.50,Clifford,Tanya-aide-$17,745.00,Condon,Naomi-aide-$15,015.00,Conroy,Elizabeth Ann-aide-$27,491.00,Cummings,Charlotte-aide-$20,324.00,Eagle Bull,Stephen-aide-$16,311.75,Ecoffey,Allen-aide-$18,460.26,Ecoffey,Laura-aide-$13,805.61,Ecoffey,Laura,sped monitor-$3,985.00,Emerson,Janette-aide-$25,921.35,Feather Earring,Chrystal-aide-$18,304.00,Feather Earring,Eli-aide-$19,314.00Fire Thunder,Robert-aide-$14,905.00,Gibbons,Christopher-aide-$16,380.00,Gomez,Porfirio-aide-$19,314.00,Gomez,Soni-aide-$14,960.40,Good Crow,Violet-aide-$21430.50,Haller,Kimaide-$21,8367.36,Harvey,Tammy-aide-$17,745.00,Heesacker,Jerne-aide-$31,244.85,Hernandez,Floyd-aide-$21,034.65,Hernandez,Toni-aide-$15,970.50,High Hawk,Gary-aide-$17,335.00,Hooper,Jennifer-aide-$15,0125.00,Iron Cloud,Spril-aide-$15,970.00,Iron Cloud,Margaret,aide-$15,506.00,Iron Cloud,Roberta-aide-$21,034.65,Kadlecek,Patsy,aide-$18,755.10,Little Bear,Sr.,Richard-aide-$18,700.50,Little Moon,Pam-aide-$16,939.65,Long Soldier,Jonathon-aide-$17,745.00,Looking Elk,David-aide-$23,819.00,Mesteth,James-aide-$24,215.00,Mills,Tyson,Aide-$15,970.00,Monnens,Lenore-aide-$25,525.00,Morton,Casey-aide-$15,015.00,Mueller,Virginia-aide-$30,562.00,Nelson,Angela-library aide-$16,380.00,O'Donnell,Christine-aide-$24,761.00,One Feather,Delmar-aide-$31,668.00,Parmenter,Michelle-aide-$17,622.15,Peneaux,Carol-aide-$25,784.00,Phelps,Ted-aide-$18,304.65,Pino,Erma-aide-$22,904.70,Red Cloud,Katherine-aide-$27,108.90,Richards, Wanda-aide-$26,126.10,Rowland,Anthony-aide-$19,110.00,Salway,Deann-aide-$18,700.00,Sether,Darlene,aide-$16,939.00,Shedeed,Sheryl-aide-$16,311.45,Skanadore, Linda-aide-$25,102.35,Smnith,April-aide-$15,015.00,Standing Soldier,Patricia-aide-$17,745.00,Star,Susie-aide-$15,970.00,Steele,Julia-aide-$13,726.44,Stiffarm,James-aide-$21,034.00,Stouffer,Vickie-aide-$18,700.50,Swallow,Elizabeth-aide-$22,031.00,Walton,Amy-aide-$24,269.70,Weaver,Brett-aide-$17,335.50,White Face,Dori-aide-$19,437.60,Yankton, Debbie-aide-$18,618.60,Zimiga,Carolyn-aide-$27,832.35,Fortin,Tracy-bil trainee-$9,384.38,Jacobs,Willi am T-Bil Trainee-$9,555.00,Makes Him First,Valentina-Bil Trainee-$9,152.33,Martin,Jamie-Bil Trainee-$7,507.50,Shedeed,Deborah,Bil Trainee-$11,254.43-Wince,Stephanie-Bil Trainee-$8,190.00,Donovan,Mark-social worker-$48,555.60,Lawrence, Virginia-nurse-$32,609.85,Miles,Judy-nurse-$32,145.75,Winters,Karla-social worker-coord-$30,917.25,Conroy,Bertha-cook-$29,047.20,Cummings,Michelle,cook-$14,123.20,Mesteth,Brenda-cook-$18,491.00,Pourier,Dawn Rose-cook-$15,025.00,Pourier,Devona-cook-$25,552.00,Rosane,Terri-cook-$13,104.00,Rowland,Ron-cook-$24,315.00,Waters,Daryl-cook-$13,468.00,Yellow Boy, Fawn-cook-$14,123.00,Ghost Dog,Melanie-PT Cook-$8,417.50,Black Crow,Dwight-cust-$25,168.72,Black Crow,Jaydee-cust-$15,287.20,Dillon,Kathy,cust-$21,622.72,Janis,Ross-cust-$18,833.20,Jumping Eagle,Frank-cust-$15,287.00,Kirk,John, Cust-$19,105.06,O'Donnell,Richard-cust-$15,287.50,Sitting Holy,Karen-cust-$20,015.00,Standing Soldier,Ken-cust-$20,015.00,Swallow,Mary-cust-$22,016.00,Tibbetts,Donald-cust-$24,380.72,Tibbetts,Donald-cust-$24,380.72,White Eyes,Patricia-cust-$23,592.72,Yankton,Lloyd-cust-$20,488.00.

Supplemental Budget
Title VII Indian Education

Federal Thru State	$20,323.00
Salaries	$10,000.00
Soc.Sec/Med	$ 765.00
Retirement	$ 600.00
Health Insurance	$ 1135.00
Supplies	$ 7500.00
Other Supplies	$ 323.00
Total	$ 20,323.00

Comprehensive School Grant

Federal Thru State	$6,254.89
Other Supplies	$6,254.89

Title I School Improvement

Federal Thru State	$97,376.86
Salaries	$51,934.00
Soc.Sec/Med	$ 3,872.96
Retirement	$ 3,116.04
Health Insurance	$ 5,894.63
Supplies	$32,459.23
Total	$97,376.86

Title I School Improvement

Federal Thru State	$33,397.19
Salaries	$17,823.15
Soc.Sec/Med	$1,363.47
Retirement	$1,069.39
Health Insurance	$2,022.93
Supplies	$11,118.25
Total	$33,397.19

Title I School Improvement

Federal Thru State	$71,881.35
Salaries	$38,305.04
Soc.Sec/Med	$ 2,930.34
Retirement	$ 2,298.31
Health Insurance	$ 4,347.66
Supplies	$24,000.00
Total	$71,881.35

Title I School Improvement

Federal Thru State	$6,319.39
Salaries	$3,370.34
Soc.Sec/Med	$ 257.84
Retirement	$ 202.22
Health Insurance	$ 382.53
Supplies	$2,106.46
Total	$6,319.39

Shannon County School District
Disbursment Report
May 31, 2007

Fund/Account	Amount
General Fund	$ 449,378.95
Capital Outlay Fund	$ 21,669.03
Special Education Fund	$ 46,772.44
Food Service Fund	$ 60,115.97
T/A Support Services	$ 14,474.03
T/A Wolf Creek	$ 2,714.04
T/A Batesland School	$ 346.55
T/A Rockyford	$ 0.00
Total of All Funds	**$ 595,471.01**

Shannon County School District
Payroll Report
May 31, 2007

Types of Services	Salaries	Benefits	Total
1000 Instruction service	$399,963.95	$104,019.99	**$503,983.94**
2000 Support Service	$200,039.38	$ 54,230.06	**$254,269.44**
3000 Other Community serv	$ 4,200.00	$ 425.73	**$ 4,625.73**
6000 Co-curricular	$ 11,379.30	$ 996.66	**$ 12,375.96**
General Fund Total	**$615,582.63**	**$159,672.44**	**$775,255.07**
Special Education	$147,798.21	$ 42,553.39	**$190,351.60**
Food Service	$ 19,861.51	$ 6,718.32	**$ 26,579.83**
Total All Services	**$783,242.35**	**$208,944.15**	**$992.186.50**

Shannon County School District 65-1
REVENUE REPORT
May 31, 2007

Revenue Sources	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Education Fund	Pension Fund	Food Service	T/A Service	Impact Aid
Local sources							
Taxes	$ 17,424.39	$14,877.01	$ 6,942.55	$1,487.72	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$ 51,241.00	$ 10.67	$0.0	$0.00	$14,953.80	$500.00	$0.0
County Sources							
County Apportionment	$ 250.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
State Sources							
State Aide	$353,845.00	$0.0	$119,338.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$ 13,119.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Federal Sources						$0.0	$0.0
Other	$459,093.99	$0.0	$59,882.58	$0.0	$54,913.40	$0.0	$ 0.0
Operating Transfer In							
Total Revenue For Fund	**$884,973.38**	**$14,887.68**	**$186,163.11**	**$1,487.72**	**$69,867.20**	**$500.00**	**$0.0**

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Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing
Box 603 Pine Ridge, S.D.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing ("OSLH") is requesting from qualified individuals for Single Audit for FY ending December 2004, December 2005, December 2006 relating to the OSLH Planning and Administration, Maintenance, Development, and Housing Services.

Firms/individuals wishing to submit proposals may request additional information from OSLH by calling (605)867-5161, or by Faxing to (605)8676355. Inquiries about the proposal process should be directed to Joy Bush, Acting Executive Director.

All proposals must be received at Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing, Attn. Joy Bush, Acting Executive Director, P.O. Box 603, East Hwy. 18, Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770, **no later than 4:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time, Monday, July 23, 2007.** Proposals not received by that time and date will be rejected.

Proposals shall be submitted in triplicates in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Proposal for Audit Services."

OSLH Reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any and all deficiencies.

WANTED - FULL TIME SITE MANAGER

FULL-TIME SITE MANAGER - Badlands Head Start is seeking a high energy, self-motivated and professional individual to work as a Site Manager in Shannon and Bennett Counties. This position will have over-site and management responsibilities for the Kyle Office and supervisory responsibilities for 6-10 employees. Strong communication skills, experience working with staff and families, a team player, and management skills/ experience are required. A BA/BS in Early Childhood Education, Human Services or related field is required. A valid driver's license is required and computer experience is necessary. Knowledge of Head Start and the Performance Standards is preferred. This is a 40 hour per week, 43-47 weeks per year position. Position begins 8/1/07. We provide a competitive salary and benefit package. Salary is dependent upon education and experience. For more information and an application, please call 605-456-2424. EOE. Position open until 7/18/07.

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Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing
P.O. Box 603 - East Hwy. 18 - Pine Ridge, SD 57770
RE - ADVERTISED
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Executive Director - Administrative Office
OPEN UNTIL FILLED
Salary as Budgeted
- How To Apply -

Submit a completed Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing employment application with a resume to the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Human Resources Office.

Attach all pertinent documents, Blood Degree if claiming Indian Preference, Veterans Discharge DD214, High School or GED Diploma, College Transcripts, College Diploma, Three Reference Letters, Licenses or Certifications and State Driver's License.

Applicants not meeting minimum position requirements will not be selected for interview. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.

Resumes that are to accompany the employment application must have addresses and telephone numbers of past and present employers. All information submitted will be verified.

Will be required to take the drug and alcohol test. Selection for the position will be contingent upon a negative test result. Applicant is subject to Background Investigation.

Expenses are at the applications costs. For this position the drug test and the background investigation must be attached.

For position description and additional information please contact the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Human Resources Office at (605)867-5161, ext. 104 or ext. 136.

OGLALA SIOUX LAKOTA HOUSING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL APPLICATIONS.

Little Wound School
Kyle, South Dakota
JOB VACANCIES
(06-19-07)

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school term:

The following positions are open until filled:

High School Dept.
Lakota Language Teacher
Prevention Counselor
(*Pine Ridge Office SY 07-08)*
Athletic Director
Custodian

Middle School Dept.
Lakota Language Teacher
P.E. Teacher
Counselor
Custodian

Elementary Dept.
P.E. Teacher
Kindergarten Teacher
2nd Grade Teacher
3rd Grade Teacher
Counselor

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OTHER DEPARTMENTS

K-12 Social Worker
Center Based Aide
Early Intervention Teacher
3 Special Education Teachers
2 Teacher Assistants

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Middle School: 30)FB Coach 31)FB Assist.32)Football Assist. 33)FB Cheerleading 34)Boys BBall Coach 35)Boys BBall Assist 36)Girl's BB Assist 37)Girls BBall Assist 38)Volleyball Coach 39) CrossCountry Coach 40) CrossCountry Assist 41)Track Coach 42)Track Assist 43)MS/Elem Boxing Club Sponsor 44)Boys BB Cheerleading 45)Girls BB Cheerleading 46)Wrestling Coach 47)Wrestling Assist.48)Softball Coach 49) Softball Assist 50)Student Council 51)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 53)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 54)K-8 Rodeo Club Sponsor 55)MS/Elem Hand Game Sponsor 56)8th Grade Sponsor 57)Competitive Dance Sponsor
Elementary: 58)Elementary Rodeo Club Sponsor 59)Wrestling Coach 60)Wrestling Assist. 61)Girl Scout Sponsor 62)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 63)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 64)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178
www.lws.k12.sd.us

>>> NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS <<<
It is the policy of the Little Wound School to provide an alcohol and drug-free workplace. All appointments for employment are contingent upon receipt of a verified negative drug test through pre-employment drug testing, receipt of a favorable background investigation and the availability of federal funds. The legal policy of Indian preference will be followed to qualified applicants. Veteran's preference shall be applied to qualified Veteran applicants.
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With a proper diet and moderate exercise, it is possible to prevent or delay diabetes. Stop by our office, located next to the contract health department at Pine Ridge I.H.S. hospital or call for more information:

Joann Lehner
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baby brother!

From Grandma Amanda,
Uncle Jeremy, Aunty
Vanessa, cousin Taela.

Happy 15th Birthday
Paul Wayne Mousseau Jr.
"SONNY"
on June 29,2007
Time just goes by to fast,
I am so proud of you,
I love you son I hope you
enjoy your birthday.
Love your mom
Carmelita

Happy Birthday
to our brother
SONNY
who turned 15 on June
29th.
Love you have fun
Love Christopher, Tisha &
Jesse,Woni & Lil'Jun,
Punky & Karlin, Ben &
Johnettte.

We our very proud of
Tim Fast Wolf Jr.
For running the 500
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From: Grandpa,
Grandma
Auntie's, Uncles,
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to my brother
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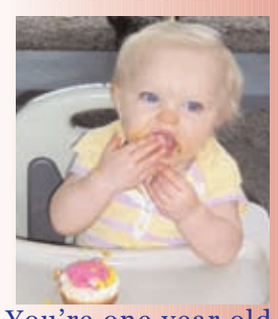
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To my dad
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We love you.

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From: Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday
Sara Fuchs



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Brandon and
Aunt Roseanna.

Happy Birthday to our
Great- Grandson
Triston Kills Small
From Grandma
(Peewee)
&
Grandpa (Tommy)
From Allen

To my love
Aaron
thanks for always being
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every thing you do for me
I love you with all my
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Love Whit Dove C.

Happy 8th Birthday
To Brent Tallman
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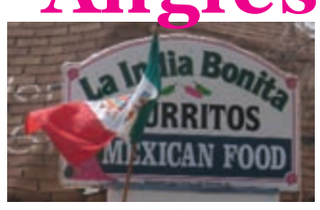
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to our mom
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Weekend fires burn 24,000 acres

Fireworks cause over 400 fires

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - "The western half of the reservation is so dry, the grass has no moisture and is just fuel waiting for someone to light it up," said Mike Twiss, BIA wildland fire operation specialist, "between the Stampede fire this weekend between Slim Buttes and Calico and the Kyle fire we have burned over 24,000 acres and that doesn't include the 400 plus fires started by fireworks since June 15."





Left: A firefighter hosing water to protect a car west of Pine Ridge. Photo courtesy of Justes Wilson.
Above: The air tanker that crashed south of Kyle on Saturday. Photo courtesy of Anne Hunter.

The Stampede fire started near Slim Buttes Saturday night and as of Wednesday, it was 85 per cent contained and 75 per cent controlled having burned 23,000 acres. Volunteer fire departments from Martin, Batesland, Rushville, Vetal, Tuthill and Hay Springs helped with the fire fighting along with the two BIA strike teams made up of fire fighters from Winnebago, Yankton, Lower Brule, Crow Creek, Standing rock, Fort Beerthold and Spirit Lake and one Coyote Strike team from volunteer fire departments in eastern South Dakota and three engines out of White Earth, Red Lake and Nut Lake, Minnesota with between 75 and 100 firefighters out the first night. There were also two heavy bombers out of Rapid City, a helicopter and a single wing airplane.

"In my 22 years of working for fire control, the Stampede fire was one of the worst, three times I saw dust devils catch on fire becoming fire whirls," said Twiss, "you would have an area under control and the fire whirl would come down spreading the fire in every direction; with the help of a lot of folks we were able to save homes and buildings, we lost one house and one outbuilding and we escaped without any injuries or deaths. This fire terrified a lot of people, there were times we stopped fighting the fire to protect homes"

Normally, the Pine Ridge Agency has a crew of 10 on staff and add an extra eight for the summer fire season; with Pine Ridge being in a very high drought area, especially the western portion of the reservation and the use and abuse of fireworks additional strike teams and engine crews are added throughout the worst of the summer fire season, according to Twiss.

Articles in the local papers brought out many comments in the Rapid City Journal Rapid Reply section including: the firefighters did an excellent job protecting all of the structures in Calico, #4 and Slim Buttes, if it wasn't for the professionalism and dedication of these public workers many homes would have been destroyed…thank you firefighters!!!

Many homes and lives were saved because of your dedication, I'm thankful that the pilot was not seriously injured, I have much respect for firefighters, law enforcement and soldiers because you all sacrifice a lot to help the people.

The Kyle fire started on Saturday

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Bordeaux, Scott announce for RST presidency

MISSION - Two Sicangu members have announced their candidacy for Rosebud Sioux Tribe president and five for vice president. President Rodney Bordeaux has announced his bid for re-election and Cyril 'Whitey' Scott has announced for his run for president. The closing date is July 31 at 5 p.m. Unofficially, Willie Kindle, Marion One Star-Young, Kelly Jones, Sr., Sherman Wright and Ned Metcalf have announced for vice president.

The following are the two announcements that have been submitted by Bordeaux and Scott.



Rodney Bordeaux



Cyril Whitey Scott

Rodney Bordeaux

Hau, Mitakuyepi. Two years ago I asked you, the members of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, to support me in my campaign to be your President. At that time, I pledged to you that I would work hard to address the challenges that we all face here on the Rosebud Indian reservation.

Since that time, here is some of what we've accomplished.

*We enhanced the Rosebud Electronic Integration Corporation (REIC) research facility which will create nearly highly-skilled and high-paying jobs.

*We are in the process of finalizing our financing with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community for our very own tribally-owned grocery store, which will bring 74 jobs.

*We started an air ambulance initiative through a partnership with PASS NET, from Minneapolis, MN.

*We also were able to secure State Medicaid funding for our Alcohol & Drug Treatment Program that was previously unavailable.

*We tentatively secured $800,000 for a new Methamphetamine (Meth) Treatment wing to be built into the existing RST Alcohol & Drug Treatment Program building.

*We tentatively secured $200,000 for new ambulances and equipment for the RST Ambulance Program.

*We secured more education funding for the Head Start bureau and assisted in the restoration of the Johnson O'Malley program.

*We secured continuation of funding from the US Justice Department for the Boys and Girls Club to keep our children involved in productive activities.

*We have also created a Suicide Prevention Task Force made up of local community leaders and tribal program personnel to end this crisis.

*We continue our efforts to uphold our treaty rights with the U. S. Government.

*We started work with our

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Lakota race car driver leads first in street stock at Black Hills speedway

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor

KYLE - Louis Vocu, 27, has been racing at the Black Hills Speedway for the last three years and has earned enough points for a first place standing in the "Street Stock" division and is working towards a season championship. He has now won four of nine races and leading the points by 11 over the second.

The young Lakota race car driver has built up quite a following comprised of family, friends and other fans who attend the Friday night races which run from April to September. Vocu's car is a 1985 Monte Carlo with a 358 cubic inch engine. Marty Brave and a lot of other friends helped him to get it ready, while the paint job was underwritten by a sponsor Recommended of Gordon, Neb. His pit crew is made up of Marty Brave, Warren Pourier, Jr., Eddie Jumping Eagle, and Friday Garnette.





Louis Vocu (left) leads with most points in the Black Hills Speedway street stock division. Vocu races his 1985 Monte Carlo on Fridays.

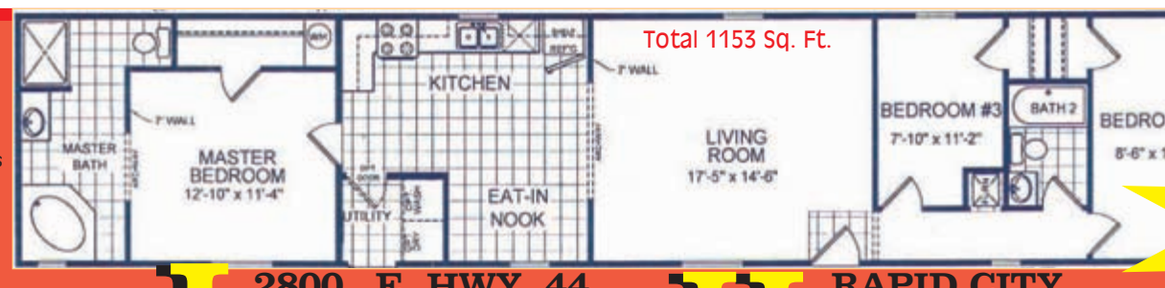
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Vocu's stock car also sports an old Oglala Sioux tribal license plate in the back, which belonged to his grandpa Wilbur Witt. The plate was on the wall of the garage for years and now has a special pace on Vocu's car. He said the plate represents his Lakota pride on the track.

His sponsors include Braves Auto, Chad and Crystal Brunch of Lakota Plains Propane, Leonard and Carol Ferguson of the Food Stop, Martin Auto Parts and Kathy Stover and Rusty Puckett of Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort. Vocu said that he always had a interest in racing from the time he

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Weekend fires

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as well, burned about 300-400 acres and brought out volunteer fire crews from Martin, Green Valley, Kyle, and Batesland. One of the slurry bombers crashed during the fire; the pilot walked away with scratches and bruises. The Kyle fire, the Stampede fire and the plane crash are all under investigation by a team from the Bureau. Although fireworks have been the cause of more than 400 fires on the reservation this summer, they are not ready to determine the cause of the two major weekend fires.

"On the night of the Stampede fire, we just about drained Pine Ridge, Slim Buttes and Oglala water systems, we had to start using Whiteclay Dam," said Twiss; "last year we fought a fire in Porcupine and just about drained their system and put the dialysis unit in danger so now we work closely with Oglala Sioux Rural Water Supply System and when a system gets low we use a dam or a creek."

Arson and a lack of enforcement of the laws on the books continue to present a challenge to fire crews on the reservation.

"We are in a severe drought area of the U.S., our rating is up to extreme rated over 600 on the fire index," said Twiss, "people need to be very careful with debris or trash fires and to supervise their children letting off fireworks, overall we need to be a lot more careful."

High School activities association changes post game rules

Lunderman, LeBeau to be honored

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PIERRE - During the June board meeting of the South Dakota High School Activities Association meeting in Pierre, the board voted 8-0 to change the policy on post game celebrations - Team personnel only, shall be allowed on the floor following any district, regional or state championship game in the sports of volleyball, girl's basketball and boy's basketball. Following presentation of individual and team awards spectators will be allowed on the floor.

"Some people wonder if this change was made because of the events following the State A championship game this year," said Wayne Carney, executive director of the activities association, "but it is more of a safety issue and a sportsmanship issue, the change was long over due, it allows participants and coaches to shake hands at the end of the contest, ensures the safety of the participants, avoids confrontations between exuberant fans and downhearted players and fans of the school which was defeated, allows awards to be presented within a reasonable time and protects the playing surface."

Football quarterfinal, semifinal and championship games were covered in a separate resolution, also voted in 8-0. Failure to keep fans and spectators off the court or field will result in not receiving the awards or recognition at the tournament site.

"The administration and staff of the winning team will be responsible for keeping their fans off the court or field," said Carney, "we need to educate our families, friends, fans and spectators about the new rules throughout the year so they will be prepared."

The activities board also approved the sanctioning of an out of season basketball tournament. The Sioux Falls Slam N Jam Basketball tournament has been sanctioned to accommodate NCAA Division I men's basketball coaches who have a window of opportunity to attend events during the month of April providing the state has a sanctioned event.

The board also approved the list of individuals who will be honored by the activities association during the upcoming school year. The list approved includes under coaches and directors Richard "Tuffy" Lunderman in basketball from Little Wound and Dusty LeBeau in basketball from Pine Ridge.

RST presidency

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Congressional delegation to ensure that our veterans get the services that they deserve.

*Recently, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released a proposal so tribes could get access to excess mobile homes that FEMA no longer needs. I will continue to do all that I can to bring realistic opportunities to house more of our people.

*We've begun to explore the possibility of a new, or expanded casino that would provide more jobs and more funding to help meet the many critical needs of the people here at Rosebud.

*We have created an Office of Aging to advocate for our elders.

*We have created the Lakota Language Preservation Program.

I have restored integrity to the Office of the President two years ago. I stated that I would listen carefully to what our tribal program directors, tribal employees and tribal members have to say about solving the many problems that face our tribe on a daily basis. I have and continue to do just that. We cannot solve our problems alone. We must continue to work together.

Cyril 'Whitey' Scott

RST council representative, Cyril "Whitey" Scott of Antelope community, has announced his intention to run for the office of President of the Rosebud Sioux tribe.

Scott appears to place a large emphasis on economic development and the changes that self-sufficiency will bring to the people of the Rosebud. He would like to see RST stop its reliance on the equity that is occasionally built up when the Rosebud Casino profits are on the rise. He said, "You have to bring change here. There is no way around it. You hear that people do not want to work, but there is no place to work."

The Rosebud Casino would be the focus of more creative development if it was up to Scott. He would like to see such initiatives as a water park, a place for fine dining, or perhaps a movie theatre. He is convinced that RST needs to "turnover" or recycle the dollars that are spent here and keep them here. He also said, "Instead of spending half a million dollars for clothing orders, we could invite a clothing store to set up here and it would create jobs and increase tax revenue."

Scott also sees a need for a conference center so that patrons will not have to travel to other locations for their conference needs, while a propane company based on the Rosebud would help to keep the money here and perhaps further invested. He said, "We need a viable plan so that we can profit from our own land. Such things as farming, hunting and grazing should be taken advantage of."

Grocery stores in several communities would be a way to create self-sufficiency in some while also attracting farmers and ranchers who need gas and who might choose to purchase their gas locally instead of driving long distances.

On the issue of Lakota language and culture, Scott admitted that he has a great admiration for those who can speak the language and promised to take a Lakota language course at Sinte Gleska University, if elected and if time permits. He said, "When it comes to culture, we need to orient the kids more and get them out of the city mentality of gangs. Culture is designed to sustain one's family."

Finally, Scott is credited with acting as a "go-between" when the CITGO Corporation donated funds to the RST low income energy assistance program last winter in the amount of $695,000. He also made the initial contact which led to a $10,000 donation to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Rosebud a couple of weeks ago from a California tribe.

Car racing

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was able to ride a bike and enjoyed racing it. His sponsors also pick up the cost of the entry fee and it is always beneficial if one can pickup more sponsors along the way.

Vocu has little fear of racing and with his confidence the 15-20 minute adrenalin rush that accompanies his event makes it all worthwhile and nothing else matters during that time.

Vocu said, "It takes both skill and the right set up of the car. You have to work on the car all the time." It also takes constant tuning and the purchase of different parts as needed from time to time said Vocu.

Moving upward to a more challenging class of racing is something that Vocu desires, however, he noted that it takes a lot of money. He said, "I would like to move up but it is costly. You roll against guys who have money and who have a good racing car."

He hopes to pick up more sponsors to help with the cost of racing his stock car. The racing fuel is $7 a gallon added with the cost of the upkeep and the weekly travel.

Kids love the idea of knowing this race car driver and getting to see his street stock car. Vocu enjoys interacting with kids and has printed autograph cards with a photo of his car and the name Warhoop Racing splashed across the top. His parents are Wilma Witt and Ed Vocu. His grandpa Witt helps him at times with work on his car.

Vocu is employed with Golden West Telecommunications and is a 1998 graduate of Little Wound High School.

Finally, Vocu noted that it takes a lot of courage to race and that his family and friends are behind him and that it provides motivation for him to continue to do even better. His goal is to move up to a more modified class.

He is seeking more sponsors and can be reached at 605-454-5577.

Pine Ridge Divas, Lakota Regulators open NABI with two wins

PHOENIX - The Lakota Regulators opened their 2007 Native American Basketball Classic with a 90-70 win over the Yakama Nation. The Regulators, most of Little Wound's team from this season that took second in state, came from behind in their second game with a 69-58 win over the defending champs the SBT Shockwave. Down by 12 in the first half, rich Big Boy, TJ McCauley and Brice Hornbeck started clicking in the second half and earned their second win. They play Fort Mohave Wednesday before the teams are seeded into a single elimination bracket that starts on Thursday.

The South Dakota Hoop Divas beat Gila River 78-29 on Monday and play the Gym Rats of Lame Deer, Mont. on Wednesday night to finish pool play. The Divas took second last year.

The South Dakota Lady Sioux lost to the Lady Magic 50-35 and the South Dakota Jewels from Cheyenne River lost to Northern New Mexico 55-27, lost to 4 the Love of the Game 84-37 and beat Eastern Native Sista Hoopz 43-40.

Single elimination bracket play begins Thursday with the finals for the boys and the girls set for Saturday in the U.S. Airways Arena, home of the Phoenix Suns.

LAKOTA LANGUAGE SURVEY RESULTS

Oceti Wakan, a small non-profit, in Calico Community on the Pine Ridge Reservation has been doing a systematic house to house survey in each of the nine Districts on Pine Ridge Reservation to see the health of the Lakota language on our reservation. This has been funded by an ANA (Administration for Native Americans) grant. Oceti Wakan's mission is for the preservation of Lakota language and culture. We have developed books and CDs on both. We have reported Eagle Nest District, La Creek District, Medicine Root District, Pass Creek District, Pine Ridge District, Porcupine District, Wakpamni District, and White Clay District. With today's report of Wounded Knee District, this represents close to 9,000 tribal members that we have surveyed reservation wide. The final report of the entire Pine Ridge Reservation is below.

We are in serious jeopardy of losing the Lakota language. We hope the results that we have published will help us break the denial of just how serious this is. We need to put our efforts together in unity to save our Lakota language and culture for the ones yet unborn. You lose a language; you lose a culture as language is what formulates how you view your world.

WOUNDED KNEE DISTRICT – LAKOTA LANGUAGE SURVEY RESULTS
263 households were surveyed representing 1,149 tribal members.

0-6 years old (244 children) 8 children spoke Lakota – 3%
7-17 years old (264 children & youth) 4 children and youth – 1.5%
18-29 years old (226 people) 15 tribal members spoke Lakota – 7%
30-49 years old (255 people) 64 tribal members spoke Lakota – 25%
50 years old and older (160) 76 tribal members spoke Lakota – 48%

Understands Lakota but can not speak it.
0-6 years old (236 people left) 7 children understood Lakota – 3%
7-17 years old (260 people left) 24 children & youth – 9%
18-29 years old (211 people left) 27 tribal members – 13%
30-49 years old (191 people left) 42 tribal members – 22%
50 years old and older (84 people left) 16 tribal members – 20%
42% of all households have at least one person that speaks Lakota

PINE RIDGE RESERVATION – LAKOTA LANGUAGE SURVEY RESULTS
2,157 households were surveyed representing 8,886 plus tribal members.

Speaks Lakota
0-6 years old (1,566 children) 26 children spoke Lakota –2%
7-17 years old (2,491) 59 children and youth – 3%
18-29 years old (1,576) 137 tribal members spoke Lakota – 9%
30-49 years old (1,977) 610 tribal members spoke Lakota – 35%
50 years old and older (1,276) 733 tribal members spoke Lakota – 58%

Understands Lakota but can not speak it.
0-6 years old (1,540 left) 102 children – 7%
7-17 years old (2,432 left) 340 children – 14%
18-29 years old (1,439 left) 249 tribal members – 17%
30-49 years old (1,367 left) 409 tribal members – 30%
50 years old and older (173 left) 543 tribal members – 32%
41% of all households have at least one person that speaks the Lakota

We have been meeting with the elders and community members at District meetings to get your input for our long range language goals to create a vision for our future. We need your input!

Please respond to us at the following:

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PO Box 1958
Pine Ridge, SD 57770
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We will publish the results of that when we have given all communities and members a chance for their input. Thank You.

We would like to hear from you!
Call Peter or Cindy Catches at: 867-6056

We will publish this vision within the next few weeks. Visit our web site ww.ocetiwakan.org to see Lakota language and cultural educational materials that we have produced.

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Submit a completed Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing employment application with a resume to the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Personnel Office by 4:30 of the closing date.

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OGLALA SIOUX LAKOTA HOUSING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL APPLICATIONS.

State annual accident report released

Shannon County is the deadliest county for accidents

PIERRE (AP) - It's 5 p.m. on a Sunday in August - the time, day and month you are most likely to die on the road in South Dakota.

That was the deadliest period for state motorists last year, according to an annual traffic report produced by the state Accident Records Office.

Alcohol, as always, played a major role in many fatal crashes. Nearly one-third of drivers in those deadly accidents last year were intoxicated or had been drinking.

The deadliest county? Shannon. Eleven people died in crashes involving alcohol in lightly populated Shannon County alone, where alcohol is illegal on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. That is 15 percent of all fatalities involving alcohol recorded in the state's 66 counties.

Minnehaha, the state's most-populated county, had four alcohol-related fatalities last year.

Gov. Mike Rounds, in a cover letter included with the report, notes that one-fifth of those who died in alcohol-related crashes on state roads were younger than 21, the legal age to drink.

"We must not drive if we have been drinking, and we must pass the safety message on to our young drivers," Rounds wrote.

There were 191 deaths on state roads last year, an increase of 3 percent from 2005. The number of fatal crashes - at 172 - increased 8 percent and was the highest in three years.

Roy Meyer, state highway safety director, said a high point in the report is a 3 percent reduction in the total number of traffic accidents last year, or a decline of more than 500.

"Despite the addition of nearly 5,500 licensed drivers to South Dakota roads in 2006, we're still making headway in our goal to reduce the number of vehicle crashes," he said. "However, there is still work to be done, especially in the areas of drunk driving and seat-belt use."

More than 11,000 motorists were arrested for drunken driving last year in South Dakota. That was an increase of 11 percent from 2005 and was the highest number of such arrests in at least 15 years.

Crash statistics by the numbers

Facts from the 2006 South Dakota Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Summary:

* **15,730 traffic crashes** for the year (All crashes resulting in injuries or deaths or at least $1,000 in property damage must be reported to police.)

* **6,015 injuries**

* **191 deaths,** including 7 pedestrians, 22 motorcyclists and one bicyclist (Only deaths that occur within 30 days of accidents are counted.)

* **$84 million** in property damage

* **11,282 drunken driving arrests;** 6,801 convictions

* 39 percent of fatal crashes involved alcohol; 38 percent of fatalities involved alcohol; 29 percent of drivers in fatal crashes were drinking

* Nearly half of those killed in alcohol-related crashes were 21-39 years old

* The peak three-hour period daily for fatal crashes was 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

* 53 percent of those killed in cars, vans, pickups and SUVs were either partially or totally ejected

* Teenage drivers accounted for 8 percent of all drivers but had 18.5 percent of all serious crashes

* Most holiday crashes occurred during the Thanksgiving weekend, followed by July Fourth

* 582,517 South Dakotans were licensed to drive

* 59 percent of all accidents involved male drivers, although the number of licensed drivers was equally split between males and females

* The state had 972,000 registered motor vehicles.



Pine Ridge Village private sector growing one business at a time

PINE RIDGE - Lloydell " Susie" Mesteth wanted to increase the services available in her Mi Case Mexican Restaurant in Pine Ridge Village. Susie wanted to renovate and upgrade her building and equipment. She knew that Lakota Funds had micro lending program for small businesses to access up to $5,000 on a fast track if they had good credit and a viable business.

She got together with David White Bull, a small business coach in the Wawokiye Business Institute at Lakota Funds, and soon had a completed application for presentation to the Loan Department. Tony Taylor, Loan Officer, wrote a favorable Credit Memorandum and forwarded it to the Loan Portfolio Manager, Eileen "Taffy" Lafferty. Taffy approved the request, gave it to the Executive Director, Dowell Caselli-Smith for approval and a check was cut.

Susie has had a lifetime dream of owning her own restaurant and providing high quality non-franchise meals to her family, friends, and neighbors.

Mi Casa serves great Mexican food at reasonable prices in a warm and inviting atmosphere. David White Bull says, "She opened up in May of this year putting every dime she had into her dream of running her own restaurant. When I drove through Pine Ridge I saw the new business and stopped in to see how things were going for her and if she needed any help. Ever since then we have helped her with the technical and financial assistance.

Her business has great potential to become a successful restaurant.

Her food is delicious and service is great--she also employees three workers."

Susie applied for a loan under the micro lending category that only requires a cash flow projection, credit score, some collateral, along with business and personal financial records and her personal guarantee to be reviewed by the loan staff and the Executive Director. With her Individual Development Account funds and her personal integrity and commitment, it was a slam dunk.

To find her restaurant just look across the street from the Pine Ridge Oil/Sinclair station.

Lakota language immersion class concludes at St. Joseph's

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

CHAMBERLAIN - Francis Whitebird is a Harvard-educated Vietnam Veteran who has the survival of the Lakota language foremost in his mind.

He said, "Lakota is going to be saved in the home and not the school." He coordinated a Lakota language immersion class at the St. Joseph's Indian School last week and though the class was not filled to capacity, he said that among the eleven enrolled students there was great diversity and an interesting range of those who were familiar with the Lakota language.

Whitebird has retired after many years in the higher education field and government service and is now content to work very hard at saving the Lakota language. He said, "Language has cultural values with it and we still have that. Lakota language is changing very quickly and if we do not stop it, it will change for good." As an example, Whitebird cited a couple of Lakota words, "wopila" and "doksa" which should not stand alone, but are used as such. Generally, they are combined with an adverb or verb to make a longer word set that has meaning.

Three other co-instructors for the immersion class, also from Rosebud, collaborated with Whitebird in preparing for the class two months earlier.

Sandra Black Bear, Philomene White Lance and Ben Black Bear are all highly regarded as Lakota language teachers and continue to share a vision of restoring the language and ensuring its survival.

Ben Black Bear noted that the experience was successful and that in their planning they used the University of Colorado language material. He said, "It is gradual and progressive material which builds upon itself. We studied the basic sound system, writing system, the basic structure of language and translation exercises. We also did substitution drills and basic grammatical structure. The material takes Lakota and analyzes the grammatical structure on its own merit…we accomplished what we planned to do, so we were successful."

The course was approved by the University of South Dakota for those who desired college credit and the syllabus served as a guide for the class.

The participants included a high school student, a nurse from Pine Ridge who is an ethnic German and a couple of Lakota language instructors from the Eagle Butte area.

Ben Black Bear has studied the orthography and a method of teaching Lakota since the 1970s as created by the University of Colorado. He was able to explain the linguistics behind the approach to his three colleagues and it formed the basis of their teaching in the immersion class which focused on teaching sentences rather than individual words.

Whitebird said that everyone in Lakota country needs to take a course in linguistics whether or not they have a understanding of Lakota as it provides a look at the form and theory behind word usage.

A related issue in using Lakota is that when someone makes a mistake in speaking Lakota, others may admonish the speaker. That does not occur when someone speaks incorrect English and Whitebird says that it should be applied both ways.

Having been funded by the Office of the Governor, a prepared report will be submitted to the Office of Indian Education detailing the immersion classes, while instructor evaluations have been submitted to the university.

The next step is to have a summer immersion class and bring teachers together with the express purpose of saving the language. Teachers can talk about successes and failures in teaching the Lakota language.

Royal River Casino investigates fireworks accident

FLANDREAU (AP) - A preliminary investigation into fireworks injuries Wednesday at a tribal casino near Flandreau indicates that a fireworks cylinder tipped over and then shot into the crowd.

Royal River Casino manager Tom Allen said it appears that a fireworks container exploded on the ground and knocked over two other cylinders - one of which shot into the crowd.

Authorities have refused repeated requests for more details, such as how many people were injured and how serious the injuries were.

Allen has said there were injuries and vehicle damage. Initial reports indicated one or two people were hurt.

The 17th annual fireworks show was being put on at the casino by Premier Pyrotechnics.

In a letter to the company, Allen said Premier Pyrotechnics was under contract to provide the fireworks. He asked Premier to do its own investigation into the accident and that the casino will forward its reports on the incident to the company.

"During our 17 years of operation, this is our first adverse incident," Allen wrote.

St. Francis Indian School injunction against RST is continued

ROSEBUD - When the Rosebud Sioux tribal council passed a resolution to suspend the charter of St. Francis Indian School recently, it installed a review board of local Sicangu whose primary task is to work with the SFIS board of education in arranging for a new election.

The new board would be expanded to seven members and would be open to all Rosebud Sioux tribal members only. The election is to be held at the same time as the RST primary election; however, the school filed an injunction in RST tribal court to halt the process.

RST vice-president, Wayne Boyd, in his report to the RST council that was carried live on KINI FM on July 11 said, "This has the potential to be a big thing if the court grants the injunction. They are bringing in some 'big guns.'" Both RST president Rodney M. Bordeaux and RST council representative, Mike Boltz of St. Francis said that the issue needed to be addressed in executive session at this point. Boltz said, "We need to go into executive session as there are potentially serious implications here."

The RST regular session was then taken off-air as the council voted to go into executive session. As the legal issue continues it is likely that the public will continue to be informed as to the school board election timeline.

KINI FM radio shortly thereafter, announced that Fr. John Hatcher would be addressing the RST council on Thursday, July 12 on his plans for 'evangelization' of the Rosebud reservation.

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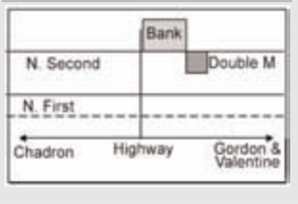


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Guest Column

Looking ahead

Dr. Jim Wilson
Guest Column


By Dr. Jim Wilson

It was a magnificent and memorable day and my mind was focused like a powerful telescope. The large gathering of the 2007 Pine Ridge High School graduation ceremonies at the school's beautiful stadium was also focused on sending nearly 100 graduates out into the world.

Every May the Oglala Sioux Tribe sends several hundred tribal members from Pine Ridge, Red Cloud, Little Wound, Crazy Horse and Martin High Schools out into the world with high school diplomas. At each ceremony the rituals are similar. While there is some talk of the future, much praise is for the accomplishments of those golden high school years.

Graduates go forth eagerly anticipating a future free from the daily grind of getting up, going to school, doing classroom work, turning in homework and generally maintaining a positive participation as a member of the student body. I sensed a series of collective sighs that an end had been reached. The grads sighed. The parents sighed. And the officials sighed.

For the past month I have been thinking about what we are doing through this process called education and searching for patterns to our collective and individual behaviors. For the would-be Social Scientist the first step in assessing any situation is defining the current situation and then comparing it to "the norm." We are never short of information on ourselves as we are living laboratory specimens providing for endless studies. As a matter of fact we are overwhelmed with information (data). It is not a matter of gathering, but of sorting what we have.

Some basic information: Average Oglala Sioux Tribe household size: 4.18 vs. 2.5 for South Dakota, average age of 26.8 vs. 35.4 for the state, 31.3 percent of the OST population could be classified as having a health disability compared to 30.0 percent for the United States, but when alcoholism is added the OST disability figure dramatically rises to 56.7 percent. OST unemployment of: 65-70 percent vs. 3-4 percent for South Dakota, 5-6 percent of OST members will earn BS degrees vs. 26 percent for the state. From 200 freshmen, 100 have survived and maybe some day 10-12 will finish college.

These figures give us a pretty bleak picture and highlight that our recent graduates might also be called "survivors." Of those near-100 survivors, all are deemed college-ready and almost none are work-ready.

The Number One reason for this situation is complicated but can be explained. A fairly well-fixed relationship which people like and want to keep is called a paradigm.

There is a serious disconnect between the three parties to our education paradigm; the students, the parents and the educators. The principal disconnect is between the parents and the educators. The main reason for this disconnect is that the educators have been singing the wrong song! They are singing *We Are A Tough Bunch and You Have To Beat Us To Graduate*. They sing that song because it is the only song the policy making-money controlling politicians know. The kids are resisting and rebelling and the parents are supporting their kids because no parent wants their kids to suffer.

Students and parents tend to see only futility in fully committing to full participation in school. However, unemployment figures tell us *the law of unintended consequences is at work*: dropping from school to avoid a short-time school pain leads to a lifetime of economic pain.

Clearly, we need to make a paradigm shift. We need to teach our kids, parents and educators a new song. I suggest the title be: *Let Us All work Together To Make Each Person Productive According to Individual Abilities and Needs.* We have talked about Individual Education Plans for years, but I don't see them being utilized where the three parties develop them, evaluate them and modify them as needed to help the students move ahead with eagerness and positive anticipation of success. The theory of IEDs is to help every individual find an appropriate place in our society. A successful IED will help the high school grad make a seamless progression from student to productive adult.

Parents and educators need to demand and develop an overlap of academic and vocational options beginning at the start of the high school junior year. The college-bound students will start taking college foundation courses and the vocation-bound students begin to develop small business management knowledge and trade skills by which they will can/will make a living (anywhere).

The **Second Reason** for this situation is that our leaders (elected and appointed) have been failing to work at selling the advantages (and needs) of individuals being positive contributors to the welfare of the family, community, state and nation. Everybody in the community must understand that getting educated and/or trained is economic development at the individual level and is an individual's responsibility. Preparing for self-support is honoring self, family and tribe.

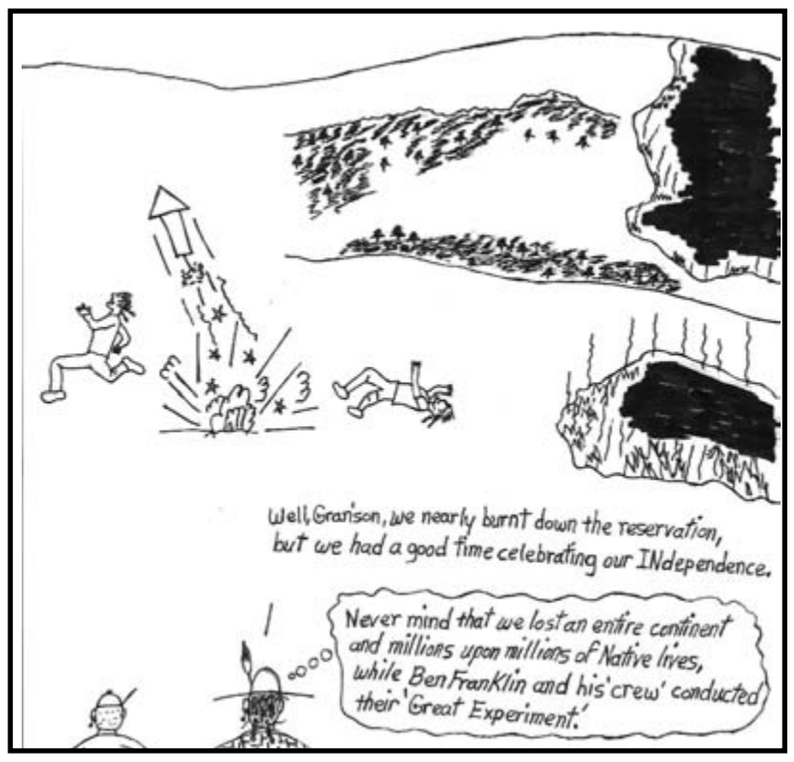
Our **Third Reason** is that we have no coherent community roadmap for economic development. Forget manufacturing, assembly and internet technology; take housing, for instance.

At the moment everybody is pushing, shoving and shouting about housing. Ellsworth housing, Katrina trailers, Partnership For Housing homes, VA and Bank financing, and dozens of burned-out and boarded-up houses but no OST Housing Authority Executive Director!

Where are the training programs for carpenters, plumbers, masons, electricians or for ongoing maintenance, repair, remodeling? Where are the small businessmen who will operate their own businesses to provide home-owner services?

Where are the Lakota Fund and the Hub Zone folks? Why is there no Real Estate market on the Rez through which individual tribal members can buy, sell or trade real property? Where is my tribal government?

That's it for now as I have to run; too much on my agenda for the near future. I saw in the July 7 *Rapid City Journal* that there is a new list of The Seven Wonders of The World. I will be visiting three of them: the OST Casino this month, the OST Pow-Wow in August and the Yellowstone River (the longest undammed river in the US) in September. *Docjims@ail.com*.



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Other Views

Our communities need a fireworks ordinance and to be enforced

Dear Editor:

The weekend is over and I'm in such gratitude to the Great Mystery that my relatives and we did not lose our homes this weekend. It felt so close.

We are told that some people on the reservation lost their homes but we have not been able to get the news on that reality. We heard it was much worse in Kyle. I don't know. I know for us in Calico Community, Slim Buttes, #4, to Oglala it was pretty scary Saturday night and some of Sunday. Saturday afternoon we saw a big, billowing smoke fire from the direction of Slim Butts. It looked like a trailer had caught fire but by 9 p.m. that evening, they had closed Hwy. 18 from Red Cloud Schools to Lakeside in Oglala.

All you could see was 180 degrees ring of fire. As we were driving the back roads to check on our house, we ran into friends and relatives that had been asked to leave their homes.

Needless to say, we started praying for the wind to turn as we were told that it had jumped Hwy. 18 in the #4 area going to a high population area. We were blessed that the wind did turn west towards Chadron and they were able to put that fire out.

We would turn on KILI hoping to hear some information and guidance, as we needed help on what to do. It was madening to only hear life going on as usual as we and so many were in such crisis. To be fair we didn't listen to it all the time so they may have been giving us some direction and help but we didn't hear any. Thank goodness my grandson had a police/fire scanner so we could at least get some information. By 3:00 am my niece across the road was told they needed to evacuate; which she didn't as she was watering the back lawn trying to save her home. Thank goodness the fire didn't get that far. The police went to house to house to make sure the people were safe. They were wonderful.

I'm writing this for two reasons. One, when our community is in crisis it would help so much we had a system in place for public safety to communicate with KILI to communicate with us to save lives and property.

The police and our firemen were my heroes that night. Much gratitude and prayers go out to them! Thank you so much for all your hard work! You saved so many homes that night and lives.

The other reason I am writing this article is that we need to put an ordinance into affect that when the earth is so dry, fireworks should not be able to be sold.

This should be decided by the fire department.

This is being responsible adults. So much destruction was done this year due just to this one factor.

Everyone loves fireworks but sometimes when the conditions aren't safe, they only should be able to be done by professionals not every other child on the reservation. Please let this be a wake up call to make a law to this affect.

I thank you for your time and anything you can do to help with these two problems.

Cindy Catches
Calico Community
Pine Ridge, S.D.

Election codes needs to cover more

Hau Editor,

With the elections upon us once again, I have to say that I am disappointed with the lack of leadership. I think tribal council last week is being blamed in other local papers. Although tribal council is partly at fault for doing nothing but give themselves raises, per diem, local mileage, etc., the direction the tribe takes is up to the president. With the due process violations by the past election board members and the many, many problems associated with our election process, it's typical that no positive changes have been made, let alone address the issues. I filed my complaint against those election board members for violating my due process rights (like we really have rights) and requested that the governmental affairs committee hold a meeting or allow tribal council to address our concerns. I submitted a proposed amendment concerning "Nepotism/Conflict of Interest" clause that other tribal governments had approved because of the problems or perception of problems associated with having multiple family members sitting in positions of power. I believe that our election code needs to cover the election of boards, committees and commissions as other prosperous tribes have figured out. As you can see with this administration, putting the same faces back in charge through boards, committees and commission does not work to benefit the people, but it sure benefits each other. In closing, I wanted to thank those shareholders and tribal members that attended the Tribal Land Enterprise shareholders meeting to oppose the illegal Zibell land purchase.

Todd C. Fast Horse
Rosebud, S.D.

A thank you for the elder's wacipi

Dear Editor:

The staff of the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Health Education Program offers thanks and gratitude to the elders of the Pine Ridge Reservation and the following people for supporting the 4th Annual Elders' Health Fair and Pow-Wow, which was held in the Number Four Community of the Wakpamni District on July 22.

Fern Apple, Director of Meals for the Elderly and her hardworking staff; Arlene Iron Cloud and Elaine Yellow Horse; Kendra Lone Elk, Tammy Starr, and the I.H.S. Public Health Nurses; Sylvia Tobacco; Stevie Slow Bear; Dr. Mark Butterbrodt; Robert Running Bear, Director of Energy; Marilyn and the CHR Program; Bobette Tobacco and Sawee Frank, I.H.S. Diabetes Prevention; Lisa Dillon and Health Administration; Henry Brown and LTLI; Cheryl Whistler and the Treasurer's Office; Jerrod Gallego, Summer Youth;

The drum groups Hehaka, Road House, Crazy Horse, White River Crossing; NDN Express.

And the dancers, especially the families of Saige Pourier, Wahpe To Win, Tasina Hocoka Win; Wade Broken Rope, Clinton Apple, and the many others who participated; family of Diane Kelly.

We were honored to be in the presence of the elders who participated in this year's dedication of the shade in memory of Nellie Two Bulls who shared her voice with us each of the previous years.

Thank you,
Mary Tobacco
Oglala Sioux Tribe Health Education
Pine Ridge, S.D.

A Lakota Perspective

Understanding copyright laws



By Lydia Whirlwind Soldier

Many years ago, actually about 40 years ago while living in Maryland I came across and bought two small silkscreen reproductions by a Zuni artist at a Flea Market. I kept the reproductions when I moved to California and then I brought them home to Rosebud. I hadn't taken very good care of them and even thought of tossing them out; instead I put them in my storage shed.

One day as I was cleaning my shed and getting rid of things I would never use again I came across the reproductions. I looked on the back and found a bio on the artist, which I looked up on the Internet. The artist is now deceased but has many very valuable paintings exhibited in art galleries across the southwest. Each numbered reproduction from his original painting sells for no less than $350. This price is at the low end of the small silkscreen reproductions that I have. His paintings now sell for thousands. I found that wasicu owns the copyright to this artist's paintings and prints made from the paintings. Granted I don't know how copyrights to this artist's work were obtained but I do know that we as Native people are uninformed when it comes to copyright laws.

Upon finding this information on the Zuni artist I was motivated to research copyright laws.

I found that copyrights for creative works do not have to be declared, as they are automatically in force at creation. However, it is suggested that the symbol for copyright is used. That symbol is a C within a circle or (C) with a date and the name of the artist or may be simply written "Copyright [dates] by [author/owner]. I hesitated to apply for copyright on my own writings because I was not familiar with copyright laws. I thought it was a long drawn out process and I didn't want to be bothered.

A copyright is generally subject to a statutorily determined period. Once that period expires the copyrighted works become public domain. When copyrighted works become public domain they may be freely used or exploited by anyone who applies for copyright. Books and other works published before 1923 have expired copyrights and are in public domain. Copyrighted works published before 1964 must be renewed 28 years after the first publication or it will become public domain. (Wikipedia) This is only a simple overview of the very extensive copyright laws.

It is common practice for people who I call 'parasites' to apply for expired copyrights. Once the 'parasites' obtain copyright on work done by others, it belongs to them to do with as they please. In this capitalistic society 'parasites' assume copyrights to writings and other creative works that will be marketable moneymakers for them in the future and it is viewed as completely legal.

How many Natives have lost copyrights, earnings and property to the parasites? Can tribal sovereignty protect us from those anxiously waiting and wanting to take our copyrights? That would be an interesting research project for someone working on a doctorial thesis. Such a study would expose the parasites who have not worked for the wealth coming from the theft of works done by others.

Needless to say, I appreciate the small reproductions that I owned. I had them professionally framed and gave them as a gift. My experience with the Zuni paintings made me more aware and only skims the surface of many thefts committed against Native people. It appears our emotions and even our thoughts that we use in the creative process are up for grabs for anyone wishing to take advantage of the copyright laws if we are not ever vigilant.

Finding My Voice

How do we better ourselves and get rid of those statistics



Dana Badmilk

I recently came across an article on the internet written by Stephanie M. Schwartz a freelance write. The article was posted on the nativevillage.org website. It was called The Arrogance of Innocence.

This article describes in detail the conditions of the Pine Ridge Reservation. Some of the things I knew, I mean all you have to do is look around you and you know. Some of the facts and figures I did not know and was shocked to see them.

The author the article pleads that "it is not a plea for charity."

But to anyone reading it, I think that is exactly what you get - charity. The numbers in the report are eye-opening to many people who live in high mortgaged houses with central air, people who mow their lawns on Saturday, and have huge family dinners on Sunday.

These are statistics many of us here on the resevration live with day in and day out. If we read through the statistics, we all probably know at least one person in every aspect of the report.

We all know someone with diabetes, or someone who lives in substandard housing, or someone who dropped out of school, etc. The list goes on and on.

I know people come here during the summer to "help." That is all good and everything that they can always remember the year they came to "help the Indians." But it makes me wonder how much it really helps to have handouts and stuff done for you. Does it really help when the help is almost expected?

What if we stood up and said "We can't live like this anymore. We can't have diabetes and alcoholism destroying us. We won't live in substandard housing. We won't take this unemployment rate."

How do we demand a better life and get it?

My dad once told me "They confined us to a reservation and treat us bad. No other country treats their own people so bad. They do this to us to keep us poor and make us beg. To forget we were once so proud, but that pride in us never goes away. No matter how bad things might be, Lakota's always have their pride."

Which takes me back to the question I keep asking myself "How do we demand a better life for the people." (Without sounding like a politician.)

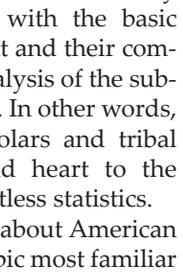
All I did was write about it. My uncle once told me, "Writing about something and doing it are two different things."

I know this. So I want to know, "How do we better ourselves and get rid of these dang statistics?" If you read from the lakotacountrytimes.com website, I would appreciate some feedback.

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Notes From Indian Country

'State of the Native Nations' according to Harvard



By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji)

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Founded by Professor Stephen Cornell and Professor Joseph P. Kalt at Harvard University in 1987, The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development has taken a wide range of its research, with comments from prominent members of the Indian community, and published a book titled, "The State of the Native Nations."

About the book Gregory Cajete, Associate Professor and Director of the Native American Studies Program at the University of New Mexico writes on the back cover, "The State of the Native Nations fills a void that currently exists for easily accessible, self-contained reflective research related to building Native Nations. It will certainly be a sought after course reader within Native programs throughout the U. S. and Canada."

I always get a little concerned when I read such proclamations. For one, I always approach any book attempting to establish boundaries on Native American activities, then and now, with extreme trepidation. It is a very complex issue and one that remains a dark hole to most Americans.

On many of the topics ranging from tribal government to education, comments by Indian individuals familiar with the basic topics are relevant and cogent and their comments bring the academic analysis of the subject matter to a personal level. In other words, these individual Indian scholars and tribal members bring feelings and heart to the world of hard and often heartless statistics.

When reviewing any book about American Indians, I always go to the topic most familiar to me, and in this book that topic is listed under "Media." Having spent the last 30 plus years as an active member of the Indian media, I have experienced many of its ups and downs and have been a part of its national growth.

This chapter of the book was a disappointment to me. On so many topics in the book the authors were able to find Native Americans writers familiar with such wide-ranging topics from tribal - federal government relations, to culture. And yet when dealing with a topic like the media, a field filled with Native American journalists of every stripe, no Native journalist was called upon to write about a subject I find most vital to the continued economic development in Indian country.

The anonymous person chosen to write the chapter on "Media" knew very little about the subject matter. For example the book declares, "In 1984 a group of Native American journalists at Pennsylvania State University created the Native America Press Association." Not true. The Native American Press Association, later to become the Native American Journalists Association, was created on the Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma in 1984. In reading the book's assumption, one wonders if there was a group of Native American students at Penn State that created the NAPA. Well, the truth of the matter is that Professor Bill Dulaney, a journalism professor at Penn State, Adrian Louis, my managing editor at the Lakota Times, and I, wrote and received a grant from the Gannett Foundation to finance an "organizational meeting" at Penn State, and we summoned by letter and phone as many Native journalists as we could find and this first meeting would confirm that we did need such an organization and would lead to the Choctaw Nation meeting where NAPA (now NAJA) was formed and named. Once again, Mr. Louis, Professor Dulaney and I raised the funds through the Gannett Foundation to hold the meeting on the Choctaw Nation.

As the editor and publisher of the former *Lakota Times*, I was elected as the first president of the new organization, Anita Austin of the Native American Rights Fund as treasurer, Mary Polanco, editor of the Jicarilla Chieftain as secretary and Loren Tapahe, publisher of the Navajo Times as vice president.

Another error in the "Media" chapter states that my car was firebombed because I published articles that "apparently displeased the tribal members." No, it was not my car that was firebombed, but it was my newspaper office that was firebombed. And it was firebombed because I wrote an editorial that was critical of the American Indian Movement. At a meeting in Denver in later years it was confirmed to me by a high ranking member of AIM that yes, it was AIM that ordered the bombing of my newspaper office.

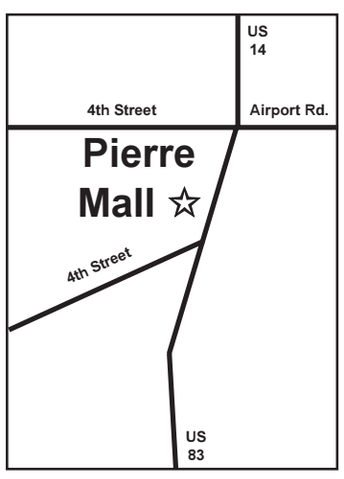
But despite these errors of omission and commission The State of the Native Nations is a comprehensive and educational book for any person deeply interested in learning about the ins and outs of Indian country. I highly recommend it especially for the contributions by essayists like Marge Anderson, former Chief Executive of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, the Honorable Robert Yazzie, Chief Justice Emeritus of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, Sherry Salway Black, former board member of the First Nation Development Institute and Yvette Roubideaux, Assistant Professor, College of Medicine, University of Arizona.

But if Professor Cornell and Kalt write any more books about Indians, especially one that concerns the Native American media, I hope they search out and find a Native American journalist to write that chapter. Maybe then they will get it right because, after all, if there are glaring errors in one chapter, how many exist in others?

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Cantrell wins NABC title bout

TACOMA, Wash. - On June 23, the Native American Boxing Council had the first light heavy weight championship bout, in Tacoma at the Emerald Queen Casino. This was the first time in history that two natives fought for a professional title belt.

The Native American Boxing Council has taken off to a great start with native pro fighters through out the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Criteria includes being a member of a recognized tribe.

The NABC falls under the umbrella of World Boxing Council and the National American Boxing Federation. The NABC Committee consists of President Gerald Wofford, members Lou Duva of New York, Larry Gruonds of Oklahoma, Darrel John of Utah and Chissie Spencer of Manderson, S.D.

Spencer had the honor of presenting the championship title belt in Tacoma on television. The champion Roger Cantrell from Fort Peck, Mont, with a record of 12-0 defeated John Corn, Jr. from Menominee Reservation in Wisconsin with a record of 49-14. Cantrell was the winner by stopping Corn in the fourth round.

The next fight will take place in Oklahoma, where Josh Steele of Manderson and Emerson Chasing Bear will both make their pro debut.



Chisse Spencer, a board member of the Native American Boxing Council, presents Roger Cantrell with the championship belt.

Clifford receives $1,000 Coca Cola scholarship

KYLE - Thelma Clifford, a student at Oglala Lakota College has been awarded a $1,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

Through the Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program, the Foundation awards a total of 400 scholarships annually to students attending higher-education institutions granting two-year degrees. In April, one scholar from each state received a $2,000 scholarship from Coca-Cola through the New Century Scholar Program of the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa, the two-year college scholastic honorary organization.

The Coca-Cola Two Year Colleges Scholarship Program is made possible with funding from the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation.

The Whitehead Foundation provides grants in support of human services initiatives.

The late Joseph B. Whitehead was one of the original bottlers of Coca-Cola.

OLC's Lakota summer artist series schedule

KYLE - Oglala Lakota College opened the Oglala Lakota Summer Artist Series on June 11 and since then 12 Oglala Lakota artists will be featured throughout the summer at OLC's Historical Center at their Piya Wiconi. The center is located on campus six miles southwest of Kyle.

The series promotes public awareness of the arts of the Oglala Lakota people of the Pine Ridge and the surrounding area, and educates our own people and the people of other cultures and places to the richness and the importance of the arts to the Lakota culture and traditions.

The following is the schedule for the artist series:

July 9-14 Donald Montileaux - color pencil

July 16-21, Sam Two Bulls - mixed media

July 23-28, Diane Comes - beadwork

July 30-Aug. 4, Genevieve Bluebird - acrylics

August 6-11, Tilda St. Pierre - beadwork

August 13-18, Fred Menard - quill/beadwork

August 20-25, Stephanie Sorbel - beadwork

August 27-Sept. 1, Daniel Long Soldier - acrylics

September 3-8, Echo Red Bear - quill/beadwork

The Oglala Lakota Summer Artist Series coincides with the June 2007 opening of the Oglala Lakota College Historical Center. The center contains a prominent display of art and photographs that chronicle the history of the Oglala Lakota from the early 1800's to the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890. An audiotape of this history provides greater meaning to the displays.

"We are into our fourth year with the June opening of the Historical Center and the Artist Series and we are extremely pleased with the amount of visitors, and the response to the exhibits." said President Thomas Shortbull. He adds, "We feel we are accomplishing our goal of educating people on the deep history of the Oglala Lakota through the audiotape and the photos as well as the expression of the history through the art exhibited by local artists."

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Area rodeo champs honored

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor



Back row (L-R): Jesse Wilson, Lacy Curr, Shiloh Amiotte, Justin Meeks, Grady Brunsh.
Front row (L-R): Jeremy Meeks, Rollie Wilson, Joe Wilson, Chad Brunsh.

KYLE - A host of local Oglala Lakota cowboys and cowgirls were honored during a "Cowboy Celebration" held at the Little Wound School gymnasium on June 27. The emcee for the evening was Charles Brewer and entertainment was provided by Walt Hernandez and the Dakota Outlaw Band of Mission.

The honorees hailed from a number of well-known rodeo families, in addition to some who have distinguished themselves over time with their outstanding accomplishments. The list of those who received certificates of appreciation and honoring included Shiloh Amiotte, Joe Wilson, Jesse Wilson, Rollie Wilson, Luke Meeks, Jeremy Meeks, Grady Brunsch, Chad Brunsch, Lacey Curr and Justin Meeks.

Joe Wilson is a INFR bareback qualifier and a 2005 National Little Britches Rodeo Association world championship all around cowboy and also worked a stunt double for John Travolta in the movie Wild Hogs and was in the movie Comanche Moon.

Jesse Wilson is currently rank 30th in the PRCA Saddle Bronc standings. three time INFR qualifier and 2001-02 National Little Britches Saddle Bronc champion.

Rollie Wilson is four time INFR qualifier in bareback and saddle bronc and has a listing of many titles he holds.

Luke Meeks also holds many titles among 2003 PRCA tophand Badlands Cowboy and 2003 PRCA Badlands Circuit Champion Bullrider.

Jeremy Meeks is the 1998 National High School Saddle Bronc championship and Grady Brunsch is well known bare back champion.

Lacey Curr begin her rodeo career since she was three years old and has a championship career up to her current qualifying for the college finals in the Great Plains Region.

Justin Meeks is considered one of the best Oglala Lakota bullfighters around and recently retired from bull riding. He also served in the United States Air Force during Desert Storm.

Rueben "Boyd" Clifford of Montana and formerly of Kyle was honored as an Indian National Finals Rodeo bareback champion and his family was present to receive his award. Legendary Oglala Lakota champion, Howard Hunter was also honored in addition to Dallas Louden who was a breakaway calf roper.

Wayne Witt, Jr, the 2004 Great Plains Rodeo Association bull riding champion was also recognized.

Ruth Brown of Wanblee worked for three weeks to coordinate the honoring and wanted to ensure that local cowboys and cowgirls are recognized as is done in other sports. Those who were honored received a star quilt, an OST tribal flag in addition to a certificate. Brown had coordinated similar honors of rodeo cowboys and cowgirls in the past years.

There were a lot of people in attendance for the celebration and the place was decked out very nice, as were the cakes. Many of the young people are positive role models for the younger generation as some are also college graduates. Brown said, "I hope to see Kyle put up a sign that notes that it is the Home of Rodeo champions. We are very proud of Shiloh Amiotte. Amiotte is currently leading the Indian National Finals Rodeo tour and is the 2007 and 2006 go-round winner in INFR in bareback riding."

Brown also said, "Thank you to Little Wound School for allowing this activity to honor our cowboys and cowgirls. Thank you also to Sylvia Brown, Jane Wilcox, and Dana Brown for making the quilts. Thank you also to Illa Dillon for helping me along with Connie Ruff and Nanette Kills In Water for helping with the set up. Also, Marguerite Heathershaw who embroidered the quilts and Terri Blue and her staff at Anpetu Luta for sponsoring this activity."

Animals rights group calls for investigation of Local Pride

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - An animal-rights group has called for a state investigation into a Gordon meatpacking plant it claims mistreats animals during the slaughtering process.

In a complaint filed Monday with the Sheridan County Attorney, the group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said Local Pride LLC allows animals to remain conscious for up to two minutes after their throats are cut during the kosher slaughtering process, among other things.

PETA vice president Bruce Friedrich called the practice illegal and cruel.

Local Pride opened in June 2006 under an agreement between the Sholom Rubashkin family of New York and the Oglala Lakota Tribe's empowerment zone.

The Rubashkins also own the world's largest kosher plant, Agriprocessors in Postville, Iowa, which was scrutinized last year by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for cruelty to animals. The investigation came after Agriprocessor's slaughtering methods were criticized by PETA as cruel and inhumane.

The U.S. attorney's office in Cedar Rapids did not file charges in that case.

PETA said in its latest complaint that an undercover investigation of Local Pride was carried out in May as follow-up to its claims against Agriprocessor.

The alleged violations of state, federal and kosher laws cited in the complaint include: the animals are allowed to writhe in pain for up to two minutes after their throats are cut; and staff tear the animals' necks with a meat hook and cut tags from their ears while they are still conscious.

``The intentional infliction of cruelty at Agriprocessors' Gordon, Nebraska, facility is ... part of a continued pattern of disregard for the welfare of animals _ and the cruelty-to-animal statutes _ in the locales where Agriprocessors operates,'' PETA said in the complaint.

A video of the alleged mistreatment at Local Pride was posted Monday on PETA's Web site, www.goveg.com.

A message left for Rubashkin at his Iowa office was not immediately returned Monday.

According to PETA, a similar complaint filed June 29 with the USDA has prompted a federal probe of Local Pride.

USDA spokeswoman Amanda Eamich on Monday confirmed that a specialist was sent to the plant to observe the slaughtering process, but said no violations of the federal Humane Methods of Slaughter Act were found.

When Local Pride opened last year, the company employed nearly 100 plant employees and slaughtered about 110 cattle per week.

A plant manager contacted Monday would not release updated figures and referred all questions to Rubashkin.

Sicangu attorney Ramon Roubideaux dies at 82

Tucson, Ariz. - Ramon Roubideaux, well-known attorney to many Lakota people died on Tuesday. He was enrolled in the Rosebud Sioux tribe and left a legacy in the legal profession having represented many Native groups over his career including that of a negotiator during the occupation of Wounded Knee.

He retired in 2002 and moved to Tucson, Ariz. where he lived with his wife and daughter. His career included having served as assistant Attorney General, a city attorney and a states attorney for seven consecutive terms. He was apparently the first Lakota attorney to enter into private practice in the state of South Dakota and worked in the Rapid City area.

At 82 years old, Roubideaux served a lifetime as a role model for many Native lawyers and students and the legacy he built will live on, according to his family.

Fort Laramie celebration

FORT LARAMIE, WYO. - On Saturday, July 14, the family of Sinte Gleska (Spotted Tail) invites the public to witness a traditional Lakota Hunka ceremony as they adopt relatives of the Henry Maynadier family into the Spotted Tail family. Events are open to the public and will be held in the picnic area.

Community Calendar

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Rez Happenings

Native American Christian Camp meeting
Thursday-Sunday, July 12-15 at Flag Mountain Camp near Hill City in the Black Hills, for information call Deb Claymore at 605 295-2034 or 970 214-9666.

Tent Revival
Friday-Sunday, July 13-15 in Allen by the CAP Office, for more information call 441-0410 or 455-1035.

Antelope Traditional Wacipi
July 13-15 at the Bill Menard Memorial Arena in Antelope on the Rosebud, for information call Grace at 208-4072, Mikey Garneaux at 208-6503 or Tate at 208-0871.

Co-ed Softball tourney
July 13-15 at the Oglala ball field during Oglala Fair, for information contact Xaviera at 441-1739, sponsored by Oyate Blihelya program, Diabetes Prevention program.

Peace is like a River 2
A gathering of actors, activists, artists, poets and musicians on tribal sovereignty, protection of sacred spaces, respect for the environment and preservation of Native cultures and languages with a poetry slam competition with cash prizes, Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 13-15 at Kiza Park north of Manderson on Pine Ridge Reservation.

Memorial Dinner and Horse Ride
The family of Daryl Blaine Little invite family and friends to a memorial dinner and horse ride on Saturday, July 14 with riders meeting at Badlands lookout point at 1 p.m. and riding to the Dave Little residence 14 miles south of Red Shirt Village with the dinner at 3 p.m., for information call 441-0922 or 441-4764.

Memorial Boxing Smoker
Geri Jane Plenty Arrows Memorial Boxing Smoker, Saturday, July 14 in Oglala with weigh-ins at 10 a.m., physicals at 1 p.m. and boxing at 5 p.m., for information call Mar or Val at 867-2664.

Memorial Race
Sunday, July 15 in memory of Nicholas Blacksmith and Casey Belt with race at 7 p.m. sharp on Sauser Road, for information call Beverly at 441-2574 or 454-2774.

Mid-Summer Dance
Friday, July 20 at the Medicine Root District CAP Office in Kyle, 9 p.m.-12 midnight, music provided by DJ Spinnerz, concessions to be sold, for information call Trevor Iron Cloud at 454-8037 or 308-862-6995.

Pass Creek Pow wow
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 20-22 in Allen with grand entries set for Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 1p.m. and 7 p.m., for information call 455-2540 or 441-5477.

Tony's Summerfest 2007
A 12 team Co-ed double E Softball tourney, July 20-22 in Martin at Brooks Memorial Park with a horseshoe tourney at 12 noon on July 21, for information call Tony at 685-1301 or 441-2344.

Kicking Bear Wacipi
Thursday-Sunday, July 26-29 in Manderson at Crazy Horse Park.

Eagle Nest District Celebration
Thursday-Sunday, July 26-29 in Wanblee with a carnival starting on Thursday, grand entry set for Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1.p.m., all drums will be paid daily and namings, honorings and memorials will be held and three meals served daily, for information call Elroy at 462-6644.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye pow wow
First Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye pow wow of the year, Thursday, August 2 during the Oglala Nation Fair, Rodeo, pow wow and dance contest.

Annual Oglala Nation Fair
Thursday-Sunday, August 2-5 in Pine Ridge with pow wow and dance contest, parade, rodeo, softball and baseball tournaments, golf tourney.

Volleyball Jamboree
Friday, August 17 at 9 a.m. at Red Cloud School for those who would like to learn more about volleyball or become an official, call Jen Schaer at 867-5491, ext. 506.

Men's Fastpitch Tourney
Porcupine Labor Day Men's Fastpitch Softball Tournament, 12 team, double Elimination, August 31-Sept. 3 at Porcupine School ballfield, for information call Elgin 441-2521, Alsie 288-0097 or Dasey 867-5446.

Lola R. Swallow-Lofton, infant,.....Martin
Vern Standing Soldier III,infant..Wanblee
Philomena Frogg, 72.....Porcupine
Gerry Eagle Bear, 46.....Clay City, Ky.

Lola R. Swallow-Lofton

MARTIN - Lola R. Swallow-Lofton, infant, Martin, was stillborn July 7 at Pine Ridge Hospital.

Survivors include her parents, Robert Lofton Jr. and Kelrina Swallow, Martin; one brother, Malcolm Lofton, Rapid City; two sisters, Chanel Lofton, Rapid City and Roberta Lofton, Martin; and grandparents, Sabrina Escamilla, Martin, Timothy Swallow, Boston, and Samuel and Marie Jenkins, Rapid City.

A one-night wake was July 10 at Porcupine CAP Office in Porcupine. Funeral services were Wednesday, July 11, at Porcupine CAP Office, with the Rev. Jeff Ciscoe officiating with traditional Lakota services by Dave Swallow.

Burial will be at Swallow Family Cemetery in Porcupine. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Vern J. Standing Soldier III

WANBLEE - Vern J. Standing Soldier III, infant, died June 29 at Rapid City.

He is survived by his parents Vern Standing Soldier, Jr. and Kehunna Poitra both of Wanblee; sister Kyra Poitra-Standing Soldier of Wanblee; maternal grandmother: Florine Chipps of Wanblee; paternal grandparents Vern Sr. and Tina Standing Soldier

A one night wake was July 3 at the Wanblee CAP office, Wanblee with funeral services on July 4 at the Wanbee CAP Office.

Officiating was Deacon Gerald Bush with burial at St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery, Wanblee.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Philomena Frogg

PORCUPINE - Philomena Frogg, 72, died July 4 in Rapid City.

Survivors include three sons, Marty Frogg Jr., Porcupine, Michael Frogg, Rapid City and Gaylord Frogg; four daughters, Denise Kills Back and Walleen Frogg, both of Porcupine, and Catherine Keeton, Anchorage, Alaska and Louise Frogg of Rapdi City; one brother, Vernon Jealous of Him, Porcupine; three sisters, Brenda Iron Boy and Velma Kills Back, both of Porcupine, and Phyllis Kills Small, Sioux Falls; 20 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one great-great-grandchild.

A one-night wake was Monday, July 9, at Christ the King Catholic Hall in Porcupine.

Funeral services were Tuesday, July 10, at Christ the King Catholic Hall in Porcupine with the Rev. Craig West officiating.

Burial was at St. Albin's Episcopal Cemetery in Porcupine. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Gerry Eagle Bear

CLAY CITY, Ky. - Gerry Eagle Bear, 46, Clay City, died Thursday, June 28 in Lexington. Survivors include his wife, Mila Eagle Bear, Clay City, and one sister, Virginia Bear Shirt, Porcupine.

Wake services started July 7, at the Porcupine CAP office.

Funeral services were Monday, July 9, at the Porcupine CAP office, with the Rev. Pedro Sharpfish and the Rev. Abraham Tobacco officiating.

Burial was at First Body of Christ Church Cemetery in Porcupine. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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9. **Garden Contest**

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Special Events Committee will be accepting sealed bid(s) for a period of 15 working day.

Sealed bid(s) should be submitted with in a sealed envelope clearly marked **#07-053** on the front of the envelope. Failure to mark envelope will result in a no bid(s) and will be mailed back to sender. Rosebud Sioux Tribe will not accept e-mail, fax and or telephone bids(s).

Sealed Bids will be accepted until July 13th 2007 at 5:00 pm. All Bid(s) will be publicly opened on July 16th 2007 at 2:00 pm at the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Treasure's Office.

Sealed Bids will be mailed to the following address: Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Treasurers Office, Attn: Mary Greaves, RST Treasurers, PO B ox 430, 11 Legion Avenue, Rosebud, SD 57570.

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Dear Anna,

I have a couple of questions for you. First, do you see me having another baby? I have been patiently waiting for another baby, but it hasn't happened yet and I am getting a little discouraged about it.

Do you see anything wrong? Next, do you see me and my spouse together for a long time? He has been pressuring me into marriage and I don't want to get married, but he keeps asking. I just want to know, if we do get married, will it last? Will it be worth it?

Question

Dear Question:

Yes, I do see two children, first a girl, then a boy. Just wait a while. Pregnancy is probably this spring.

If you have doubts about marrying this man then don't. I see, however that you will probably change your mind within a couple of years.

Waiting is very smart, because you will know him better and know that the choice is a good one. Make sure that he is a tolerant, sane, loving man without addictions to drugs and/or alcohol. If he is still drinking when you marry him the relationship will not work. If he is clean and sober and so are you it will work very well.

You have a choice which reality you chose to live in. Live in the one where you can have a good marriage and good life. You create your own future through today's choices. Nothing is written in stone so the future for you is open and based on your own decisions.

Live in a good way and you will have a good life.

Dear Anna,

I have a few questions and would like your input. I keep praying about these two but don't really have the answers. First, I went to a medicine man about three years ago and he told me that someone is doing something to me, he removed it, (which I can't say what he removed and how) but I did see it.

He also said that they would do it again, which they did, so I went back to again and got it removed. I kind of knew a long time before I went to see him that something was going on, he just confirmed it. He also said they would know as soon as it was removed. Anna, why do people do things like this? He said he couldn't tell me who because he didn't know.

How can I get rid of this? Why won't they leave me alone, I don't have a clue who it would be I don't want to hurt anyone. Second, I have been with this person for a couple of years and I am getting more attached and really caring for him but we haven't said anything definite about the relationship,

I am afraid of failing, getting hurt and just down right scared. Anna, do we belong together? He's good to me, and the more I am with him the more I care. That's the thing, am I wasting my time? I just want to know before I open myself up to someone and only have my heart broken again. The last relationship was just too painful. Thank you Anna and my prayers are with you.

Don't Want To Be Hurt

Dear Don't want to be hurt:

I wonder every day about the people who have bad medicine done and the men that do it. I don't understand it either. The main thing that I see is that blame. Some people are stuck in it. They blame others for everything that is wrong in their lives.

They are angry, resentful, insecure and do not have as much faith in the blessings from the Creator and in knowing that everything is in Divine Order as they do in pain, loss and fear. They suffer from jealousy, anger, and extreme frustration. The price for having medicine done is very grave and brings very bad things (even death) to the person who had the medicine done or to his family members. Still, even though that may be the price, it is done.

The very least that seems to happen is that the medicine man that abuses medicine will eventually lose the backing of his spirits, or in other words, he will be a man without medicine.

I do several things to protect myself. One, of course, is prayer. The second is that I wear sage on my body at all times. Another is that I keep four prayer ties (one for each of the four directions, red, blue, green and yellow) in my medicine pouch that I also wear. I also carry a rock, black tourmaline, which is also a protector and will help absorb anything that may be thrown against you. I want to say now, that all of the medicine people that I know are good men.

They do not practice bad medicine. I also want to add, that most of the Lakota people are good people....and even though they have hard lives they do not wish bad things on others. It is rare for bad medicine to be done, but it is impactful. I pray every day that this practice will stop.

I see the man you are with and you are good together. Lose your fear of rejection and tell him that you want to know where you stand. Everybody that is not currently in a relationship has had a bad experience. That should not jade your future.

Please know that the reason relationships do not work is because they are not meant to...if you are with the wrong person it will end so that you will be available for the right person. I see that you and your friend will work this out and have a good future together. You are both scared of being hurt and of making the wrong choices for yourself. Consider this an adventure in love and let go of the fear of failure.

Dear Anna,

How are you? I hope all is good with you. I thank you for your time in answering my other questions. I really do appreciate your response.

Sometimes I think, "Hey she is right about what is happening to my life". But the reason why I am writing to you is because I did get out of my relationship with my children's dad, and I know it is for the best. But I still have a fear of him and what he can possibly do to I and my children. It's scary and I think that maybe if I was on a good level with him that I wouldn't have to fear anything, but I still do. I pray that Tunkasila keeps my family safe, and I wonder if that is enough? I don't know what life has in store for me but I know I am happy where I am, I am content with my life.

Sometimes my life gets so stressed with my children and life. I recently lost a really good job I was supposed to have until a later date, and I'm sad about it. My supervisor told me she has other openings, do you think I might be hired back on?

I have two different colleges I'm thinking about, but my files are incomplete and I get a little slow about getting it updated. Sometimes I can feel sad about the way my life turned out, but I think I'm strong enough to get over it.

I think too much about men, and I don't want to, I wish I just knew who was the one for me and get on with that but, I know it won't happen, but it'd be nice. But Anna, I thank you for you time and your assistance, you are truly gifted.

Taurus Woman

Dear Taurus Woman:

Please learn to trust yourself. Your ex and you can find common ground for the sake of your children. You do have to make sure that you do not jeopardize your children with any kind of questionable behavior because your ex and his family will be watching you.

Please get right on the school thing. Call everybody you need to and get your records together. Do it now. Yes, you can have another job where you used to work. Apply now.

You have a wonderful relationship coming up in about a year. That will give you time to get yourself together and to focus on your children without interference or other distractions. It also gives your ex time to lose his interest in you, your life and what you are doing.

The man I see has long hair, a beautiful smile, and works hard with his hands. He is also an artist. Good luck, have patience, you are doing great!

Dear Anna,

Hey, how are you doing? I hope you are doing fine. I have some questions for you, so I guess I'll start here. My great grandpa owns some land in Montana or some where that way and they built a casino on it and I guess there is a lawsuit. My great grandpa isn't alive anymore but they said we were supposed to get a lump sum of money or something like that. Do you see my family getting any money?

I know I am not supposed to be worrying about this but do you see me finding a boyfriend soon. Oh yeah, would I ever get to meet you? My sisters got to meet you and I am so jealous. Have a good day!

Just Being Curious

Dear Just Being Curious:

Yes, there is some money coming from the land in Montana. I think it will be awarded in a little over a year.

I love your expression, "finding a boyfriend." Where are you looking? I can just see you say, "Hey, look what I found in the back yard...a boyfriend!" During this next school year you will "find" one. Relax, and let things fall into place in a natural way.

Yes, we will meet. Get your sisters to bring you into my office. I will be looking forward to meeting you. Blessings dear.

Dear Anna,

How's everything? My two sisters are just big ole' brats and that's what it seems like because they always get to do things like leave whenever they feel like leaving and hardly ever have to help out around the house and with my mom kid's but what I want to know is when will I ever get my chance to stop being the black sheep of the my family?

I always get left out it just isn't fun, no teenagers wants to stay home all the time all their teenager years. Right? There's this boy I like and do you think there is a chance of us getting together anytime in the future or this upcoming school year?

A Restless Mind

Dear Restless Mind:

You are correct, no one, teenager or not, wants to stay home all the time. I was in the same position as you when I was a teenager. I wrote to "Dear Abby" and complained that I had to work in my parent's resort during the only rodeo that hit our town once a year. She told me that there would be other rodeo's and to just help my parents.

Well, there were other rodeo's but we moved and I have never been to another one in that town. However, I survived and I developed a real respect for helping family. They are gone now, and I am glad that I was there for them when they needed me.

Your other siblings are a bit older than you. You will be able to go more in the next few years than right now.

Also, you can nicely talk with your mom about usually being the only one that has to help out. There should be more balance and sharing of that responsibility and I see her changing things around so that there is more shared help with your sisters.

I see two different boy friends this year - but nothing that is really serious. Enjoy your year and have fun with all of your friends - both boys and girls.

I see you liking school this year, making two new really good friends, and getting yourself into athletic shape.

Good Luck!

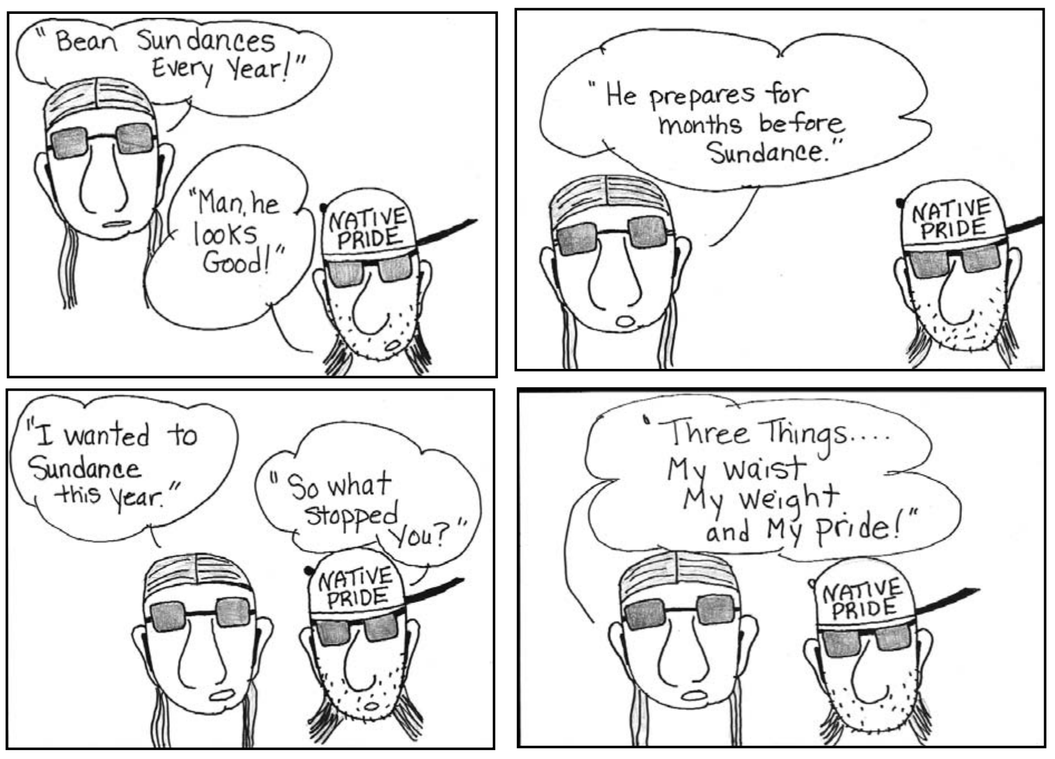
You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

All requests may be subject to publication.

Clearly mark Ask Anna on your request. This column is meant for entertainment purposes only.

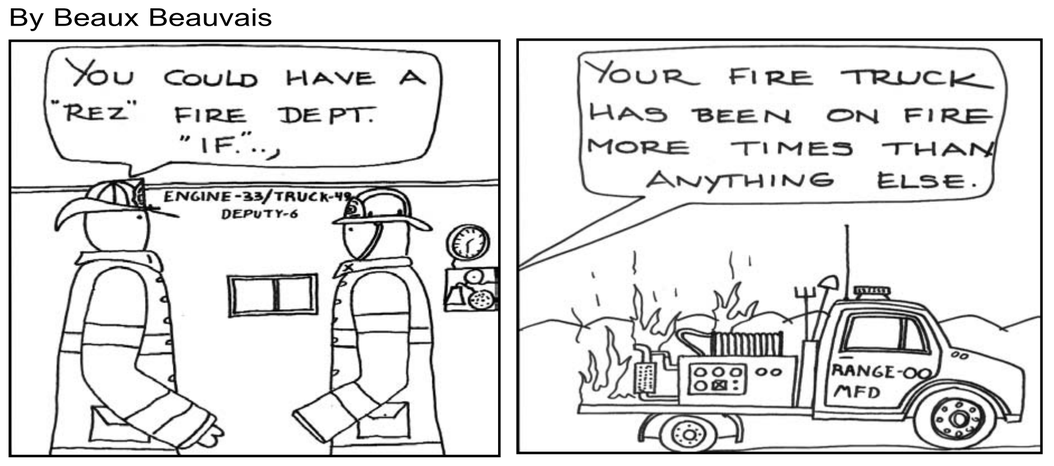
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By Beaux Beauvais



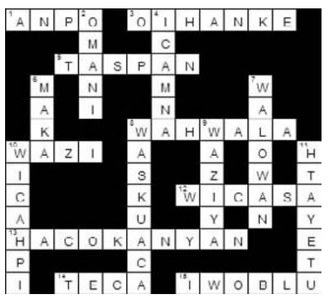
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By Thom Little Moon



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Answers to last week's puzzle



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SUNDAY - THURSDAY @ 7:15
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MINUTES

Shannon County School Board Special Meeting July 2, 2007

MINUTES

The Shannon County School Board held a special meeting on Monday, July 2, 2007 at Batesland, SD, for the purpose of certifying the June 12, 2007 Shannon County School Board election results.. President Angie Eagle Bull called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Members present:
Angie Eagle Bull
Ruth Cummings
Todd O'Bryan
Chuck Conroy
Melvin Cummings

Others present:
MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager
Patti Nelson, Administrative Secretary
7267.Canvas Poll Books

Motion by M. Cummings, seconded by R. Cummings to table canvassing pollbooks from the June 12 election until the July 10, 2007 special school board meeting. Motion carried.

7268. Adjournment

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by M. Cummings to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed
MaDonna Peterson
Business Manager

Approved by the school board this 23rd day of July, 2007.

Signed
Andrea Eagle Bull
President

INVITATION TO BID

Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Rosebud, S.D. 57570

REQUEST FOR BID

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Wacipi Committee is accepting Sealed Bids for the following positions to be filled for the 131st Annual RST Wacipi being held on August 24-26th, 2007. Tribal Preference will apply.

1-(2) Master Of Ceremonies
2-(1) Arena Director
3-(1) Head Men's Judge
4.-(1) Head Women's Judge
5.-Cook

Descriptions:
Cook: 1.-Purchase food, equipment and supplies 2-Stores food properly both raw and cooked 3-Maintain safe and sanitary procedures throughout entire operation 4-Handles all food properly to meet state and local sanitation standards; use suggested sanitation solutions to ensure cleanliness of equipment and work areas 5.-Clean equipment and work areas thoroughly 6.-Meet the time and schedule demands. 7.-Prepare 2 meals daily consisting of breakfast and supper for 3 days. A traditional Menu will be favored.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Wacipi Committee will be accepting sealed bid(s) for a period of 15 working day.

Sealed bid(s) should be submitted within a sealed envelope clearly marked #07-051 on the front of the envelope. Failure to mark envelope will result in a no bid(s) and will be mailed back to sender. Rosebud Sioux Tribe will not accept e-mail, fax and or telephone bids(s). Sealed Bids will be accepted until July 17th at 5:00 pm. All Bid(s) will be publicly opened on July 18th at 2:00 pm at the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Treasure's Office.

Sealed Bids will be mailed to the following address: Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Treasurers Office, Att: Mary Greaves, RST Treasurers, PO Box 430, 11 Legion Avenue, Rosebud, SD 57570.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe has the right to reject any or and all bid(s), waive informalities or accept any bid(s) or any combination there of which appears to serve the best interest of the tribe. Award of the project will be subject to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe requirements.

Shannon County School District 65-1 Batesland, S.D.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Shannon County School District #65-1, Batesland, SD, will receive sealed bids for repair of the Rockyford School Gymnasium roof until 4:30 p.m., July 16, 2007, in the administrative office at Batesland, SD.

The successful bidder must remove and replace the old interior insulation of the gymnasium, 11,602 sq. ft., in accordance with OSHA standards, repairing any and all leaks.

Bids must be sealed and marked "Roof Repair Bid" in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope and addressed to Myron Pourier, Director of Facilities & Maintenance, Shannon County School District, P.O. Box 109, Batesland, SD, 57716. Bidders who are interested in inspecting the site may also contact Mr. Pourier at (605)288-1921 or (605)685-8905 during business hours of 8:00 am until 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Bids will be made public at the next regular Shannon County School Board meeting on Monday July 23, 2007, at Batesland, SD, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The school board reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any irregularities therein.

Little Wound School Board
Little Wound School
P.O. Box 500
Kyle, SD 57752
Phone: 605-455-6150
Fax: 605-455-2340

INVITATION TO BID

The Little Wound School Board is seeking bids or proposals for copy paper for the 2007-08 School Year.

400 cases of 20 lb. 8 ½ x 11 white copy paper

The copy paper will be delivered to Little Wound School on an as needed basis.

Contact Paula Pourier, Business Manager at 455-6173 for further information.

Sealed bids will be opened and acted upon during the School Board Budget meeting on Monday, August 20, 2007 at Little Wound School.

Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality, and to accept the bid that is to the advantage of and in the best interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed bids is 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 17, 2007. Please submit bids in a sealed envelope marked "Copy paper Bid" on the face of the envelope with the bidders name and address. If bid is sent by mail, actual bid should be enclosed in a separate envelope marked "Copy paper bid". Bid should be submitted to the Little Wound School Business Office or to the following address: Little Wound School Business Office, Attn: Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752

INVITATION TO BID FOR PROPANE

The Little Wound School Board is seeking bids for a service contract for supplying propane to the Little Wound School. The School Board is seeking a fixed price per gallon or a minimal mark up price per gallon. Approximate amount will be around 22,000 gallons for the 2007-08 School Year.

Contact Clint May, Facilities Manager at 455-6181 or Paula Pourier, Business Manager at 455-6173 for further information.

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INVITATION TO BID FOR HEATING FUEL

The Little Wound School Board is seeking bids for a service contract for supplying heating fuel for the Little Wound School. Estimated amount will be around 50,000 gallons for the 2007-08 School Year.

Contact Clint May, Facilities Manager at 455-6181 or Paula Pourier, Business Manager at 455-6173 for further information.

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Closing date for sealed bids is 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 17, 2007. Please submit bids in a sealed envelope marked "Heating Fuel Bid" on the face of the envelope with the bidders name and address. If bid is sent by mail, actual bid should be enclosed in a separate envelope marked "Heating Fuel Bid". Bid should be submitted to the Little Wound School Business Office, Attn: Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752.

INVITATION FOR BID GASOLINE AND DIESEL

The Little Wound School Board is seeking bids for the supplying of gasoline and diesel for the Little Wound School buses and vehicles for the period of August 20, 2007 to June 30, 2008. The School is looking for fixed price per gallon or a minimum per gallon price mark up. The estimated number of gallons needed for the year is as follows:

Unleaded Gas - 20,000 gallons
#2 Diesel - 17,000 gallons
#1 Diesel - 17,000 gallons

Sealed bids will be opened and acted upon at the Budget meeting on Monday, August 20, 2007. Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality, and to accept the bid that is to the advantage of and in the interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed bids is 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 17, 2007. Please submit bids in a sealed envelope marked "Gas & Diesel Bid" to the school Business Office or to the following address: Little Wound School, Paula Pourier, Business Manager, P.O. box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. For more information you may contact Bill Clifford at (605) 455-6180 or Wesley "Chuck" Jacobs at (605) 455-2160.

INVITATION FOR BID OR PROPOSAL INSURANCE

Little Wound School Board is requesting proposals from qualified firms for the 2007-08 school term for Property insurance, Automobile Insurance, and General liability Insurance.

Sealed proposals will be opened and acted upon at the Budget meeting on Monday August 20, 2007. Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informality, and to accept the proposal that is to the best interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed proposals is 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 17, 2007. Please submit proposals in a sealed envelope marked "Insurance Bids" to the School Business Office or the following address: Little Wound School, Paula Pourier, Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, 500 Main Street, Kyle, SD 57752-0500. For more information you may contact Paula Pourier, at 605-455-6173.

INVITATION FOR BID OR PROPOSAL HEALTH INSURANCE

Little Wound School Board is requesting bids or proposals from qualified firms for Health Insurance for the 2007-08 Plan Year.

Sealed proposals will be opened and acted upon at the Budget meeting on Monday, August 20, 2007. Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informality, and to accept the proposal that is to the advantage of and in the vest interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed proposals is 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 17, 2007. Please submit proposals in a sealed envelope marked "Health Insurance Bid" to the School Business Office or the following address: Little Wound School, Paula Pourier, Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, 500 Main Street, Kyle, SD 57752-0500. For more information you may contact Paula Pourier at 605-455-6173.

INVITATION FOR BID OR PROPOSAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Little Wound School Board is requesting bids or proposals from qualified firms or individuals for Special Education Services such as a Speech, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Psychological Evaluations for the 2007-08 School Year.

Sealed proposals will be opened and acted upon at the Budget meeting on Monday August 20, 2007. Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informality, and to accept the proposal that is to the vest interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed proposals is 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 17, 2007. Please submit proposals in a sealed envelope marked "Special Ed. Services Bid" to the School Business Office or the following address: Little Wound School, Paula Pourier, Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, 500 Main Street, Kyle, SD 57752-0500.

For more information you may contact Paula Pourier at 605-455-6173.

INVITATION FOR AUDIT PROPOSAL FINANCIAL AUDIT

Little Wound School Board is seeking a Financial Audit proposal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. Little Wound School is a P.L. 100-297 BIA Grant School with an estimated annual budget of $12,000,000.

Sealed proposals will be opened and acted upon at the Budget meeting on Monday August 20, 2007. Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informality, and to accept the proposal that is to the advantage of and in the best interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed proposals is 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 17, 2007. Please submit proposals in a sealed envelope marked "Audit Proposal" to the School Business Office or the following address: Little Wound School, Paula Pourier, Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, 500 Main Street, Kyle, SD 57752-0500. For more information you may contact Paula Pourier at 605-455-6173.

INVITATION FOR 401(K) AUDIT PROPOSAL

Little Wound School Board is seeking a 401(K) Audit proposal for the plan year ending August 31, 2007.

Sealed proposals will be opened and acted upon at the Budget meeting on Monday, August 20, 2007. Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informality, and to accept the proposal that is to the advantage of an in the best interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed proposals is 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 17, 2007. Please submit proposals in a sealed envelope marked "401(K) Audit Proposal" to the School Business Office or the following address: Little Wound School, Paula Pourier, Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, 500 Main Street, Kyle, SD 57752-0500. For more information you may contact Paula Pourier at 605-455-6173.

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE Shannon County School District #65-1 will conduct a public hearing at the Board Room in Batesland, Batesland, South Dakota, on Monday the twenty third (23) of July, 2006, at 5:00 pm, for the purpose of considering the foregoing Proposed Budget for the fiscal year of July 1,2007 through June 30, 2008 and its supporting data.

MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager
Shannon County School District 65-1,
Batesland, SD

SHANNON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 65-1
2007-2008 PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET AND MEANS OF FINANCE

APPROPRIATIONS	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL OUTLAY	SPECIAL EDUCATION	PENSION FUND	IMPACT AID
INSTRUCTION					
Elementary Programs	3,268,700.00	345,000.00			
Title II Part A	748,938.00				
Learning Disabilities			2,231,272.00		
Title I	2,980,417.00				
Comprehensive School Grant	23,785.40				
Title II Part D	55,052.00				
Title III	60,449.00				
Title III Bilgual	170,990.00				
Early Reading First	1,560,937.00				
Title IV	71,100.00				
TitleV	4,547.00				
Title VII	190,537.00				
Title VI Rural and Low Income	15,472.00				
21st Century Grant	97,733.03				
Total Instruction	9,248,657.43	345,000.00	2,231,272.00		
SUPPORT SERVICES					
Support Services	33400.00				
Guidence Services	179,500.00				
Speech			375,853.00		
Phsychological Services			68,615.00		
Therapy			91,200.00		
Health Services	171,200.00				
Improvement of Instruction			28,000.00		
Technology	343,100.00	368,950.00			
Board of Education	102,420.00				
Executive Administration Services	310,500.00		117,630.00		
Principal Services	820,150.00				
Fiscal Services	339,600.00				
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	1,591,500.00	700,000.00			
Pupil Transportation	1,289,000.00	375,000.00			
Curriculum and Assesment	67,800.00				
Staff Development	16,950.00				
Attendance and Social Service			62,669.00		
Community Services	11,200.00				
Non-Public Services	40,000.00				
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	5,316,320.00	1,443,950.00	743,967.00		
NONPROGRAMMED CHARGES					
Contracts Outside of State	15,000.00				
Contracts Inside of State	565,000.00		180,000.00		
TOTAL NONPROGRAMMED CHARGES	580,000.00	0.00	180,000.00		
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	104,700.00				
CONTINGENCY FUND	250,000.00				
EARLY RETIREMENT	102,300.00				
SELF INSURANCE CLAIMS	30,000.00				
OPERATING TRANSFER OUT	800,741.00			8,252.00	6,837,323.03
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	45,000.00				
TOTAL	1,332,741.00	0.00	-		
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	16,477,718.43	1,788,950.00	3,155,239.00	8,252.00	6,837,323.03

Little Wound School

Kyle, South Dakota

JOB VACANCIES

(07-03-07)

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school term:

The following positions are open until filled:

High School Dept.
Lakota Language Teacher
Prevention Counselor
(Pine Ridge)
Math Teacher

Middle School Dept.
Lakota Language Teacher
P.E. Teacher
Counselor

Elementary Dept.
P.E. Teacher
Kindergarten Teacher
2nd Grade Teacher
3rd Grade Teacher
Counselor

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OTHER DEPARTMENTS

K-12 Social Worker
Center Based Aide
Early Intervention Teacher
3 Special Education Teachers
2 Teacher Assistants

Extra-duty positions Open until filled (76)

High School: 1)Boys BB Coach 2)Boys BB JV Coach 3)Boys BB Cheerleading 4)Boys BB Freshmen Coach 5)Boys BB Cheerleading 6)Girls BB Fresh Coach.7)Girls BB Cheerleading 8)Boy's Golf Coach 8)Girls Golf Assist. 9)Track Coach 11)Track Assist.12)Wrestling Coach 13)Wrestling Assist.14)Rodeo Club Sponsor 15)Boxing Club Sponsor 16)Boxing Club Sponsor 17)National Honor Society Sponsor 18) Student Council 19)Student Council 20)Oral Interpretation Sponsor 21)Co-Oral Interpretation Sponsor 22)Senior Class Sponsor 23)Senior Class Sponsor 24)Junior Class Sponsor 25)Junior Class Sponsor 26)Handgame Sponsor 27)Yearbook Sponsor 28)Competitive Dance Sponsor 29)9-12 Indian Club Sponsor 30)9-12 Drum Group Sponsor 31)Scholarship Sponsor 32)Concession Stand Monitor

Middle School: 33)A -Team Football Coach 34)B-Team Football Coach 35)B-Team Football Coach 36)FB CheerleadinBoysSponsor 37)A - Team Boys BBall Coach 38)B - Team Boys BBall Coach 39)C - Team Boys BBall Coach 40)A - Team Girls BBall Coach 41)B - Team Girls BBall Coach 42)C - Team Girls BBall Coach 43)A - Team Volleyball Coach 44)B - Team Volleyball Coach 45)C - Team Volleyball Coach 46)Cross Country Coach 47)Cross Country Assist. 48)Track Coach 49)Track Assist 50)Boys BB Cheerleading 51) Girls BB Cheerleading 60)Wrestling Coach 61)WrestlingAssist. 62)Softball Coach 63)Softball Assist.64)Student Council 65)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 66)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 67)K-8 Rodeo Club Sponsor 68)MS/Elem Hand Game Sponsor 69)Competitive Dance Sponsor

Elementary: 70)Elementary Rodeo Club Sponsor 71)Wrestling Coach 72)Wrestling Assist. 73)Girl Scout Sponsor 74)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 75)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 76)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178
www.lws.k12.sd.us

>>> NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS <<<

It is the policy of the Little Wound School to provide an alcohol and drug-free workplace. All appointments for employment are contingent upon receipt of a verified negative drug test through pre-employment drug testing, receipt of a favorable background investigation and the availability of federal funds. The legal policy of Indian preference will be followed to qualified applicants. Veteran's preference shall be applied to qualified Veteran applicants.

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Oglala Sioux Tribe

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 439 Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770

Phone: 605-867-6014 **Fax:** 605-867-1922

Opening Date: July 2, 2007

Closing Date: July 16, 2007

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Winner School case update

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Iron Cloud named interim OST housing director

PINE RIDGE - "A three member review board from HUD returned in April to evaluate what improvements had been made by housing from their original monitoring report that included 15 findings," said Paul Iron Cloud, a member of John Steele's management team and past executive director of the housing authority, "although they stated there was progress there was still over 50 percent of the findings left to deal with and they were concerned and warned the tribe of impending sanctions if the pace of the improvements didn't pick up."

During the week of the Fourth of July, the Heath and Human services committee in collaboration with the executive board suspended the current board of directors of Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing and selected Paul Iron cloud as interim director for 30 days. The council needs to reaffirm the actions for them to be valid. Iron Cloud, a past tribal president, served as executive director of housing from 1992 until August of 2000.

Last year's Monitoring Report on OSLH included concerns about procurement, out of compliance with Davis Bacon and Labor Standards, out of compliance with Indian preference requirements, not maintaining or inspecting units, no current inventory of fixed

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Changes in high school sports

Lakota Nation committee re-thinks changes, adds new teams, SDHSAA announces proposed new district alignments

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - "After reviewing the financial situation, the attendance and the income from a four day Lakota Nation event, it became apparent that to financially break even we needed to go four days," said Bryan Brewer, long time LNI director, "we thought going to a three day event with two eight team brackets would save the participating schools money but in the end it would hurt the tournaments ability to offer the variety of activities and events that make today's Lakota Nation such a successful happening, a festival of activities that bring so many people together in Rapid City in December, not just for basketball but for the hand games, the knowledge and language competitions, the wrestling, the honorings and the chance to see and visit so many people."

In addition to discussing the format change, the committee looked at going back to an all Indian tournament. The committee changed their mind on that and will continue to include teams like Custer, Hill City and St. Thomas More according to Brewer. Currently St. Thomas More has chosen to drop out of the LNI tournament but plans to re-apply for the 2010/2011 cycle.

"We have really enjoyed being in the LNI tournament, it was a special part of our schedule," said Dave Hollenbeck, Cavalier coach, "but we hear that the committee was going to an all Indian tourney in 2008 and we had invitations from two classics in the

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Father Hatcher addresses RST council on controversial issues

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor

ROSEBUD - In response to an earlier RST council resolution in which Father John Hatcher, Superior of St. Francis Mission was asked to leave the Rosebud Sioux reservation, Fr. Hatcher addressed the RST council on Thursday, July 12. A KINI FM radio public service announcement noted the fact that Fr. Hatcher would be addressing the tribal council and that all parishioners and others could attend and show their support.

KINI FM did a commendable task of carrying the address on-air as it began after 1 p.m. and went well into the early evening with many local tribal members providing testimony on behalf of and against Fr. Hatcher. Perry DeCory, former deejay at KINI helped to coordinate the live transmission originating from the RST council chambers.

Fr. Hatcher noted that the purpose of his visit was to inform the tribal council as to the range of services that St. Francis Mission was providing to the community. He provided a packet of information to council members and said that his particular responses to the earlier charges were contained in the packet.

Fr. Hatcher also made reference to a study that was conducted by the Cheeseman Foundation of Rapid City in which parishioners from Rosebud and Pine Ridge were able to respond to a survey as to what their expectations of the Catholic Church were. He said, "We face a common crisis of suicide, drugs, alcohol, violence against women, and demoralized youth. There is a struggle to preserve the language and culture. St. Francis Mission is trying to bring healing to families and reach out to the 43 percent of young people here."

He also made reference to a survey that was conducted at Todd County High School which pointed out that many youth have no spiritual base and very little confidence in tribal government. SFM is also providing religious education or "faith formation" to over 400 children in the St. Francis and Spring Creek area. Fr. Hatcher said, "People want the church involved in alcohol recovery and we have one in St. Francis and White River. We have sweats and a medicine man once a month."

Finally, Fr. Hatcher noted that SFM is working to provide adult education in which adults can study online and earn a degree. He also spoke of a "Nativity School" which would take 20 students and after the eighth grade they would be fluent in Lakota and then prepare for college.

Claudette Sabors of St. Francis testified about the employment practices at SFM which is used interchangeably with RES or the Rosebud Educational Society. She said, "A lot of people put in for jobs, but do not get hired. That has to be changed. There is a lot of politics up there…Just to get rid of people and hurt people, we need to quit that."

Ms. Iron Shell, a 20 year old Sicangu Lakota said she had returned from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, NM and was working at the St.

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TWO SECTIONS

Afraid of His Horses memorial stone marks history, wacipi celebration

By Sandra White Shield
Special to the Times

OGLALA - Nellie Two Bulls long wanted a memorial to her ancestor, Afraid of His Horses. Her children completed her wish on July 14th near her home in Oglala.

Two Bulls's daughters Melvina Winters, Cheril Between Lodges and Linda Two Bulls held a memorial stone setting ceremony, a meal, and a traditional wacipi to mark the occasion.

"Old Man Afraid of His Horses was Nellie's great, great grandpa" said Winters. She related how Two Bulls had started the process of the memorial before she died, giving land which is to be used for cultural events, to the Afraid of Horses Committee. There are plans for a permanent shade and perhaps lights for night pow wows.

Two Bull's friend, Ruth Ziokowski, of Crazy Horse Mountain, helped with the creation of the stone monument. The carved piece of granite comes from the Crazy Horse Monument. The front of the piece is engraved with "In Memory of Chief Old Man Afraid of His Horses, 1802 - 1887, Memorial Park, Ta Sunke Kokepapi, "Gift from Crazy Horse Memorial," Matt and Nellie Two Bulls." The back of the monument shows the drill marks made in excavating it from Crazy Horse Mountain.

Chief Oliver Red Cloud was called on to offer words encouraging families to continue in the good way of our relatives that came before us. His words said not to lose the family circles. The honor of revealing the memorial stone was shared with Henry "Sarge" Old Horn.

Old Horn recently discovered his relationship to Two Bulls because of a chance meeting with Two Bulls'

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Left to right; Henry Old Horn, Melvina Winters, and Chief Oliver Red Cloud with the stone that memorializes Afraid of His Horses and Matt and Nellie Two Bulls.
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High school sports

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state so we just asked the committee to drop out this coming year."

St. Thomas More plans to play Little Wound and Madison in a new classic in Mitchell and two other East River teams to replace the four LNI games this coming year.

According to Brewer, originally two vacancies for next year were created by a one year contract for Heart of the Earth and Hill City being dropped; they were going to be replaced by Flandreau Indian and White River. After further developments, Hill City will remain a participant and St. Thomas More, Heart of the Earth and St. Stevens will not participate this year, White River, Flandreau Indian and Omaha Nation will be part of the 2007 lineup which will include a four day 16 team boy's tournament and a 16 team girl's tournament.

The seeding meeting for both tournaments will take place in Rapid City in late September or early October during the Lakota Nation volleyball tourney. For the boy's tourney, St. Thomas More played in the last three LNI championship games, losing to Lower Brule in 2004, beating Little Wound in 2005 and losing to Little Wound in 2006.

Activities Association staff announces proposed new alignments for high school sports

PIERRE - Based on average daily membership numbers for each school's 9-11 grades, the South Dakota High School Activities Association realigns the districts and regions across the state every two years. For basketball, volleyball, cross country and track and field, schools with 450 students and above in grades nine through eleven are in Class AA, schools with 90 to 449.999 are in Class A and schools with 89.999 and below are in Class B.

This year five Class A schools (Clark, Chester Area, Irene-Wakonda, Alcester-Hudson and Elkton) lost students and dropped down to Class B while three Class B schools (Baltic, Tiospa Zina and Ipswich) gained students and moved up to Class A. The movement up or down in classification forced changes in districts and regions, all in East River though. Tiospa Zina would be in District 1A with Sisseton and Britton-Hecla.

Although no schools West River moved up or down, Platte and Gregory expressed concern about being in a Region (Region 7A) that had Gregory and Platte on the east end and Pine Ridge on the west end.

There was a long distance between the schools and there tended to be long debates about where the regional championships would be held, in Rapid City at the Civic Center or in Pierre or Ft. Pierre. The activities staff proposed reworking Districts 13A, 12A and 11A.

For the last two years, District 13A included Todd County, Winner, Gregory and Platte, the new district proposed would be Eagle Butte, McLaughlin, Mobridge and Stanley County who with District 14A (Pine Ridge, Little Wound, St. Francis and Bennett County) would make up Region 7A. The staff propose to make Todd County, Lyman, Crow Creek and Winner District 12A; for the last two years 12A has been Cheyenne Eagle Butte, McLaughlin, Mobridge and Stanley County.

District 11A will include Platte-Geddes, Gregory, Miller Area and Chamberlain and for the last two years Chamberlain, Crow Creek, Lyman and Miller Area are in District 11.

Districts 14A, 15A and 16A would all stay the same if the proposed alignment passes. Red Cloud would stay in District 15A with Custer, Hill City and Hot Springs.

The proposed alignments made by the staff will go to the SDHSAA board on August 8 at 1 p.m. in Sioux Falls to be approved. Additional changes could happen that day.

Housing director

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assets, no total development cost records for each development and renovation project, failure to self monitor in accordance with 24CFR 1000.502, tribal council and board members are not current in re-certifications and rent payments, not complying with tenant and homebuyer selection policies, problems with conflict of interests, not maintaining necessary and reasonable costs, lack of internal controls, not properly accounting for program income, not following policy for payroll advances and employee loans and having a delinquent fiscal audit report.

"The committee and XB have asked me to get the place back in working order," said Iron Cloud, "we have a good staff, we have just had too much turnover at the director's position - we need to work on getting some of the stalled projects completed, we need to get the boarded up low rent units fixed up and back in operation, we need to get the audits done, deal with HUD's findings among other things."

Iron Cloud is confident that the problems at housing are fixable but it will not be overnight, it will take some time.

Iron Cloud will be assisted by a reconstruction board made up of Emma "Pinky" Iron Plume Clifford, Partnership for Housing director, Denise Mesteth, tribal land director and Jim Wagenlander, an attorney with a great deal of experience dealing with HUD and tribal housing issues.

The log home ownership homes, Ellsworth units, two Rural Development housing projects for Oglala and Pine Ridge and concerns about some of the elderly/disabled complexes will be top concerns for Iron Cloud and his reconstruction board.

"It will be up to the council on what direction housing will take," said Iron Cloud, "they are meeting at the end of the month and it is up to them whether I stay in, what to do with the board or really what direction they want to go with housing and deciding how best to deal with the concerns brought up by HUD over a year ago."

School board election to be held at St. Francis Indian School

ROSEBUD - Earlier, the Rosebud Sioux tribal council suspended the charter of St. Francis Indian School and a resolution was passed to establish a Review Board comprised of local Sicangu educators.

One of the tasks of the Review Board is to collaborate with SFIS in setting up new school board elections which will be open only to Rosebud Sioux tribal members.

Five of the positions are to be elected at large at an election that coincides with the RST primary election on August 23 and will be open from July 17 to July 31.

Nominating petitions and affidavits will be available in the RST Secretary's office and the positions will be served in staggered terms. The top three candidates will serve four terms and the remaining two candidates will serve two year terms.

In 2009 all terms will be four year staggered terms. Voting at the 13 designated polling places for the school board election will occur at the same time as the RST primary election and votes will be placed in a separate ballot box.

A candidate must have reached his or her 18th birthday and have resided on the Rosebud reservation one-year prior to the school board election.

All candidates must have a Certificate of Enrollment and the affidavit will need to be signed by 15 enrolled tribal members.

The members of the RST Education Department Review Board include, Dr. Richard Bordeaux, Victor Douville, Nancy Keller-Hernandez, Eustace Night Shield, Sherry Red Owl, Ben Black Bear, Jr., and Dr. Archie Beauvais.

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Francis Museum on an internship. After serving as a tour guide for the museum and the church, Fr. Hatcher and attorney Robert Doody fired her for what they described as incorrect information being given to the public. She said, "He could have pulled me aside, I don't deserve to be treated that way…I don't know if I could work there again. He could do it again. I want compensation or a scholarship."

Sicangu elder, Katherine Clairmont said, "Spotted Tail wanted the black robes here. We only have 2-3 priests. You council reps should think before you kick him out." Her comment was followed by applause.

Former RST council representative of St. Francis, Rick Young, offered comment. He said, "I want to comment about the young lady here. That was nothing compared to what we were asked to do at St. Francis Mission. Fr. Hatcher is kind of a whimp compared to back then…there is no need for an attack on the church. Don't mix religion and politics. It shouldn't even be on the council floor."

Bonnie Hairy Shirt, who brought the original complaint to the RST tribal council along with Ned Metcalf of Two Strike said, "There are many people who came to me with complaints. I hoped the complaints would stop or that Fr. Hatcher would change. I am not after the artifacts or the museum. The complaints are many from the full bloods." Later in her testimony, Hairy Shirt concluded by saying, "I hope you are not abused by his hands or anger. We are not asking Jesus Christ to move out. He needs to work with an anger program. I am speaking for people who can't speak for themselves."

Former KINI deejay, Perry DeCory, was also terminated by Fr. Hatcher and he went on record as wanting to know the exact reason for his firing. He said, "I keep asking why I was fired and there is no answer. I have no right to go to court. I sit there every night and ask myself 'did I do a good job?' Then, depression sets in. If you can get rid of Father Hatcher, get rid of the 'at will' clause."

There was a host of other witnesses and in the interest of space; their testimony was also entered into the record. Some said it was the color of St. Charles church that upset them, or it was the fact God should decide who a good Catholic is and not Fr. Hatcher. Some also described a relative being mistreated by SFM and that there was little opportunity to resolve the matter before being terminated.

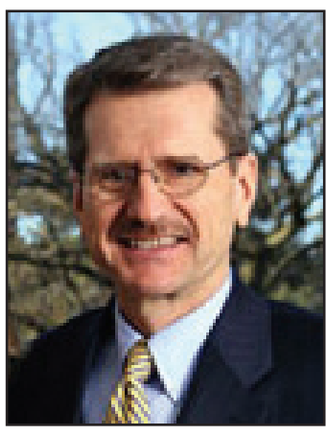
Other Sicangu tribal members who provided testimony into the late afternoon and early evening included, Ben Black Bear, Jr., SGU President, Lionel R. Bordeaux, Ned Metcalf, Leroy Hairy Shirt, Kerwin Eagleman and a couple of others who remained unidentified.

RST council representative, Robert Moore, from Antelope said, "Our tribal attorney and their attorney should be here. Where is the family? Government is not responsible for kids. This body has answered the jurisdictional issue in response to his response…We have no say about Fr. Hatcher, it is up to the diocese." Moore went on to elaborate on the jurisdictional issue when he noted, "Everything in Todd County proper is under the jurisdiction of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe…state laws do apply here. There is no 'at will' clause here. I would suggest that as a tribe, until this is changed, all of us defend and support the constitution of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe."

Finally, the RST council meeting concluded with a resolution asking St. Francis Mission to look at returning excess lands to RST, having the Rapid City diocese conduct an audit of the work that Fr. Hatcher is doing and to allow an arbitration process to proceed when SFM employees have a grievance.

New SDSU president visits Oglala Lakota College, reaffirms relationship

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent



Dr. David Chicoine

THREE MILE CREEK - "It is encouraging for us, it isn't that often that state run institutions are willing to come out to tribal colleges to see what we are doing and show their support," said Tom Shortbull, Oglala Lakota College president about SDSU's president visiting on Tuesday; "Dr. David Chicoine included OLC as part of his western trip Tuesday, spoke with the administration, visited with our ag and natural resources department and saw some of our facilities."

After 30 years with the University of Illinois, Chicoine has returned to South Dakota. He grew up in Elk Point where his family has had a farm for many years, earned his bachelors degree at SDSU, masters degrees from Delaware and Western Illinois and a doctorate in agricultural economics from Illinois.

"It's important for us to get out to all parts of the state, we are not the university for Brookings county alone but the entire state and we have a special relationship to the tribal colleges especially since they were recognized as land grant institutions back in 1994," said Chicoine, "we really want to support OLC as they work with the producer on the reservation and maybe steer more people their way to make use of their fine facilities."

Currently OLC has about 25 students involved with the Ag and natural resources department according to the chair, Leslie Henry, there are five about ready to get their degree, 10 students that take a full load and 10 that take one class at a time. Henry and her staff, Michel Melvin, Theresa Lone Hill and Julie Goings and three students, Patricia May, Sabrina Hodges and Faye Lone Hill all were there to participate in the presentation and meeting.

"We had a chance to talk with some of Dr. Chicoine's staff about the possibility of some of the department chairs coming to OLC to see our facilities, especially the labs," said Henry, "there is the potential to expand the program here to do actual research here at OLC, West River is a bit isolated, most of the focus in the state is East River which has a really different agricultural focus than West River - we could be a hub for the region."

"We are working towards a higher level of interaction between OLC and SDSU, this is an issue that tribal government needs to understand,' said Sean Burke, Pine Ridge agricultural extension agent, "we have a grassland environment out here versus corn and soybeans out east and the tribe needs to develop the land resources in a better manner than they have."

"We have had a partnership with SDSU with the Two plus Two Program where our students may attend state colleges and universities to pursue degrees that we do not offer," said Shortbull, "Captain Tasha Standing Soldier who gave the keynote address when we dedicated the veterans monument, finished her associate degree in life science at OLC and went on to get her masters degree in pharmacy from SDSU, that's how we are able to complement each other."

Old Man Afraid of His Horses

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granddaughter, Lynette Two Bulls. Both Nellie Two Bulls and Old Horn had known that ties existed between their geographical regions but not exactly what they were until the chance meeting happened.

The nearly 100 people who were in attendance came from as far away as Norway, Spearfish, Nebraska, Wisconsin, and Montana.

The wacipi at the Two Bulls home grounds was started 31 years ago.

It has always been viewed as a time to honor children, hunka relationships, and soldiers, said Winters.

Next year Shorty Brewer will coordinate a horseback ride in memory of Nellie Two Bulls in conjunction with her memorial.

"We can never be like mom," said Winters, "but we will carry on."

The celebrations held on July 13 to 15 included a walk and run, sponsored by the tribe's health administration. There were feeds each day and elders were honored daily.

There was a princess contest with tiny tots being paid.

The events took place at Afraid of His Horses grounds, which is between Pine Ridge and Oglala.

3 on 3 tourney July 26 at Wanblee

WANBLEE - The third annual 3 on 3 memorial basketball tournament in memory of Arlan 'Bizkitz" Bissonette will be held on July 26 at the Crazy Horse School. The tourney will be a one day, 16 team double elimination for 17 years old and older. Games start right at 9 a.m. First place is $700 and second place is $300. For more information contact Pam at 454-5368.

Elouise Gonzalez memorial Aug. 12 at Mother Butler

RAPID CITY - A traditional releasing of the spirit ceremony, memorial dinner and giveaway for Geneva Elouise Gonzalez 'Winyan Waste' will be Aug. 12 at the Mother Butler Center in Rapid City at 10 a.m.

Eyapaha will be Wilbur Between Lodges with Pete Catches Jr. All family members, relatives, friends and public are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Mario Gonzalez at 605-716-6355 or Gnzlaw@aol.com.

ACLU to host community meetings in settlement of Winner schools case

RST honors attorneys and others

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

WINNER - In the case Antoine v. the Winner School District filed on March 8 in Sioux Falls by the American Civil Liberties Union, there was a successful mediated resolution to the case which charged that the school district was hostile to Lakota students and parents.

The case was settled through mediation in Sioux Falls and according to Jennifer Ring of the Dakota ACLU the original document contains some 75 elements that have to be addressed including an annual report to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe by the Winner superintendent of schools. The Tribal Education Director can also attend the Winner school board meetings and ask to be on the agenda. Also, the RST tribal education department will take over the Johnson O'Malley that, heretofore, had been administered by the district.

ACLU attorneys, Catherine Kim, Steven Pevar, Jennifer Ring, paralegal Ana Weibgen and for RST attorney general, Dana Hanna were honored Tuesday, July 17 by the Rosebud Sioux tribal council with a star quilt and a certificate. In a presentation highlighting the main features of the mediated settlement Kim said, "Lakota people have a place at the table now as the Winner School District finally agreed to listen to a Lakota voice."

Certificates of appreciation were also presented to a number of key people who were involved in the class action suit, including Roger and Lavina Milk, Vonna Lopez, Rose Chasing Hawk Mendoza, Charlie Long Crow, Vi Waln, Diz Herman, Marilyn Herman and RST Education Director Cindy Young. Sherry Red Owl and Charlene LaPointe also received purses.

The court ruled that it was a class action suit as there were ten families who filed the suit on behalf of the Lakota children and all Native American families in the school district. The suit charged that for at least the prior ten years the school district has been treating Native students in a discriminatory manner. There are virtually no Native Americans working in the school district, the school district takes statements from Native students involved in disciplinary matters and are used against them later and that Native students are disciplined more harshly than white students.

Attorney Kim also said one of the saddest statistics was the fact that 11 percent of Lakota children who are involved in disciplinary actions are sent to jail.

The settlement, mediated by U. S. Magistrate Judge John E. Simko specified some key terms that the school district must follow and which will require the input of the Winner Native American community as well as the school district.

Ring said that a consent decree will be issued in 60 days by a federal judge after the Lakota families agree to the terms of the settlement. Furthermore, she noted that the decree could be in effect for at least a decade if not years. The Winner School District can show compliance if they show they are meeting the terms of the settlement for four consecutive years.

The ACLU of New York is sponsoring three community meetings for the Winner and Ideal communities to discuss the settlement. On Monday there will be a meeting scheduled at 5:30 p.m. at the Tripp County 4-H Center on south Country Road. Another meeting will be held at the same location at 10 a.m. on Tuesday and a third meeting will be held at the Ideal Community Center at 5:30 p.m. also on Tuesday.

Cindy Young, Director of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Education Department, who was instrumental in supporting the litigation efforts of the Lakota plaintiffs in March was invited by Ana Weibgen of the ACLU to attend the meeting. Weibgen wrote, "The settlement outlines a partnership between the Winner/Ideal Native American community and the school district, and representatives from within your community will have important roles to play in making the terms of the settlement come to life."

In a letter to the editor of the Rapid City Journal on Sunday, Winner resident Richard Heinz, provides a closer perspective at what he considers to be yet another root issue in the education of all youth in the school district. He wrote, "The Winner Board of Education in recent years has acted only as a figure head and placed almost all control and trust in its chief administrator and her subordinates. This administration, which is essentially homegrown, suffers from pettiness and extreme insecurity. These emotions compounded by inconsistent decisions and lack of accountability have repeatedly led to contradictions, disagreements and hardships throughout the district."

Among the settlement issues to be discussed, the district has agreed to hire a Native American ombudsman to act as a voice for the Native American families before the district. The ombudsman will come from a list of seven candidates submitted by the Winner Native community.

The Winner School District has promised that it will guarantee seats on the Principal Advisory Committees for the Winner High School and the Winner Middle School. The Native community will have to select representatives to the committee.

Winner Schools has agreed to hire an expert educational consultant to evaluate the school district. The consultant along with the Winner community, Native American families and the RST Tribal Education Department will set benchmarks that must be addressed. The benchmarks will be intended to set improved graduation rates for Lakota students, reduce racial disparities in disciplinary referrals, reduce the number of suspension, referrals, drop-outs, transfers and police referrals. Lakota history, culture and language will also be incorporated into the curriculum for all students, while the school climate will be improved for Lakota students.

The Native American families were represented in the original suit by the national ACLU and the ACLU of the Dakotas, and attorney Dana Hanna who now practices out of his Rapid City office. The Rosebud Sioux tribal council as well as the RST Tribal Education Department were cited as having assisted and facilitated the litigation efforts.

Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce celebrates 7th anniversary

KYLE - The Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce celebrated their seventh anniversary, "Creating Our Own Good Fortune,"last Friday, July 13 with a grand cook out and an inspiring message from Billy Mills, motivational speaker and Olympic 10,000 meter gold medalist.

Today the Chamber has 117 members and is located at the Lakota Trade Center in Kyle. The primary focus of the Chamber provides resources and support to businesses in and around the Pine Ridge area.

Nearly 100 people attended the festivity that was held at the Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort and Restaurant, six miles west of Kyle. The Resort and Lakota Country Tours served a delicious meal of buffalo, purchased from OSPRA, and fixings.

The dinner was held under a large tent erected just east of the motel. "It is our intent to keep as much business as possible on the reservation" said Sorbel. "We had to rent a tent from Rapid City in order to do that as we do not have a facility large enough to house a large group. We look forward to the casino being able to handle events such as this in the future so other events can be planned and keep more dollars on the reservation," he said.

Aside from the motivating speech by Billy Mills on meeting the challenges of entrepreneurship, the Chamber gave out two awards.

Rusty Puckett and Kathy Stover, of Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort, were surprised with the 'Aspiring Entrepreneur' award. Sorbel noted that when the Oglala Nation lost one of their own in Iraq and the funeral was planned for Kyle, the Resort was not yet ready to be opened but in order to provide motel accommodations for the families and for the Marine personnel attending they worked day and night to get their motel rooms ready.

The other award was a 'Kola' award given to Tanya Fiddler, executive director of the Four Bands Community Fund in Cheyenne River, for her assistance and resources provided to the Chamber. Four Bands has brought in thousands of dollars to our chamber, Sorbel said, mainly through Native Discovery, a tourism initiative between Pine Ridge, Rosebud, and Cheyenne River reservations and the Prehistoric Indian Village in Mitchell. www.nativediscovery.org.

Mills spoke to the Chamber members about challenges in being an entrepreneur and the greatest challenge that is faced in a rapidly changing world is perceptions.

He said those perceptions may came in many forms. He related that point to his own past and how he faced challenges in his career and personal life.

Representatives from Rep. Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin and Sen. John Thune's office read letters of encouragement.

The drum group Cante Tinza was present to sing the honoring songs for the event.

The Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce board of directors include Sam O'Rourke, president; Kimberly Tilsen-Brave Heart, vice president; Anne Hunter, secretary; and advocate members Daphne Richards-Cook, Jo White, Howard Olsen and Mark Tilsen. Chamber staff includes Ivan Sorbel, Executive Director, Brandon Ecoffey, Workforce Coordinator and Lynette Hunter, Administrative Assistant.

For more information on the Chamber you can call 605-455-2685 or look them up on the web at www.pineridgechamber.com.





Right: Billy Mills speaks to the Chamber group. Right: (L-R) Ivan Sorbel, Jo White, Rusty Puckett, Sam O'Rourke, Kim Tilsen-Brave Heart, Mark Tilsen and Howard Olson.

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High school basketball all stars to be honored at Native Elite Sports showcase

Pine Ridge, Eagle Butte, St. Francis, Red Cloud athletes are invited

MACY, Neb. - Native Elite Sports will be hosting the Native American High School Basketball All Stars in the 2007 N.E.S Showcase July 27 and 28 at the Omaha Nation public school gymnasium. Awards will also be presented to the national high school coach of the year, the boy's and girl's high school all America team and the high school player of the year in Indian Country.

"We have invited the top 24 high school boys and girls from Indian country, players from Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma," said Barry Webster, N.E.S. president, "we are now an NCAA Division I certified event and we expect 15-20 coaches from all college levels to watch our players go head to head in a high caliber environment."

Regional participants include Pine Ridge's Keisha Brewer, Lacey Weston, Robin Webber, Christian Janis, Nichelle Red Owl and Sophia Janis; St. Francis/Kali Brave, Cheyenne Eagle Butte's Brittany Azure, Bennett County's Keely Krolikowski and Red Cloud's Marque Lunderman. Shannon Stealy, Allyssa Hankins, Angel Goodrich, Talisha Joe, Hayley Knife Chief, Bencita Johnson, Kristin Bears Tail, Casey Foote, Shanley Taken Alive, Mimi Medina, Sissy Spears, Pilar Aldrich, Kathleen Webster, Christine Miller and Joni Gee were also invited.

On the boy's side, TJ McCauley, Rich Big Boy and Brice Hornbeck of Little Wound, Jon Provost of Pine Ridge were invited along with Jerome Davies, James Bible, Wayne Runnels, Lavelle Harris, Brady Fairbanks, Randy July, Bernie Bahr, Preston Grey, Byron Grant, A.J. Long Soldier, Adam Hunt, Nathaniel Packineau, Neil Packineau, Alton Smart Enemy, Rumeal DuCrane, Ephraim Sloan, Zac Goodrich, Tom Barrett, Jr., Tony St. John and Moss Tanner. Red Cloud's Christian McGhee, Billy Scott and Lester Gotheridge were invited as well but decided to decline due to a schedule conflict.

There will also be a three point shooting competition and a slam dunk contest. Slam magazine will attend to do a story on the event for their magazine.

"We are trying to get national exposure for our native youth who are sometimes overlooked, this is a historic event for us and all of Indian Country," said Webster.

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OPINION PAGE

Guest Editorial

Are you Oglala or Wasicu?

By Charmaine White Face

The question was raised at a recent meeting called by Oglala Sioux Tribal President John Yellow Bird Steele about the idea of mining uranium on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, "Are you Oglala or Wasicu?"

If a person is Oglala, or Anishinabeg, or Dine, or from any other Indigenous nation that is trying desperately to retain their Indigenous values, the answer to the possibility of mining uranium is a simple and resounding "No!" The answer "yes" to the question of mining uranium reflects the values of the wasicu, or the white man, and the Lakota word wasicu literally means "takes the fat" for a reason.

All of the Indigneous nations understood what uranium was in their own terms and their own cultures. The Dine (Navajo) called it "the yellow monster." An Oglala holy man spoke of only those who had a dream and were protected could go into areas where uranium was naturally occurring. The understanding is entirely different than viewing uranium according to the wasicus as an energy source, or natural resource. Mitochondria in the cell is also a source of energy that wasicu scientists still do not understand, and their study of the cell is a lot older than the study of uranium.

John Yellow Bird Steele, as the president of one of the poorest tribes on the North American continent, is in the unenviable position of trying to improve the economic conditions on the reservation while at the same time trying to stay within the cultural, traditional values of the Oglala people. With the price of uranium soon to be reaching the $200 per pound category, and with uranium located all over the region, he called a meeting to discuss an offer made to the previous tribal president, Cecilia Fire Thunder. As the new Tribal President, he has been asked to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the mining entity, Native American Energy Group (NAEG).

The slick handout from NAEG has a quote from Leonard Peltier on its front cover which states:

"I heard about your company and all the good things you are doing for Native Americans. Our people are good and deserve a chance to live a better life. Too many companies say they want to help, but in the end they only help themselves to our resources and give us barely enough to survive. I knew in my heart that someday a company like yours would come, a company that does not take advantage of us and truly wants to help. I heave heard about your "Tribal Empowerment Program", and I wish to be a member and supporter. My supporters and followers also pledge their complete support for your company as well."

A woman at the meeting said she was going to contact Leonard to see if he really did say these things, and to let him know what NAEG is planning for the Pine Ridge Reservation.

The handout further stated: "Native American Energy Group is an energy company that was originally founded in 2001 to develop energy resources on Native American reservations in the United States.

Upon inception, the founders of the Company initiated its current philosophy of commitment and dedication to create opportunities for an emerging group of American Indian Nations with abundant natural resources, to become producing nations which explore, produce and control their own natural resources."

Again, we have an entity planning to come into the last Oglala territory and impose their philosophy in typical colonizing fashion. If NAEG was truly cognizant of Oglala philosophy and values, they would know in the first place not to call Ina Makoce "natural resources." If they understood the vast difference in philosophy between the Oglalas and the Wasicus, they would have known better than to even try to recommend destroying and hurting her by mining.

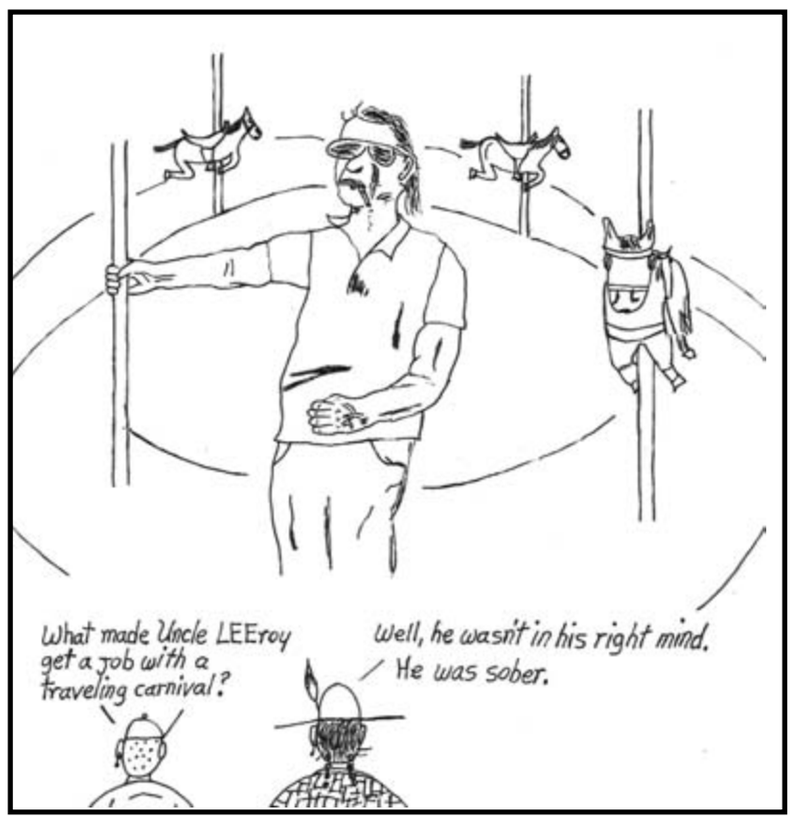
Even more unconscionable is the idea of waving the possibility of multimillion dollars in front of tribal presidents responsible for the economic development of a reservation that is slated for poverty by design. It is not just the epitome of colonialism, but is the equivalent of the guard of this prisoner of war camp opening the gate and telling the prison leader he will be free. Upon running, the prisoner will be shot for escaping, only in this case the bullet will be the unseen, unsmelled, untasted form of nuclear radiation.

OST President John Steele is right to gather more heads together than just the OST Executive Committee, his own group of advisors, or even the entire Tribal Council when trying to decide what to do about something as dangerous as uranium mining. Along with the current tribal ban on mining on the reservation, President Steele needs to arm himself with as much information and advice as he can muster to fend off the other uranium mining companies that are sure to come knocking on the door soon.

The Task Force he established was originally called the Uranium Mining Task Force but after the presentations and discussions, concluding with the question of "Are we Oglala or Wasicu?" the group changed the name to the Natural Resources Protection Task Force. The new name fits according to wasicu philosophy and understanding. If it were totally according to Oglala understanding, there would be no need for any Task Force as we would all know that we must always protect Ina Makoce (Mother Earth) and we would never talk about mining. But the colonization and forced cultural genocide has succeeded so well that we must continue to learn all we can according to the wasicu philosophy and understanding, then discuss with each other and remind ourselves of what it is in Oglala terms and values.

The front line helping President Steele is the young, educated, and culturally aware staff that currently comprises the Oglala Sioux Tribe Environmental Protection Office and Natural Resources Regulatory Agency. If politics and corruption don't interfere and they are allowed to do their jobs, the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation may be one of the last places left in the Upper Midwest that is not completely polluted by nuclear radiation.

Charmaine White Face, whose Lakota name is Zumila Wobaga, is Oglala Tetuwan Oceti Sakowin (Oglala Lakota from the Great Sioux Nation). She is a Biologist, Physical Scientist, former educator, writer and the founder and Coordinator for Defenders of the Black Hills. Ms. White Face may be reached at bhdefenders@msn.com.



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Other Views

Lakota language is still the only way to pray with our most sacred Pipe

Dear Editor:

Wasicu iyapi he cannunpa hel ikipi sni.

Wico'iye ya wakan ca Tunkasila unkupi. Yunkan walehanya ki lila ohanko ya gnuni unkayapi. Leca icage ki cannupa wakan hel wasicu iya woglapi he aikoyagye wacinpi. He hecetu sni.

Wayankapo, lehan wancag wakan wicasa ki wikcemnan yamni sam ake nunp owakpamni oyanke ki lel skinciyapi eyas hena iyaha kinil okaspe ya wicayuhapi hena wasicu iya cannunpa he yuha wicoskan.

Ho, heun takuni waste' sni aye. Wicota hei unhiyeglopi, na wakanyeja ki wanahunpi sni. Na peju sica hena yuha wicoskan. Yukan Tankalake ki heyapi, wasicu iyapi wan e na cannunpe wakan wan kici yu waikceyapi ca he un hunke sni unkayapi.

Rev. Francis Charles Apple
Kyle, S.D.

Certified Lakota studies teacher, book writer, veteran, sundancer, Korean War veteran. Unless Tunkashila communicates a strong message to the Oyate to use the English language with the cannunpa, the sacred Lakota language is still the only way to pray with our most sacred Pipe.

Hokahey.

Finding My Voice

Alone time


Dana Badmilk

The other day I was the only one home. My kids went with to their grandma's birthday in Rushville. I was home alone for maybe 10 minutes then my aunt came to visit. But those ten minutes were so long and the house was so quiet, I almost didn't know what to do.

My grandma is moving away, well in my world she is my grandma and in your world she is my great-aunt. Her two sons lives miles away from her. I am slowly inheriting all her knick knacks, ceramic owl collection, her dishes , plants and artificial floral arrangements. She is moving in with one of her sons. When I asked her why she was moving she was "One weekend I didn't even hear my own voice, you have no idea how that is."

I didn't say anything, maybe silently cursed what may have caused her epiphany of sudden flight but I realized WOW that is lonely.

I treasure my alone time, I do. I awake early just to capture it for an hour or so I savor it before the kids wake up and total chaos breaks out in the form of fighting, nagging, and "Mom, mom, mom, mom's" invade my day. My alone time is when I write, check email, enjoy my coffee, bead, etc. In other words it is so relaxing this alone time, that it feels like paradise.

But I wonder if someday, that alone time will be convenient, too convenient. Will I come to regret it and not want to get out of bed early because of the silence I so treasure now?

I know I am still young, but that is a scary thought.

Dana Badmilk is a 35 year old self employed artist who recently moved back to the Pine Ridge Reservation. She lives there with her husband and four children. She can be read at her blog here http://danasvoice.blogspot.com.

Other Views

The Earth is changing

Dear Editor:

I remember back in the late 1960s when my brother Corny, I and the neighborhood boys of meadowlark hill would push tires around, because no one had bikes back then. There were no swimming pools either so we swam in stock dams around Eagle Butte. There were no foodstamps so we only seen pop maybe twice a month on Dad's paydays. Back then families had meals together and did things together as a family.

Men were the head of the family and they brought home the paycheck because they took care of their families. Most of us kids had both Mothers and Fathers as well. I can remember when we went to pow wows, it seemed like it took us all day to get to Cherry Creek or Fort Yates from Eagle Butte. People didn't dance for prize money back then, they danced because they wanted to dance.

When it rained it seemed to rain for weeks. Same way with the snow. It snowed for weeks. You do not see too many frogs, lizards, jackrabbits or coyotes now days either. Scientists say the world will run short of fresh water, food and gas and the day will become hotter than they are now in 30 years or so. And 30 years to us is like a day to GOD. Ice glaciers that are as old as the earth are melting up at Anarticia at an alarming rate, so it is already happening.

But the day the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the Earth also, and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 2 Peter 3:10.

And I saw a new Heaven and a new Earth, for the first heaven, and the first Earth were passed away, and there was no more sea. Revelation 21:1.

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all of the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come. Matthew 24:14.

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Words from the 'trenches'

Pine Ridge Chamber's support



Connie Smith-Blanco

The Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce knocked a hole in one last Friday night when they held their 7th Annual Chamber Dinner at the Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort. Amanda and I both thought it was a really good idea as that is one of our favorite places to eat when we're out on the rez.

We both knew it was time to go as we haven't been as active in the Chamber as we'd like, due to our work schedules at the paper.

But this time we said "come heck or high water" we are going to be there. Even a last minute attack of cold germs didn't stop us. The Chamber's invitation was very fancy but it said the dress was casual at the affair, and we liked that right away. So there was brownie points galore before we even stepped foot under the big tent.

That's right, the "casual dress" was because everything was happening outside under a large tent and out in the fresh air.

When we drove into the parking lot we both said "is that it over there?" And sure enough, "over there" was where it was.

We looked at each other because even though the invitation said casual, we still wore "casual" skirts and blouses and high heeled sandals.

I mean we didn't know they really meant 'that casual" or we would have worn long shorts like Ivan and many other guests.

The people in shorts and tennis shoes and sandals were smiling, relaxed, and having a great time mingling and getting acquainted. The rest of us, the ones that "kind of casual," had a good time too, we were just jealous of those that followed Ivan's dress code.

I think wearing the right shorts makes you friendlier, because Ivan and his friends at the Chamber were all extra nice and made sure everyone had what they needed.

Having "what we needed" was sitting at tables decorated the way I like, not too fussy and topped with lots of nuts and candy in the center to keep smooth us over until the main course was ready.

The main course was buffalo cooked for 17 hours and it was worth the wait.

The side dishes were plentiful and the fruit was fresh and juicy but that isn't the only reason everyone was gathered together that night.

The gathering brought Chamber members together to give each other the friendly support that has sustained the group for seven years.

The board has changed hands and faces over the years and the membership has continued to grow to over 100 members and continues to accept the challenge to be the best Chamber of Commerce on the Rez. Ivan Sorbel and Kim Tilson were not shy about announcing the Chamber's achievements and future goals and that's just what the rez needs, home-grown, hard working, entrepreneurs.

Billy Mills was the scheduled speaker and his inspirational talk made every business person there sit a little taller at the table, because it isn't easy making a business work on the rez.

But if Billy could overcome the obstacles in his life and still go on to create a world record and become a star of the century, then surely we regular people could try some of that inspiration in our own daily struggles.

One of our local inspirations has been watching Rusty Puckett and Kathy Stover show the world what a dream and a lot of hard work can produce, the Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort. Ivan, before announcing them as the '2007 Entrepreneurs of the Year' told a heart warming story of their struggles over the last two years and the fact that they had been finalists for the "New Kid On The Block" award from the State of South Dakota.

It was a well deserved moment for Rusty and Kathy and shared by every member there as they showed their respect with handshakes and well wishes in the honoring line.

Songs, Inspiring words and deeds, congratulations, silent auction and door prizes. Yes, the Chamber knows how to do it proud and keep us going into the next year, here in the trenches.

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She has pursued a music career in Oklahoma, Tennessee and lived near her sister in Texas, and after 30 years moved back to her roots in South

Other Views

Give reservations enough police

By Editorial Board
Sioux Falls Argus Leader
Published July 10, 2007

The debate over how best to encourage economic development and reduce poverty on South Dakota's Indian reservations is complicated and often arcane.

That conversation, however, is but idle chatter if there aren't enough police to fight crime.

Officials from six tribes in South Dakota recently testified during a congressional field hearing in Lower Brule that federal grants and other funding sources that help pay for police officers on the reservations has decreased, meaning there are fewer cops than there were in previous years.

This comes at a time when most of the state's nine reservations have experienced significant population growth.

In fact, reservations today have a much younger population than the rest of the state.

The prevalence of high unemployment among young people is a combination that likely requires more police, not fewer.

"Crime rates on most reservations are unacceptably high," Patrick Ragsdale, director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, said in a statement offered at the hearing.

The Bush Administration offered a plan called the Safe Indian Communities Initiative that would have increased funding by $16 million.

Congressional leaders dealing with Indian issues rejected the plan as inadequate to meet the needs of reservation law enforcement.

What's the right amount of money? It's difficult to know, but it's clear that in South Dakota, it's trending the wrong direction.

There are probably ways to save money in the administration of the law on our reservations, and those should be considered.

But significantly cutting the number of police officers isn't the way to do it.

That kind of short-sighted thinking will only exacerbate difficult conditions and stifle efforts at long-term economic gain.

Congress and the president need to agree on a plan to put more police back on the streets in Indian Country.

Guest Column

My wish list

By Sandra White Shield
Special to the Times

My personnel wish list consists of the following:

*Healthcare of indigenous peoples on par with that of the non-native population of the United States

*Adequate housing for families of this reserve

*Increased funding for tribal institutions of higher education

*The ability to view beautiful teapots

Wait! That last one. That's not on MY wish list. That's on the Federal Governments wish list! It must be because Congress voted, two weeks ago, to give a $500,000 grant to establish the Teapot Museum.

This was in addition to $380,000 of North Carolina's tobacco settlement money, $25,000 from an economic development fund, $500,000 in individual contributions, and $78,000 in grants from a foundation, all earmarked for the Teapot project.

It is a well known fact that more money per capita is spent on the healthcare for federal prisoners than for Indian people.

At last the federal government has recognized the critical need for housing by offering 200 mobile units, unused by hurricane victims to people of the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reserves. Or could it be that they just don't have a place to store the units?

Funding to insure continued higher education for reservation students has been cut, while operating costs skyrocket.

Sparta, North Carolina, the proposed home of the Teapot Museum, is six miles from any main travel route and has a population of 1,773. Officials of the town and proponents of the museum have "hopes" that the museum will spur development in the town but acknowledge that there is no track record for a positive result. The museum is ultimately to cost $10 million to build and provide as many as 12 jobs.

The funds allocated for the museum come from monies set aside each year by Congress for "earmarks." North Carolina's legislative representatives claim that they are just getting their share of that money for their constituents.

There was $29 billion in "pork" monies in 2006. That is $29 BILLION dollars. Contained in the list of things this money was used for were race-car research, a Cattle Congress, and teapot museums.

It seems to me that the United States priority in monetary spending has become just a tad lop-sided. Where are the representatives of this state when such money is voted on? Why they are on the side of the Teapot Museum!

They voted for it! Granted this appropriation was a rider on another bill but no legislator should vote for any bill when such riders are attached.

Our legislator's neglect of securing such funds for the indigenous peoples of this state is unconscionable. Accountability for their action and inaction is in order.

Northern Perspectives

Lila okate eyas Lakota ki iyokpi yuhapi



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

It is hot out, but Lakota people are having fun anyway. I have to admire Lakota people as the summer months appear to be getting just a bit hotter, but it has not deterred anyone from having fun, while also attending to their spiritual needs.

I was fortunate to spend a couple of hours at leksi Roy Stone's newly relocated sun dance grounds over the weekend and it was good. The weather was perfect and I sensed the commitment and prayers of the dancers, some of whom I know.

I am not qualified to say much else about the sacred sun dance as I usually find that I can only take 2-3 hours of the heat and then I have to head home.

I usually do a good job of keeping hydrated and I hope that others are too. I am looking forward to other sun dances, at Hollow Horn Bear's, Crow Dog's and even kola Homer White Lance's sun dance.

Later this weekend, I spent a couple of more hours in the hot sun at the Antelope powwow while attending the honoring and namegiving of Brandon Whitebird, the son of Francis and Alice Whitebird who is returning to Germany and then, deploying to Iraq.

I thought it was important to be there and quietly show my support as kola Francis was kind enough to come to my son Beaux's namegiving ceremony a month ago. *Lakol ocaje wan kupi ca he wopila heca. Cin'ca hoksila Beaux ki 'ta wicahpi ake topa' eciyapi.'* As a dad, I fully understood the pride that Francis must have felt for Brandon.

I took Beaux to White River; also, over the weekend to watch the Bull-A-Rama and that was kind of fun because he had never seen bull riding.

I think the bulls probably won 10-2 or something like that but it was an enjoyable experience for us anyway. Pte bloka ki pte ole wicasa ki ota tehki kuyapi eyas oyukpi unyuhapi.

With the heat index reaching into the one hundred degree level this week, it will be important for people to continue to keep hydrated and to stay in a cool place.

I have said it before, but Lakota people are very good about surviving such extreme temperature, as we rarely hear of anyone suffering from heat stroke.

The fire danger will likely be quite extreme and there isn't much we can do about that, except maybe be supportive of our firefighters if they have to go out for any extended length of time.

So, there is much more fun to be had with the annual Oglala Nation powwow and Rosebud Fair coming up next month. Despite the heat, summer time is always a special time for Lakota people as we can make new friends, enjoy the fellowship of others and continue to enjoy a way of life that has characterized the social and spiritual realm of Lakota people for centuries.

A mitakuyepi le bloketu ki ehas okate ca mni ota yatkanpo nahan tima ogasni asnikiyapo.

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The courage and fortitude of Lakota singers and dancers tested

Dear Editor:

The fourth of July weekend did not turn out as expected for a small number of Oglala Sioux tribal members in Lame Deer, Montana. Some young dancers and a well-respected Oglala drum traveled to the Kenneth Bear Tusk Memorial Powwow on July 6, 7, and 8, 2007 to compete and to enjoy.

Two singers for the Sons of the Oglala drum, Ronald Cross Dog and Sheldon Two Crow, and some young teenaged dancers, Devin Cross Dog, Isaiah Weasel Bear, Justin Williams, and Novie Runs Above, have been traveling the powwow circuit in Indian country. This one, however, turned out somewhat difficult and disturbing for them.

Nineteen forty-two (1942) saw the birth of a singing group, the Oglala Juniors. Later, one of the singers had formed another group - Sons of the Oglala. The memories of Matthew and Nellie Two Bulls are very much a part of the drum today. Some of the older Northern Cheyenne in Lame Deer recognized and honored the drum, as did other drum groups.

The trouble began almost immediately when powwow announcer, Vincent Black Bird, openly expressed his displeasure with the counter-clockwise dancing of the Lakota dancers. He publicly chastised them, "You Oglalas come here, you should dance the Northern Cheyenne way. Respect our ways."

Ronald Cross Dog said it took every ounce of patience just to keep dancing and to keep the younger dancers in good spirits, "They were scared by what they were hearing from the announcer over his public address system." Some of the people seemed to be in agreement with their announcer as they began whispering to each other and pointing at the Lakota dancers.

An older Arena Director then tried to get the younger dancers to dance clockwise by physically grabbing one by the arm and turning her around.

Novie Runs Above later told the older dancers Cross Dog and Two Crow, about what the man did and said to her. She was apparently intimidated, according to Mr. Cross Dog and it upset him.

It did not stop there as the announcer continued publicly berating the dancers by accusing them of bringing the thunder by dancing the wrong way during one of their ceremonies. It rained on the second day of the powwow. The man explained that the ceremony performed here as done to support the sacred Arrow Ceremony in Oklahoma.

Finally, Cross Dog confronted the gentlemen. He explained that they came a long way to enjoy their powwow and that they should have informed the Lakota dancers ahead of time, and they would have complied with any requests. Lakota people are very respectful of these ways, he said. There was mixed reaction among the Northern Cheyenne.

Meanwhile, the powwow announcer abruptly disqualified all the Lakota dancers as contestants for the prize money. This was a bit too much to handle, even for a long time singer, dancer, and sundancer like Cross Dog. He and the others angrily left the arena and broke camp.

As the group was leaving, Cross Dog realized that what they were doing was not good.

He returned to the arena, approached the announcer and the other person and offered to apologize for behaving the way he did in front of the Northern Cheyenne people. To this, the arrogant announcer replied, "It's good that you do that. You should apologize to me

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for disrespecting the Northern Cheyenne way."

A younger Arena Director and the powwow committee chairman came forth and apologized to Cross Dog. They said their announcer had no authority to disqualify any dancers. Another lady committee member stated that she is the authority on who is disqualified and has not disqualified anyone.

The men emphatically apologized for the announcer's behavior. They said the man did the ceremonies on his own. Such ceremonies are performed in private not in public. A female Tribal Council Representative explained that their ceremonies are so sacred, even the tribal offices are closed, "that's how sacred they are." She stated the Tribal Council will look into this.

Cross Dog, again responded with, "No one should be apologizing for one man's misconduct. He should be apologizing for disrespecting Lakota people. He picked on us all weekend. Actually, miscommunication and his discourtesy are the problem, but it made the whole tribe look bad. Someone should have told us ahead of time."

A smiling Northern Cheyenne spiritual person then asked Cross Dog, "What is it you want? Do you want a blanket dance? Is it money you want?" Cross Dog responded with, "It is not a matter of money. It is of communication." A tribal headsman then chimed in, "Everything is clearly spelled out in the rules - to respect Northern Cheyenne ways."

Cross Dog repeated himself, "You should have told us ahead of time, not publicly humiliate us. It may have been funny and awkward, but we would have complied. I, for one am a respectful person. I get the feeling this man has a personal vendetta against Lakota people, nothing else. He was unnecessarily rude and harsh with his language and behavior."

"At home," he explained, "there is a reason we don't perform sacred ceremonies in public. There are bad thoughts, women on their monthly moon, fighting, drinking. We do a humble prayer and that's all. We keep our ceremonies at home."

A powwow committee member asked Cross Dog to dress up and finish dancing. He, again, explained, "We have been dishonored; our feathers have been dirtied. We will have to take them to a ceremony to cleanse them. The younger dancers are so embarrassed that they may even put their feathers away for a long time."

The spiritual person then offered to shake hands with Cross Dog using his right hand at first then, as if remembering something, quickly switched hands and began shaking hands with his left hand. "I don't what that was about but it doesn't really matter now", Cross Dog said.

A Northern Cheyenne family approached Cross Dog and invited them back for next year's powwow. They explained that they would like for them to come back because of the traditional songs that the Sons of the Oglala drum is known for. One of the family members said, "All we have here are melody songs."

Cross Dog was on his way to another powwow at Prairie Island, home of the Mdewakanton Dakota in Minnesota. Apparently, he was still upset as he described his feelings about the incident. "For the past thirteen weekends we have traveled all over the country. Never have we been so disrespected. It was the ugliest and the meanest way to be disrespected."

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Deja vue, indeed: the evolving story of FEMA's toxic trailers

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In June of 2007, Senator Tim Johnson, FEMA, Congress, and the BIA arranged for 2,000 FEMA trailers to be made available to the Native American reservations in dire need of housing.

These trailers are part of the 8,000+ excess, unused FEMA trailers constructed for the victims of the 2005 Hurricane Katrina. Exactly which American Indian reservations and how many units each reservation will get remains yet to be decided.

The tribes will be required to pay transportation costs as well as the costs to prepare the lots, set the trailers up, and to winterize them. However, clearly this appeared to be a significant help towards the critical need of about 90,000 American Indian families in critical in need of adequate housing (as detailed in a 2003 study by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights).

According to public statements, Senator Johnson specifically envisioned many of these trailers going to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, a place whose poverty-stricken conditions are likened to third world countries. The Senator and the BIA have been working closely with John Steele, Paul Iron Cloud, and the Tribal Council from Pine Ridge to make it all happen.

It seemed a surprisingly ideal solution, one which many people applauded at first as a huge humanitarian and logical move by the Federal Government.

Ideal, that is, until one starts to investigate the history of these mobile homes and learns of an astonishing toxicity issue with the vast majority of the units.

Said to be fully-furnished, three bedroom units, these trailers were built during a construction frenzy created by FEMA's unprepared but immediate need to house Hurricane Katrina survivors. A report from the *Sun Herald News* in Mississippi in May of 2006 details the picture of this manufacturing frenzy.... untrained workers, a dearth of suitable materials, using materials possibly made outside the U.S. which contained higher levels of chemicals than normally allowed, and low quality control on hastily-created assembly lines.

Chemicals… therein lies the problem. The Government's public announcements about these trailers fail to mention the history of toxic contamination from formaldehyde which has been proven to exist in the FEMA trailers and mobile homes constructed for the victims of Katrina.

Formaldehyde is a chemical which emits gasses which the EPA considers to be highly toxic and carcinogenic (known to cause lung, nose, and throat cancer) but which is not regulated for trailer manufacturing in this country. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, exposure to formaldehyde toxins can create irritated eyes, breathing problems, headaches, asthma attacks, coughing, congestive heart disease, nausea, depression, memory-impairment, skin rashes, respiratory problems and even can lead to cancer. To compound the problem, high temperatures or high humidity increase the toxin levels.

Worse, for people who already are compromised with respiratory health issues, and for infants, children, nursing mothers, and elders, exposure can prove disastrous and even more deadly.

Formaldehyde is used in cheap building materials like particle board, plywood, curtains, molded plastics, counter tops, glue, carpet, insulation, and wallpaper. While normal trailers and mobile homes also contain these toxins, the FEMA trailers and mobile homes, hurriedly built as bare-bones cheap models, seem to contain significantly higher concentrations.

In 2006, the Sierra Club tested FEMA trailers in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama and found 83-94 percent of them to contain formaldehyde levels far above EPA and OSHA recommended workplace limits of 0.10 parts per million. Other testing has shown comparable results. Varying reports state that the gas levels emitted by the formaldehyde in the contaminated trailers ranged from 3 to 1,000 times the acceptable EPA limits.

Originally, FEMA's response to hundreds of complaints from Katrina victims was that the toxic vapors go away with adequate ventilation after about six months. However, continued testing has proven that not to be the case.

Additionally, according to a report given by journalist Dan Rather on HD-TV, information has come to light that FEMA was informed of the high toxicity by OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) just two months after Katrina hit, in October 2005, but chose to ignore the information. Testing to ensure employee safety, OSHA found new units in four county FEMA staging areas to have toxicity levels 20 times above government standards just in the air outside the trailers.

Dan Rather further related his interview with a former FEMA employee who clearly indicated that not only was FEMA aware of the toxic problems but chose to ignore them.

Moreover, the employee stated that FEMA advised their employees to remain silent about the test results.

In March of 2007, the Washington Post News reported FEMA's woes in trying to sell their excess trailers and mobile homes. Selling the units at 40 cents on the dollar seemed like simple poor financial management on the part of FEMA in this report.

However, in light of the contamination issues, it may have turned out to be the best financial move FEMA could have made.

In May, 2007, both ABC News and CBS News reported that Louisiana Dem. Senator Mary Landrieu and Louisiana Rep. Congressman Bobby Jindal have each independently called for hearings to address the FEMA trailer toxicity issues and FEMA's poor response as well as to what it knew, how much it knew, and when.

In June, 2007, the Louisiana Advocate News reported that a class-action lawsuit had been filed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana Federal Court which claims that "hundreds of thousands" of people in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama may have been exposed to dangerously high concentrations of carcinogenic formaldehyde fumes with no recourse or viable solution provided by FEMA.

According to a report in the Washington Post on July 13, 2007, Desiree Collins of Louisiana filed the original lawsuit regarding the contamination of the FEMA trailers. She allowed her lawsuit to become a class-action lawsuit for all Katrina survivors who are victims of the toxic exposure.

Obviously, it seems tragic enough that well over 75-85,000 families, victims of Hurricane Katrina, still have to remain trapped into living in their FEMA units two years after the fact, a home most likely contaminated and dangerous. That, in itself, defies anyone's definition of humanitarian aid.

Yet since June of 2007, with South Dakota Dem. Senator Tim Johnson leading Congress into approval, tribal councils are working hand in hand with the Federal BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) to bring 2,000 of these very same trailers to the reservations of South Dakota as well as to other reservations.

Again, all under the guise of humanitarian aid.

Deja vue, indeed. We have been here before.

The seeming-correlation of the distribution of toxic trailers to the reservations in 2007 and the government dispersing smallpox-infested blankets to the reservations in the 1800s is not so far-fetched at all. It just leaves one wondering…..

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Informational Website Resource
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Rosebud Casino



Red Cloud knocks off White River in preview of 2007 Lakota Nation tourney

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

RAPID CITY - After four pool games and three tournament games, it was White River against Red Cloud for the South Dakota Tech high school boy's basketball team camp championship Sunday night at the King Center on the Tech campus; Red Cloud won a hard fought battle 64-60.

In the first Tech team camp last month, White River downed St. Thomas More for the camp championship. More is coming off back to back state championships and White River has been to the State B tourney the last two years finishing fourth in 2006 and third in 2007.

A total of 40 teams from six states participated in the two day weekend team camp.

The top division included 14 teams, Sidney from Montana, Laramie and Gillette from Wyoming, Williston, Mandan and Belcourt from North Dakota and Rapid City Stevens, RC Central, Platte, White River, St. Thomas More and Red Cloud from South Dakota. The lower varsity division included Bayard, Hay Springs and Crawford of Nebraska, Longmont I and Longmont II of Colorado and Tiospaye Topa, Stanley County, Lead-Deadwood, McCook Central and Hill City of South Dakota. There was a junior varsity division with 12 teams and a junior high division with four teams.

Louie Krogman, a senior getting ready for his last year of high school, led White River through the tournament, helping his team to a 20 point win over St. Thomas More in the semis and knocking down 28 points in the championship game against Red Cloud. Krogman is 173 points from breaking the all time high school individual scoring record in South Dakota, he has averaged over 30 points a game the last two years for White River.

"Krogman is the real deal, he shoots from anywhere on the floor and he has a great ability to create space with any defenders covering him," said Matt Rama, Red Cloud head coach, "Eldon Marshall has done a good job building a team around Krogman, it is no longer a one man show, we really look forward to playing them next year in the Lakota Nation."

Red Cloud's Christian McGhee led the Crusaders in the championship game with 17 points while Lester Gotheridge scored 13 and grabbed 14 rebounds. Red Cloud beat Gillette, Sidney and Laramie in pool play and beat RC Stevens and Sidney in the first two rounds of the tournament and knocked off Platte 69-25 in the semis. Billy Scott had the task of covering Krogman all night long; Red Cloud's team also included Dave Giago, Mike Twiss, Art Vitalis, Ezra Zephier, Mike Cuny, Carl Swallow and Brier Iron Cloud.

Red Cloud is now 40-5 for the summer season and wraps up their summer with participation in the Powerhouse National Tournament in Washington D. C. the last weekend of July.

Red Cloud's junior varsity lost to Mandan in the JV Division championship game.

Pine Ridge Village celebrates July 4

PINE RIDGE - The Pine Ridge Village held their annual fireworks display on July 4 as planned.

It should be noted that this event was not held in the past three years but under the chairmanship of Bette Goings, the cookout and fireworks display was enjoyed by many.

People attending ate hot dogs, baked beans, chips and cold drinks were served at the Yo Park. The fireworks display were contracted out to Dean's fireworks.

The following is a list of people of people and businesses the Pine Ridge Village would like to thank for contributing to the successful endeavor:

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A special thanks to Collins Gay and Robin Tapio for all the footwork they did and to Margaret Vitalis for the delicious baked beans and to Nikki Big Crow and Gloria Yellow Boy for helping serve the people.

A community survey is available at the CAP office on how to better meet the people's needs.

Radiation warning signs placed on Cheyenne River

RED SHIRT VILLAGE - Some of the residents of Red Shirt village on the northwest corner of the Pine Ridge Reservation will be unveiling signs warning people of the high nuclear radiation levels found in the Cheyenne River.

Residents of the tiny community of Red Shirt on the south side of the Cheyenne River occupy a village site that is thousands of years old to the Oglala Tetuwan (Sioux) people.

Many have lived here all of their lives, growing gardens with water taken from the Cheyenne River and fishing for catfish, bass, and turtles. In the summer months, the River is used for swimming and other recreational pursuits.

Several weeks ago, in preparation for the summer months, Everitt Poor Thunder asked Defenders of the Black Hills, an environmental organization, whether the Cheyenne River water could be used to irrigate a community garden. A local well could not be used as it was found to be radioactive and warning signs surround that structure.

A water sample was taken, sent to a laboratory, and the results were found to be above the Environmental Protection Agency's Maximum Contaminant Level for alpha radiation.

As alpha radiation causes harm when ingested, the warning signs are being placed to warn people of the dangers of nuclear radiation in the water. The was July 18 on the south side of the bridge spanning the river.

Red Shirt village is located about 25 miles southeast of Hermosa on SD Highway 40.

For more information contact Charmaine White Face, Coordinator for Defenders of the Black Hills at 399-1868.

Shigellosis cases increasing, high in Huges, Todd counties

PIERRE - The Department of Health is reminding parents to protect their children from shigellosis, a common bacterial infection that increases in the summer.

Shigellosis is spread by eating or drinking contaminated food or water or by direct contact with an infected person. Kids in day care are at higher risk due to their frequent hand to mouth contact. People exposed to shigella may have mild or severe diarrhea or may show no symptoms at all.

"The single most important way to prevent the spread of shigellosis is to practice careful and thorough hand-washing after using the toilet," said Josh Clayton, Surveillance Coordinator for the Department of Health.

Shigellosis symptoms may appear one to seven days after exposure but typically within two or three days. While most people recover on their own, others may require fluids to prevent dehydration. Children and staff in day care, food handlers, and health care workers should be excluded from their duties until they have two negative stool cultures.

Through July 16, the department had reported 81 cases of the disease in nine counties, with 54 of those cases occurring in Hughes County. Other cases were reported in Dewey (2), Lawrence (3), Minnehaha (3), Pennington (2), Roberts (1), Shannon (4), Stanley (5) and Todd (7) Counties. In 2006, South Dakota reported a total of 396 cases.

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TCSD Board swears in elected members, re-elects Leneaugh, Heinert to office, discusses Emergency Crisis Plans

Phyllis Littau
TCSD Public Relations

MISSION - Melissa Whipple-Riley and Charles Moe Sr. were sworn into office at the July 9 TCSD Organizational Board Meeting. The two won seats on the board in the June 19 election.

Reelected to the board as president and vice-president, respectively, were Marlon Leneaugh and Troy Heinert.

After lengthy discussion, the board approved the Todd County High School Emergency Crisis Plan as submitted. The document is a guide for school personnel to follow in case of any emergency, such as a bomb threat, intruder, fire, tornado, etc.

Whipple-Riley said she has a problem with relinquishing "total control" to police, when parents will look to the school district for answers regarding the students. She was assured that law enforcement must be in charge in such incidents.

"I don't have a problem with the police taking over," Vice-Pres. Heinert said. "They are trained, and I would much rather have a professional in charge."

Moe agreed. "We have no choice," he said. "They have the training and the fire power."

High School Prin. Vicki Sherman said the police keep her informed at all times. "We work with them," she said. "I dial 911, they send the officers and they determine what happens from there.

South Elementary Secretary Monica Rahn said each school has an issue, that South, for instance, needs to know what is going on at the high school. She said she feels each school should have a safety officer who

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OLC's science field project involved 23 junior high students
Environmental topic focus of summer institute

KYLE - Things have really been jumping at the Pejuta Haka College Center these last few weeks. Oglala Lakota College's new Native Science Field Center project 1st Annual Summer Institute was launched.

And 23 junior high students from Rapid City, Red Shirt Table, Pine Ridge, Kyle Porcupine, Allen and Martin were involved in the institute, which dealt with topics in leadership training, western science and Lakota culture.

Each of the six weeks focused on different environmental topics; the weeks' topics included geology, the Black Hills, water, animals and plants.

The students went on different field trips each week. Aspects of Lakota culture were introduced in each of these areas as well as hands-on scientific labs. For example, during animal week, students learned how to make papa (dried meat) and then after informative instruction from the Oglala Lakota Nation's Parks and Recreation set traps to help study the fox population on the reservation.

The week ended with a field trip to Reptile Gardens where they went on a scavenger hunt developed by OLC's interns.



Deloris Bear Killer shows the NSFC students the correct way to cut meat to make dried meat.

The participants practiced and learned about Lakota culture daily.

Each day started with a prayer. The students were divided into a tiwahe (family).

All of the families made up the tiospaye. They learned about significant Lakota plants/medicines from Wilmer Mesteth, OLC faculty. Respect was shown to all the places they went; they took trash bags and picked up trash at the sites of instruction.

One community service project performed was weeding a community garden in Martin. The institute culminated with a luncheon for the parents and an overnight field trip to Pierre, where they performed hands-on science experiments at the Science Discovery Center. The next day they learned about water treaty rights and Mni Wiconi. Francis Ferguson and John Brave graciously gave the students an in depth tour and informative lecture about the water project.

The program stressed healthy body, healthy mind, healthy Unci Maka (grandmother earth). Daily snacks included fruits and vegetables, nuts, trail mix and jerky. No pop or candy was allowed in the institute; water bottles were provided to the students.

Without the support of the parents, grandparents and guardians, programs of this nature are not successful; the parents/guardians are to be applauded for their help by getting their children up every morning. This shows that the family structure exists; that is a key component for a healthy mind and body and ultimately a healthy Earth.

Community is a focus for this program.

The following community members saw the value of this program and provided support, Kyle Grocery provided all the lunch materials for the six field trips, Dr. John Zimmer gave money for healthy snacks, Ace Hardware in Martin, Bair Ford in Martin and L & D Swett Bar. The Native Science Field Center at Oglala Lakota College is funded by Hopa Institute, Bush Foundation and National Science Foundation. Plans for next year include an ongoing after school program in the schools, monthly Board meetings and another summer institute. Call Rhonda Bear (Director) at 605-455-6004 or Misty Brave (Principal Investigator) at 605-685-6002 for more information.

Walk to Iraq and back - 13,600 miles
Walkers needed

PINE RIDGE - The OST Health Administration and the OST OYATE BLIHELYA, and the OST Youth Shelter, and the Wounded Knee 4-H Club"cowboys and Indians"; are sponsoring a "Walk to Iraq and Back campaign."

The goals of this project is to show support to the Native American soldiers serving time in Iraq. The project has calculated the miles to Iraq and back and it totals 13,600 miles. To show our support for our tribal members we are pledging to walk the DISTANCE to Iraq and back.

We are asking for individuals, programs, families, tiospayes and teams to register and keep track of their weekly miles. We will have quarterly meetings to track our miles and make note on a map that will be displayed at the OST Tribal building in Pine Ridge. You can begin tracking your miles weekly with the OST Health Administration office. The number is 867-1705 and fax 867-2063. The registered walkers will participate in a "Kick Off" during the opening events at Oglala Nation Pow wow, fair and rodeo, which will be walking in with the Sobriety riders to promote our efforts.

Some teams are naming their team after a soldier currently in Iraq, If there are families who would like a team to walk in honor of their family member, please contact our office with their name and rank.

For more information contact the OST Health Administration at 867-1705, or the OST Youth Shelter at 867-2515, or the OST Oyate Blihelya Program at 867-1706.

Come out and support our soldiers who are proudly representing our nation as great warriors.

Financial literacy classes start Aug. 15, public invited

KYLE - Lakota Funds will be offering two Financial Literacy classes this fall. If you are looking to start a business, buy a home, or pay off debt. Perhaps you would like to start a savings for Christmas, or save to buy a car or furniture.

These classes will be starting on Aug. 15, at Pejuta Haka College center in Kyle and they will start at 5 p.m.

Personal Financial Literacy is the FIRST STEP in gaining control and managing your Financial Future.

Native people have always managed resources wisely and prepared for the future/winter. The Curriculum for this course is designed to help Native Americans adapt their traditional skills to the wise management of financial resources.

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This class is FREE and the books for this course are also FREE.

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Community Calendar

POST your event FREE here.
Email to editor@lakotacountrytimes.com or fax to 605-685-1870.

Rez Happenings

Red Cloud Indian Art Show
June 3-August 19, 2007 at the Red Cloud Heritage Center at Red Cloud School northwest of Pine Ridge Village.

OST Commodity Distribution
Thursday, July 19 in Oglala at the old Oglala store site.

Computer Skills Workshop
Thursday, July 19 at the Pine Ridge college center computer lab from12 noon to 3 p.m., for information call Thalia at 867-1528.

Reservation wide elderly meeting
Friday, July 20 in Manderson at the Wounded Knee District School gym at 1 p.m., for information call 867-2788 or 862-6167.

Mid-Summer Dance
Friday, July 20 at the Medicine Root District CAP Office in Kyle, 9pm-12midnight, music provided by DJ Spinnerz, concessions to be sold, for information call Trevor Iron Cloud at 454-8037 or 308 862-6995.

Pass Creek Pow wow
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 20-22 in Allen with grand entries set for Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m., for information call 455-2540 or 441-5477.

Tony's Summerfest 2007
A 12 team Co-ed double E Softball tourney, July 20-22 in Martin at Brooks Memorial Park with a horseshoe tourney at 12 noon on July 21, for information call Tony at 685-1301 or 441-2344.

Fun in the Sun
An eight team co-ed mud volleyball tournament, Friday and Saturday, July 20, 21 near the Pass Creek pow wow grounds in Allen and a mud tug of war on Saturday, July 21 near the Pass Creek pow wow grounds in Allen, for information call Justin 455-1209 or 455-1771.

Audrey High Wolf Memorial
Memorial dinner and giveaway on Saturday, July 21 at 1 p.m. at the Wolf Creek Sundance grounds, for information call Lisa at 867-2840 or 454-3672.

Leather Craft Day
Wednesday, July 25 in Kyle and Wednesday, August 1 in Porcupine starting at 1 p.m. at both locations, for information call Eddie at 455-1362.

Twiss Memorial Baseball Tourney
Wednesday-Saturday, July 25-28 at the Wade Vitalis field in Pine Ridge with divisions including 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, for information call Ryan 441-3265.

Kicking Bear Wacipi
Thursday-Sunday, July 26-29 in Manderson at Crazy Horse Park.

Eagle Nest District Celebration
Thursday-Sunday, July 26-29 in Wanblee with a carnival starting on Thursday, grand entry set for Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m., all drums will be paid daily and namings, honorings and memorials will be held and three meals served daily, for information call Elroy at 462-6644.

Badlands Bull Bash
Saturday, July 28 in Scenic at 6 p.m., for information call Stef at 993-3012.

Red Hawk Memorial Baseball Tourney
Sunday-Thursday, July 29-August 2 at the Wade Vitalis field in Pine Ridge with three divisions of 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18, for information call Ryan 441-3265.

Oglala Sioux Tribal Council
Regular session set for Monday-Wednesday, July 30-August 1, at the East Wakpamni College Center in Batesland.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye pow wow
First Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye pow wow of the year, Thursday, August 2 during the Oglala Nation Fair, Rodeo, pow wow and dance contest.

Annual Oglala Nation Fair
Thursday-Sunday, August 2-5 in Pine Ridge with pow wow and dance contest, parade, rodeo, softball and baseball tournaments, golf tourney.

HIV Training for women
Tuesday and Wednesday, August 14 and 15 at the Ramkota/Best Western in Rapid City with a theme of "Preventing AIDS through strengthening our traditions" for information call Darlene or Bobbie at 867-3100.

Todd County School

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knows what to to, where to go, no matter what the emergency. "Whatever it is, you can't wait," she said.

Whipple-Riley thought it would be a "great idea" to have safety officers at each school and Heinert said he wouldn't have a problem with a person at each facility to relay information, as to where people could meet to get information, etc. "Maybe there needs to be a document for administrators, a check list for them to notify cops, teachers," he said.

Sherman said a lot was learned last year during a couple of incidents at the high school. "We are going to be a lot stricter if it happens again," she said. "All student computers will be shut down, cell phones will be off." She noted that a training session has been scheduled for August 16 on emergency issues. "We will let you know more after that," she said.

Board Member Lavern Lanz noted that in an incident at a Rapid City school, a cell phone proved to be very useful. "If a teacher has a cell phone, it could be quite beneficial. I don't agree with the 'no cell phone' rule," he said.

Board members agreed that the Emergency Crisis document is "just a start," and that the issue must be revisited.

Although the board voted to adopt the current educational philosophy statement (Statements of Belief and Mission Statement), it was agreed that it needs to be changed.

"Because it is so lengthy, it has lost a lot of its punch, and people just don't read it," Supt. Dr. Margo Heinert said. "It would be good to get some new ideas , have new people involved to revise it. We have to look at our restructuring, and that will determine some of the Mission and Belief Statements."

Moe noted that the statements need to be short and concise enough for people to know what it is.

Leneaugh said it needs to start with Dr. Heinert and the administrators.

In other organizational meeting business, the board:

*designated Lakota Country Times as the official newspaper for the district;

*named Paul Jensen, Winner, as attorney for the district;

*designated Wells Fargo Bank and USB PaineWebber as the official depositories;

*appointed Dr. Heinert as authorized representative of TCSD for all applications and agreements needed;

*established regular board meeting dates (see elsewhere in this issue);

*appointed Business Manager Chad Blotsky as custodian of all accounts;

*designated Robert's Rules of Order as parliamentary procedure;

*voted to join Associated School Boards of SD, National School Board Assn., Impact Schools of SD and National Assn. of Federally Impacted Schools, SD High School Activities Assn., National Indian Impacted Schools Assn., National Indian School Board Assn., SD Coalition of schools.

*authorized the superintendent to close school under emergency conditions and established a chain of command in her absence - Director of Exceptional Education Debera Lucas, North Elem. Prin. Pat Burnette, TCMS Prin. Peggy Diekhoff;

*set board member compensation at $75 per meeting and $30 for committee meetings lasting less than three hours;

*set admission charges for the 2007-08 school year at $4 for single adults, $3 for single student, $45 for season adults and $35 for season students;

*set the normal beginning and ending times for all TC schools for 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.;

*appointed Debera Lucas as coordinator for Title IX of PL 92-318 and Sec. 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973;

*appointed Alicia Dickson-Boyd as truant officer

For details of the meeting, see the legal section of the *Lakota Country Times*.

The next regular board meeting will be held Monday, July 23, 5:30 p.m. at the district office in Mission. As usual, the public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Volleyball jamboree Aug. 17

Friday, August 17 at 9 a.m. at Red Cloud School for those who would like to learn more about volleyball or become an official, sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association, for information call Jen Schaer at 867-5491, ext. 506

Porcupine Labor Day men's fastpitch tourney

Men's Fastpitch Softball Tournament, 12 team, double Elimination, August 31-Sept. 3 at Porcupine School ballfield, for information call Elgin 441-2521, Alsie 288-0097 or Dasey 867-5446.

Gov. Rounds addresses Gear Up students
State Indian Education Act on pilot mode

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent



Left to right: Students Nellie Two Elk, Evan Heintz, Nina Schmidt, Zachary Boyd, and Laree Pourier; standing, Governor Mike Rounds; and at the table, Secretary of Indian Education Keith Moore and Director of Office of Tribal Government Relations Roger Campbell.

PHOTO BY DARLA DREW LERDAL

RAPID CITY-South Dakota's recently enacted Indian Education Act may appear to be an unfunded mandate, but 2007 state legislators might have rejected the act if funding had been a component of the bill, Governor Mike Rounds told a group of about 120 American Indian students at the Dahl Arts Center on Thursday, July 12.

Along with Keith Moore, secretary of Indian Education, and Roger Campbell, director of the Office of Tribal Government Relations, Rounds spoke to students involved in Gear-Up, a nationwide program held locally at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology to encourage students to study science, engineering, and math.

Before approving funding for a program, the legislature wants to see results, Rounds said, so he has chosen to use discretionary funds to support a pilot language program at St. Joseph's School.

St. Joseph's is a Catholic boarding school for American Indian students at Chamberlain. The act requires a pilot program for language revitalization, with a status report to be presented to the 2008 legislature.

If the language program is proven to be a success at St. Joseph's, then the legislature can be approached to fund a more comprehensive program, Rounds said.

The new act establishes the Office of Indian Education within the Department of Education, a move that creates greater security for the office, Moore told students. Prior to passage of the act, the program existed at the whim of whoever occupied the governor's office, he said.

Under requirements of the act, Moore's office is responsible for developing a curriculum to instruct teachers and both Native and non-Native students in Indian history, language, culture, and traditional educational theory.

The act also establishes an advisory council, with members representing all South Dakota tribes and Native educators from across the state.

Moore said Indian education will be infused into existing curricula, with results determined by assessment testing.

"All great things start small, and we build on it," Moore said. "You could say this act is an unfunded mandate … or say 'What a neat step South Dakota has taken.'"

A panel of upcoming high school sophomores - Laree Pourier, Red Cloud High School; Zachary Boyd, Evan Heintz, and Nina Schmidt, Rapid City Central High School; and Nellie Two Elk, Todd County High School - asked questions they had prepared in advance.

In response, the three officeholders from Pierre gave a consistent message: stay in school, graduate, and get post-secondary education.

The workforce in South Dakota is diminishing, while the Native population is growing faster than any other group in the state, creating a promising situation for Native people to find jobs, Moore said.

Campbell said employees will be needed for government functions such as public policymaking, teaching, road construction, social services, and public protection.

Healthcare on and off the reservations "could use a lot of help," he said.

In the private sector, there's a "clear demand" for people skilled in finances, science, technology, engineering, math, and computer science, Campbell said.

Moore added that technology is growing so rapidly, the top 10 jobs 10 years from now do not currently exist.

The forum was videotaped by KOLC TV at Oglala Lakota College for future broadcast and was one of a series of KOLC programs concerning Native issues hosted by The Dahl.

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Marian Egna, 92..... Green Grass
Mary Ann Taken Alive, 56... Cherry Creek
Gladys D. Bear Heels, 83..... Belvidere

Celest S. Brings

PINE RIDGE - Celest S. Brings, 83, died July 16 at the Rapid City Regional Hospital of natural causes.

Survivors include a son Thomas Brings of Pine Ridge; daughters: Sedona Brings and Sandra Brings of Pine Ridge; Harriett Brings of Rapid City; brothers Basil Plenty Wolf of Pine Ridge; sisters Marie Red Cloud of Pine Ridge, Marlis Clown Horse of Scottsbluff, Neb. and six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A one night wake will be Monday, July 23 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Pine Ridge.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 24 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Pine Ridge.

Officiating will be Rev. Abraham Tobacco and Charles McGaa.

Burial will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Cemetery, Slim Buttes.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Grant Marshall

EAGLE BUTTE - Grant Marshall, 36, Eagle Butte, died Thursday, July 12 in Rapid City.

Rosary and wake services were Wednesday, July 18, at the Catholic Church in Eagle Butte.

Funeral services were Thursday, July 19, at the church with the Rev. Korban Janusz officiating.

Burial was at Eagle Butte City Cemetery. Oster Funeral Home in Mobridge was in charge of the arrangements.



Audrey 'Joyce' Quiver-Romero
Cikala Waste Win

WANBLEE - Audrey "Joyce" Quiver-Romero, Cikala Waste Win, was born Feb. 9, 1940 in Pine Ridge.

Joyce left this world to be with her family that preceded her in death on July 15. Joyce died at her residence, the Seven Arrow Ranch on Quiver Hill.

Meeting and guiding her home was her mother Lavina Richards-Quiver, her father Bert Quiver, her sisters Fern Fast Wolf and Twila Quiver. Also, brothers Bertie, Willard and Delane Quiver. Joyce was a hard working woman who raised eight children of her own, and several of her family members. Joyce extended her home to all in need.

Her love of horses was known to all who knew her or entered her home. Joyce grew up on Quiver Hill as a child and spent her life coming home. Joyce worked many professions from cleaning, hair dressing, cooking, teaching and managing the Wanblee Senior Citizen Meal Program. Joyce had many dreams, all mostly involving horses. She purchased land from her father on Quiver Hill and made her home there. She had her own home built and raised quarter horses and horse of her own liking. Grateful for having shared her life are her husband Al Romero, Harris and Angie Eisenbraun of Kadoka, their sons, Cameron and Jordon, great-grandchildren, David, Kai and Cyril. Rhonda Terkildsen and Lee Addison of Belvidere, SD and their children, Lacey, Pam, Cassondra, Eric and John. Niels and Michelle Terkildsen of Billings, MT, and their sons, Royal and Chance. Monica Terkildsen and Terry Romero of Wanblee and their daughters, Alexandria, Antonia and Augusta and great-grandchild, Summer. James Terkildsen of Wanblee and his children, Tristian and Amber. Myrna and Dennis Swift Hawk of Rapid City and their children, Kenny, Audrey, Darryl, Victoria and Brian. Melda and Thomas Thunder Hawk of Rapid City and their sons, Trevor, Thomas Jr., and William. Malinda and David Amiotte of Long Valley and their children. Davis, Joanne, Karen, and Medina. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Fern Fast Wolf and Twila Quiver; and three brothers, Bertie, Willard and Delane Quiver. Wake services will were Wednesday, July 18, at the Crazy Horse School in Wanblee. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, July 20, at the Crazy Horse School, with Richard and Carol Lee and Pastor Gary McCubbin officiating. Burial will be at the Seven Arrow Ranch Cemetery in rural Wanblee. Arrangements are with the Rush Funeral Chapel of Kadoka.

Marian Egna

GREEN GRASS - Marian Egna, 92, Green Grass, died Sunday, July 15 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Wake services were Sunday, July 22, at UCC Church in Green Grass. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 23, at the church. Burial will be at UCC Cemetery in Green Grass.

Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge is in charge of the arrangements.

Cecil Little Eagle

BULLHEAD - Cecil Little Eagle, 75, Bullhead, died Thursday, July 12 at MedCenter One Hospital in Bismarck, N.D.

Wake services were Thursday, July 19, at the Community Center in Bullhead.

Funeral services were Friday, July 20, at the center, with the Rev. Leslie Campbell, and the Standing Rock lay readers officiating. Burial was at St. John's Episcopal Cemetery. Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge is in charge of arrangements.

Ramon Arthur Roubideaux

TUCSON, Ariz. - Ramon Arthur Roubideaux, 82, of Tucson, Ariz., died July 10. Ramon was born Nov. 15, 1924, on the Rosebud Reservation. He served in World War II as a radar-observer-navigator with the 416th Nightfighter Squadron in northern Italy.

He was commissioned 1st Lieutenant and awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and three battle stars.

He attended George Washington University and received his AA degree in 1948 and his law degree in 1950.He was one of the first American Indian private practice attorneys in the State of South Dakota.

He initially practiced in Fort Pierre, and also served eight successive two-year terms as States Attorney for Stanley County.

He moved his law practice to Rapid City in 1971. He also served as a negotiator during the Wounded Knee occupation in 1973 on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation.

He retired from over 50 years of law practice in 2002.

He moved to Tucson, Ariz. with his wife in May 2006 to live with their daughter.

Survivors include his wife, Cecelia, Tucson, Ariz.; two sons, Michael C. Roubideaux and Marcus A. Roubideaux, Rapid City; one daughter, Yvette D. Roubideaux, Tucson, Ariz.; a grandson, Jackson Hilton, Monument, Colo.; a sister, Rosemond Goins, Rapid City; and a sister, Sharon Brave, Rapid City. Services were Tuesday, July 17 at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Rapid City with Fr. Richard McCaslin S.J. officiating.

Burial will be held at the Black Hills National Cemetery with military honors provided by T.R.E.A. Campbell-Paula & Quinn Funeral Home in Rapid City was in charge of arrangements.



Gladys D. Bear Heels

BELVIDERE - Gladys D. Bear Heels, 83, Belvidere, died Sunday, July 15 at Hans P. Peterson Memorial Hospital in Philip.

Survivors include one son, Leland Bear Heels, Kadoka; two daughters, Jerilyn Means, Belvidere, and Marlene Kried, Potlatch, Idaho; 16 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. Her husband, Stacey Bear Heels, preceded her in death.

Visitation was Wednesday, July 18, at Rush Funeral Chapel in Kadoka and Thursday, July 19, at Belvidere Community Church.

In loving memory of our loved one mother, aunties, grandmother, cepansi, hankasi na manske

Freda M. Broken Rope-Apple



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July 28

11 a.m. gather at St. Stephens Church Cemetery for unveiling and blessing of headstone.

Traditional prayers 12:30 p.m. dinner at the Catholic Church in Kyle under the trees in the shade.

Give away by family, closing prayer

Hymn 137 (Freda's favorite hymn)

Tona oyakihipi ki okan ic'icagapi na u pe/po!

Funeral services were Thursday, July 19, at the church. Burial was Thursday at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

A memorial has been established.

Arrangements are with Rush Funeral Chapel in Kadoka.

Mary Ann Taken Alive

CHERRY CREEK - Mary Ann Taken Alive, 56, Cherry Creek, died Friday, July 6 at her home.

Wake services were July 12, at Cherry Creek Community Center. Funeral services were Saturday, July 14, at the center with Mother Marian Rectenwald, Deacon Ted Knife, the Rev. Richard Charging Eagle, Cherry Creek Mennonites and Episcopal lay readers officiating.

Burial was at St. Andrew's Episcopal Cemetery in Cherry Creek. Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

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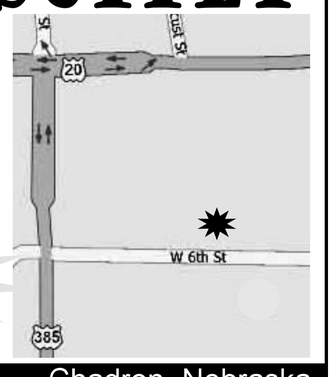
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Dear Anna,

This year has been full of losses for me and I learned a lot about myself this year. I have been recently questioning the direction I should be going in.

I don't know whether my employment is the path I should stay on or my education is a better path for me. I guess the reason why I am torn is because I don't want my kids to be dragged all over the place for me to attain the education I would prefer. They love our home and I do too.

I just don't know where I am going once again in life. Also I have other questions about my life but I don't know if I am ready for those to be answered yet.

Well I've heard great things about you and would like to meet you sometime.

I will end here, thanks for your time.

Just wondering

Dear Just Wondering:

Sometimes it is in the timing. I do see you continuing your education. Here is a thought for you: If we continually teach our children that change is something to fear, that we are worried about their skills to adapt, then we handicap them in their personal growth.

I see that your children, unless you teach them that moving might upset them, will be fine with moving while you continue your education. I also see, that after this continuance, you will move back to the area you now live in.

You will teach your children flexibility and expose them to new environments and new people. This is not harmful - it is expansive. I have some very successful friends that have done the same thing I see you doing, and they and their children are all doing well, and are back at home, fully educated and successful in their chosen careers.

Dear Anna,

Hello Again, Anna. How have you been? Well I am really confused with my personal life and I don't know what is going on with me.

I am in or I was in a relationship that was like the Rocky Mountains and now that he is gone I don't know if I want him back or what. It is that I really need some advice in what to do and do you see my life making any changes?

Always Dazed and Confused in the City

Dear Dazed and Confused:

If you have to ask someone if you want him back then you don't. Your life will change when you make changes in your approach to living.

I see you deciding to obtain some more education.

There seems to be a delay before you can work that out, but it will certainly help you to create a better life.

By the way, you are not a victim of your life, you are a creator of it. Wake up, enjoy every moment you breath, be thankful for good health, follow your dreams and quit expecting some poor man to fulfill your life. Life fulfillment is internal, not external and no man can nor should try to complete your dreams, your life, or even who you are; but he should join you in yours and you in his.

You haven't met him yet, and your true love won't come until you finally accept responsibility for who you are, how you live, and what you do. It's not them, honey. It's you.

I see you successfully working in a dental environment. It just takes time, education, stamina and an incredible amount of guts to work in people's mouths. Good Luck!

Dear Anna,

I had a few questions. One is my kid's father in love with his ex? The kid she says is his is it really his because he's telling me it isn't.

Also there is his cousin who is really a trouble maker what did I ever do to get her mad at me and get into my business. Is there some way you can help this girl?

This Girl

Dear This Girl:

No, your kids' father is not in love with his ex. What insecurity within your relationship with him makes you think that? Do you not feel loved enough? Remember, everyone over twelve who is not with someone has a past. The key word here is PAST. It happened. It's not over.

It looks to me that your kids' father is the dad of the woman in his past. He knows in his heart that he could be, so I would like to ask men why, when they take a poke at a woman, and she takes it seriously (so to speak), then why do they stand in denial? What's up with that?

As far as his cousin goes. I don't fully understand why she is "after" you. I think it is based on gossip from your boyfriend's ex. Whatever it is based on she is not being graceful, and is showing herself up to be a woman with really bad manners.

Pretty soon, she won't have a lot of friends because she is so judgmental. She doesn't understand that she is capable and has the power within herself to still be friends with his ex and you at the same time. It is okay to like both of you.

Just try and be okay with her. When she says something mean try asking her very quietly why she feels compelled to hurt your feelings? That is a healthier response than getting huffy and mean right back. Give her a few years to mature, and I'll be willing to bet that she will be okay with you. Got the time?

Please, for your own sake, either learn to be okay within your relationship or leave. Your insecurity and doubt is torturing your boyfriend and making yourself miserable - that is not a true representation of love, but it is a true representation of dysfunction.

Get well, get happy, and grow in love. There is an old saying I want you to consider:Doubt is the devil's wedge.

That simply means: doubt and fear will always create chaos. Work on your mind, not his.

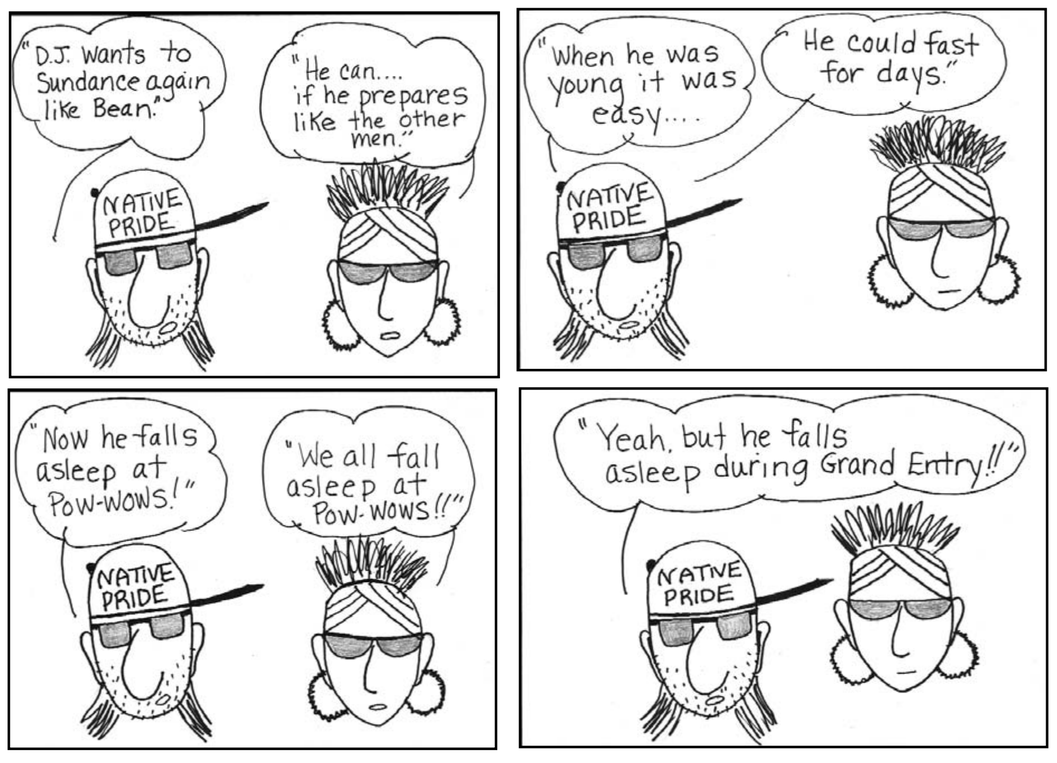
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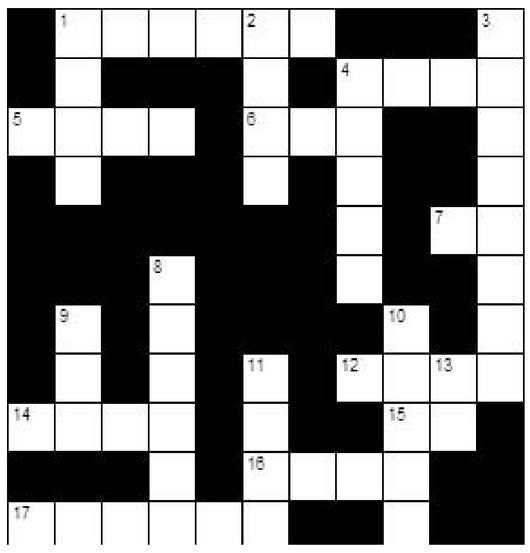
Crossword Puzzle

(answers in next week's issue)

CLUES

Across
1. knee
4. to cry, weep
5. cat
6. lip
7. leg
12. butte or hill
14. tongue
15. foot
16. liver
17. play

Down
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2. onion
3. bug
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11. throat
13. tooth



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MINUTES

Shannon County School Board Special Meeting July 10, 2007

-Unapproved- Minutes

The Shannon County School Board held a special meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at Batesland, SD. President Angie Eagle Bull called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

Members present: Angie Eagle Bull, Todd O'Bryan, Chuck Conroy

Members absent: Melvin Cummings, Ruth Cummings

Others present: Dr. Curt Voight, Superintendent, MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager, Vickie Grant, Assessment Coordinator, Patti Nelson, Administrative Secretary, Terry Hinn, Hinn's Mobile Homes.

7269. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.

7270. Resignation: Motion by Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to accept the resignation submitted by Kathryn Bauer, Wolf Creek Pre-School Teacher, effective July 6, 2007. Motion carried.

7271. Mobile Home Bids: Bids were received in the administrative office until July 9, 2007 for one 16' x 70' mobile home. Bids were received, as per bid specifications, as follows: Hinn's Mobile Homes, Rushville, Nebraska - $39,941.00 (including complete set-up, as stated in bid)

7272. Certify Election Results: Motion by Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to certify election results of the June 12, 2007 school board election, as follows: Tom Conroy, 87 votes; Barbara Dull Knife, 70 votes; Joe Morrisette, 58 votes; Ettamae Runnels, 57 votes; Gerald Big Crow, 52 votes; Collins CJ Clifford, 51 votes; and Joseph White Bear Claws, 29 votes. Motion carried.

7273. Corrective Action Meeting: Superintendent Voight informed the board of the Corrective Action meeting which will be held in Pierre, July 19, 2007.

7274. Adjournment: Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed: MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager.

Shannon County Commissioners July 6, 2007

MINUTES

The Shannon Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on July 6th, 2007. Present: Connie Whirlwind Horse, Deborah Rooks-Cook, Tom Conroy, Vanessa Roubideaux and Sue Ganje, County Auditor. Absent: Inez White Hawk.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairwoman, time being 10:51 a.m.

The agenda was reviewed for conflicts. No conflicts were noted.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve the agenda. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Conroy to approve the Auditor Account with the County Treasurer as follows. All voting yes, the motion carried.

To the honorable board of Shannon County Commissioners

I Hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 29th day of JUNE, 2007.

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN BANK OF THE WEST, $ 4,037.04

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN WELLS FARGO BANK, $ 1,389.01

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN FIRST WESTERN BANK-HS $7,392.97

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ACTUAL CASH, $3,239.74

TOTAL AMT OF CHECKS IN TREASURER'S POSSESSION NOT EXCEEDING THREE DAYS, $429.34

MONEY MARKET SAVINGS: BANK OF THE WEST, $2,239.92

WELLS FARGO BANK, $1,135.36

FIRST WESTERN-HS, $491,754.08

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT-FIRST WESTERN-HS, $250,000.00

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts which have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:

SHORTAGE, 20.00

SHERIFF CHANGE FUND: 200.00

Returned checks:

Atkinson, Jennifer, $40.00; Big Crow, Duane Sr., $39.50; Black Feather, David, $75.00; Brings Patton, Linda, $55.00; Burgess, Jeanne, $45.00; Eagle Bull, Annette M., $43.00; Feather Earring, Tamera, $41.55; Garnett, Aqualyne, $64.00; Goings, Tanya L. $71.00; Haller, Wanda, $25.00; Janis, Jennifer, $90.50; Lone Hill, Trina, $20.70; Mesteth, Perry, $63.00; Morrison, Nadine, $15.00; Old Horse, John, $15.00; Pourier, Joel, $349.00; Red Cloud, John, $45.90; Ross, William, $53.00; Blethen, Rene, $48.25; Broken Nose, Leroy, $44.50; One Feather, Delmar, $187.02; Parton, Joy, $32.00; Puckett, Derek, $24.15; Wa Cin Hin Ska, $61.63.

TOTAL $763,386.16

Dated this 29th day of June, 2007

/S/ Sue Gange

Sue Ganje, County Auditor of Shannon County

The above balance reflects county monies, monies held in trust, and monies collected for and to be remitted to other entities: schools, towns and state.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve the minutes of June 1, 2007. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve the bills. All voting yes, the motion carried.

GENERAL

Commissioners Salaries (5-Comm),June Salaries, $500.00;

Auditor's Office Salaries, June Salaries, 1,277.20

Treasurer's Office Salaries, June Salaries, 1,275.66

States Attorney Office Salaries, June Salaries, 825.00

Dir. Of Equalization Office Salaries, June Salaries, 1,267.75

Reg. of Deeds Office Salaries, June Salaries, 1,273.56

Vets Service Office Salary, June Salary, 900.36

Sheriff Office Salary, June Salary, 2,826.42

Bennett County Booster, Publishing, 216.54

Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, 661.46

Ford Credit, June Payment, 559.41

Golden West Telephone Co. , Telephone Bill, 137.84

Lakota Country Times, Publishing, 31.68

Minnesota Child Support, Child Support, 130.00

Slate Creek Counseling, Mental Ill. Hearings,1,513.52

South Dakota Retirement, June Retirement, 1,113.60

State Treasurer, May Mntl. Hndcp., 180.00

US Postal Service, Postage, 201.19

Wells Fargo Bank, June Payroll Taxes, 1,615.06

Yellow Birds, Oil and Gas, 403.51

Alltel, Phone, 384.52

Bennett County Booster, Publishing, 119.40

Big Bat's, Gas, 625.80

BP, Gas, 1,447.81

Bultsma, Jana, MI Hearing, 35.00

Black Hills Family Health, Prisoner Medical, 89.00

Coast to Coast Solutions, Supplies, 301.17

Conroy, Tom, Travel, 65.12

Deborah Rooks-Cook, Travel, 41.44

Culligan, Supplies, 14.85

Farrell, Farrell, and Ginsbach, MI Hearings, 783.81

Ford Credit, Vehicle Payment, 559.41

Forney's Standard Service, Gas, 117.00

Golden West Telephone, Phone, 53.37

Kratovil, Leo, Check replacement, 139.35

Lakota Country Times, Publishing, 232.00

Linehan, James, Storage, 748.00

Nat'l. Assoc. of Counties, Dues, 400.00

Nelson, Lenora, MI Hearing, 35.00

Office Depot, Supplies, 32.94

Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rent, 100.00

Ortner, Michael, MI Hearing, 198.87

Quill Corporation, Supplies, 26.58

Radio Shack, Supplies, 69.98

Rapid Lube, Vehicle Maintenance, 67.00

Roubideaux, Vanessa, Travel, 47.36

Shannon County Conservation, 2007 Funding, 1,000.00

Shannon County Sheriff, Petty Cash, 60.20

Theilmann, Laurie, Travel, 58.88

Whirlwind Horse, Connie, Travel, 72.32

Whirlwind Horse, Connie, Travel, 83.62

Inez White Hawk, Travel, 66.60

COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

CRBR-Construction Salaries, June Salaries, 14,717.14

Including Overtime for Lynx Bettelyoun, Overtime, 1,944.00

Norman Wilson, Overtime, 810.00

A&B Welding, Supplies, 28.80

Division of Motor Vehicle, Title Transfer, 5.00

Great Plains Communication, Telephone, 561.97

Homestead Building, Supplies, 48.55

Husker Auto Parts, Supplies, 5,938.96

LaCreek Electric Assoc., Electric, 129.36

Pine Ridge Auto Parts, Supplies, 716.86

South Dakota Retirement System, June Retirement, 1,364.58

Town of Batesland, Water, 50.00

Wells Fargo Bank, June Payroll Taxes, 3,804.49

Westco, Fuel, 6,311.59

Western Communications, 639652, 2-28, 80.00

A&B Welding, Supplies, 281.75

Abold App Repair & Plumbing, Repair, 547.90

Ace Industrial, Supplies, 1,312.00

Alltel, Phone, 258.61

Bettelyoun, Lynx, Travel, 12.00

Butler Machinery Co., Repairs,1,754.92

California Contractors, Supplies, 478.80

Culligan, Supplies, 108.10

Farm Plan, Repair, 489.31

First Western Bank, Supplies, 210.94

Gordon Plumbing Company, Repair, 450.01

Great Western Tire Inc., Supplies, 1,694.60

Hatch Electric, Utilities, 587.50

Handi Stop, Supplies, 17.70

Husker Auto Parts, Supplies, 2,029.73

LaCreek Electric Association, Utilities, 115.97

Office Depot, Supplies, 70.44

Quill Corporation, Supplies, 210.78

Rushmore Communications , Supplies, 1,171.27

SD Federal Property Agency, Asset, 8,019.00

SOO Construction & Maintenance, Supplies, 494.70

Sioux Nation Shopping Center, Supplies, 579.88

Western Communications, Rent, 40.00

Wilson, Sonny, Travel, 12.00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EM Salary, June Salary, 323.00

South Dakota Retirement System, June Retirement, 38.76

Wells Fargo Bank, June Payroll Taxes, 49.40

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Conroy to approve the following resolution. All voting yes, the motion carried.

SHANNON RESOLUTION #2007 -5 DROUGHT DISASTER RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Shannon County has failed to receive adequate precipitation for the preceding twelve month period, and

WHEREAS, the lack of precipitation over the past three years has created a state of drought, and

WHEREAS, the drought conditions have had an enormous effect on the production capabilities of the agricultural industry, which in turn severely effects the entire local economy, and

WHEREAS, the lack of consistent precipitation has resulted in the lack of rain water runoff and therefore, caused livestock ponds, dams and natural water holes to dry up, and

WHEREAS, the lack of dependable precipitation has resulted in record low subsoil moisture,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Shannon County Commissioners declare that current drought conditions have created a natural disaster within Shannon County, and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, that both farmer/ranchers and local businesses may be eligible for disaster aid grants and/or low interest Economic Injury Disaster loans from the Farm Services Agency and Small Business Administration Agency retroactive to January 1, 2007,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners for and on behalf of the citizens of Shannon County, request that the Governor of the State of South Dakota petition the Secretary of Agriculture to declare Shannon County a drought disaster area.

Dated this 6th Day of July, 2007.

/S/Connie Whirlwind Horse

Chairwoman of the Board

Shannon County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/S/Sue Ganje

Shannon County Auditor

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to approve the following Nepotism Policy with changes. All voting yes, the motion carried.

SHANNON COUNTY NEPOTISM POLICY

APPROVED ON JULY 6TH, 2007

EFFECTIVE ON JULY 6TH, 2007

For Purposes of this policy, nepotism will be defined as the hiring or supervision of a spouse, parent, sibling, child, or grandchild whether the relation is by blood, marriage or adoption by a department head or other supervisor.

A. A member of an employee's family will be considered for employment by Shannon County, provided the applicant possesses all the qualifications for employment. An immediate family member may not be hired, however, if such employment would:

1. Create either a direct or indirect supervisor/subordinate relationship with a family member; or

2. Create either an actual conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest

This policy will be enforced in accordance and conjunction with the appropriate statutory and case law.

Personnel employed on or before the effective date of the policy are not to be covered by the provisions of this policy.

/S/Connie Whirlwind Horse

Chairwoman

Board of County Commissioners

Shannon County

ATTEST:

/S/Sue Ganje

County Auditor

Shannon County

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to increase mileage rate to $.37 cents per mile, effective July 1st, 2007... All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Conroy to set a Budget Supplement Hearing at 11:15 a.m. on August 3rd, 2007, and 2008 Budget Hearings also to be held on August 3rd, 2007. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Conroy to approve agreement to lease supplemental jail facility capacity at Meade County at $55.00 a day. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Tom Conroy presented his letter of resignation to the Board of Commissioners, effective July 13th, 2007.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to accept resignation of Tom Conroy effective July 13th, 2007. Tom not voting. All other board members voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to advertise for a letter of interest for the Commissioner position for District #5, which will be discussed at the August 3rd meeting. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to approve application for a credit card for the Sheriff from the Bank. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Roubideaux to table meeting in Batesland until Town of Batesland is contacted and the sewer and water line is fixed. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve travel of Lynx Bettelyoun and Sonny Wilson to attend welding training, June 13th, 2007 in Rapid City. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to surplus as junk and dispose of highway department water heater and purchase a new one. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to change classification from part-time to full-time on Norman (Sonny) Wilson, effective June 16th, 2007. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Conroy to transfer the Command Trailer to the South West District, and the 4-Wheeler and Trailer to be retained by Shannon County. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Dave Jagim, Brosz Engineering, discussed with the Board by speaker phone Project P8057 (00) to get approval for Amendment #2 to Work Order LGA-47-05, and approval for Amendment #2 TI Agreement 612651. Concerns by Board members were thoroughly discussed.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve Amendment #2 on Work Order LGA-47-05 on Project P8057(00). All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve Amendment #2 TI Agreement 612651 on Project P8057(00). All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to thank Tom Conroy for serving as a Shannon County Commissioner for the past 7 years. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Roubideaux to adjourn meeting as no further business to come before the Board, time being 12:20 p.m... All voting yes, the motion carried.

Connie Whirlwind Horse,

Chairwoman Board of County Commissioners Shannon County

ATTEST:

Sue Ganje, County Auditor

Shannon County

NOTICE

Letters of Interest Requested by the Shannon County Commissioners

The Shannon County Commission has a Vacancy in Commissioner District #5 due to a recent resignation. The Board of County Commissioners is asking for Letters of Interest to fill this position. The Board will be taking letters from interested persons until 5:00 p.m. on August 2nd, 2007. These letters are to be sent or delivered to the Auditor's Office at 906 N. River Street, Hot Springs, S.D. 57747. Any interested person must be registered in Shannon County Commissioner District #5, and includes voters registered in the Batesland and Porcupine Precincts. The Board of Shannon County Commissioners will be meeting on August 3rd, 2007 for their regular meeting, and will review any letters received. Please contact the Auditor's Office at 605-745-3996 to schedule a time to meet with the Board to review your letter of interest.

Sincerely,

Sue Ganje

County Auditor

Shannon County

BIDS

Little Wound School Board
Little Wound School
P.O. Box 500
Kyle, SD 57752
Phone: 605-455-6150
Fax: 605-455-2340

INVITATION TO BID

The Little Wound School Board is seeking bids or proposals for copy paper for the 2007-08 School Year.

400 cases of 20 lb. 8 ½ x 11 white copy paper

The copy paper will be delivered to Little Wound School on an as needed basis.

Contact Paula Pourier, Business Manager at 455-6173 for further information.

Sealed bids will be opened and acted upon during the School Board Budget meeting on Monday, August 20, 2007 at Little Wound School.

Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality, and to accept the bid that is to the advantage of and in the best interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed bids is 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 17, 2007. Please submit bids in a sealed envelope marked "Copy paper Bid" on the face of the envelope with the bidders name and address. If bid is sent by mail, actual bid should be enclosed in a separate envelope marked "Copy paper bid". Bid should be submitted to the Little Wound School Business Office or to the following address: Little Wound School Business Office, Attn: Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752

INVITATION TO BID FOR PROPANE

The Little Wound School Board is seeking bids for a service contract for supplying propane to the Little Wound School. The School Board is seeking a fixed price per gallon or a minimal mark up price per gallon. Approximate amount will be around 22,000 gallons for the 2007-08 School Year.

Contact Clint May, Facilities Manager at 455-6181 or Paula Pourier, Business Manager at 455-6173 for further information.

Sealed bids will be opened and acted upon during the School Board Budget meeting on Monday August 20, 2007 at Little Wound School.

Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality, and to accept the bid that is to the advantage of and in the best interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed bids is 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 17, 2007. Please submit bids in a sealed envelope marked "Propane Bid" on the face of the envelope with the bidders name and address. If bid is sent by mail, actual bid should be enclosed in a separate envelope marked "Propane bid". Bid should be submitted to the Little Wound School Business Office or to the following address: Little Wound School Business Office, Attn: Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752.

INVITATION TO BID FOR HEATING FUEL

The Little Wound School Board is seeking bids for a service contract for supplying heating fuel for the Little Wound School. Estimated amount will be around 50,000 gallons for the 2007-08 School Year.

Contact Clint May, Facilities Manager at 455-6181 or Paula Pourier, Business Manager at 455-6173 for further information.

Sealed bids will be opened and acted upon during the School Board Budget meeting on Monday August 20, 2007 at Little Wound School.

Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality, and to accept the bid that is to the advantage of an in the vest interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed bids is 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 17, 2007. Please submit bids in a sealed envelope marked "Heating Fuel Bid" on the face of the envelope with the bidders name and address. If bid is sent by mail, actual bid should be enclosed in a separate envelope marked "Heating Fuel Bid". Bid should be submitted to the Little Wound School Business Office, Attn: Business Manager, P.O. B ox 500, Kyle, SD 57752.

-AMENDMENT- INVITATION FOR BID GASOLINE AND DIESEL

The Little Wound School Board is seeking bids for the supplying of gasoline and diesel for the Little Wound School buses and vehicles for the period of August 7, 2007 to June 30, 2008. The School is looking for fixed price per gallon or a minimum per gallon price mark up. The estimated number of gallons needed for the year is as follows:

Unleaded Gas - 20,000 gallons
#2 Diesel - 17,000 gallons
#1 Diesel - 17,000 gallons

Sealed bids will be opened and acted upon at the Regularmeeting on Monday, August 6, 2007. Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality, and to accept the bid that is to the advantage of and in the interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed bids is 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 3, 2007. Please submit bids in a sealed envelope marked "Gas & Diesel Bid" to the school Business Office or to the following address: Little Wound School, Paula Pourier, Business Manager, P.O. box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. For more information you may contact Bill Clifford at (605) 455-6180 or Wesley "Chuck" Jacobs at (605) 455-2160.

INVITATION FOR BID OR PROPOSAL INSURANCE

Little Wound School Board is requesting proposals from qualified firms for the 2007-08 school term for Property insurance, Automobile Insurance, and General liability Insurance.

Sealed proposals will be opened and acted upon at the Budget meeting on Monday August 20, 2007. Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informality, and to accept the proposal that is to the best interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed proposals is 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 17, 2007. Please submit proposals in a sealed envelope marked "Insurance Bids" to the School Business Office or the following address: Little Wound School, Paula Pourier, Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, 500 Main Street, Kyle, SD 57752-0500. For more information you may contact Paula Pourier, at 605-455-6173.

-AMENDMENT- INVITATION FOR BID OR PROPOSAL HEALTH INSURANCE

Little Wound School Board is requesting bids or proposals from qualified firms for Health Insurance for the 2007-08 Plan Year.

Sealed proposals will be opened and acted upon at the Budget meeting on Monday, August 6, 2007. Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informality, and to accept the proposal that is to the advantage of and in the vest interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed proposals is 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 3, 2007. Please submit proposals in a sealed envelope marked "Health Insurance Bid" to the School Business Office or the following address: Little Wound School, Paula Pourier, Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, 500 Main Street, Kyle, SD 57752-0500.

For more information you may contact Paula Pourier at 605-455-6173.

-AMENDMENT- INVITATION FOR BID OR PROPOSAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Little Wound School Board is requesting bids or proposals from qualified firms or individuals for Special Education Services such as a Speech, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Psychological Evaluations for the 2007-08 School Year.

Sealed proposals will be opened and acted upon at the Budget meeting on Monday August 6, 2007. Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informality, and to accept the proposal that is to the advantage of and in the vest interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed proposals is 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 3, 2007. Please submit proposals in a sealed envelope marked "Special Ed. Services Bid" to the School Business Office or the following address: Little Wound School, Paula Pourier, Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, 500 Main Street, Kyle, SD 57752-0500.

For more information you may contact Paula Pourier at 605-455-6173.

INVITATION FOR AUDIT PROPOSAL FINANCIAL AUDIT

Little Wound School Board is seeking a Financial Audit proposal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. Little Wound School is a P.L. 100-297 BIA Grant School with an estimated annual budget of $12,000,000.

Sealed proposals will be opened and acted upon at the Budget meeting on Monday August 20, 2007. Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informality, and to accept the proposal that is to the advantage of an in the best interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed proposals is 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 17, 2007. Please submit proposals in a sealed envelope marked "Audit Proposal" to the School Business Office or the following address: Little Wound School, Paula Pourier, Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, 500 Main Street, Kyle, SD 57752-0500. For more information you may contact Paula Pourier at 605-455-6173.

INVITATION FOR 401(K) AUDIT PROPOSAL

Little Wound School Board is seeking a 401(K) Audit proposal for the plan year ending August 31, 2007.

Sealed proposals will be opened and acted upon at the Budget meeting on Monday, August 20, 2007. Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informality, and to accept the proposal that is to the advantage of an in the best interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed proposals is 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 17, 2007. Please submit proposals in a sealed envelope marked "401(K) Audit Proposal" to the School Business Office or the following address: Little Wound School, Paula Pourier, Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, 500 Main Street, Kyle, SD 57752-0500. For more information you may contact Paula Pourier at 605-455-6173.

The KINI Radio has 2 full time DJ positions n 1 full time morning DJ 1 full time evening DJ

All applicants are required to pass a drug and alcohol and background check

To apply pick up an application starting July 9 and return to St Francis Mission Administration Building by July 18th at 5pm

If you have any Questions you can call Marylee Fast Horse at 605-747-2291

Thank You, Marylee Fast Horse

NOTICE OF HEARING BY TODD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 66-1

Notice is herby given that the School Board of the Todd County School District will conduct a public hearing at the District Office in Mission, South Dakota on July 23, 2007 at 6:00 PM(CDT) for the purpose of considering the following proposed budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and it's supporting data.

APPROPRIATIONS	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Exceptional Education	Pension Fund	Impact Aid Fund	Food Service Fund
Instruction						
Elementary Programs	$5,408,445.95			$25,000.00		
Middle School Programs	$1,404,296.75					
Exceptional Education			$2,130,537.77			
High School Programs	$2,147,855.00					
Intervention Program	$254,456.02					
JDC	$327,471.27					
Gifted Program	$126,519.25					
Preschool Services	$109,436.00					
Tuition	$70,000.00					
Special Programs						
Title III: Bilingual Education-TCHS	$174,047.00					
Title III: Bilingual Education- North	$120,350.34					
Title III: Bilingual Education - Rosebud	$89,471.73					
Title III: Bilingual Education - Spring Creek	$32,098.87					
Title III: Bilingual Education- Okreek	$47,113.31					
Title III: Bilingual Education - He Dog	$68,057.38					
Title III: Bilingual Education-TCMS	$174,769.00					
Title III: Bilingual Education - South	$198,080.06					
Title VII: Indian Education	$376,212.00					
Johnson O'Malley (BIA- flow through)	$182,527.32					
Rural Education Achievement Program	$795,113.00					
Title 1 - Part A	$2,895,748.00					
Title 1 - Part D	$107,780.00					
Perkins	$72,125.00					
School Improvement	$183,783.51					
Evenstart	$150,000.00					
21st Century Afterschool Program (rural)	$100,000.00					
21st Century Afterschool Program (urban)	$100,000.00					
Bush Foundation	$150,000.00					
Support Services						
Attendance Services	$328,404.12					
Human Services			$52,097.75			
Guidance Services	$465,616.93					
Health Services	$163,395.56					
Psychological Services			$195,782.50			
Speech Pathology Services			$331,243.00			
Therapy Services			$176,061.25			
Support Services/Instructional						
Improvement of Instruction	$316,114.75		$15,000.00			
Library Services	$131,242.90					
Technology Support	$318,746.10					
Support Services/Gen Admin						
Board of Education	$163,836.00					
Executive Admin Serv	$375,559.40					
Support Services/School Admin						
Offices of the Principals	$1,319,191.57					
Office of the Director			$288,106.68			
Food Service						$960,000.00
Support Services/Business						
Fiscal Services	$375,312.50					
Facilities Acq. and Construction		$2,500,000.00				
Operations and Maintenance	$2,933,022.85					
Pupil Transp Services	$1,112,513.80		$56,171.05			
Evaluation Services	$68,305.02					
Planning Services	$55,000.00					
Debt Services	$0.00					
Co-Curricular Activities	$482,555.25					
Contingency	$192,703.01					
Transfers	$0.00				$11,250,000.00	
Total Appropriations	**$24,667,276.52**	**$2,500,000.00**	**$3,245,000.00**	**$25,000.00**	**$11,250,000.00**	**$960,000.00**

MEANS OF FINANCE	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Exceptional Education	Pension Fund	Impact Aid Fund	Food Service Fund
Fund Balance as of June 30	$300,000.00	$59,261.00	$76,000.00	$0.00	$2,550,000.00	$24,000.00
Revenue from Local Sources						
Taxes	$666,000.00	$247,900.00	$126,000.00	$25,000.00		
Earnings on Deposits/Investments	$30,000.00	$1,100.00				
Co-Curricular Activities	$14,000.00				$200,000.00	
Other Local Revenue	$420,000.00		$130,000.00			
Revenue-Intermediate Sources						
County	$2,000.00					
Revenue-State Sources						
Grants-in-Aid	$8,500,000.00		$1,350,000.00			
State Apportionment	$160,000.00					
Bank Franchise Tax	$25,000.00					
Other State Revenue	$3,000.00					
Revenue-Federal Sources						
Grants-in-Aid						
Impact Aid		$191,739.00	$250,000.00		$8,500,000.00	
PL 94-142 IDEA-Part B			$545,000.00			
Title VI-B Preschool			$20,000.00			
IDEA Part C			$3,000.00			
Medicaid			$45,000.00			
Other Federal Revenue	$0.00					
Transfer in - Impact Aid Fund	$8,380,000.00	$2,000,000.00	$700,000.00			$170,000.00
Special Programs						
Title III: Bilingual Education-TCHS	$174,047.00					
Title III: Bilingual Education- North	$120,350.34					
Title III: Bilingual Education - Rosebud	$89,471.73					
Title III: Bilingual Education - Spring Creek	$32,098.87					
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Title 1 - Part A	$2,895,748.00					
Title 1 - Part D	$107,780.00					
Perkins	$72,125.00					
School Improvement	$183,783.51					
Evenstart	$150,000.00					
21st Century Afterschool Program (rural)	$100,000.00					
21st Century Afterschool Program (urban)	$100,000.00					
Bush Foundation	$150,000.00					
Revenue-Other Sources						
Food Service Revenue						$766,000.00
Operating Transfer In	$150,000.00					
Total Means of Finance	**$24,667,276.52**	**$2,500,000.00**	**$3,245,000.00**	**$25,000.00**	**$11,250,000.00**	**$960,000.00**

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Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing

Box 603 Pine Ridge, S.D.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing ("OSLH") is requesting from qualified individuals for Single Audit for FY ending December 2004, December 2005, December 2006 relating to the OSLH Planning and Administration, Maintenance, Development, and Housing Services.

Firms/individuals wishing to submit proposals may request additional information from OSLH by calling (605)867-5161, or by Faxing to (605)8676355. Inquiries about the proposal process should be directed to Joy Bush, Acting Executive Director.

All proposals must be received at Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing, Attn. Joy Bush, Acting Executive Director, P.O. Box 603, East Hwy. 18, Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770, **no later than 4:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time, Monday, July 23, 2007.** Proposals not received by that time and date will be rejected.

Proposals shall be submitted in triplicates in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Proposal for Audit Services."

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: JANITOR

Opening Date: July 16, 2007

Closing Date: July 27, 2007

Status: Full-time, 30 hrs. per week

Job Location: Lakota Trade Center, Kyle, SD

RESPONSIBILITIES: Perform cleaning services with the Lakota Trade center building as per prescribed job description.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: MAINTENANCE

Opening Date: July 16, 2007

Closing Date: July 27, 2007

Status: Full-time, 40 hrs. per week

Job Location: Lakota Trade Center, Kyle, SD

RESPONSIBILITIES: Provide general maintenance to Lakota Trade Center and the thirty rental homes in Wanblee, SD:

- ✓ Cleaning and repair of vacant units
- ✓ General maintenance to Trade Center facility
- ✓ Exterior/interior repairs
- ✓ Plumbing repairs
- ✓ Electrical repairs
- ✓ Exterior grounds upkeep
- ✓ Furnace maintenance
- ✓ Appliance repair/maintenance
- ✓ Exterior/interior painting

APPLICANTS:

- ➢ Must be reliable, honest, disciplined, energetic, positive and self motivated
- ➢ Must have three good references
- ➢ Must be drug and alcohol free
- ➢ Must have valid South Dakota drivers license

SUBMIT RESUMES TO:

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Little Wound School

Kyle, South Dakota

JOB VACANCIES

(07-17-07)

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school term:

The following positions are open until filled:

High School Dept.
Lakota Language Teacher
Math Teacher

Middle School Dept.
Lakota Language Teacher
P.E. Teacher
Counselor - Certified
SAP Counselor (Closing Date 7/31/07)

Elementary Dept.
P.E. Teacher
Kindergarten Teacher
2nd Grade Teacher
3rd Grade Teacher
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Elementary: 70)Elementary Rodeo Club Sponsor 71)Wrestling Coach 72)Wrestling Assist. 73)Girl Scout Sponsor 74)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 75)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 76)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178
www.lws.k12.sd.us

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It is the policy of the Little Wound School to provide an alcohol and drug-free workplace. All appointments for employment are contingent upon receipt of a verified negative drug test through pre-employment drug testing, receipt of a favorable background investigation and the availability of federal funds. The legal policy of Indian preference will be followed to qualified applicants. Veteran's preference shall be applied to qualified Veteran applicants.

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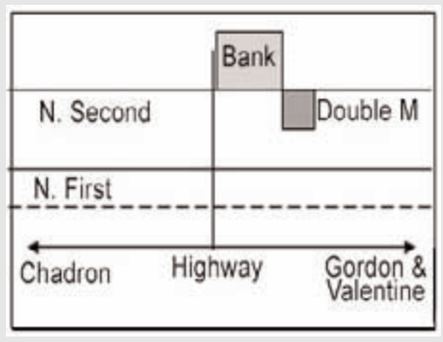
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- Try not to water on windy days
- Try using drip irrigation for your lawns. Saves 75% more water than s prinklers by limiting evaporation.
- Over-watering can cause fungus to form brown patches on lawns.
- Water lawns and shrubs once every five days to promote longer stronger roots.
- When mowing try keeping grass 3 inches long to help in moisture absorption.
- Keep swimming pools covered to stop debris and to help prevent evaporation.
- Try backwashing your swimming pool's filter weekly to help keep the water clean.
- Clean feet before entering pool.
- Make sure all livestock watering devices have an adequate float system that does not leak.
- Report all yard hydrant and thermo-line leaks to proper authorities.

Be Water-Wise Indoors

- Report all leaking bathroom and kitchen fixtures.
- When washing clothes use the right water setting for the load.
- Listen for toilet constantly running or filling when not in use (a leaky toilet can account for up to 1400 gallons of water lost per day, while the average household uses only 350 gallons per day.)
- A leaking toilet can cause your septic system to back up because of over saturation.
- Try using low flow toilets (1.5 to 2 gallons per flush), old toilets use up to 5 gallons per flush.
- Don't use your toilet as a garbage disposal.
- Turn off water while brushing teeth, shaving and washing dishes.
- Take fast showers instead of baths.
- Use low flow fixtures in baths and kitchens.
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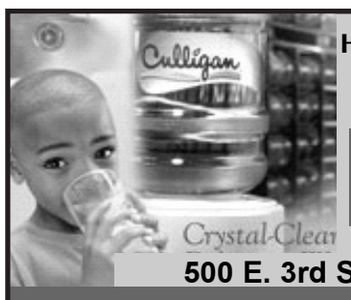
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Family Support Specialist (2)

These are full-time positions The responsibilities of these positions include but are not limited to: providing overall case management to a specified caseload, utilizing clinically focused social work services, including Lakota culturally-based services, case planning, documentation, family support, consultation and coordinating services with schools, counselors, foster parents, birth family, extended family and other child and family service providers.

A Bachelors Degrees in Social Work/Human Services plus two years experience in an employment capacity working with children and families.

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Salary is dependent on qualifications and experience, based on LOWO's salary structure.

Please send resumes by Friday July 20, 2007 to:

Lakota Oyate Wakanyeja Owicakiyapi
P.O. Box 604
Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770
(605)867-5752 phone (605)867-5941

Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing

P.O. Box 603 - East Hwy. 18 - Pine Ridge, SD 57770

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(Extended)

Procurement Agent - Inventory Control System
Open Date: July 18, 2007 Closing Date July 31, 2007 - Salary as Budgeted

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Secretary (3 Vacancies) -Allen, Wakpamni, Oglala Districts
Open Date: July 18, 2007 Closing Date July 31, 2007 - Salary as Budgeted

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- How To Apply -

Submit a completed Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing employment application with a resume to the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Personnel Office by 4:30 of the closing date.

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Expenses are at the applications costs.

For position description and additional information please contact the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Personnel Office at (605)867-5161, ext. 104 or ext. 136.

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Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing

P.O. Box 603 - East Hwy. 18 - Pine Ridge, SD 57770

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

District Supervisor - Maintenance/Modernization -Martin, South Dakota
Open Date: July 11, 2007 Closing Date July 24, 2007 - Salary as Budgeted

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Admissions Clerk -Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Open Date: July 12, 2007 Closing Date July 25, 2007 - Salary as Budgeted

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Handsome loves his baby sister Briar

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Hope your day is a great one.
Brandon Rosane

Would like to say
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to my handsome nephew
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on July 20th...
you are my entertainment everyday!!!
Love your Auntie Cho Cho

Happy Birthday to our father on July 10th
Milton Thomas Paul Walking Eagle Sr.
It's been 13 years since you left us:(Although you are up in heaven we still think of you daily.
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Love all your kids:
Milton Jr., Kristal, Myrtis, Pasqueletta, Jerilyn, Teema
& Jamie Walking Eagle

Happy Birthday
to our:
Sister, Auntie, & Mommy;
Kristal Walking Eagle
on July 20th
May you have a great day and drink plenty:)
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Happy 10th Birthday
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And one and only
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Happy Birthday
to our Mommy On July 20th
Kristal Walking Eagle
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Ace

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United States Department of the Interior
- Vacancy Announcement -

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WG - 03: $11.47 - $13.38 Per Hour

Vacancy Announcement #: AB-07-75
Opening Date: 07/16/ 07 **Closing Date:** 07/25/07

Summary of Duties:
The incumbent provides custodial services to all BIA owned buildings, quarters, and grounds at the Pine Ridge Agency.

Duty Station Location:
BIA, Facilities
Pine Ridge Agency, Pine Ridge, SD

Procedures on How To Apply:
Mail applications to the BIA Southern Plains Human Resources (FedEx: 1 mile north on Hwy 281), PO Box 368, Anadarko, OK 73005.or you may fax applications to 1-405-247-4991. **Applications and all accompanying documents must be received by the closing date of the announcements.** Please submit forms as indicated in the position vacancy announcement.

Contact Information:
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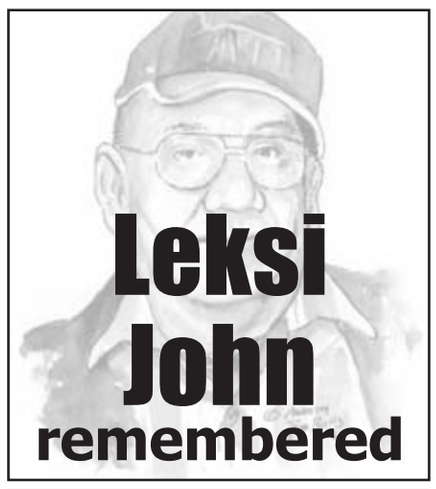
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Due to scarce resources, IHS requires you to apply for alternate resources, allowing the facility to provide services to a greater number of individuals. CHS is the Payor of Last Resort. This simply means that if other resources are available and assessable, it is mandatory that you apply and utilize the resource. Examples of alternate resources include Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Healthcare, CHAMPUS, private insurance, workmen's compensation etc. If alternate resources are not approved, the alternate resource denial letter needs to be brought into the CHS Office for records.

The goal of the Indian Health Service and the Department of Veterans Affairs is to use the strengths and expertise of both organizations to deliver quality health care services and enhance the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native veterans. Please direct questions or concerns regarding eligibility to the Contract Health Services program at (605) 747-3239. If you would like assistance in the application process, call (605) 747-2313 to speak to an IHS Patient Benefit Coordinator. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Veterans Affairs Program is also available to help with this process and discuss the advantages of utilizing VA Healthcare systems.

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SECTION A

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Fire danger high, public warned to be careful

PINE RIDGE/ROSEBUD - In the Pine Ridge area, the fire index has been reported to be extreme, which means any spark is most likely to ignite a fire. The highest fire index is six, said Daigre Douville, fire management officer for the Pine Ridge BIA fire station, and currently that is what the area has been calculated at.

He said since July 13, there has been an average of 55 wildfires in the area. The temperatures for the past week have been above 100 degrees.

The National Weather Service reports the temperatures will drop to the 90s this coming week.

South Dakota has been in drought conditions, with the western half of Shannon County getting less moisture for the year.

Rosebud BIA Fire Management Officer, Dana Cook, offered a comparison between 1988 and 2007 at this same time of the year and with fire burning more acreage back then, he was able to attribute the difference to a number of reasons.

In 1988 there were 188 fires that burned 19,482 acres compared to 2007 when 141 fires burned 73.4 acres of grass. Cook said that in addition to the moisture and greener conditions, that perhaps it was due to better response time, better training and perhaps weather conditions.

During the 4th of July holiday between June 25 and July 8 the Rosebud Law Enforcement Services reported a total of 92 fires, many due to fireworks.

Cook also provided year-to-date statistics on the Rosebud reservation that revealed that there have been 141 human caused fires, while lightning caused only one which burned less than an acre of land.

There is a lot of dry lightning to contend with as well as haying machinery and Cook recommends that people stay out of tall dry grass as their exhaust pipes can cause a fire. He also cautions the community to have a water hose handy if burning trash. He also asks people to call the police department to notify them if they are going to build a fire for a sweat lodge. This will also cut down on unnecessary and premature calls because someone might have seen an open fire.

Any spark, whether it is from lightening, fireworks or a match is highly likely to ignite a fire. Once a fire starts, there is a high potential for it to spread quickly. Wildfires are easier to extinguish when they are small, report wildfires before they grow. Protect your home by keeping the grass mowed short and fuels away from your home.

South Dakota wildland fire coordinator Joe Lowe said the 2007 fire season could be one of the worst fire seasons on record for the state. The dry conditions now look like they do in late August or September.

The fire season ends in mid October.



Bareback champion

ALLEN - The past weekend at the Pass Creek pow wow in Allen, the second annual horse races were held, coordinated by Tony and Rhonda Tallman with Justin Poor Bear as eyapaha. Victoria White Hawk took first place in the one mile race. Other first place winners included Earl Dubray, 300 meters; C.J. Dubray, 200 meters; Hermus Janis, boot race; George Chase Alone, egg and spoon race; Hermus Janis, relay team; Tony and Sunnie Tallman, rescue race. Horse races are becoming a new sport held during pow wows and celebrations.

Ethics accusation made against Bordeaux over land deal, council hearing July 30

ROSEBUD (AP) - Rosebud Sioux Tribe President Rodney Bordeaux faces possible suspension or removal from office if he is found guilty of ethics violations by the tribal council for his participation in a controversial $1 million tribal land purchase.

Opponents claim Bordeaux misused tribal funds and violated the tribal constitution and bylaws by purchasing 800 acres in southwest Todd County without approval from the tribal council.

Critics also say Bordeaux paid an inflated price compared to appraisals of neighboring land.

Bordeaux insists he did nothing wrong, saying the Tribal Land Enterprise, of which he is a director, approved the purchase.

He said that after the council denied two requests to mortgage other tribal property to pay for the purchase, he found other tribal funds with which to buy the Zibell Ranch.

Former RST President Charlie Colombe said Bordeaux actually asked for permission to buy the land, not for a mortgage. Colombe said Bordeaux was required to ask tribal council permission to buy the land even with the Tribal Land Enterprise's support.

After TLE won the land at auction, Bordeaux paid $100,000 in earnest money from the tribe for the land. He said he then went to the tribal council to get the mortgage for the other $900,000.



Bordeaux

Tribal council member Cyril Scott said he never heard Bordeaux ask for permission to take out a mortgage, but that instead, Bordeaux asked for permission to buy the land.

The council voted down the request twice, but Bordeaux went through with the purchase anyway, Scott said.

``He went against the council directive. That's the moral of the story," Scott said.

Colombe said Bordeaux committed a second offense when he spent the earnest money without authorization.

Bordeaux said he does not need the board's approval to buy land but would need its permission to borrow money or take out a mortgage. He said the TLE makes the final decisions about land purchases. The TLE approved the Zibell Ranch purchase.

However, Colombe said, the TLE is a subsidiary entity of the tribal council, and its decisions must be approved by the council.

Webster Two Hawk Sr. filed petitions against Bordeaux and also against Fern Bordeaux and Michael Boltz. They are tribal council members and relatives of Bordeaux who supported the purchase.

Two Hawk said the amount that the TLE agreed to pay for the land is more than $700,000 above what locally appraised property is selling for.

The TLE agreed to a price of $1,250 per acre. Two Hawk wrote in his complaint that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has appraised neighboring properties at slightly more than $300 per acre.

Colombe said that last summer, he bought comparable land only six miles from the Zibell Ranch for $275 per acre.

Calvin Waln, Tribal Land

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TWO SECTIONS

O'Bryan makes transition from Red Cloud to USD

Hard work, good support system help young students succeed

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

VERMILLION - "You know, I was really terrified to have people read my essays, I always wondered how my work measured up to other students and I worried that I wasn't academically prepared," said Marissa O'Bryan, the valedictorian of her senior class at Red Cloud high school last year and now preparing for her second year at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, "and on the athletic side, I was really nervous, USD had a strong track team and I knew the competition would be tough, I knew there would be really hard workouts and I felt like I was going into a dark tunnel, I didn't know anyone who had run in college, there were just so many unknowns, it was really scary."

"The first year is really tough," said Matt Rama, Red Cloud's head cross country, boy's basketball and track coach, "it is a difficult transition for any kid to go from high school to college, in high school you are the best in your school and when you go to college you are with a lot of other students who were the best in their school; Marissa is making the transition, she'll be successful because of her strong work ethic."



Marissa O'Bryan talks of her transition from high school to mainstream college.

O'Bryan credits hard work as an important part of the transition, at Red Cloud her overall GPA was between 4.0 and 4.1 but USD was a whole new ballgame. The first semester taking 13 hours, Marissa earned a 2.7 and the second semester with 12 hours she earned a 3.5 and participating in a sport at the collegiate level requires a whole lot more work according to O'Bryan who said strongly, I was trying my hardest, you can only do so much.

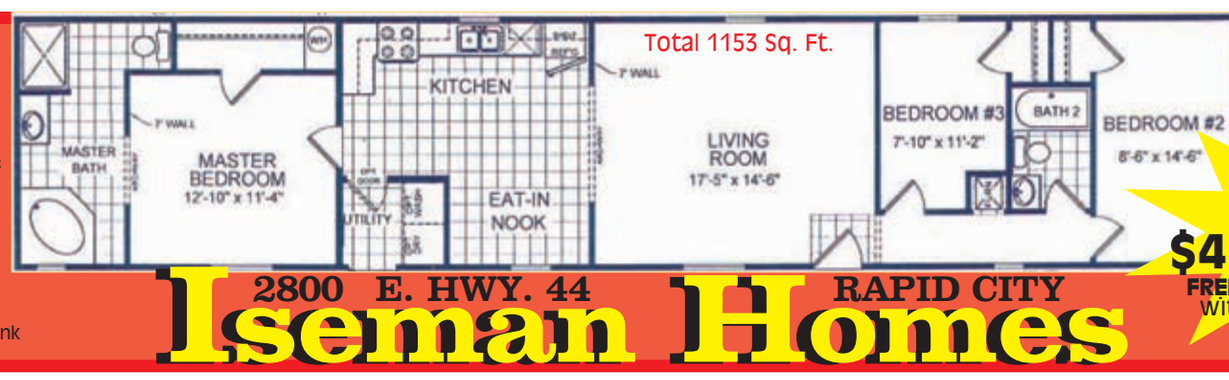
"Time management is a big factor," said O'Bryan, "we took an NCAA class where we had to fill out time sheets about what you were going to do every hour of the day; all of it took practice as you basically learned how to study, how to turn off the computer and we had help, the athletic program had tutors and they helped us by correcting our papers, helped us with math and critiqued our speeches and we had study halls in the library, six hours a week - if it wasn't for that I may have never made it to the library and slowly the tests got better and better and you figured it out."

In high school, O'Bryan played volleyball, basketball and ran track. In her senior year, head track coach, Matt Rama encouraged Marissa to focus on the sprints, the 100 and 200 and even the 400, a new race for O'Bryan who had run hurdles her first three years in track and a relay. With the new focus on the sprints and spending time on technique and form, O'Bryan was able to reach a personal best almost every week. Qualifying for state for the fourth year in a row, O'Bryan was last in the 100 at the State track meet as a junior and third as a senior and added a fourth in the 200.

"There's no other feeling in the world like crossing that finish line," said O'Bryan, "I love track, the competing, the butterflies when you get into the box, you drive all those miles

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Enterprise executive, said an appraisal by the TLE's in-house appraiser found the land to be worth about $800 per acre.

Bordeaux said a maximum amount for a TLE bid was not set and that the mortgage was not asked for before the auction because the tribal council could not convene a quorum at the meetings before the auction.

He said the purchase price increased because the TLE got caught in a bidding war with a millionaire from New Mexico. He said the land is valuable because it could be used for pheasant hunting and because the Keya Paha River flows through it.

``It's valuable land, and when you're at auction, you can't really stay at the appraised price,'' Bordeaux said. ``It was a high cost, and when you are in a bidding process against millionaires, it depends on how much you want the land.''

Bordeaux said the purpose of the purchase is to reclaim former tribal land to return the reservation back to its size before South Dakota's statehood.

``We are just trying to restore our land base,'' he said.

Opponents say they agree with Bordeaux's plans to increase the size of tribal land but are angry that he went ahead without the council's approval.

``It was a clear violation. When tribal council says no, no means no,'' said Todd Fast Horse, former executive secretary and chief of staff for Colombe.

In June, shareholders of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe met to vote on the proposed land deal. Individual members of the tribe who own shares voted in favor of buying the land, but the tribal council, which controls the shares that are owned by the tribe itself, outvoted the individual members and opted not to buy the land.

Bordeaux proceeded with the purchase by using other tribal funds.

``It's already purchased,'' he said. ``It's a done deal.''

Bordeaux said he is not worried about what will happen at a July 30 hearing because he went before the ethics commission, which cleared him of the charges but also sent the issue to the tribal council for another hearing.

``The ethics commission didn't find any wrongdoing on my part, so I feel vindicated by them,'' he said.

The ethics commission sent a letter to the tribal council in May saying the council should decide the matter because it was a constitutional issue, not an ethical issue.

Bordeaux said the tribal council has little or no power to censure or remove him in this case. He also said he believes they will agree with the ethics commission.

However, Fast Horse and Two Hawk both said that the tribal council has the right to censure or suspend Bordeaux from office.

Fast Horse said the tribal constitution and bylaws state that a council member or president who is found guilty of misconduct in tribal affairs can be removed from office and be barred from running for office again.

Two Hawk said he hopes the council will suspend Bordeaux without pay for the remainder of his term in office.

Tribal council member Scott voted against the land deal both times it came to the council but said he will withhold judgment until the hearing.

``There hasn't been a verdict, and there hasn't been a judgment,'' he said. ``I am to uphold the constitution, and I will do so if we find a violation of our constitution.''

Robert Moore is a tribal council member and a TLE director who voted against the purchase in the two previous council votes. He refused to comment on possible sanctions against Bordeaux.

``It's important that whatever the council hears that we hear everything objectively and fairly and we look at the merits of our constitution and how the tribe and the tribal council and elected leaders uphold their duties of office,'' he said.

Bordeaux, who has been president for two years, is facing re-election this October. He said those who have made the allegations are bitter about a political defeat in 2005 and are eager to have him removed from office.

``This is an ongoing effort on their behalf. They just aren't happy they were defeated,'' Bordeaux said.

The ethics violation hearing has been set for Monday, July 30 before the RST council having been referred from the tribe's ethic commission which apparently cleared President Bordeaux of any wrong doing earlier.

Metcalf offers platform for office of RST vice-president

TWO STRIKE - Ned Metcalf, 54, has lived in the Two Strike community all of his life and after having served as an Rosebud Sioux Tribal council representative in past years, this time he has decided to run for the office of RST vice-president. He has four grown children and lives with his mate, Marianne Brave and said that several elders representing a cross section of Rosebud communities asked him to run for office.



Ned Metcalf

Metcalf said, "I accepted the request because the office of vice-president has always been a full-blood with traditional roots. A good example was Adam Bordeaux who was vice-president. The elders can see that in me and say that my Lakota name will be 'Wacantognaka Wicasa" in the future and they want to be apart of the inauguration."

One of Metcalf's campaign priorities is economic development and returning to 'grass roots' where it all started. He entered into politics just short of his 18th birthday when Chief Eagle Feather nominated him for the community chairman of Two Strike where he served unopposed for four terms. Leo Chase In Timber seconded the nomination. His grandparents were Charlie Metcalf and Julia Sees Red.

He was on the RST tribal council between the years 1992 to 1998. He credits his uncles and grandparents for their teaching, including Frank Picket Pen, Carl Iron Shell, Sr. Gilbert Black Bear, Paul Cloudman, Charlie Turning Bear, his father Richard Metcalf and late brother, Verdell Metcalf who also served as an RST council representative for 22 years.

Helping to get the tribal ranch operational, as well as increasing the rate for burial insurance from $300 to $1,000 and assisting in putting together the grazing ordinance are some of the initiatives that Metcalf takes credit for.

His other priorities include healthcare, law enforcement, housing, alcohol treatment, healthcare and Sinte Gleska University. He said, "One of our down falls is that there are no more volunteers. Everything is money. 'Hecun tehki unkunpi.' He cited other Lakota words including 'wouonihanpi, uncikilapi, wacantoganaka and waunsilapi" as values to follow.

Finally, Metcalf noted that he has always been involved in veteran honorings as his uncle was Phillip Stands. His father served in Korea, while brother Verdell served in South Vietnam. Later on in the summer, he will assist in several honorings in Milk's Camp community.

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to a meet and you go up against tough competition. If it wasn't for Matt, he volunteered to work with me, it was the little things though, workouts in the morning, work on abs, motivation to win state and more importantly he helped me with my confidence, making it a reality that I could compete at the highest level."

In her first year at USD, Marissa ran the 60, 100, 200 and 4 X 400 relay during the indoor season and the 100, 200, 4 X 100, 4 X 200, 4 X 400 and the 200 in the medley relay. The women's team at USD was the North Central Conference outdoor conference champs this year. The university has decided to move up to NCAA Division I and after one more year in the NCC, USD track teams will have the opportunity to be the first athletic teams from USD to compete at the Division I level.

"When USD's coach, Lucky Huber, said he would be very happy to have me as part of the track program, I was so excited," said O'Bryan, "he was very enthusiastic and made the workouts not so bad; if you are a hard worker, there's always the next person who'll push you farther, you can never work hard enough, your body will go as far as you push it. It was a fun experience and it is great to have teammates around you who are supportive and positive, cheering you on for the last 200 meters. Track is very individual but they make it a team deal and I wouldn't have been able to do it without my teammates being so encouraging - the workouts are really hard, to push your body past your fatigue, to pump your arms as hard as you can, get light headed, feel like you are going to fall down but when you are done, you feel good, you feel pride that you did it, it is a really good feeling."

This coming school year, coach Huber at USD says Marissa will run the 400, both the 4 X 400 relay and the open 400 and in the indoor season some 500s to get prepared for the outdoor season.

"When Rama first encouraged me to run the 400 in addition to the 100 and 200 during my senior year, I really wasn't comfortable with it and when I ended up being ranked in the top ten in Class A in the 400 I would go around hiding the newspaper from Matt, he didn't need that kind of encouragement," said O'Bryan, "but now after a year at USD, my coach will do his best to prepare me, I just have to be dedicated and put in the hard work and on top of that, I have some great role models on my team, some awesome runners."

Looking back on her first year in college track, O'Bryan said it was the mental toughness that was the most important element of what she learned; its all mental in what you do. Yes Coach Huber will give us workouts so we know when the hard workouts are coming and we know to eat a good meal and get enough sleep but I can be the fastest runner but if I don't have the mental toughness, I won't get there.

Next year when USD starts competing at the NCAA Division I level, O'Bryan will represent the second student athlete from Red Cloud in the last five years to be competing at the DI level. Mackenzie Casey, a 2004 Red Cloud graduate is entering his senior year at South Dakota State University and has played basketball for the Jackrabbits all four years. Student athletes from Red Cloud participating at other levels include Johnny Crow who went to McCook Community College in Nebraska on a basketball scholarship last year, Raymond Ghost Bear who played golf at Si Tanka University and Dakota Wesleyan University and Chris Red Bear who is planning to go to Central Community College in Columbus, Nebraska this fall.

O'Bryan and Casey in particular but also all of the student athletes who go on and do a sport in college represent potential role models for the many young athletes on Pine Ridge and throughout Indian Country.

"That's the goal for athletes to be able to compete at the next level," said Rama, "it's just good to see kids from the res, get off the reservation and be successful, Marissa and Mackenzie both have a really good work ethic and that's been a key to their success."

O'Bryan is majoring in nursing, she plans to be a neo-natal nurse practitioner; I don't want to be a doctor, I want to care not cure, she says with a strong emphasis. As far as advice for those younger students thinking about college, O'Bryan tells younger students to follow their dreams, don't wait for your junior or senior year, you have to take care of your academics, your grade point average starts when you are a freshman but if you have determination you can do it she emphasizes.

"Don't wait until the last minute, colleges are not waiting until the spring of your senior year; call and get in touch with college coaches, send them tapes, go for it, follow your dreams," said O'Bryan, "put your mind to it, be dedicated and focused, there are many people out there who will help you reach your goals.

"USD was her choice and it has turned out to be a good choice for my daughter," said Todd O'Bryan, Marissa's father and a long time rancher outside of Sharps and a long time member of the Shannon County School board, "I'm glad she's in school in a small town like Vermillion rather than a large city and Marissa going out for sports made her first year harder but by participating in track she is part of a family, all of the sprinters are there for her and help her."

"The University was a perfect fit, my teammates are awesome, the campus and classrooms are not too big and I'm far enough away from home to be independent," said Marissa, "the year wasn't without challenges though, you sometimes end up stressed and really tired, during the conference meet, we had finals, it was really hard to balance them both - there were times you would come back late from a track meet, you're tired and certainly don't feel like studying for a test the next day and you have to learn to adapt, some teachers may not teach the way you learn and you just have to figure it out."

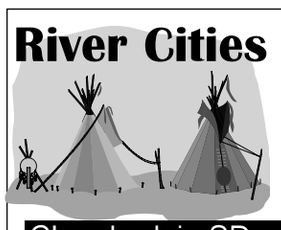
Marissa continues to think of ways to let younger students know how best to prepare for college, you could look at all the campuses and see the best facilities or a really nice student center but it comes down to the people and definitely to the people you surround yourself with. She tells students looking at a college education to take a trip to the college during the school year, stay overnight with a student and really check it out.

"Marissa works really hard, that helps and students who have a good foundation in math and English seem to do well," said Huber, "her work in high school helped earn O'Bryan the Gates scholarship and a USD Native American scholarship, both meant she did not have to work during the school year and she could focus on her classes and running track."

She also knows that a lot of people have helped her along the way including Wendell Gehman, her science teacher at Red Cloud who helped to make science fun and interesting, her parents who raised her with enough discipline that today she is responsible enough to handle many things herself, her old coach, Matt Rama who believed in her and pushed her to succeed and have the confidence to meet the many challenges ahead of her and her new coach who helped push her to new limits and new levels.

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Todd County School board approves student support, intervention development

By Phyllis Littau
Todd County School Public Relations

MISSION - At its July 23 meeting, the Todd Country School District Board of Education approved the development of an Office of Student Support and Intervention.

Dr. Margo Heinert, superintendent, said that recognizing that the school district has a number of students identified as being "at risk," she felt the office was needed. It will combine all of the programs geared to serve these students into one department and will require minimal additional staff.

"The plan includes utilizing staff and programs already in place and having them under one director to assume the integration and alignment of programs," she said. "This would include coordinating the juvenile detention center curriculum and coursework to align with TCSD, assign high school counselors to one grade level and follow students through their entire four years of high school, and more effectively utilize the available technology."

"Right now," she added, "it seems like its loose-ended-lots of little programs with different rules in each building, too much of the right hand not knowing what the left hand is doing."

Programs and personnel included in this office will be: guidance and counseling, social workers, attendance intervention team, JDC, alternative schools, home school liaisons, and school resource officers. Programs and personnel from outside agencies working closely with this office will be: gang task force, Boy Scouts of America and after school programs.

The district will advertise for a director for this office, and additional counselors, social workers, home-school liaisons, truancy, etc., may be hired, so all buildings will be served.

Peggy Diekhoff, middle school principal, said she feels this position is definitely needed, as currently there are three different alternative schools, but all with different functions.

"We definitely need someone to coordinate, give those programs some direction," she said.

Pat LeBeau will be assuming the duties of director of maintenance and transportation. LeBeau brings with him over 16 years of experience with Indian Health Service Environmental Engineering, and 10 years with Rosebud Housing Authority.

Lyle Iron Horn was introduced and welcomed as the new assistant principal at the high school. He has a bachelors from Black Hills State University and a masters from Oglala Lakota College. Lavern Lanz, board member, voiced the hope that Mr. Iron Horn can offer improvements in the area of discipline at the facility.

Chad Blotsky, business manager, gave the preliminary budget report for the 2007-08 school year. The final budget hearing will be held in September.

Beginning next month, reports will be given by administrators and program directors at board meetings. Reporting at the second Monday of the month will be North, Middle School, High School, He Dog, Federal Programs, Exceptional Ed and Rosebud. On the fourth Monday agenda will be South/Littleburg/Lakeview/Klein/Okreek, Distance Learning, Curriculum/School Improvement/Assessment, Spring Creek, Maintenance and Transportation and Office of Student Support/Intervention.

Another new agenda item, "Board Discussion," gives school board members the opportunity to voice concerns:

Lanz said he dislikes the appearance of the high school area, with weeds, etc.

Dr. Heinert said she is waiting for LeBeau to get on board.

"If kids see a nice, clean place, they know we care about it and it will send the right message to them," she said.

"I see a lot things we do for negative behavior, at-risk students," said Melissa Whipple-Riley. "But what about those who do well? Do we just say they did well and sit them on a shelf? I know Peggy (Diekhoff) does a good job of acknowledging their accomplishments, but then they leave middle school and go to the high school and there is nothing.

Dr. Heinert said she will send a note to the administrators.

"I have been through a heck of a year-applying for college, scholarships," said Charlie Moe. "I have Charlie Jr. Squared away now. After he was registered, the first thing he had to do was go to the bookstore and register for books. That's what they use in college. We do everything online here, so right off the bat, he was at a disadvantage. We try here, but I don't think TCSD prepares these kids for college.

"Other terms unfamiliar to him are mid-terms and finals," he continued. "When do TC students have these? Because of No Child Left Behind, or whatever, they don't have them. They also don't know how to take proper notes. If we think we are preparing them for college we have our head in the clouds. We prepare them for graduation from Todd County High School, but not for college."

"They need textbooks to study for exams," he added. "Frankly, I'm a little ashamed of myself. Maybe we need to change the way we prepare our students. That's my personal experience, anyway, and I think we could do a heck of a better job."

Lanz said he believes the Todd County system does well.

"I have four children who graduated here," he said, "Yes, they had problems, but part of that responsibility is ours too. They can get the education here, but our system is not set up thinking all students will go off to college. We are probably lucky if 20 percent go. I do think we give them the opportunity, although we can improve. I agree with having textbooks though."

Marlon Leneaugh, board president, said a personnel audit is being considered for the district-someone to come in and see if the district is under or over staffed.

"Maybe it is better to have less staff and pay better wages," Dr. Heinert said. "Some of the bigger districts have fewer employees. Maybe we need to sit back and take a long look at it."

"Everyone has a job description," Lanz said. "If you have a job, sometimes you do things that are not in that description. For instance, if you are a custodian at the high school, and you see weeds on the campus, you should go out and take care of it. But sometimes people believe because it isn't spelled out exactly in their job description, it doesn't apply to them."

Dr. Heinert said the district is now in level three of restructuring, as required by No Child Left Behind, and administrators and Leneaugh met with the Department of Education regarding what the district is required to do.

"The department will use teacher incentive money to work with us," she said.

The next board meeting will be Monday Aug. 13, 5:30 p.m. at the curriculum center, Mission.

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Guest Column

Remembering Leksi John

By Richard Iron Cloud
Special to the Times

How do you write a memorial about Leksi John Around Him?

He was a Lakota wicasa, who lived in a difficult time in Lakota history,

Leksi John is with his family, friends and relatives in *(Nagiyata)* the spirit world, he is almost certainly joking in Lakota, laughing about something humorous

For me most importantly Leksi John was a mentor of mine, anytime I had a question about a Lakota word or one of many things that I didn't understand about the Lakota culture Leksi would always take the time to share his wisdom with me and for this, I am forever grateful

He was a Vietnam Veteran. And very proud to be a part of the Lakota Akicita Society.

He was a powerful orator, who always felt more, comfortable speaking Lakota than English. To me he was the epitome of what it means to be Lakota Wicasa Ikceka. (Common Man)

There are, in all probability people, who are more fitting to write this than I, but I felt compelled to write this memorial so I will do the best that I can, Leksi John always encouraged us to do the best that we could.

Leksi John had his own brand,

His Lakota name was, Wacinyanpi

(Dependable or someone who is always depended on)

And this he was, you could depend on Leksi John to always talk Lakota,

You could always depend on Leksi to always put the Lakota ways first and foremost.

You could always depend on him to find humor in any situation .

You could always depend on Leksi to sing the appropriate song for any occasion.

You could usually find him at a Wacipi, standing up or dancing in the crow's nest, making announcements in Lakota then in English, he would always explain the Lakota protocol and culture and why we do things a certain way.

You could always depend on him, to make you feel like you were the most important person in the world.

I could always depend on him to say "you and I are closely related".

I was told once by another mentor of mine, that to be a Lakota leader, *"Igluiyanpo"* be prepared, when you go to a gathering always be prepared to do a speech, prayer or sing a song.

You could depend on Leksi John to do all of these things and do them extremely well.

This Oglala Nation Fair, Porcupine Fair or Kyle Fair, I will be waiting to hear Leksi John say

Hokahey Hel Iyapo,

But he will not be there, I will have to depend on my memories of him and thank Tunkashila for putting Lakota men like Leksi John in my life.

Wopila Tanka Eciciyapelo.



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Notes From Indian Country

Two volumes of Indian heroes and legends



By Tim Giago
(Nanwica Kciji)
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I suppose it can be said of all minorities that we have our own heroes. Most Native Americans can find a bone to pick with this Nation's acclaimed and widely accepted heroes. Even an Abraham Lincoln comes up short in Indian country. After all, he was the president of the United States that signed the order to execute 38 Indian freedom fighters in Mankato, Minnesota in the 1860s. It was the largest mass hanging in the history of America.

I followed a career in journalism because of the example set for me by two of my own heroes. The first was a Fort McDowell Apache man named Carlos Montezuma. His Indian name was Wassaja. He began publishing a small newspaper in Arizona in the early 1900s that took on the bureaucratic establishment that had been the bane of Indian rights. His forthright and fearless criticism of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and of the Department of the Interior made him an instant enemy of the federal government.

He was so admired by my other hero, Rupert Costo, a Cahuilla Indian, that Rupert started the first national Indian newspaper in San Francisco and he named it Wassaja, after Montezuma. I became an advocate of Costo's after reading his hard-hitting editorials in Wassaja, and finally, after going to work for him where he became my teacher and friend.

I could fill the pages of a book with the many Indian heroes I have come to admire over the years, people like Wilma Mankiller, the first woman leader of the Cherokee Nation, Charlene Teters, the Spokane Indian lady who helped bring down the mascot of the University of Illinois, Chief Illiniwek, after nearly 20 years of trying, Roger Jourdain, now deceased, the former leader of the Red Lake Band of Ojibwe, a man who risked everything in his fight to bring equal rights to the Indian people, Elijah Whirlwind Horse, the Oglala leader who helped bring peace and harmony back to the Pine Ridge Reservation after the turbulent years of the early 1970s, Leo Vocu, former executive director of the National Congress of American Indians, Vine DeLoria, the great Native author and teacher, and Lionel Bordeaux, the Sicangu man who helped build Sinte Gleska University on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota and I could go on and on.

But one of my other heroes, a man I have known for more than 30 years, Dr. Dean Chavers, saved me all of the work and troubles by pointing out the names and histories of nearly 100 of his Indian heroes. His brand new set of books titled, "Modern American Indian Leaders, Their Lives and Their Works, re-acquainted me with so many of the Indian people I have known and loved over the many years I have been a journalist in Indian country.

It took Dr. Chavers two volumes to include the names of so many Indian heroes he has met or read about over his more than 40 years of serving Indian country. His books cover a gamut of Indian leaders from sports figures like Jim Thorpe and Billy Mills, to holders of the Medal of Honor like Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr., Winnebago and Colonel Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, leader of the famed Black Sheep Squadron at Guadalcanal, a member of the Coeur d' Alene Tribe of Idaho.

Like Dr. Chavers, I have been around so long in Indian country that reading his two volumes of Indian heroes was like setting down and visiting with so many of my old friends, many now deceased. There were no greater heroes to me than people like the Honorable Reuben Snake, the great Winnebago spiritual leader, or Leslie Marmon Silko, Laguna, the wonderful author of such great books as Ceremony and The Man to Send Rain Clouds, or Simon J. Ortiz, the great poet from the Pueblo of Acoma, and the veteran journalist Richard LaCourse of the Yakama Nation now deceased.

And like Chavers, I was also a devoted admirer of Louise Erdrich, Ojibwe, the author of so many books like Love Medicine, Four Souls, The Beet Queen, and The Antelope Wife and Dr. N. Scott Momaday, Kiowa, the winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1969 for his book "House Made of Dawn."

Dr. Dean Chavers is the Director of Catching the Dream, a national scholarship and school improvement program based in Albuquerque, NM. He has been involved in Indian education for 35 years and is past president of Bacone College in Oklahoma. If you want a well-researched book that includes the names and histories of so many modern Indian authors, journalists, tribal leaders, sports figures and political activists, these books do it all.

It was an honor for me to be included in his books of Modern American Indian Leaders. The two-volume set was published by Edwin Mellen Press, Box 450, Lewiston, New York, 14092-0450 and can be accessed at www.mellenpress.com.

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Finding My Voice

Summer memories



Dana Badmilk

One of the best things about moving home are the memories it brings back. There are certain things I see, hear, or even smell everyday that reminds me of growing up on the rez. (not burning trash!)

Like the big chokecherry tree in my backyard. I remember eating them till my mouth went numb and I couldn't taste anything else. I remember grinding them for a hunka grandma to make patties, wasna, and wojapi.

Timpsilas. Last month took my kids digging for them out on my dad's land.

My grandma went digging with us, which was a good thing because I was trying to dig up some other plant that was not timpsilas. I forgot what they looked like. We walked all over but didn't find too much. Actually we found 8 of them and we all shared them. My kids could not believe how good they tasted. I think my dad felt bad that we only found 8. On his next trip into town, he brought me a braid of timpsilas, 3 fishing poles, and two puppies, who escaped kettle dance sentencing. (I won't even mention that in that same week, he gave my brother a Harley Davidson.) Not that I would RIDE a Harley, I loved the fishing poles, timpsilas, and puppies.

I remember the days when I was a child and we fished at Denby or East Dam, swam at East Dam, walked the hills for timpsilas, buffalo berries, and chokecherries.

I remember eating wasna to my little hearts content. Why do those days seem so far away. Maybe they are.

Now I know it is my job to keep some of the memories alive and going for my children.

Maybe someday they will write about how their mom thought she knew what timpsilas were and dug up a sticker plant instead. Ah...the summer memories we have and create on the rez.

Dana Badmilk is a 35 year old self employed artist who recently moved back to the Pine Ridge Reservation. She lives there with her husband and four children. She can be read at her blog here http://danasvoice.blogspot.com.

Northern Perspectives

Language is about committment



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

There is a lot to do in the way of Lakota language preservation. On the Rosebud one of our stated goals is to increase the number of Lakota speakers in the community by 10 percent and I have built a strategy to do that.

Obviously there are a lot of local entities and individuals who are also undertaking the challenging task of perpetuating our beautiful Lakota language. I have noted a number of times that a lot of entities are failing to measure up to their stated outcomes of creating Lakota speakers and, yet, they continue to make that claim.

As I work at some beginning start up activities I realize that my skills are two pronged and which I have built over the course of a lifetime. I chose to return to my homeland on the Rosebud where I want cinca hoskila, Beaux, to know the basic foundations of Lakota life. We're doing that everyday and life in the slow lane is good. Ever so often I question if life on the "rez" has been the best way to utilize my experience and education and most of the time it comes up affirmative.

I slowly learned the rudiments of Lakota speech, sounds, reading and writing by listening to grandmother, Charlotte Hawkins of Allen. My parents, Ben and Victoria (Ironshooter) spoke Lakota regularly to each other. Most of the time, they didn't speak directly to us, but we became familiar with basic Lakota and learned what we could. That's the way with learning Lakota; for each of us it is an individual learning experience.

My two pronged skills at work include that of possessing a very good Ivy League education which I will never apologize for and having learned Lakota in a functional manner.

I have come across some wonderful Lakota speakers and when I come away I take something from that exchange whether negative or positive. The one thing we don't like to hear when people try to learn the language is to have someone ridicule them or victimize them. Jesse Bear at Allstop will occasionally tease me about some wrong pronunciation and he means it and I take it that way and learn from it.

Kola, Roy Spotted War Bonnett, kola Francis Whitebird and even tahansi Ned will invariably speak Lakota to me and they don't care that I have a French name. I don't think they would even mind if I spoke "broken" Lakota.

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Language committment

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We sometimes refer to someone speaking "broken" English, so there must be those of us who speak "broken" Lakota, by the same reasoning.

Anyway, the rationale for explaining my facility in the Lakota is that I attended a meeting and I came away kind of feeling defensive. Someone apparently said that my position required a fluent speaker and I only claim to be functionally fluent.

As an educator and someone who is comfortable with writing Lakota and doing commercials in Lakota on KINI, I don't want to find myself in a defensive mode every time I attend a meeting.

Next time, if I need to demonstrate my ability in Lakota, then let's all stand up and do the similarly. Many people have heard my commercials and as recent as Friday I received a nice compliment from Vine Goodshield who said he used to work with my father and appreciated my work. Also, another elder, Mr. Elk Looks Back is also so very nice in expressing his compliments for my reading and writing Lakota. Francis and Pat Bad Hand said that at least someone is trying.

We're at a time in Lakota history that everyone needs to contribute to saving the language. It doesn't matter who we are, it's not about us individually, it's about undertaking a major project that will help to keep our language alive.

Anyway, if anyone wants to have a private exchange in Lakota, it would be an honor for me. Let's honor each other and in the process maybe we can learn something from each other instead of putting each other in a defensive mode. The need to preserve our language will be here long after many of have *maka si'na kiye* and in the meantime, let's know what our roles are.

The young people are watching us and language preservation isn't about skin color, physical attractiveness or being highly educated, but rather a commitment that comes from the heart and the head, as Phil Two Eagle told me last week.

Kola, Francis, said he once heard a tribal member complain about language loss years ago and he said, "What are you doing about it?" and the gentleman could not respond.

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Todd County Schools to open Aug. 20, parent information released

MISSION - Todd County schools will begin classes on Aug, 20.

However, only fourth graders and new students will attend at South Elementary on the 20th; only sixth graders and new students will attend at the Middle School on the 20th; and only ninth graders and new students will attend at the High School on the 20th. All other students at those three facilities only will start classes on Aug 21. Students in all other Todd County schools will begin classes on Monday, Aug 20.

All students who have not yet enrolled in school will be assigned to classrooms and teachers on the first day. Parents of entering kindergarten students are reminded that these children must be five years old on or before Sept. 1 and must present a birth certificate, immunization records, (including evidence of a tuberculosis test), social security number, and tribal enrollment number where appropriate, before they can be admitted to school. All kindergarten students must be screened before they will be placed in a kindergarten classroom.

Any new student, other than kindergarten, must present a record from a licensed doctor or public health authority showing that the/she has received or is in the process of receiving shots for polio, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, 2 doses of Varicella or history of having had chicken pox and 2nd MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) due this fall, Information regarding types and dates of shots is required, and children whose shot records are not complete can not be admitted to school. Three legal exceptions to this requirement are for children whose parent/guardian present: 1) a letter signed by a licensed physician stating that immunizations are not medically advisable, 2) a statement signed by the parent/guardian that the religious belief of the child are opposed to immunization, or 3) a written statement of financial hardship from the parent/guardian in which case the parent/guardian would allow us to get the appropriate immunization.

The bus stop will provide new bus schedules for each school and the local paper. If you are new to the district or have moved to a different rural area over the summer, please contact the director of transportation at the bus shop in Mission (856-2588). Also if you have any questions about the time your child will be picked up or dropped off at the end of the day, please call the bus shop for students coming to Mission or your individual schools outside of Mission.

School announcemtns relating to cancellations and emergencies will be broadcast over KINI, St. Francis; KWYR FM, Winner; KVSH, Valentine; KPLO-TV, Sioux Falls; and KSFY, Sioux Falls. Parents/guardians always have the right to deliver their child late of pick their child up early on bad weather days.

Athletic physicals are required by Todd County schools and by state law. All elementary students who are planning to participate in sports will need a physical examination before they will be allowed to participate in the sport. Physicals can be obtained at Horizon Health Care in Mission.

Parents are encouraged to have the physicals done at the Rosebud HIS or by a physician's assistant before school starts.

All middle school and high school students, before being allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics, must have passed an annual physical examination. In addition to the physical examination all middle and high school students must have a pre-participation Interval Health History report on file in the high school office. Parents are encouraged to have physicals completed before school starts. All appropriate forms may be obtained from the Todd County High School office.

Parents are asked to purchase clothing for their students that fit properly. Sagging and bagging pants, short shorts, or revealing clothing are not acceptable.

Clothes that display gang, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco insignias are not permitted. Clothing should be free of obscene language, sexually explicit messages or pictures, and should not promote violence. "Old English" print on clothing should be avoided.

In addition, the following items are not acceptable; hairnets, bandannas, excessively long belts, and sweatbands. Please avoid purchasing numerous items of clothing that are all the same color.

Full cafeteria service (breakfast and lunch) will be available to students the first day of school at Lakeview, North, South, Middle School, High School, HeDog, Rosebud, Spring Creek, and O'Kreek. Lunch will be served at Klein and Littleburg.

If you have any questions on any of the information contained in this article please contact the appropriate school or administrator.

Food awareness health fair Aug. 9

PINE RIDGE - On Aug. 9, several organizations will be hosting a health fair at the Sioux Nation Shopping Center in Pine Ridge from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

The booths will offer the public information and material on buying the right kinds of food. Aug. 9 is the day before food stamp day on Aug. 10 and the information provided can help people to shop for food that is healthy for their families.

For example, instead of pop, drink water and Crystal Lite and offer your family baked chips, instead of fried potato chips, both are healthier for your children and families. The booths will also offer door prizes and recipes.

The organizations sponsoring the health fair are the Indian Health Service Diabetes prevention program, OST Child Care, OST Oyate Bliyaha, OST and Health Education.

$960,727 awarded Pine Ridge School for technology

PINE RIDGE - Pine Ridge School District will receive a $31,841 grant for improved telecommunications services, a $3,712 grant for expanded internet access, and a $925,173 grant to maintain internal connections through the E-Rate program. This program provides discounts to help schools and libraries pay for telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connections so their students may use the best technology in the classroom.

Two Elk convicted of abusing toddler

PIERRE (AP) - After more than three hours of deliberation, a federal jury in Pierre convicted a Rosebud man of sexually abusing a toddler.

Pascal Two Elk, 27, was found guilty Thursday on two counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a child under the age of 12. He faces a maximum penalty of life in prison when he is sentenced later.

The U.S. attorney said the charges involve the rape of a 2-year-old on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in October 2005.

Court upholds manslaughter conviction

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) -A federal appeals court upheld the conviction and sentence of Donovan New for a car accident that killed two people on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

A jury in March 2006 convicted New, 37, of Oglala, on two counts of involuntary manslaughter. A judge sentenced him to 144 months in federal prison.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected New's arguments that he should have been given his Miranda rights when questioned in a hospital, and that the jury should not have been told of his prior convictions for driving under the influence. The court also upheld the sentence as reasonable.

Two passengers died in the single-car accident in June 2005.

Health fair scheduled during Oglala Nation Pow Wow Aug. 2

PINE RIDGE - On Friday, Aug. 2, there will be a health fair at the Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge. There will be a triathlon at 9 a.m. with registration at 8:30 a.m., a walk at 10 a.m. with registration at 9:30 a.m. and a run at 10:30 a.m. with registration also at 9:30 a.m.

Categories for the triathlon: Individual men and women, 18 and over, boys and girls, 13-17 years; distance 10 mi. bike, team: adult co-ed, 18 and over, youth co-ed, 13-17 years, 250 yard swim, 3 mile run; walk women, men, two miles run, women, men, youth, three miles. There is a limited number of t-shirts, cash awards, and medals. Provide your own equipment, helmets recommended, participate at your own risk; youth must have signed parent consent. Proceeds go to awards.

The health fair will be in the hall at 11 a.m. with various booths. Sponsors include Wacante Kiyapi, OST Health Administration, I.H.S. Diabetes Prevention Program, OST Oyate Blihelya, Prairie Winds Casino, SuAnn Big Crow Boys & Girls Club, Indian Health Services, OST Property & Supply, All Seasons Printing, OST CHR Program, OST Child Care, the Ambulance Service, Public Safety and OST Health Education. For more information call 867-2067 or 867-5252.

I.H.S. diabetes prevention activities open to public

PINE RIDGE - The Pine Ridge Indian Health Service Diabetes Prevention Program has several weekly activities to promote diabetes prevention as follows:

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. Biking Club everyone meeting at the Porcupine Clinic, bring your bike and join in on the fun! (We do have some bikes available but it will be first come first serve basis.)

Wednesday: 9 a.m. Walking Club at The Oglala Sioux Tribal office starting at the main entrance (earn progressive incentives)

Friday: 8:30 a.m. Walking Club at the Old IHS starting at the entrance (earn progressive incentives)

Bike Club (limited amount of bikes, first come first serve, bring your bike if you have one) riders will meet at the old hospital and ride to White Clay and back, starting at 8:30 a.m. Please call ahead if you need a bike.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the DPP team at one of the following: JoAnn Lehner, Actg. Dir/RN 867-3054; Daverine Elk, Data Coordinator 867-3259; Sawee Frank, Health Tech. 867-3137 or Bobette R. Herman, Health Tech. 867-3261.

Community Calendar

POST your event FREE here.
Email to editor@lakotacountrytimes.com
or fax to 605-685-1870.

Rez Happenings

Little Wound H.S. Pre-Registration
Monday and Tuesday, July 30, and 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Little Wound High School, Wednesday, August 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Allen at Pass Creek College Center and 1-4 p.m. in Martin at LaCreek College Center, Thursday, August 2 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Rockyford School and 1-4 p.m. in Manderson at the Wounded Knee District College Center, Monday, August 6 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Porcupine College Center, Tuesday, August 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Batesland at East Wakpamni College Center, Wednesday, August 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Wanblee at the Eagle Nest College Center and Thursday and Friday from 9am to 12 noon at Little Wound High school, for information call 455-6209.

Vacation Bible School
Tuesday-Friday, July 24-27 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. daily for children six years old to fifth grade at Porcupine Presbyterian Church, For information call 716-0888 or 867-2010 or 867-5930.

Kicking Bear Wacipi
Thursday-Sunday, July 26-29 in Manderson at Crazy Horse Park.

Eagle Nest District Celebration
Thursday-Sunday, July 26-29 in Wanblee with a carnival starting on Thursday, grand entry set for Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m., all drums will be paid daily and namings, honorings and memorials will be held and three meals served daily, for information call Elroy at 462-6644.

Big Bend Women's Softball tourney
Friday and Saturday, July 27 and 28 in Ft. Thompson at the Fallen Warrior field, for information call Corby 245-2667 or 245-2909.

Co-ed Softball tourney
Rainbow Valley ballfield, Saturday and Sunday, July 28, 29, for information call Donnie 867-5161, Lanita 867-6014 or Vanessa 441-7917.

Memorial Dinner/Randy James Brown
Saturday, July 28 at 12 noon at Mother Butler Center in Rapid City.

3 on 3 basketball tourney
Saturday, July 28 at 3pm at Manderson Basketball court, second annual memorial John Wayne Apple, Rodney Wayne LaDeaux 3 on 3 basketball tournament, for information contact Garfield Little Dog 685-5326 or 867-5184 or 867-2766.

Mountain Bike Challenge
Wednesday, August 1 at 9 a.m. starting at the Pine Ridge football field parking lot going seven miles and ending up at same place, sponsored by I.H.S. Diabetes Prevention, for information call Joann at 867-3054 or 867-3137.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye pow wow
First Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye pow wow of the year, Thursday, August 2 during the Oglala Nation Fair, Rodeo, pow wow and dance contest.

Girl Scouts celebrate at pow wows
Saturday, August 4 in Pine Ridge at Oglala Nation pow wow and Rodeo, Saturday, August 25 at Rosebud Sioux Tribe pow wow in Rosebud and Saturday, September 1 at the Cheyenne River Sioux Labor Day Celebration in Eagle Butte, visit our booth and make beaded bracelets, turtle rattles, journals and trail mix snacks, for information call Debbie 800-658-3391.

White River Open Horse Show
Monday, August 6 at 9:30 a.m. central at Frontier Days arena in White River with showmanship, western pleasure, trail, reining, barrels, poles and dollar ride, for information 259-3385, 259-3629 or 259-3240.

Farmers/Ranchers information meeting
Thursday, August 16 at Prairie Wind Casino from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., "Helping the Land Help the People" is the theme of the one day meeting sponsored by OST Land Office and Aphis Program featuring noxious weeds, range managing development, water sourcing cost share programs and pesticide application training, for information call 867-5305 or 455-1362.

Volleyball Jamboree
Friday, August 17 at 9 a.m. at Red Cloud School for those who would like to learn more about volleyball or become an official, sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association, for information call Jen Schaer at 867-5491, ext. 506.

Edgar B. Lone Hill, 47.....Manderson
Loretta Bull Bear, 60.....Kyle
Wendell J. Janis, Sr.,67.....Pine Ridge

Edgar B. Lone Hill

MANDERSON - Edgar B. Lone Hill, 47, Manderson, died Saturday, July 21 in Minneapolis.

Survivors include one son Leland Lone Hill, Minneapolis; three brothers, Greg Seda III, Alliance, Neb., George Villarreal, Manderson and Leo Villarreal, Sioux Falls; and seven sisters, Lisa Lone Hill, Jovita Seda, Frances Villarreal, Patricia Villarreal and Tamara Villarreal, all of Manderson, Lucy Seda, Rapid City and Yolanda Villarreal, Chadron, Neb.

A wake service was held Wednesday, July 25, at St. Agnes Catholic Hall in Manderson.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at St. Agnes Catholic Hall in Manderson with the Rev. Chris Collins officiating. Inurnment will follow at a later date.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Loretta Bull Bear

KYLE - Loretta Bull Bear, 60, Pine Ridge, died Friday, July 20 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include two sons, Marlon Iron Crow and Deon Bull Bear, both of Kyle; four daughters, Rochelle Middletent, Michelle Iron Crow, Juanita Iron Crow and Nicole Morsette, all of Kyle; two brothers, Larry Bull Bear, Kyle, and Dennis Bull Bear, Sioux Falls; four sisters, Thelma Pourier, Porcupine, and June Rosales, Juanita Witt and Wilma Witt, all of Kyle; stepfather, Wilber Witt, Kyle; and 19 grandchildren.

A wake service was Tuesday, July 24, at Little Wound School gym in Kyle.

Funeral services were Wednesday, July 25, at the gym with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl and Lyle Noisy Hawk officiating. Burial was at Mediator Episcopal Cemetery in Kyle.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Wendell J. Janis Sr.

PINE RIDGE - Wendell J. Janis Sr., 67, Pine Ridge, died Monday, July 16 in Portland, Ore.

Survivors include one son, Wendell J. Janis Jr., Denver; one daughter, Shannon Janis, Rapid City; two brothers, Guy Janis, Pine Ridge, and Pat Janis, Billings, Mont.

A wake services was Monday, July 23, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall in Pine Ridge.

Funeral services was Tuesday, July 24, at the church. Burial was at Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery in Pine Ridge.

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August 13th-16th, 2007 from 8:30 am-3:00 pm

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August 13th-16th, 2007 from 8:30 am-3:00 pm

Rockyford School
August 13th-16th, 2007 from 8:30 am-3:00 pm

All classes will begin on Monday, August 27, 2007

You must bring all of the following information:

1. **Social Security Card,**
2. **Tribal enrollment number**
3. **Physical address**
4. **Income verification**

Preschool, Kindergarten and New Students:
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ASK ANNA

Psychic ~ Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

Greetings to you Anna Bee. I love your column and I can't wait to open up to read each week as I thoroughly enjoy the insight and wisdom that you so generously give so freely. I appreciate you and your many gifts.

I had a relationship with someone for 15 years. It ended in March when I was given, by chance, the opportunity to catch him on his cell phone deeply involved in conversation. Needless to say, that I was able to follow my instinct by following up and doing some investigation on my own. I found out that this man was deeply involved with another woman at work. I have no idea how long this had been going on but, I have since found out a number of lies that he was telling people about our living situation and what our relationship was. When I try to confront him he denies and continues to deny any responsibility for any of his actions. He moved out abruptly but had been coming over almost everyday. Of course, I maintain distance with him as I am deeply hurt and feel his betrayal but, this man has no conscious. I feel that he is some kind of pathological liar and that all those years were all lies. I realize that I contributed greatly to our relationship not working due to my personality or temperament and of course he blames a lot of the problems we faced on me. I find that very difficult to swallow since he also contributed to the chaos by not making any efforts to meet me half way. He has continued with his new relationship and moved with his new love. I wish him all the happiness and I am grateful for everything he has done for me and my kids but, I have always had a feeling about him and deep inside always suspected that there was something wrong with him but could never put my finger on it.

Can you help me by telling me if my perception was correct? It would help me to heal and to finally move forward. At this point, I am realizing a lot of things "were" wrong but I questioned and second guessed myself.

I accept his choice to move on and I fight everyday with myself to control any negative thoughts about this since, you know, "karma." I just want to know that had he been truthful and wanted to work things out, he would have. It did not just depend on me.

I doubt seriously if I will ever get involved with anyone else and at this point I am not worried about this. I feel that I am simply not designed to have that type of happiness and that my destiny leads me to other things.

Please help me to feel better about this since I cannot get any straight answers from this dude.

Many blessings.

Dear Many Blessings:

There were many instances in and during this relationship that led you to doubt that this man was truthful. If there is any lesson there, it is to learn to trust yourself.

He was not in alignment with your highest and best good and he operated during your relationship very selfishly. He created another "amusement," with another woman...never really looking at his own actions as sly and destructive.

I am not going to categorize him as a monster...but as totally unaware and not able to step up to the plate of responsibility for his own actions. It would have been more honest of him to admit that he was looking for an out from your relationship; but needed to create one where he would still be taken care of.

The current relationship that he has involved himself in has no better future for him or the woman he has chosen to use that the relationship you had with him.

I feel more pity for her in her unaware state.

She has not honestly looked at him and asked some real pertinent questions, i.e.: Why was he still living in your home? Why did he hush up on the phone when you were around? Who was paying his bills? Where was/is his sense of honesty and loyalty?

Is there something wrong with him you ask?

No more wrong with him than the women in his life have allowed. He blames everyone else for his problems. A blame is a pretty good tool for not accepting personal responsibility.

Don't throw your love life future away because of any unfulfilled relationships. Every relationship that does not work out wasn't supposed to; so that you can be prepared, well, balanced and free for the relationship that is waiting for you in your future.

I am glad that you are grateful to him for the lessons he taught you. Go ahead and move forward now. Life is good anyway, but really better without a thankless slob in the bedroom and in your checkbook. Trust yourself to choose a better man than this one and you will.

Dear Anna,

Hello it's me again. I'm writing to you because I was wondering about my future. I'm going to be a senior this year, so I was wondering if I am going to get my GPA back up to where it was before? Do you see me going to the college that I want to go to or am I just going to end up going to OLC? Do you see me getting off the rez right after high school or am I going to stick around. I don't want that and am I going to be what I want to be?

Now about kids... am I going to have kids?

Am I going to get married or just have one of those relationships where you have to stay together cause we have kids together.

Now about my mom, is she going to get better?

My sisters, are they going to do good in the future?

Ta Ta for now.

Dear TaTa for now:

Your GPA is totally up to you. I do see you working pretty hard this year because you want to go "off-rez" to school.

You may start college by going to OLC in Rapid. It is a good place to develop the studying skills you will need in another outside university and it is reasonably affordable. OLC also offers a step up to all Indian students. I personally believe they are a very good school and they have saved the futures of many young Lakota students. Please don't under appreciate them.

If you want to change that future path and go to a school outside of South Dakota then begin now by applying to the colleges and universities that you want to attend. Prepare yourself with a strong GPA and study for the SAT exams. It may be easier to work hard at OLC and learn how to study better to prepare yourself for another college or university after a few years of adjusting to college level independent study.

Don't get pregnant and move in with some guy because you are going to have his baby. It is just that simple. Make a better choice than that. You create your own future every single day. The choices you make today form tomorrows choices, opportunities, problems, obstacles and tone. Babies are not accidents; they are the choice of unprotected sex.

I don't see you as getting in your own way. I see you going to OLC for about a year and a half - and then to Black Hills State. You may decide to go to school in the Denver area instead of Black Hills State, but either way is okay.

You probably will continue with your education to get your master's degree in Kansas. Don't get too involved in a summer romance that would turn you into a slave to some small minded immature boy. Wait until you find a young man that is working as hard at making his life good as you are. Good Luck!

Dear Anna,

I am writing in concern of me and a few others who are away from home. We are trying to complete a task that is mandatory for us.

Do you see all of us graduating? Who will and who won't? It's a real challenge and takes strength to complete and we all get preoccupied worrying about our families. Will everything be good?

Best Wishes
Worrier

Dear Worrier:

I would like to change that greeting to Warrior.

Learning new skill levels that determine your own safety and help make the world a safer place is good. You will complete your schooling and your tasks and you will graduate. Every one will be proud of you.

You will complete your course and will be recognized for some special accomplishment. I see almost everyone with you managing to complete your program. I only see two who cannot hang in there with the physical stress.

Your families are fine and are waiting for your return. Blessings to you and to the others. You are making good choices for yourself. Everyone is proud of you.

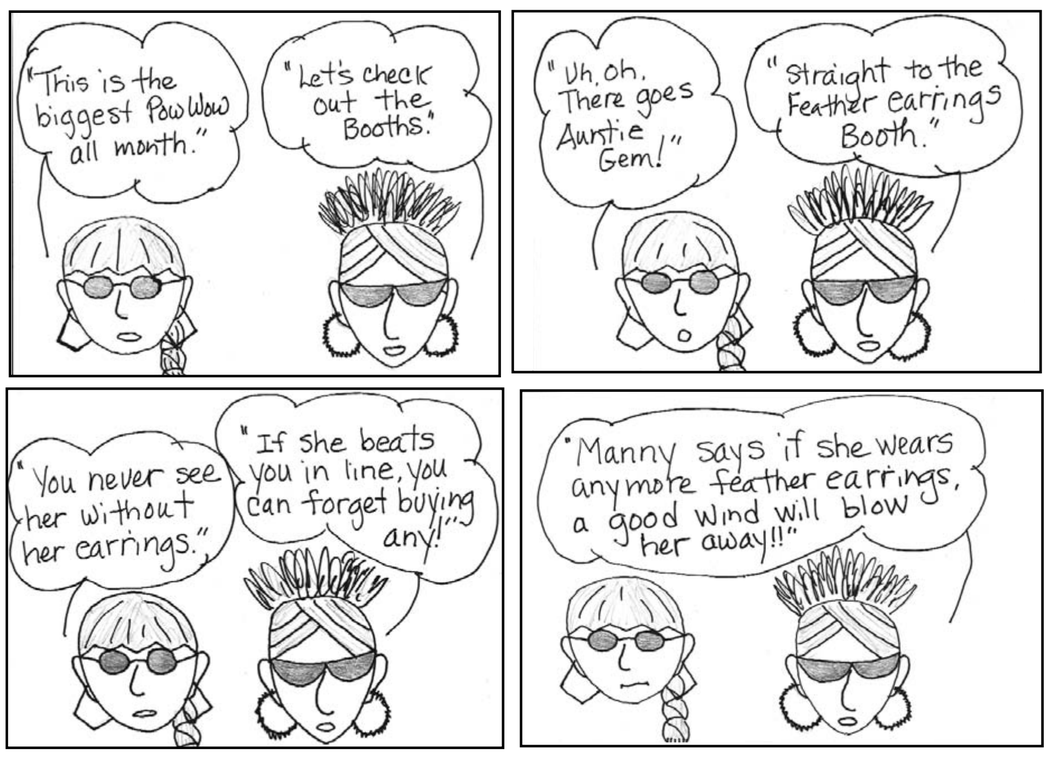
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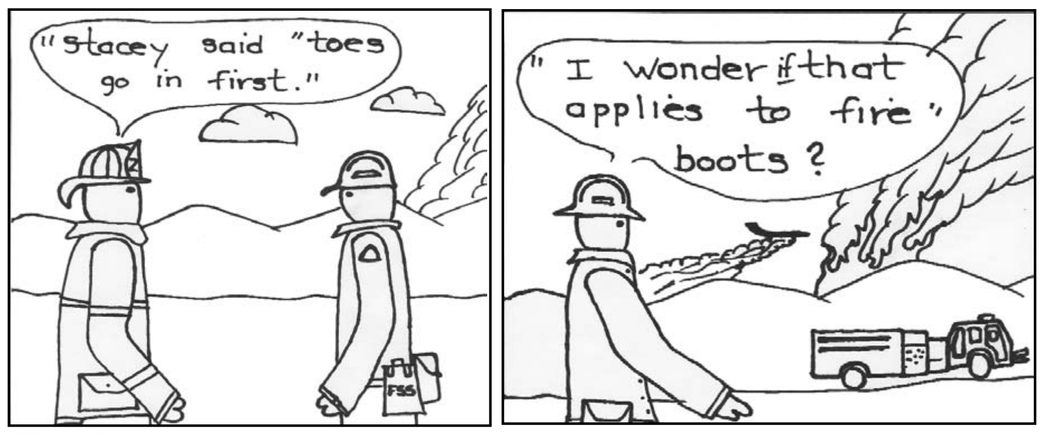
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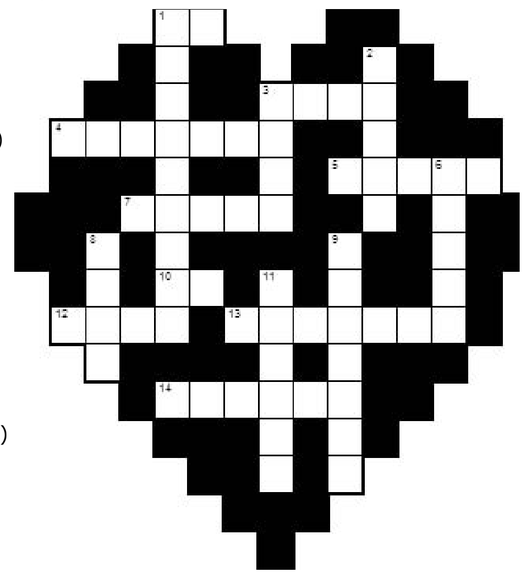
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Crossword Puzzle

(answers in next week's issue)



CLUES

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3 meat (4)
4 frost (7)
5 snow is deep (5)
7 it's wet (5)
10 fog (2)
12 cold (4)
13 snow is falling (7)
14 it's dry (6)

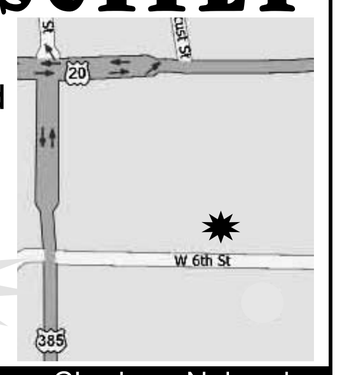
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NOTICE

Letters of Interest Requested by the Shannon County Commissioners

The Shannon County Commissioners has a Vacancy in Commissioner District #5 due to a recent resignation. The Board of County Commissioners is asking for Letters of Interest to fill this position. The Board will be taking letters from interested persons until 5:00 p.m. on August 2nd, 2007. These letters are to be sent or delivered to the Auditor's Office at 906 N. River Street, Hot Springs, S.D. 57747. Any interested person must be registered in Shannon County Commissioner District #5, which includes voters registered in the Batesland and Porcupine Precincts. The Board of Shannon County Commissioners will be meeting on August 3rd, 2007 for their regular meeting, and will review any letters received. Please contact the Auditor's Office at 605-745-3996 to schedule a time to meet with the Board to review your letter of interest.

Sincerely,
Sue Ganje
County Auditor
Shannon County

Todd County School District
Mission, S.D. 57555
Public Notice

Debera Lucas, Director of Exceptional Education for the Todd County School District, in order to fulfill obligations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as amended in 2004, is required to inform and provide full educational opportunities to all individuals with disabilities ages birth through twenty-one.

Todd County School District has developed a system to identify, locate and evaluate individuals in need of special education or special education and related services. This Public Awareness Notice is to inform parents and other interested individuals/agencies that individuals residing within the jurisdiction of the Todd County School District, ages birth through 21, regardless of the severity of their disability. This includes individuals in all public and private agencies and institutions within the legal boundaries of the Todd County School District.

Anyone that is aware of a child who may benefit from special education and related services is encouraged to call or write the Todd County School District Exceptional Education Office at (605) 856-2626, or PO Box 519, Mission, SD, 57555.

Todd County School District
Mission, S.D. 57555
Legal Notice

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires that all public school buildings be inspected or re-inspected for the presence of asbestos every three years after a management plan is in effect. This same statute also requires initial and annual notifications of the availability of a management plan which outlines the steps to be taken to eliminate any hazards.

The Todd County School System has a very limited amount of asbestos containing materials in the school buildings and it is being managed in strict compliance with all pertinent federal regulations. A copy of the inspection report which details the locations of these materials and the proper management procedures is available for public inspection during normal working hours in the Administration office.

MINUTES

Todd County School District 66-1
Mission,
South Dakota
July 9, 2007

MINUTES

The July 9, 2007 organizational Board of Education meeting was held in the Todd County District administration building.

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Marlon Leneaugh at 5:37 P.M. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise stated.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marlon Leneaugh, President; Troy Heinert, Vice President; Charles Moe, Member; Lavern Lanz, Member.

MEMBER ABSENT: Steve Her Many Horses, Member.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Margo Heinert, Superintendent; Chad Blotsky, Business Manager; Peggy Diekhoff, Middle School Principal; Phyllis Littau, Public Relations Coordinator; Victoria Sherman, High School Principal; Patrice Wright, Principal Klein, Littleburg, Lakeview, O'Kreek & South Schools.

CERTIFIED: Rose Ruff, Tess Canet.

NON-CERTIFIED: Monica Rahn, Sandy Wright.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Archie Beauvais, Amanda Takes War Bonnet, Connie Blanco.

Moved by Lavern Lanz, seconded by Charles Moe and carried to adopt the agenda as submitted.

Moved by Charles Moe, seconded by Lavern Lanz and carried to approve the Minutes of the June 25, 2007 regular Board of Education meeting.

Moved by Lavern Lanz, seconded by Charles Moe and carried to approve and pay bills for FY 2007 as submitted:

2007 GENERAL FUND:

AAAS Project 2061, $112.95; Gary Antoine, $180.00; Michelle Black Bear, $385.72; Tess Canet, $92.16; Comfort Inn, $135.00; ConocoPhilips, $158.26; Alicia Dickson-Boyd, $179.52; National Association For Bilingual Education, $60.00; Handwriting Without Tears, $1,089.00; Harcourt Assessment Inc, $7,961.14; Steve Her Many Horses, $28.80; Hillyard Inc, $11,214.46; Heath Knox, $10.24; Mike Knox, $82.16; Lavern Lanz, $38.40; Pauline Lanz, $109.85; Victoria Leader Charge, $385.72; MCI Worldcom, $49.83; Medco Supply Lockbox, $38.85; Charlie Moe, $33.92; Nasco, $193.44; Network Services Company, $72.48; Office Products Center, $6,165.25; Pearson Education, $53.70; S & S Worldwide, $110.09; Sportime, $499.42; Starlite Gift & Flowers, $105.00; Sunburst Visual Media, $55.94; Taylor Music, $213.00; Valandra's II, $262.84; Valentine Office Supply, $153.30; Young People's Press, $141.75; IMPREST FUND: Sam's Club, $1,149.17; Sharon Shaw, $90.00; Sharon Shaw, $90.00; Sharon Shaw, $120.00; Sonny Louise Prue, $90.00; Sonny Louise Prue, $90.00; Wanda Prue, $64.00; Marlon Leneaugh, $64.00; Melissa Whipple-Riley, $71.04; St. Francis Mission, $275.00; St. Agnes, $35.00; Dr. Richard Bordeaux, $106.38; Sam's Club, $53.61; Bev Redday, $100.00; Rosemary Bizardie, $120.96; Rebecca Bechtold, $810.00; Keith Olson, $90.00; Division of Motor Vehicles, $36.00; Michael Hammer, $368.92; Don Meyer Coaching Academy, $200.00;

TOTAL 2007 GENERAL FUND WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JUNE 30, 2007: $34,516.27.

2007 TITLE VII INDIAN EDUCATION: IMPREST FUND:

Denise One Star, $650.00; Darrin Arcoren, $75.00;

TOTAL TITLE VII INDIAN EDUCATION WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JULY 10, 2007: $725.00.

2007 TITLE III SOUTH: MidAmerican Books, $654.84;

TOTAL 2007 TITLE III SOUTH WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JUNE 30, 2007: $654.84.

2007 JOHNSON O'MALLEY: Carson-Dellosa Publishing Company Inc, $84.77; Crestline Specialties Company Inc, $991.48; Domino's Pizza, $224.70; Flaghouse Inc, $34.50; It's Elementary, $1,159.20; McDonalds, $87.73; Pizza Hut, $60.06; Positive Promotions Inc, $3,487.06; Watiki Indoor Waterpak, $186.31;

TOTAL 2007 JOHNSON O'MALLEY WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JUNE 30, 2007: $6,315.81.

2007 REAP: Pearson Education, $22.68;

TOTAL 2007 REAP WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JUNE 30, 2007: $22.68.

2007 SCHOOL WIDE: Apple Computer Inc, $13,078.56; Childcraft Education Corporation, $1,590.04; National Council of Teacher of English, $263.00; Harcourt Inc, $268.40; Highsmith Company Inc, $417.96; Gideon Kilonzo, $505.20; Lakeshore Learning Materials, $1,463.92; Learning resources, $271.30; Library Store, $143.66; McGraw-Hill Companies, $868.93; Jody Monson, $375.00; Jane Mullins, $361.72; Nasco, $486.08; National School Products, $295.40; Office Products Center, $297.98; Oriental Trading Company Inc, $14.95; Parent Institute, $195.00; Pearson Education, $478.17; Primary Concepts, $1,611.94; Rand McNally & Company, $538.92; Renaissance Seattle, $1,427.66; Saddleback Educational Inc, $84.65; Scholastic Inc, $2,015.63; School Specialty Inc, $538.32; Siboney Learning Group, $5,037.00; Teacher Direct, $1,140.52; Teacher Institute, $200.00; Time For Kids, $129.00; Doris Weeden, $375.00; William Glasser Institute, $250.00; IMPREST FUND: Rosemary Bizardie, $229.12; Harriett 'Jane" Mullins, $285.92;

TOTAL 2007 SCHOOL WIDE WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JUNE 30, 2007: $35,238.95.

2007 SPECIAL EDUCATION: Expenditures - $410.94; IMPREST FUND: Expenditures - $634.52; TOTAL 2007 SPECIAL EDUCATION WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JUNE 30, 2007: $1,045.46.

2007 TITLE VII HIGH SCHOOL BILINGUAL ED: Sinte Gleska University, $6,090.00;

TOTAL 2007 TITLE VII HIGH SCHOOL BILINGUAL ED WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JUNE 30, 2007: $6,090.00.

2007 TITLE III SC: Sheila McLeod, $81.64;

TOTAL 2007 TITLE III SC WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JUNE 30, 2007: $81.64.

2007 TITLE III HEDOG BILINGUAL ED: IMPREST FUND: Sam's Club, $379.37;

TOTAL 2007 TITLE III HEDOG BILINGUAL ED WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JUNE 30, 2007: $379.37.

2007 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT/TITLE III: Apple Computer Inc, $1,349.00; BMI Educational Services, $778.90; CDW Government Inc, $1,199.32; Pearson Education, $3,487.84; Scholastic Inc, $257.33; TOTAL

2007 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT/TITLE III WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JUNE 30, 2007: $7,072.39.

2007 FOOD SERVICE: ConocoPhilips, $39.96; IMPREST FUND: Donna Anderson, $35.75;

TOTAL 2007 FOOD SERVICE WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JUNE 30, 2007: $75.71.

2007 TRUST & AGENCY: IMPREST FUND: Expenditures - $5,226.80; TOTAL 2007 TRUST & AGENCY WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JUNE 30, 2007: $5,226.80.

Troy Heinert entered the meeting.

Moved by Charles Moe, seconded by Troy Heinert and carried to approve Annual Trust and Agency Report (SDCL 13-16-21).

Moved by Troy Heinert, seconded by Charles Moe and carried to approve budget supplements as submitted:

Title I School Wide, $0.00

Capital Outla, $450,000.00

Food Service Fund, $2,000.00

Moved by Troy Heinert, seconded by Charles Moe and carried to approve the adjournment of the Board Sine Die. There being no further 2006-2007 school year business before this Board of Education, adjournment sine die in order.

An Oath of Office for Charles Moe and Melissa Whipple-Riley, newly elected board members was held.

Reorganization of the board.

Marlon Leneaugh yielded the chair to Chad Blotsky who served as temporary president until a new president and vice president of the board were elected.

The new board was called to order at 5:48 P.M.

Nominations for President of the board were opened. Marlon Leneaugh was nominated by Charles Moe.

Troy Heinert was nominated by Lavern Lanz.

Moved by Troy Heinert, seconded by Marlon Leneaugh and carried that nominations cease.

Three (3) votes received by Marlon Leneaugh; two (2) votes received by Troy Heinert.

Marlon Leneaugh elected as president of the board.

Nominations for Vice President of the board were opened. Troy Heinert was nominated by Charles Moe.

Charles Moe was nominated by Melissa Whipple-Riley.

Moved by Marlon Leneaugh, seconded by Troy Heinert and carried that nominations cease.

Three (3) votes received by Troy Heinert; two (2) votes received by Charles Moe.

Troy Heinert elected as vice president of the board.

A presentation by The Lakota Country Times was given.

Moved by Melissa Whipple-Riley, seconded by Charles Moe to table designating the official newspaper.

Moved by Charles Moe, seconded by Troy Heinert and carried that the following designations and appointments be made as submitted:

A: Designate the Wells Fargo Bank of Mission, South Dakota as the official depository.

B: Designate official depository as UBS PaineWebber.

C: Appoint Margo Heinert as the authorized representative of the Todd County School District for all applications and agreements needed and authorize the filing of the applications in connection with securing funds from the following:

All titles of the E.S.E.A., including Title I and Impact Aid (Title-VII).
I.D.E.A.
School Food Service.
Vocational and Applied Technology Act.
Johnson O'Malley.
Foundation and corporate grants.
Other contracts, grants, and applications as

D: Establish regular Board meeting dates as the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month with the exception of the following months:

October, 2007 (Native American Day-October 9th)

December, 2007

March, 2008 (Easter Monday-March 24th)

May, 2008 (Memorial Day-May 26th)

Recommend board meetings begin at 5:30 P.M.

Moved by Troy Heinert, seconded by Charles Moe and carried to approve the following:

E: Appoint Chad Blotsky as custodian of all accounts including administrator of trust and agency accounts and continue existing funds and accounts.

F: Designate Robert's Rule of Order as parliamentary procedure for board meetings.

G: Adopt the investment resolution for the 2007-2008 school year: WHEREAS the Todd County School District has at various times of the year inactive funds not needed for immediate obligations.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that authorization be given to the superintendent and the business manager to invest such inactive funds in the institution which serves the greatest advantage to the school district.

H: Recommend review of bonding limits as set.

Moved by Charles Moe, seconded by Melissa Whipple-Riley and carried to join the following:

1) Associated School Boards of South Dakota.

2) National School Board Association.

3) Member of Impact Schools of South Dakota and National Association of Federally Impacted Schools.

4) Membership in South Dakota High School Activities Association.

5) Membership in National Indian Impacted Schools Association.

6) Membership in National Indian School Board Association.

7) Membership in South Dakota Coalition of Schools.

Moved by Melissa Whipple-Riley, seconded by Lavern Lanz and carried to authorize the superintendent to close school under emergency conditions and establish chain of command in her absence:

Debera Lucas, Director of Exceptional Education;

Pat Burnette, North Elementary Principal;

Peggy Diekhoff, Middle School Principal.

Moved by Charles Moe, seconded by Troy Heinert and carried to set the board member compensation at $75.00 per meeting for regular meetings and $30.00 per meeting for special meetings lasting less than 3 hours.

Moved by Charles Moe, seconded by Lavern Lanz and carried to set admission prices for all home events (excluding any State sanctioned events) 2007-2008 school year as follows:

Single event admission, adult $4.00

Single event admission, student $3.00

Season ticket, adults (all events) $45.00

Season ticket, students (all events) $35.00

(Senior citizen, age 60 or older qualify for a free season pass. If you have questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact the high school.)

Moved by Troy Heinert, seconded by Charles Moe and carried to set the normal beginning and ending times for all Todd County Schools to 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Moved by Charles Moe, seconded by Lavern Lanz and carried to appoint Debera Lucas, Director of Exceptional Education, as Coordinator for Title IX of P.L. 92-318 and Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Moved by Melissa Whipple-Riley, seconded by Charles Moe and carried to appoint Alicia Dickson Boyd as Truant Officer per SDCL 13.27.14-13.27.19.

Moved by Melissa Whipple-Riley, seconded by Troy Heinert and carried to pay bills for July, 2007 as submitted:

GENERAL FUND: A & B Welding Supply, $7.50; A-1 Auto Recyclers, $125.00; ASBSD Workers Comp Fund, $90,805.00; AT&T, $75.95; Automate Parts & Machine Shop, $809.20; Frank Baca, $208.35; Clellan Bechtold, $1,600.00; Beresford School District 61-2, $657.12; City of Mission, $2,235.11; Country Pride Coop, $37,284.45; CPM Educational Program, $16,178.94; Dex Media East LLC, $106.15; Division of Independent Study, $434.72; Department of Environment & Natural Resources, $20.00; Fanning Construction, $742.50; David Fisher, $115.20; Fullerton Lumber Company, $6,250.08; Golden West Companies, $797.25; Margo Heinert, $93.00; Hillyard Inc, $1,541.99; Holiday Inn, $159.90; HSBC Business Solutions, $475.04; Impact Schools of South Dakota, $2,200.00; Mike Knox, $52.16; LaCreek Electric Association Inc, $689.42; Pauline Lanz, $231.00; M & S Auto Truck Repair, $40.00; National School Boards Association, $2,300.00; Nelson Electronics Inc, $41.00; Network Services Company, $61.08; Office Products Center, $686.88; Positive Promotions Inc, $500.78; Prairie Knights Casino/Resort, $780.00; Prairie Pest Control Inc, $705.00; ASBSD Property/Liability Insurance Program, $100,794.00; Radio Shack, $199.96; Rosebud Building Products Inc, $10.00; Rosebud Concrete Inc, $405.00; Royal Chemical, $6,973.80; School Administrators of South Dakota, $5,687.09; Security Contracting Service, $1,241.93; Software Unlimited Inc, $3,865.00; South Dakota Department of Health, $24.00; South Dakota Network Inc, $2,392.16; Starlite Gift & Flowers, $40.00; State Farm Insurance Companies, $10,498.67; String's Towing, $190.00; True Value Hardware, $38.74; US Postal Service, $176.00; US Postal Service, $77.00; UPS, $124.05; Valandra's II, $890.62; Whitley Central Distribution Company Inc, $250.00; Winner Bakery, $158.40;

TOTAL GENERAL FUND WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JULY 9, 2007: $303,046.19.

TITLE VII INDIAN EDUCATION: Federal Express Corporation, $347.87;

TOTAL TITLE VII INDIAN EDUCATION WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JULY 9, 2007: $347.87.

TITLE II PART C PERKINS: Dennis Bohmont, $178.00; Galene Feller, $178.00; SDACTE Conference, $200.00;

TOTAL TITLE II PART C PERKINS WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JULY 9, 2007: $556.00. JOHNSON O'MALLEY: Black Hills Maze, $270.00; Positive Promotions Inc, $457.28; Sunshine Greenhouse, $38.59;

TOTAL JOHNSON O'MALLEY WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JULY 9, 2007: $765.87.

REAP: Linda Keech, $80.00; Sinte Gleska University Bookstore, $166.90; Sinte Gleska University, $804.00;

TOTAL REAP WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JULY 9, 2007: $1,050.90.

SCHOOL WIDE: Days Inn, $186.00; JFL Enterprises Inc, $2,695.00; Pearson Education, $253.20; Michael Rhodes, $1,040.00; School Specialty Inc, $1,433.61; Wire One Communications Inc, $84,789.98; TOTAL SCHOOL WIDE WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JULY 9, 2007: $90,397.79.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: ADT Security Services, $3,125.48; AGC Company, $15,000.00; South Dakota Federal Property Agency, $1,275.00; Michaels Fence & Supply Inc, $7,785.39; Ponderosa Service, $23,558.00; Rosebud Concrete Inc, $2,915.00; TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY

WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JULY 9, 2007: $53,658.87.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Expenditures - $7,269.49; TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JULY 9, 2007: $7,269.49.

TITLE III HIGH SCHOOL BILINGUAL ED: Carrie Ackerman-Rice, $152.00; Marjorie Blare, $249.10; Marilyn Crovatin, $249.10; Days Inn Spearfish, $445.00; Holiday Inn, $97.20; Lyle Iron Horse, $249.10; Patrick Johner, $249.10; Elizabeth Lee, $160.10; Diane Linster, $160.10; Melissa Whipple-Riley, $249.10; TOTAL TITLE III HIGH SCHOOL BILINGUAL ED WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JULY 9, 2007: $2,259.90.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT: Sheila McLeod, $28.30; Pearson Education, $2,202.84; Doris Ray, $2,278.78; Scholastic Inc, $5.40; School Specialty Inc, $511.92; TOTAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT WARRANTS FOR JULY 9, 2007: $5,027.24.

FOOD SERVICE FUND: Thetis McCloskey, $32.60; TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JULY 9, 2007: $32.60.

TRUST & AGENCY: Expenditures - $5,048.44; TOTAL

TRUST & AGENCY WARRANTS DISBURSED FOR JULY 9, 2007: $5,048.44.

Discussion was held on the following items:

A: Associated School Boards of South Dakota/SASD Joint Convention in Sioux Falls, SD on August 9-10, 2007.

B: New School Board Member Workshops.

C: First Reading of the following School Board Policies:

JIE Pregnant Students, Married Students or Single-Parent Students.

KE Public Concerns and Complaints.

Moved by Troy Heinert, seconded by Charles Moe and carried to adopt the current educational philosophy statement as submitted and the existing school board policies.

Moved by Charles Moe, seconded by Troy Heinert and carried to recommend Paul Jensen as the School Attorney. Motion carried with a vote of 4-1, with Melissa Whipple-Riley abstaining.

Moved by Troy Heinert, seconded by Marlon Leneaugh and carried to designate Charles Moe as the 2007-2008 legislative chairperson for the ASBSD.

Moved by Charles Moe, seconded by Troy Heinert and carried to approve the School Board Policy JICJ Use of Electronic Communication Devices In School.

Moved by Troy Heinert, seconded by Charles Moe and carried to approve the TCHS Emergency Crisis Management Plan as submitted.

Moved by Charles Moe, seconded by Lavern Lanz and carried to hold a budget hearing for the 2007-2008 budgets at a regular meeting on July 23, 2007 at 6:00 P.M.

The following bids for 1200 cases of high speed xerographic RICOH paper were opened July 5, 2007:

Cole Papers, $31,920.00

Heartland Paper Company, $32,040.00

Native American Office Products, No Bid

Paper 101, $30,480.00

All Native, $32,724.00

Office Products Center, $34,800.00

Ricoh Corporation, $29,844.00

Moved by Lavern Lanz, seconded by Troy Heinert and carried to award bid to Ricoh Corporation, for 1200 cases of high speed xerographic paper.

Moved by Charles Moe, seconded by Troy Heinert and carried to approve fuel quotes for July through September:

	Sandhills Oil Company		Country Pride	
	Bulk	Transport	Bulk	Transport
#2 Fuel Oil dyed	2.380	2.350	**2.350**	**2.250**
#1 Fuel Oil dyed	2.380		**2.380**	
Propane	**1.370**	**1.340**	1.550	1.450
Unleaded Gasoline	2.800		**2.457**	
#2 Diesel Clear Hwy	2.600		**2.570**	

Recommendation to use Sandhills Oil Company for propane quotes, with Country Pride receiving all fuel, gas and diesel quotes.

Moved by Troy Heinert, seconded by Lavern Lanz and carried to accept the following certified contract resignation:

Linda Husher, Careers Teacher/Coordinator - TCHS, with liquidated damages being deducted from her remaining checks.

Moved by Lavern Lanz, seconded by Charles Moe and carried to enter into the following teaching contracts/supplemental contracts:

Anne Ameno, Elementary Teacher - Lakeview School, pending results of drug test and criminal background investigation;

Darius Nabors, Elementary Teacher - Spring Creek School, pending results of drug test and criminal background investigation;

Nyla Cheyney, Communication Interventionist - Resource Center, pending results of drug test and criminal background investigation;

Rebecca Darland, Elementary Music Teacher - South/Rosebud Elementary, pending results of drug test and criminal background investigation;

Heather Dahlgren, Elementary Teacher - HeDog School, pending results of drug test and criminal background investigation;

Gilbert Stewart, Assistant Football Coach - TCMS.

Moved by Troy Heinert, seconded by Charles Moe and carried to approve the following actions for classified staff:

Accept the resignation of Lori Darmour, Bus Driver/Custodian at Rosebud Elementary effective June 22, 2007;

Offer employment to Danielle Young as Technical Assistant at Rosebud Elementary, pending results of drug test and criminal background investigation;

Offer employment to Bernard White Hat as Maintenance at the Bus Shop, pending results of drug test and criminal background investigation;

Offer employment to Homer Santee Long Warrior as Bus Driver/Maintenance at the Bus Shop, pending results of drug test and criminal background investigation;

Offer employment to Eugene Watts as Custodian at TCHS, pending results of drug test and criminal background investigation.

Moved by Troy Heinert, seconded by Charles Moe and carried to enter into executive session at 7:07 P.M. to discuss legal and personnel items.

The President reconvened the regular meeting at 8:19 P.M.

Moved by Melissa Whipple-Riley, seconded by Troy Heinert and carried to reopen the designation of an official newspaper.

Moved by Melissa Whipple-Riley, seconded by Troy Heinert and carried to designate the The Lakota Country Times as the official newspaper. Motion carried with a vote of 4-1, with Lavern Lanz voting no.

Moved by Charles Moe, seconded by Troy Heinert and carried to offer an administrative contract to Lyle Iron Horn as Assistant Principal at TCHS as submitted.

COMING EVENTS AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next regular Board of Education Meeting - July 23, 2007 at 5:30 P.M.

ASBSD/SASD Joint Convention - August 9-10, 2007 in Sioux Falls, SD.

NAFIS Fall Conference - September 30-October 2, 2007 in Washington, DC.

Moved by Lavern Lanz, seconded by Troy Heinert and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Marlon Leneaugh, President.
Chad M. Blotsky, Business Manager.

Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing

P.O. Box 603 - East Hwy. 18 - Pine Ridge, SD 57770

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(Extended)

Procurement Agent - Inventory Control System

Open Date: July 18, 2007 Closing Date July 31, 2007 - Salary as Budgeted

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Secretary (3 Vacancies) -Allen, Wakpamni, Oglala Districts

Open Date: July 18, 2007 Closing Date July 31, 2007 - Salary as Budgeted

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- How To Apply -

Submit a completed Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing employment application with a resume to the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Personnel Office by 4:30 of the closing date.

Attach all pertinent documents, Blood Degree if claiming Indian Preference, Veterans Discharge DD214, High School or GED Diploma, College Transcripts, College Diploma, Three Reference Letters, Licenses or Certifications and State Driver's License.

Applicants not meeting minimum position requirements will not be selected for interview. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.

Resumes that are to accompany the employment application must have addresses and telephone numbers of past and present employers. All information submitted will be verified.

Required to take the drug and alcohol test upon selection. Selection for the position will be contingent upon a negative test result. Applicant is subject to Background Investigation.

Expenses are at the applications costs.

For position description and additional information please contact the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Personnel Office at (605)867-5161, ext. 104 or ext. 136.

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Oglala Sioux Tribe

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 439 Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770

Phone: 605-867-6014 **Fax:** 605-867-1922

Opening Date: July 23, 2007

Closing Date: August 6, 2007

The following Vacancy Announcements are now open for Application(s) with the OST Human Resource Department. For further information please contact the OST Human Resource Department at 605-867-6014 or 867-6015.

07-084 Security Guard (2)	OST Administration - Office of Support Services	Pine Ridge, SD
07-085 Janitor	OST Administration - Office of Support Services	Pine Ridge, SD
07-086 Secretary	Substance Abuse Healing Program	Pine Ridge, SD
07-087 Treatment Coordinator	Substance Abuse Healing Program	Pine Ridge,SD
07-088 Child Care Maintenance	OST Child Care & Development	Pine Ridge, SD
07-089 Secretary	Office of Economic Development	Pine Ridge, SD
07-090 Development Manager (2)	Office of Economic Development	Pine Ridge, SD
07-091 Grants Writer	Office of Economic Development	Pine Ridge, SD
06-092 Assistant Director	OST Revenue Department	Pine Ridge, SD
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HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a complete OST Application for Employment to the OST Human Resource Department no later than 4:30 pm of the closing date. Mail in applications postmarked on the closing date will be accepted. Attach all pertinent documentation, I.E. Copy of High School Diploma or GED Certificate, copy of Official College Transcripts and/or College Degree, Certificate of Indian Blood if claiming Indian Preference and DD214 if claiming Veteran's Preference.

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Little Wound School

Kyle, South Dakota

JOB VACANCIES

(07-17-07)

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school term:

The following positions are open until filled:

High School Dept.
- Lakota Language Teacher
- Math Teacher

Middle School Dept.
- Lakota Language Teacher
- P.E. Teacher
- Counselor - Certified
- SAP Counselor (Closing Date 7/31/07)
- Science Teacher

Elementary Dept.
- P.E. Teacher
- Kindergarten Teacher
- 2nd Grade Teacher
- 3rd Grade Teacher
- Counselor - Certified
- Attendance Aide(Closing - Date 7/31/07)

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Middle School: 33)A -Team Football Coach 34)B-Team Football Coach 35)B-Team Football Coach 36)FB CheerleadinBoysSponsor 37)A - Team Boys BBall Coach 38)B - Team Boys BBall Coach 39)C - Team Boys BBall Coach 40)A - Team Girls BBall Coach 41)B - Team Girls BBall Coach 42)C - Team Girls BBall Coach 43)A - Team Volleyball Coach 44)B - Team Volleyball Coach 45)C - Team Volleyball Coach 46)Cross Country Coach 47)Cross Country Assist. 48)Track Coach 49)Track Assist 50)Boys BB Cheerleading 51) Girls BB Cheerleading 60)Wrestling Coach 61)WrestlingAssist. 62)Softball Coach 63)Softball Assist.64)Student Council 65)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 66)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 67)K-8 Rodeo Club Sponsor 68)MS/Elem Hand Game Sponsor 69)Competitive Dance Sponsor

Elementary: 70)Elementary Rodeo Club Sponsor 71)Wrestling Coach 72)Wrestling Assist. 73)Girl Scout Sponsor 74)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 75)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 76)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178
www.lws.k12.sd.us

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It is the policy of the Little Wound School to provide an alcohol and drug-free workplace. All appointments for employment are contingent upon receipt of a verified negative drug test through pre-employment drug testing, receipt of a favorable background investigation and the availability of federal funds. The legal policy of Indian preference will be followed to qualified applicants. Veteran's preference shall be applied to qualified Veteran applicants.

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For Information:
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Phone: 605-455-6473

Porcupine School
PO Box 180
Porcupine, SD 57772

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Updated: July 18, 2007

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All positions are OPEN TILL FILLED unless indicated

Batesland School

1-Grade 4 Teacher (South Dakota k-8 Teacher Certification required)

Rockyford School

1-Custodian (experience preferred)

1-Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (K-8 South Dakota Teacher Certification with Early Childhood and Special Education endorsement required)

2-Special Education Teachers (K-8 South Dakota Teacher Certification with Special Education endorsement required)

1-Lower Grade Teacher (K-8 South Dakota Teacher Certification required)

1-Bus Mechanic (Experience preferred) **-Open till filled**

1-Permanent Substitute (K-8 South Dakota Teacher Certification required)

1-In School Suspension Teacher or Aide (K-8 South Dakota Teacher Certification required or 48 college credits/para test prior to employment)

1-CDL Bus driver (South Dakota CDL License require)

Red Cloud School

1-Title 1 Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required) closes 7-23-07

Wolf Creek School

1-Early Childhood Teacher (K-8 South Dakota Teacher Certification with Early Childhood endorsement preferred)

1-Alternative School Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)

1-Permanent Substitute (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)

1-Special Education Teacher (K-8 South Dakota Teacher Certification with Special Education endorsement required)

1-Preschool One on One Special Education Aide (48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment)

1-Birth-03 Aide (48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment, must have a SD drivers license)

1-Grade 3 School Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)

1-Grade 4 School Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)

1-Counselor- (South Dakota K-8 Certification with School Counseling endorsement preferred)

1-CDL Bus driver (South Dakota CDL License require)

3-Preschool Aides (48 college credits or pass the para professional test prior to employment)

Red Shirt School

1-**Lakota Studies and Culture Teacher and/or Aide** (K-8 Teacher Certification or 48 college credits or pass professional test prior to employment, position would include the dance and drum group activities).

1-Physical Education/Technology Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification with Physical/Health and computer applications endorsement preferred.)

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For more information contact: Ann Red Owl-Human Resources Facilitator
Phone: 605-288-1921 Fax: 605-288-1814

The Shannon County School District provides equal opportunity in employment to all persons regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion or disability.

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Contract Health Services (CHS) are services provided by private doctors and hospitals when Rosebud IHS Hospital is unable to provide the emergency and/or specialty care. If you become ill or have a medical emergency while away at school there is a process that must be observed in order for IHS to pay for those services. If you have further questions or would like help in the process, please call (605) 747-3239.

Will IHS automatically pay for any health care services I require while attending college?

If care is available at an IHS/Tribal facility and is accessible to you, you must utilize these resources.

If you visit a non-IHS facility, you MUST sign a Release of Information to provide this information to the CHS office. The CHS committee cannot make a decision without sufficient medical information.

What information do I need to provide to Contract Health Services prior to leaving for school?

Full name(s) and date(s) of birth for the *student* and the *family members* who are living with the student while attending school

A letter from the registrar stating you have *full-time* or *part-time* student status and the number of semester hours enrolled (CHS only covers full-time students)

The date you moved away from the Rosebud Reservation

Health care resources available to you, such as Medicaid, Medicare, VA coverage, private insurance, etc.

Mailing and physical address *before* and *after* becoming a student

NON-EMERGENCY CARE: prior approval must be obtained before care is received. In order to obtain approval you must call (605) 747-3216 for the Contract Health office. There after the CHS committee will make the decision to approve/deny the request. *If approval is not granted before the care or the student chooses to obtain medical services without approval, the student will be responsible for the bill incurred.*

EMERGENCY CARE: this refers to emergency care only (immediate threat to loss of life, limb, or senses). You or someone acting on your behalf facility must notify CHS within 72 hours after treatment and/or admittance to another. It is the STUDENT'S responsibility to make sure that CHS is notified. Medical records pertaining to the treatment received must be mailed or faxed to the Contract Health office to be reviewed. If the treatment received is determined to be emergent by the committee, the request will be processed for payment

It is the student's responsibility to notify CHS, in writing, if they quit school, transfer, obtain a different student status, or lose/game alternate resource coverage.

8th Year of Severe Drought Conditions on Pine Ridge Reservation

Our department would like to remind the Oyate of the Pine Ridge Reservation that we are entering our 8th year of drought conditions. The weather has been kind lately, but we know it will heat up very quickly and every drop of water is precious.

Be Water-Wise Outdoors

- Try watering lawns in the early morning or late afternoon to prevent evaporation and scorching of the grass during mid-day sun.
- Try not to water on windy days
- Try using drip irrigation for your lawns. Saves 75% more water than s prinklers by limiting evaporation.
- Over-watering can cause fungus to form brown patches on lawns.
- Water lawns and shrubs once every five days to promote longer stronger roots.
- When mowing try keeping grass 3 inches long to help in moisture absorption.
- Keep swimming pools covered to stop debris and to help prevent evaporation.
- Try backwashing your swimming pool's filter weekly to help keep the water clean.
- Clean feet before entering pool.
- Make sure all livestock watering devices have an adequate float system that does not leak.
- Report all yard hydrant and thermo-line leaks to proper authorities.

Be Water-Wise Indoors

- Report all leaking bathroom and kitchen fixtures.
- When washing clothes use the right water setting for the load.
- Listen for toilet constantly running or filling when not in use (a leaky toilet can account for up to 1400 gallons of water lost per day, while the average household uses only 350 gallons per day.)
- A leaking toilet can cause your septic system to back up because of over saturation.
- Try using low flow toilets (1.5 to 2 gallons per flush), old toilets use up to 5 gallons per flush.
- Don't use your toilet as a garbage disposal.
- Turn off water while brushing teeth, shaving and washing dishes.
- Take fast showers instead of baths.
- Use low flow fixtures in baths and kitchens.
- An Ultra low flow showerhead uses 1.5 gallons per minute, while conventional showerheads can use up to 5 gallons per minute.

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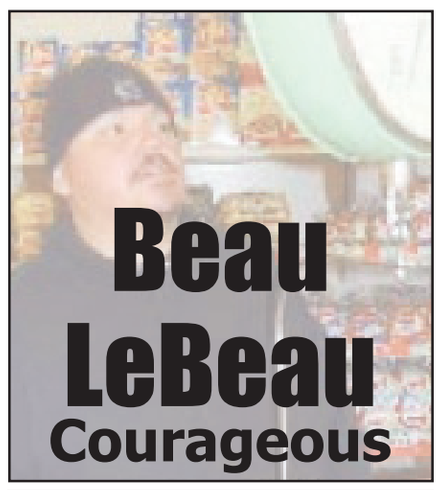
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Sobriety ride

MARTIN - For the 15th year, the annual soberiety ride was held in conjunction with the Oglala Lakota Nation Pow wow. Every year, riders come from a different direction and ride into Pine Ridge. This year, more than 40 riders started riding just north of Martin on Tuesday, July 31 and will ride into the pow wow arbor on Thursday evening, where they will be recognized. When they arrive in Pine Ridge, they generally will have about a 100 riders. The event is coordinated to bring awareness to the youth and adults both on living an alcohol and drug free life. Thursday, July 31, kicks off the 22nd Annual Oglala Lakota Nation Pow Wow and Rodeo.

The theme for this year's pow wow is 'Defending Our Treaties and the Black Hills.' The theme promotes a continued awareness of defending the treaties, the Black Hills issue, protecting Bear Butte and the trust fund issue.

Events for the weekend include dance contest, royalty contest, sports activities, youth activities, a parade and many other activities. On Thursday, Aug. 2, at the pow wow grounds will be the first Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye event for the new school year.

PHOTO BY AMANDA TAKES WAR BONNETT

Formaldehyde concerns puts FEMA trailers on hold

How many will the tribe receive? How will they be distributed?

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - "Originally the tribes had until July 11 to come up with a proposal and rational why they needed a certain number of FEMA trailers and the Bureau was to have decided on a distribution plan by the end of July," said Paul Iron Cloud, as a member of President John Steele's management team, "but since then the Bureau tried to give the trailers to HUD who declined the offer so its back in the Bureau's hands."

"We heard today that the question of the FEMA trailers is on hold until they have a chance to investigate the concerns raised about the danger of the formaldehyde used to glue different parts together," said Dave Pourier, OST fifth member and new tribal point man on the FEMA homes, "we received a call today telling us that Senator Tim Johnson's staff is meeting with the BIA on Thursday to encourage them to check out the concerns about formaldehyde at FEMA's expense."

Pourier and Lester Lone Hill, a staff person from Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing, traveled to Hope, Ark. on July 19 to view the trailers first hand. According to Pourier, the trailers are really nice, they are all new, different colors, most of them are fully carpeted and have a pitched roof with shingles, some have fireplaces, with two or three bedrooms. They are all manufactured by different companies, many are all electric, some have glass sliding doors and new furniture is still in boxes.

Please turn to FEMA homes A2

Unofficial candidates for RST election listed

ROSEBUD - The deadline for filing for candidacy in the upcoming Rosebud Sioux tribal primary election was July 31 and the list reveals a large number of tribal members who are interested in serving the Sicangu Lakota. The RST primary election is scheduled for August 23, while the general election is set for October 25.

The RST election is governed by an election ordinance and an election board which will release an official list of candidates after entertaining any challenges to the candidacy status of those who have filed.

The list shows that many incumbents are also running this term, however, current RST vice-president, Wayne Boyd is running for the office of president. A number of past RST chairmen are also running for either the office of president and vice-president and it remains to be seen if their previous experience will be a factor in making up voter's minds. Current RST president, Rodney M. Bordeaux is also running for the office of president, while incumbent RST council representative, Cyril "Whitey" Scott from Antelope community is also a contender for the office. The following is the UNOFFICIAL list of candidates:

President
Cyril "Whitey" Scott
Rodney M. Bordeaux
Carl Waln
Norman G. Wilson
Albert J. Two Hawk
Louis "Wayne" Boyd
Reginal Little Thunder
Webster Two Hawk, Sr.

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Sherman D. Wright
Calvin P. "Kelly" Jones, Sr.
Philimon D. Two Eagle
Lois Delores Antoine
Sandra L. Black Bear
Ned Metcalf
Charles Colombe

District 1 (Ideal/Winner)
Darrell "Diz"Herman
Charlie Long Crow
Wayne K. Ducheneaux

Please turn to RST A2

OST council accepts complaint on housing board, hearing set

Constitutional revision approved sent on to Bureau for Secretarial election within 90 days

BATESLAND - Following a report by Paul Iron Cloud, interim director of Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing, made to the OST Council on Tuesday, July 31, in Batesland during the regular session of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council and the ensuing discussion, Floyd Brings Plenty, council representative from Oglala/Whiteclay District, made a motion to accept a complaint on the board of directors, the complaint included 16-18 individual complaints against the board or individual members; the resolution passed 9-7. The council then voted 9-7 again to set a hearing for the complaint on Aug. 29.

Action taken by the Executive Board and HHS committee that suspended the

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Scams and Jams, Washington D.C. journey wraps up summer season

Red Cloud mixes life experiences with ball to end summer schedule

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

WASHINGTON D.C. - The Red Cloud boy's basketball team wrapped up their end of the summer season 2007 with a tour of Georgetown University on Monday in Washington D.C.; the trip included a visit to Capitol Hill and the South Dakota Congressional Delegation, the National Museum of the American Indian, a Baltimore Orioles and New York Yankees baseball game, a Washington Mystics WNBA game and five basketball games with local teams from the D.C. area.

Ten members of the Red Cloud boy's basketball team, two coaches and the athletic director left around midnight Wednesday for Denver and a Thursday morning flight to Ronald Reagan National Airport in Washington D.C. Players included Christian McGhee, Billy Scott, Dave Giago, Lester Gotheridge, Art Vitalis, Brier Iron Cloud, Carl Swallow, Mike Twiss, Ezra Zephier and Wade O'Bryan, head coach Matt Rama, assistant Tom Casey and Jennifer Schaer, Red Cloud athletic director.

"The boys played in a variety of tournaments in the spring and throughout June and July they have been playing in team camps each

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Senator John Thune poses with the Red Cloud boy's basketball team on Friday in his conference room in the Russell Senate office building on Capital Hill and includes Christian McGhee, Dave Giago, Lester Gotheridge, Billy Scott, Art Vitalis, Ezra Zephier,, Mike Twiss, Brier Iron Cloud, Carl Swallow and Wade O'Bryan and coach Matt Rama and athletic director Jennifer Schaer; photo courtesy of Senator Thune's staff.

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RST candidates

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Steve L. DeNoyer, Jr.
Kenneth E. Night Pipe
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District 3 (Antelope)
Robert D. Moore
Rueben McCloskey
Eddie C. Farmer
Jo A. Colombe
Oliver J. Seamans (OJ)
Scott Herman
Dorothy M. Marshall
Ed Clairmont
Shawn Bordeaux
Trent "Okie" Poignee
Glen A. Yellow Eagle
William "Bill" Fielder
Teddie Rae Herman
Hal Jason Fuller, Sr.
Llewellyn "Dubby" Wright
Frances McKnight
Viola Burnette
Earl Bordeaux
Ken Swalley

District 4 (Ring Thunder/Soldier Creek)
Valerie J. Crazy Bull
Patricia "Patti" Douville
Norman Running, Sr.
Dennis Charlie Spotted Tail

District 5 (St. Francis)
Anthony "Shorty" Bordeaux
Bonnie J. Hairy Shirt
Darleen Black Spotted Horse
Joe Ford
Michael J. Valandra Sr.
Verdell Horse Looking
Aloysius Adam Little Elk
John Swift
Sharon L. Swift
Michael R. Boltz
Marlene R. Short Bull
Webster "Wes" Luxon
Darrell Marcus
John Charles Arcoren (JC)
James W. Henry, Sr.

District 6 (Spring Creek/Two Strike)
Mike Crow Eagle
Mike One Star, Sr.
D'Arcy "DOC" P. Menard, Sr.
Darlene Kills In Water/Metcalf
Frances M. Picket Pin/Gordon
Donna Hollow Horn Bear
Kerwin Eagleman
Iver Crow Eagle, Jr.
Verlyn Walking Eagle

District 7 (Grass Mt./Upper Cut Meat)
Homer Whirlwind Soldier
Claudette C. Arcoren
Philip Beck
Steve Guerue
Vanessa Red Hawk/Stone
Kathleen High Pipe
Ernie Running, Sr.
Tezcan Duysak, Jr.

District 8 (Swift Bear)
Anthony W. Castaway
Robert Becker
Eva L. Iyotte
Lawrence Iyotte, Jr.

District 9 (Parmelee)
Prairie Rose Dubray
Tammi R. Young
Robert Shot With Two Arrows
Lynda "Mona" Douville
John Spotted Tail
Ira M. High Pipe
Gale M. Spotted Tail
Mattie Sue High Pipe

District 10 (Rosebud)
Brock Gerald Crow Eagle
Floyd Reynolds
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Mark Witt
Phillip "PJ" Valandra
Nichole L. Bordeaux
William "BeBe" Long III
Ken LaDeaux

District 11 (Black Pipe/He Dog)
Russell Eagle Bear
Leroy Morrison, Jr.
Douglas Moran

District 12 (Corn Creek/Horse Creek)
Roger A. Moran
Fremont G. Fallis
Christian "Tuffy" Morrison
Lewis Good Voice Eagle

District 13 (Bull Creek/ Milks Camp)
Byron "Barnie" Andrews
Ronald "Ronnie" Andrews
William A. "Willie" Bearshield
Alfred L. Old Lodge

OST council

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housing board, appointed Iron Cloud as interim director and installed a three member reconstruction board was left in place until the Aug. 29 hearing. Originally the three member reconstruction board included Emma Pinky Iron Plume Clifford, Denise Mesteth and attorney Jim Wangenlander; Wagenlander has become an attorney for housing and his spot was filled by Taylor Little White Man, a past council representative from Medicine Root District and current Little Wound school board member.

"Even though things are a bit up in the air, we are moving ahead at housing to get some things done," said Iron Cloud, "we have an architectural firm out of Pierre, SHP who is looking at costing out the 27 log home ownership houses that are at a standstill; we hope to advertise for a prime contractor to finish the homes and ideally we hope to have families in the homes by Thanksgiving."

Iron Cloud hopes to do the same with the Ellsworth units, there are 24 units that already have the $2,500 down payments in place and he hopes to have SHP look at the cost of finishing that project as well.

"We plan to hire an auditor this week and get to work right away on a three year audit," said Iron Cloud who served as the executive director of housing from 1992 until 2000.

On Tuesday, the council voted to approve a number of items to send on to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct a Secretarial Election to revise the constitution of the Oglala Sioux Tribe; the council voted to send on to the Bureau the question of four year staggered terms, conduct one general council meeting per month, create separation of powers between the OST Council, Judiciary and Executive Board, strengthen and clarify the process to impeach or recall elected officials of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, create a Bill of Rights and to insulate the OST Treasurer from the political process and remove the Treasurer from the Executive Board. The council did not approve requiring each district to have only two tribal council representatives and did not make a decision on requiring the council to enact a code of ethics within one year. Each resolution passed included a request of the Bureau to conduct the Secretarial Election within 90 days.

The council approved a Uniform Commercial Code proposed by the Economic and Business Development Committee, passed an ordinance requiring all OST employees to enforce, adhere to and abide by any and all ordinances promulgated by the tribe and failure to enforce, to abide by or adhere to shall result in immediate suspension or termination of employment and rescinded Resolution 06-80 and conditionally allowed Gordon Rosby to come on the reservation and work with Loneman School on facility improvement and building replacement. The council removed resolutions on the agenda that called for removing the school board of Crazy Horse School in Wanblee and for retro-ceding the school to the Bureau.

After getting a two thirds vote to add amendments to the charter of the Department of Public Safety, the issue was tabled and the judiciary committee was directed to bring it back in 30 days. In July, the judiciary committee approved a new charter for Public Safety. During discussion on the council floor, it came up that Public Safety had put together their own new charter and Steve Sandven, a past OST Attorney General, had reviewed the charter and put together a series of amendments. The council decided to have a working session coordinated by the judiciary committee on August 14, 15 and 16 to formalize a united approach to a new charter and then bring it back to council.

Players at D.C.

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weekend and the high school basketball league in Rapid City," said Rama, who will be starting his fifth year as a teacher and head boy's coach at Red Cloud this month, "to end the summer season, we wanted a trip that would give the boy's a variety of new experiences and help them to set goals for beyond high school."

For several of the players, the plane ride was a first and sitting down with Senator John Thune in his conference room in the Russell Senate building on the Hill was an experience beyond their imagination.

"My world revolved around Murdo, I never thought that I would end up in Congress," admitted Thune who described his all state basketball years at Jones County high school as a great learning experience with benefits coming from both the wins and the losses, "I am really competitive and whether it was a loss in the regional finals or losing a senate race, I want to learn from it and come back and do it better the next go-around."

Tim Fishbach, a member of Senator Tim Johnson's staff gave a Capitol tour and Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth Sandlin met the team on the steps of the Capitol after speaking on the floor of the House Friday afternoon. Emil Her Many Horses from Rosebud and a curator on the staff of the National Museum of the American Indian, picked up the ball next and led the team on a tour of the national museum.

Jess Renteria, a Red Cloud graduate and staff member of the National Indian Gaming Association and Stacy Ecoffey, also a Red Cloud grad and staff member of the Health and Human Services Department took the ballplayers to the Yankees-Orioles game in Baltimore Friday night.

The Morongo tribe of California donated their suite/box at the Verizon Center for the Washington Mystics and Detroit Shock WNBA game Saturday afternoon.

The Red Cloud team went to D.C. with the intention of playing in the National Powerhouse tournament but after arriving on Thursday, there was no schedule available and on Friday, still no schedule, so the team went with Plan B. A couple of local tournament coordinators and coaches bent over backwards and squeezed Red Cloud into their already scheduled game competitions.

On Saturday night at the Parkdale High School gym between D.C. and Baltimore, Red Cloud knocked off Next Level 70-45 as Christian McGhee hit for 20 points and dished out six assists, Brier Iron Cloud and Billy Scott added 10 each and Iron Cloud and Carl Swallow grabbed seven rebounds each. In a second game Saturday night, Red Cloud defeated the City All Stars 57-35 as Lester Gotheridge hit for 15 points and pulled down nine rebounds and Dave Giago chipped in 10 points and also had nine boards. A highlight of the evening was to see Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth Sandlin and her husband come by the gym and take in the two games helping to support a local South Dakota team.

Sunday, Red Cloud moved up the road closer to Baltimore to the Bowie City gym where their first game found them playing the Suburban Coalition in the College/Pro division. After struggling against a team made up of college players who were playing or who had played in NCAA Division I, II or III and a couple of players who had played pro in Europe, Red Cloud bounced back from a 30 point deficit to lose 96-83.

McGhee led the way with 20 points and nine assists while Gotheridge and Swallow both scored 12 points and grabbed eight boards. Red Cloud got by the Maryland Magic from Baltimore 82-47 in their next game as Gotheridge hit for 14 points and 13 rebounds, Iron Cloud helped with 16 points, McGhee chipped in 12 points and Scott added 11. Red Cloud, led by Scott's 15 points, closed out their games with a 62-48 win over the Maryland Sun, an all star team from the Baltimore area.

A highlight for the young ballplayers from South Dakota turned out to be the appearance of Kevin Durant, a freshman this year at the University of Texas and this year's college player of the year who was picked by Seattle in the number two pick of the recent NBA draft. Durant signed autographs and stood for pictures with the Red Cloud players. He played a game in the college/pro division later on in the day.

"It was a great to have a chance to watch the Red Cloud team play," said Stacy Ecoffey, "I thought they did an exceptional job against the team made up of college and semi-pro players, they didn't give up and fought back against a physically stronger and more experienced team, I was really proud of the team."

The Washington trip for the Red Cloud boys couldn't have happened without a lot of help including the OST Health Administration and OST Health Education, the National Indian Gaming Association, the Morongo Tribe of California, KILI Radio, Stacy Ecoffey, Jess Renteria, Jenn Schaer, John McLaughlin and a number of volunteers in D.C. and the Pine ridge area.

"The trip was put together to give the boys a variety of experiences and to help them understand how the work they have been doing can pay off now and down the road," said Rama, "many people helped us out and the local folks in Baltimore who helped us overcome the failure of the Powerhouse tourney can't be thanked enough, they were great and the trip was a fantastic experience for these young men, I hope it helps to continue to motivate them to set goals and pursue their dreams."

FEMA homes

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"If the formaldehyde issue gets worked out, we still have no idea how the Bureau will distribute the trailers," said Pourier, "July 20 was the deadline to inspect the trailers in Arkansas and we were the 42nd tribe to send representatives to get a first hand look; some came from as far away as California and Montana."

Senator Tim Johnson pushed legislation earlier this year to distribute as many as 2,000 surplus FEMA trailers to tribes across Indian Country to help deal with critical housing shortages. Since the proposal surfaced, there have been a number of articles written expressing concerns about the high levels of formaldehyde present in the trailers.

"If the trailers receive a clean bill of health from the Centers for Disease Control or the EPA or whoever checks them out, we still have to figure out how we would distribute them on Pine Ridge," added Pourier, "and I would really like to see some continuity between each district as to the guidelines used to decide who get s the trailers and I really think it would be great if that was decided before the trailers arrived so when the trailer leaves Arkansas the home site would already have been designated and prepared so the new home could go straight to the site and not be parked in a yard for weeks or months at a time."

Each trailer would cost $16,000 with $6,000 used to get the trailer from Arkansas to South Dakota and $10,000 to prepare the site.

In a plan presented to the tribal council earlier this summer, $4.6 million would be raised by rewriting the tribe's bond and making requests to Rural Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Shakopee Mdewankanton Sioux Community.

That would provide financial resources for 270 trailers; President Steele is pushing for 300 hew homes for Pine Ridge reservation.

"There are just too many questions not being answered," said Pourier, "how many will we get, are they safe, how many will each district get, how will we decide who gets them, where will the home sites be and do we have time before the first snow flies to get them situated and families settled in?"





Amateurs can be promoted through Native American Boxing Council

By T.L.Standing Soldier
Special to the Times

There has been a question asked by Native people concerning the lack of professional Boxers amongst the Native population.

There have been numerous amateur champions in both the national and regional Golden and Silver gloves competition. Where do these Native amateur champions go after they've won one or more amateur titles? Is there legitimate reasons why they don't take the next step in their boxing careers and turn pro? Do they lack the support of their coaches, managers, or their tribes to make a living at something they're good at? Is it enough for them to remain amateur champions and not try to become a national champions at the professional level? If there are Native American boxers who want to go beyond the amateur ranks and test their skills at the professional level there is an organization that has been created to help them achieve this goal.

The Native American Boxing Council is an organization that has been created and is established with the North American Boxing Federation.

The NABF is affiliated with the World Boxing Council. The Native American Boxing Council was established to promote professional boxing among the Native American boxers from Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

The Native American Boxing Council will have 17 weight divisions and will rank the top ten fighters in each division. The goal of the NABC is to establish a champion in each of the 17 divisions. In order for a fighter to be eligible to fight for a title or to be ranked among the top ten professional Native boxers they must be members of a federally recognized tribe and meet the established governing rules set by the NABC.

The NABC will regulate itself under the policies, rules and guidelines of the NABF. It is the hope and goal of the Native American Boxing Council to provide Native American boxers a positive outlet to further their careers, help them to become professional boxers, promote tribal pride and culture. It is also the hope of the NABC to promote and showcase Native American boxers on a national level.

The Native American Boxing Council is inviting Native boxers to join and are taking applications from professional Native American boxers who would like to join the organization. If there are any Native Americans who are ready to take the next step in their boxing careers and turn pro there is now an organization that is exclusively Native.

Talk to your managers or coaches and get ready to be a part of the world of professional boxing.

Rosebud CHR program honored by national director

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

ROSEBUD - The Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Community Health Program was honored on July 31 in a ceremony held at the RST council chambers. National CHR Director, Cathy Stueckman, Lynn Birk of the Mountain Plains Health Consortium and Ron Galloway, Aberdeen Area CHR program coordinator were present for the honoring.

Five Rosebud CHR's were honored for teaching a three week basic training course during June of 2006 and included, Karen Riefel, Sarah Reynolds, Simone Lambert, Andrew Iron Shell, and Julie Lambert. The team was recognized for being the first ever to be called upon to teach other CHR's. The team was cited as having a great deal of expertise, knowledge and credentials in health care, thus, the assignment.

The Rosebud CHR program is apparently the first program to gain such national recognition and the honor will help to sustain their important outreach work in the community.

Tribal members on the Rosebud reservation are quite familiar with the vital work that CHR's do in transporting patients, delivering medications as needed and other follow-up consultations.

RST tribal president, Rodney M. Bordeaux, was on travel status to Chadron, NEB and would be returning in the afternoon, however, RST vice-president, Wayne Boyd, was on hand to represent RST. An award of excellence was presented to RST council members, Fern Bordeaux-Boltz, Stephanie Sully, Cyril "Whitey" Scott,



Simone Lambert, Karen Reifel, and Sarah Reynolds were awarded national honors for being the first CHR's to ever teach other CHR's (Not Pictured were Julie Lambert, Andrew Iron Shell, and Sid Kills In Water.

Ken LaDeaux, James Henry, Steve Denoyer, Scott Herman and vice president, Boyd.

The CHR program also honored several staff members for their years of service. They included, Genevieve Moore for 35 years of service, Rena Standing Bear, 24 years of service, Darlene Allard, 24 years of service, Lincoln Black Elk, 16 years of service, Emily Two Eagle, 20 years, Fontaine Guerue, 17 years, Arlene Black Bear, 12 years, Shirley Roan Eagle, 9 years, and Elaine Crow Eagle for 5 years of service to the CHR program.

Fontaine Guerue, Arlene Black Bear, Emily Two Eagle, Shirley Roan Eagle, Elaine Crow Eagle and Destiny Black Lance were cited for turning in their PCC reports at a rate of 100 percent.

The ceremony began with St. Francis resident and Sicangu elder, Johnny "Cake" Arcoren offering an invocation, while lunch was served in the RST council chambers later on. The Red Leaf drum group provided the traditional Lakota music.

The RST community health program is administered by acting director, Fontaine Guerue.

Rodney Bordeaux's ethics charge sent back to committee

ROSEBUD - Rosebud Sioux Tribal President Rodney M. Bordeaux issued the following statement regarding the July 30 Tribal Council hearing for the ethics complaint against him.

"The Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council voted to rule today's hearing Out of Order. On May 14, 2007, more than two months ago, the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Ethics Commission completed an extensive search for information to substantiate Webster Two Hawk's charge of an ethics violation against me, in the Zibell land purchase by Tribal Land Enterprise. The Ethics Commission found no validity in his request.

According to RST's legal counsel, who represents the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in its entirety, and represents all Constitutional Officers, tribal council members, and RST employees, the Ethics Commission did not properly refer ethics charges to the council. Therefore, the hearing today, was found to be out of compliance with tribal law. Again, the Ethics Commission found no validity in Mr. Webster Two Hawk's ethics complaint."

"However, the tribal council referred this issue back to the Ethics Commission for clarification and asked them to bring their decision back within two weeks."

"There have been several mis-statements in the press not authorized by the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council, or president regarding today's hearing on ethics charges against me and several tribal council persons serving on the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Tribal Land Enterprise Board of Directors, specifically, RST Representative Fern Bordeaux-Boltz and RST Representative Mike Boltz.

This improperly referred issue to the tribal council has not prevented me from focusing on issues that we have been working on every day. We are working to get jobs here by creating sustainable businesses and industry that improve our standards of living for our people. We are working to improve health care, our education system, improve access to affordable housing, alleviate the suicide epidemic afflicting our communities, defend our treaty rights, preserve our culture and language, protect our veterans' rights, and protect and advocate for our elderly."

"The only way to remove the president or the vice president under the RST Constitution and Bylaws is by recall.

Procedures for the recall of the president or vice president may be initiated by a petition signed by at least 50 percent of those members who voted in the last tribal election. No such petition has been presented to start the recall process."

"Per tribal law, TLE has the authority to make land purchases on behalf of the tribe. This authority includes the Zibell property purchase. This Zibell property was an original allotment originally held by a tribal member named Mary Dog Soldier at one time. This property is within the original boundaries of our reservation. We are working to reclaim lands that originally belonged to our tribe."

"The decision to purchase the Zibell land was made by the majority of the TLE Board of Directors. An individual board member cannot authorize any land purchase."

"As stated in previous press releases, this land purchase was at a public auction, where the actual price paid is never what the appraised value is.

More often that not, the sale price is greater than the appraised value. Across this great country, Indian Nations that can afford to buy back their former lands are paying a much greater price from what it was originally paid for when purchased by non-Indians.

RST is fortunate to have an organization like TLE, which has limited resources to purchase fractionated interests and tracts of land that were formerly ours.

There is great competition for land purchases in, and, around our reservation. We must be prepared to deal with this competition. The Tribal Council and TLE need to better coordinate such purchases in the future. We must remain vigilant and work together."

Please contact Mr. Rodney M. Bordeaux at (605) 747.2381 if there are any questions.

Lakota language preservation project is up and running

ROSEBUD - The Lakota Language Preservation Project presently housed in the RST Tribal Education building has "hit the ground running" and has embarked on identifying start-up activities that are meant to address several major outcomes for the project. RST President Rodney M. Bordeaux, Phil Two Eagle and SGU Lakota Studies instructor, Victor Douville, have been instrumental in envisioning a program that will demonstrate the commitment of the Sicangu Lakota to preserving, protecting and increasing Lakota language use in the community.

Douville and other educators such as Francis Whitebird, Ben Black Bear, Sandra Black Bear, Philomene White Lance and others are convinced that something must be done to preserve the beautiful Lakota language which is still intact and continues to be prevalent in many of the outer lying communities, such as Spring Creek, Parmelee, Horse Creek, Corn Creek, Black Pipe, Upper Cut Meat, Milk's Camp, He Dog, Bull Creek and Swift Bear community.

The Lakota Language Preservation Project will be administered by Dr. Archie Beauvais, who holds a doctorate in administration, planning and social policy from Harvard University. Additionally, he has two alumni awards from Northern Arizona University and a 2006 Alumni of Color Conference Award from Harvard.

The project will employ one additional personnel and will begin initial assessments as to the number of Lakota speakers who live on the Rosebud reservation. Once complete, a strategy to increase the number of Lakota speakers in each community will be completed and put into action.

Fort Thompson Youth Rodeo

Friday, Aug. 17 in Fort Thompson with three divisions 0-5, 6-12 and 13-18, for information call Hannah 245-2530.

Bull-O-Rama

Saturday, Aug. 18 in Fort Thompson at 6pm, for information call 245-2937 or 682-9177.

AA Meetings

Every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Kateri Hall at the St. Agnes Church in Manderson, Everyone Welcome, call 867-2267 for information.

Grief Support Group

Meeting the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:30pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Kyle, for information call 455-2888.

Porcupine AA meeting

Every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Pahin Sinte College Center in Porcupine, for info call Janice at 867-5404.

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OPINION PAGE

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Thoughts that come from the heart

Back to school time just around the corner



By Amanda Takes War Bonnett

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Back to school time is here, the summer has flown by and we are again on the exciting edge of a new school year. For returning school children and their parents this fall, the schools which they will be attending will be an important part of their lives as it represents a third of their lives. Besides all of the usual responsibilities of being an involved parent, it will also be important to get acquainted with teachers, staff and the physical layout of school premises.

It will be equally important to know something about the schools, such as the number of "lockdowns" that may have been imposed upon the school last year, the schools status under the No Child Left Behind Act and even the number of Gates Millennium Scholars.

It seems like many schools are not totally forthcoming and tend to de-emphasize their status under NCLB and parents need to know their options in case the school continues to accept the status quo.

Parents are also welcome on many parent committees at their school and this is one way of working to involve other parents with everything from report card night, gang violence initiatives, suicide prevention efforts and simply staying fully informed about their children's education.

Parent involvement is not always about being involved on committees and such, parent involvement can mean just be that supporter your child needs to stay in school and giving them that wisdom and strength they need to get educated.

If we want our children to be successful academically, we need to also take a look at ourselves and the perceptions we are giving them.

We are role models to our children and how we feel about education affects them in some shape or form.

Education is one of the most valuable coping tools our children will have to be successful in their lives and we are a part of how that becomes engrained in them.

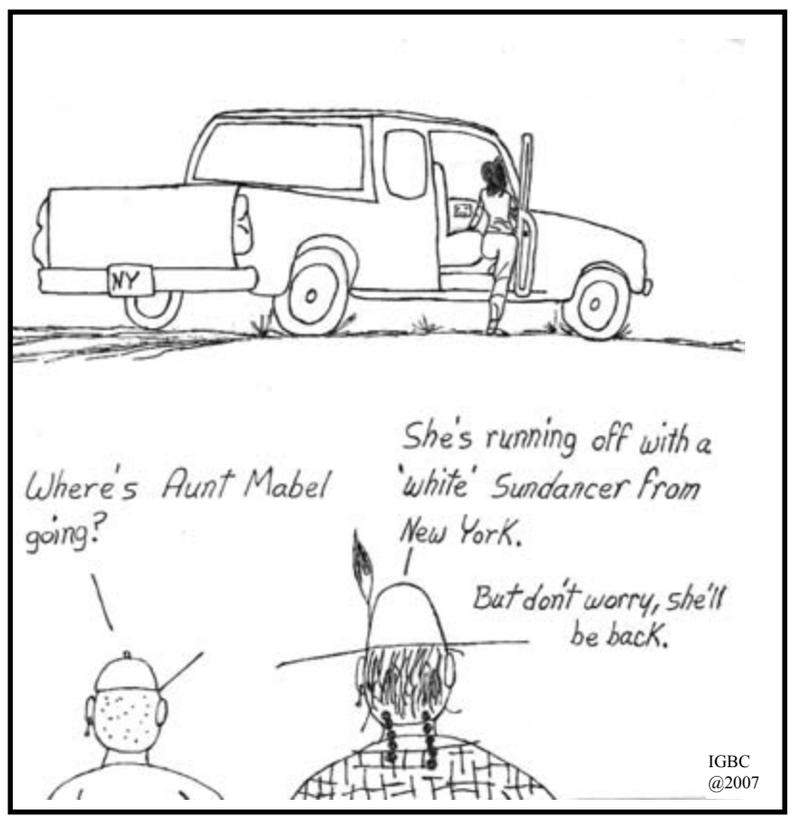
Education is the key to creating confidence and positive self-esteem as children progress through their school years.

Parents can also go to many their school's websites, most of which are very attractive and user friendly, and see for themselves the extent of how much Lakota oriented content is actually present among other academic content.

"Back to School" is an exciting and intimidating time for many of our children and getting them ready both physically, emotionally and socially and most will want to know that their parents and tiospaye are firmly behind them.

Sometimes, it's a hard time for us as parents, especially if we don't have the financial means to prepare them for school in terms of new clothes and shoes.

Ten years ago, when I worked at Little Wound School, I remember two high school boys coming to my office and plopping down on the couches in the teacher study area and the impact of the words of one of those teenagers was good advice not only to his friend but to me. He emphasized to the other how unimportant it was to stress out about his $100 jeans, as it stressed his mother out also. He said 'it isn't the $100 jeans that make you, it's what you are inside that makes you.' He added that his own mother bought his jeans from Walmart and they probably were only $10 bucks but they fit and they did the job. 'It's not the jeans that make me but how I view myself.'



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Other Views

Response to 'Are you Oglala or Wasicu?'

Dear Editor:

Charmaine White Face recently wrote an editorial entitled "Are You Oglala or Wasicu." Having lived a few miles outside of Kyle for several years and worked with the Kyle Ambulance Service I became familiar with the word Wasicu. Charmaine points out that it is used to reference the white man and literally means takes the fat. She adds that it "has that meaning for a good reason." May I add that in all my time in Kyle, I never heard the term wasicu being used in a polite or friendly manner.

I agree with Charmaine that the people who want to mine uranium in Pine Ridge are probably not familiar with the Indigenous culture(s).

Perhaps they simply don't care. They are also probably using a "colonialist mindset" in asserting their rights to do such mining in Pine Ridge. I would go so far as to call them "insensitive, robber baron, colonialist, land grabbing idiots" in need of some education. If more civilized methods prove worthless perhaps they may need to be educated with the business end of a shovel. There, I just proved that I can also be angry, indignant and disappointed.

The translation of wasicu is correctly stated by Charmaine. Let us presume that the common use by Lakota speakers of "wasicu" is simply a descriptive term. We can therefore infer that the common use by many "Arian White Supremacists" of the words Redskin or Niger are also simply descriptive terms.

Charmaine, I'm going to give you the benefit of the doubt that you did not intend to use the word wasicu as a pejorative swear word to identify how you feel about white people. On the other hand perhaps you need to understand that as offensive as the words Redskin or Squaw are to you, so have come to be the terms: "Wasicu or Honky" to me.

Perhaps a bit more sensitivity to the other culture when you are asking for sensitivity to your culture will go a long way in helping to improve "race-ist" relations.

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Words from the 'trenches'

Family literacy project promotes reading in home



Connie Smith-Blanco

All year, and especially this month, Amanda and I have been buzzing around the rez meeting with school boards and administrators and teachers concerning our three-year-old Family Literacy Project. It hasn't been easy as most school boards meet in the early evening but Amanda and I have made a commitment to this important project and we intend to tell everyone we can about it.

What is our project? It's a project that involves the Lakota Country Times, local public and reservation schools, and most important, families of school-age children.

Actually the families are the most important people affected, because this project brings them something they have never had before, a local newspaper that brings them 'positive' lakota culture, lakota language, lakota values and lakota pride.

NCLB student reading scores have become one of the most talked about topics in both local and national schools today. The ability to read, as well as the "want" to read, have been steadily declining.

It's no different here in Indian Country. Parents want "Positive" lakota news that would make their families "want" to sit down together and read, and talk, and promote literacy in their own families?

Most Native American homes lack reading materials and local schools have remained a primary source of reading material for these families. Okay, this takes care of students while they are at school, but what happens to them once they arrive home?

Is there really anything the students and their families can sit down to each week and read "alone or together" that will promote their self-esteem? That will give them joy and make them proud that they are lakota? Think lakota? Speak lakota?

The answer has sadly been-NO! There has always been that negative news out there telling the lakota people what's wrong with them, who is in trouble with the law again, and how many times.

The printed news of what is happening in the local white community papers has little to do with local lakota families, the way they live their lives in their Indian communities, and family tiospayes. our students deserve better!

It's easy to print no-brainer, negative lakota news. It takes a lot of work to print the tons and tons of positve and cultural lakota news!

Amanda and I have worked hard to step in and fill this empty void. Why can't Native American children and family members have a newspaper they can relate to? If it's so important for these students and families to "want" to read then why not give them something positive to read? Which in turn causes "more" reading among "all" family members age two to ninety-two?

How about a Lakota crossword puzzle, lakota stories written in lakota, lakota students participating in "their" culture in such things as pow wows, dancing, hand-games, as well as the 'usual" school activities like sports, spelling bees, one-act plays, etc.? If you give these kinds of stories and pictures to kids and families to read guess what happens?

They will reach for 'more' reading and therefore have the best opportunity to raise the bar in those NCLB reading scores.

Who pays for this Family Literacy project? It's not the grants we apply for but are never 'granted.' So that leaves the schools, of course! They are mandated by federal and state law to provide reading literacy programs and resources. Schools are directed to provide materials that 'every' student finds enjoyable to read right now.

Reading opens doors for our students to achieve positive self-esteem and worthwhile job and lifetime opportunities.

We travel to every school that will listen to us, and we tell them how we can offer their families a reading resource that costs less each month than the cost of purchasing each student one book.

Lakota Country Times creates a partnership with schools by absorbing the production and editing costs. We only need reimbursement for paper, ink, and postage expense. This small cost is cheaper than an outdated, monthly school newsletter.

We mail our newspapers to 'every' student's home every week! This allows 'every' student to experience the joy and pride of reading and 'relating' to community and school news in a lakota newspaper.

Call your local school administration or school board and see if they can provide this program to all students. Funding is available but you have to ask! Make them "make" it a priority for family literacy in Indian Country.

Everyone is entitled to read and learn to read, and that's our Family Literacy Project here in the trenches.

Connie Smith-Blanco, Oglala Lakota, is co-owner, business manager and marketing director of Lakota Country Times. She pursued a music career in Oklahoma, Tennessee and lived near her sister in Texas. After 30 years she moved back to her roots and her family, in South Dakota with two of her three daughters.

Safety of FEMA homes questioned

Dear Editor:

I'm writing concerning an article that was written in a past newspaper (July 5-11 2007) where the tribal president (John Yellow Bird Steele) is asking for the United States government and FEMA to donate 300 FEMA trailers.

Okay, this is the problem.

1) All week Congress has been holding Congressional hearings on these FEMA trailers, a number of hurricane Katrina victims testified that they and their family members are sufering from respiratory problems.

Some people testified that they lost family members due to the formaldehyde fumes in these trailers.

2) These trailers were made from a material exposed to formaldehyde, the definition of formaldehyde is "a toxic gas used chiefly as a disinfectant and preservative".

This is the material making people sick.

This is what our tribal president is asking the United States government to bring to our oyate (people) to live in. NBC, ABC, and CBS National News have been doing stories on this, now our tribal president should be researching this as well as notifying the people of this very dangerous hazard that he is asking this government to send to our reservation.

That's how dangerous this matter is, and our people need to be made aware of this issue.

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Guest Column

If we don't work for it then what is it worth?

The following is a response to Dana Badmilk's question she posed in one of her recent columns.



By Dr. Jim Wilson
GUEST COLUMN

Dear Dana:

In your July 12 'Finding My Voice' column you asked the most important question facing the Oglala Sioux Tribe (and many other tribes and communities): "How do we better ourselves and get rid of these dang statistics?"

Your answer is in your question: by bettering ourselves. For a moment of humor just picture a Brave in breechcloth lifting himself upward by his moccasins (or his braids)!

Now, let's get serious.

I have been speaking and writing about this very issue for years. Many readers may not know that I was the only full-time national director (1965-71) of the federal War on Poverty for American Indians. I took over shortly after Congress authorized the program and left shortly before Congress terminated the program. Many elements of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) Indian program remain with us today; Head Start, Parent-child Centers, Community Health Representatives (CHRs), Senior Citizen Centers, Home Winterization, and numerous administrative and leadership programs in health, journalism, education and law.

My wife (Florence Whipple) and I graduated from Pine Ridge High School in 1950 and were married in 1953 (as planned). She graduated from Southern State Teachers College in 1954 (English major) while I finished my four year hitch in the US Navy.

I graduated from Northern State Teachers College (Social Science major) in 1959. We both earned graduate degrees from Arizona State University and were both teaching at Chadron State College in 1965 when Sergeant Schriver asked me to go to Washington, DC, to run the American Indian War on Poverty program.

That is when I first asked myself the very same question you have asked. I did not have clear answers right then, but was enthusiastic and raring to go. My book-learning had taught me how to identify a problem, form a theory to solve it and plod through eliminating alternatives. But I did not have time for long term research. I needed answers quickly! As I discussed my dilemma with my wife (Florence) she asked a startling question: "How did you get where you are today?"

Dana, what I learned from answering her question contributed to what I consider the most successful American Indian policy decisions to ever be implemented.

First, I learned that economic development is not a male thing; females are at least the equal of males and must be involved. And, second, I learned that no one can do economic development to or for another person or group.

Once understanding those two principles, we needed to explain how individuals, families and teams became successful. No one has a magic wand to wave and make things happen. I worked at understanding the growth and development of successful people by studying success motivation as a responsibility of parents, teachers, coaches and administrators.

Their question is: "How do we get more from a person than they are voluntarily giving and get them to maintain (sustain) the new level of performance?"

We must understand that positive growth and development is a sequential process; it must start at the beginning and go through each step in proper sequence as in building a strong house. This process is proven and consistently successful, but not known by all. Mature adults who understand this can manage their own growth and development; it is called 'self-improvement.'

Stage One: Development of self esteem begins at birth. Positive bonding builds confidence. Mother is main force. Process of building on success is re-enforcing, giving person self-confidence and diminishing need for external approval. Internalized reward system eliminates need for external approvals as in gangs or from peer pressures. Self-improvement programs do work.

Stage Two: Learning Econ 101 begins about time speech begins. Learns about wants vs. needs. Understands productivity and benefits and pleasures of producing. Understands sweat equity.

Stage Three. Personal Values System. Begins about time children start interacting with other, older people. Learns what matters most. Wants and is willing to work for family, home, security, etc. Sets long term goals and judges self and self-performance. Initiates and finishes projects.

Stage Four. Interpersonal skills (Personality) refinement. Starts much earlier but needs effort. Firms up understanding and application of Golden Rule. Selects own friends and activities.

Stage Five. Attitude towards life (the view from inside) is cemented and is expressed as body language and verbal responses to both opportunities and obstacles. This is the honest face you show the world. It is the result of all of the above.

So, how do we put all we know to work? As a parent, teacher, coach or administrator we must decide what role we will play. I prefer the role of Coach.

The Coach must also ask: "How do we get more from a person than they are voluntarily giving and get them to maintain (sustain) the new level of performance? There are only three ways to solve any problem: Do it yourself (hit or miss), let someone else solve it (and take the consequences) or do nothing (and pray).

By becoming Coaches we pro-actively encourage the do-it-yourself method and increase the successes and reduce the failures to build problem-solving skills and self-esteem.

Knowing all of this we (Coaches) understand the need (and values) of providing positive guidance, some prevention (boundaries) and lots of encouragement as we see the sequence unfold. We need to teach individuals how to solve problems, how to evaluate their own performance and how to set personal goals. Community action is a larger form of individual action.

In federal programs bureaucrats must also learn how to eliminate obstacles because the elimination of obstacles is a form of creating opportunity!

In our OEO Community Action Programs (CAPs) we focused on getting the community to identify problems and set goals to eliminate them. We also encouraged communities to address unmet needs and set goals to meet those needs.

We contracted with Universities (ICAPs) to provide Training and Technical Assistance as defined by the communities.

And, we encouraged the Universities to hire local community members (and forever changed those Universities, also). And, believe it or not, in six years we spent some $200 million in federal money and never lost a dime! (We had 3 instances of misapplication of funds internally but resolved the problems and no tribe had to repay one cent!).

Dana, nobody says it is easy, but if we don't work for it then what is it worth?

Notes From Indian Country

Challenging the rich gaming tribes in California

Has the luster and adventure of the Indian casinos in California started to wear thin?



By Tim Giago
(Nanwica Kciji)
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A labor union and racetrack owner filed ballot measures on Friday seeking to overturn expansive new gambling compacts for some of the state's richest Indian tribes, according to an article in The San Diego Union-Tribune.

The measures would give the voters of California the opportunity to vote on the pending compacts that would allow the Sycuan of El Cajon and the Pechanga of Temecula to build some of the largest casinos in the world.

The corporate owner of the Hollywood Park and Bay Meadows horse racetracks joined with the union UNITE HERE, with oral support from some of the rival Indian tribes, to block the expansion.

The 23-year compacts would permit the Pechanga and Morongo to operate up to 7,500 slot machines each.

Sycuan and Agua Caliente, a Palm Springs tribe, could have as many as 5,000 slot machines each.

All four tribes are currently limited to 2,000 slot machines, the maximum under the state's 1999 compacts.

In the early years of gaming in California rivalries between some gaming tribes has escalated because rich tribes like the Agua Caliente and Pechanga tried to block compacts negotiated by Pala and the Lytton band of San Pablo and the Quechan of Imperial County that delayed or blocked deals that cost those tribes millions of dollars.

Those tribes will probably support the ballot measures by UNITE HERE and the racetracks against the four tribes seeking the huge expansion.

There appears to be growing opposition to some of the gaming compacts approved by Gov. Arnold Schwarzennegger in recent years and some polls suggest that Californians may be starting to question the rapid growth of casino gaming.

Cheryl Schmidt, head of the gaming watchdog Stand Up for California, said, "There is a change in attitude.

People have soured on the political influence of the tribes, their internal infighting and they want to limit the proliferation of gaming."

Jack Gribbon of UNITE HERE said, "Voters are circumspect about this expansion.

They realize it is the rich getting richer that does nothing for workers, does nothing for poor tribes and I believe we will win that argument."

A spokesman for the racetracks, Greg Larson, said, "These compacts grant a monopoly on electronic gaming devices to tribes closing the door on California racing's ability to compete with racetracks in other states."

Most Californians supported Indian gaming when it was about helping Indians rise out of poverty, but many now feel that this mission has been accomplished 10-times over for most of California's tribes although there are still a few isolated tribes that continue to live in poverty.

The political infighting by some of the tribes against each other as gaming became the goose that laid the golden egg has also turned off many Californians and has generated rivalries between different tribes that would support the union and the racetracks against their fellow tribes.

"Tribes and tribal leaders have long memories," said Howard Dickstein, an attorney representing the Pala tribe.

The ballot measures would place before voters four bills that ratified the compacts. Independently, the gaming agreements still must be approved by the Interior Department before taking effect according to the San Diego Union-Tribune.

While visiting San Diego last week I was reminded of how far tribes like the Sycuan have come when I attended an outdoor, evening concert called Marvin at the Movies that starred the world famous songwriter and conductor, Marvin Hamlisch.

Several members of the tribe were present at the concert primarily because the Sycuan Resort and Casino sponsored the entire event. In fact a full-page ad in the program pictured a photo of the tribe's chairman, Daniel J. Tucker, and photos of the entire tribal council.

I had the fortune, or misfortune, of staying at the Marriott on the Harbor not knowing that next door at the San Diego Convention Center 120,000 fanatics were attending the Comic-con International Convention.

I knew something was up when I climbed on the elevator at the hotel and was suddenly joined by Spiderman, Darth Vader and Superman.

I vividly recall visiting the Sycuan and Pechanga when I was stationed with the Navy in San Diego in the 1950s and I was appalled at the extreme poverty I found there.

It reminded me so much of my home on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota where the riches of Indian gaming are only a dream. I can only admire these tribes for their good fortune.

As the old saying goes, "There are only three ways to a successful business and they are location, location and location."

(Tim Giago is an Oglala Lakota born and raised on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in the Class of 1991. He was the founder and publisher of Indian Country Today newspaper and the founder and first president of the Native American Journalists Association. His latest book "Children Left Behind, The Dark Legacy of the Indian Missions," is now available at: order@clearlightbooks.com. The book just won the Bronze Star from the Independent Publishers Awards. He can be reached at najournalist@msn.com).

Other Views

More than 1,300 pipes being offered

Dear Editor:

The following is the English version of Francis Apple's Lakota translation published in the July 19 Lakota Country Times opinion pages.

The Creator gave our Lakota Oyate a sacred language. The Oyate attached this language to our most sacred pipe when it was brought to us. Now, almost two thousand years has passed and our New Age Lakota are trying to reconnect to our past, but they're using the corrupt white man's language with the cannunpa, and it seems as though its not working.

Example: There's 32 practicing Medicine Men on the Pine Ridge. Someone said there's 53 Sun Dances here on our reservation with an average of 25 dancers at each Sun Dance. That would add up to a bit over 1,300 pipes being offered.

Our conditions on the Pine Ridge are not getting better. Our youth are going off in the wrong way. Drug dealers are funning our society. Diabetes and now cancer is dealing a blow to our Oyate. Even the weather is affecting us.

The thunder storms always goes to the north and south of us. The old ones are saying these things are upon us because the youth are causing our Sacred language of non effect. (Ito hectu welco) asakawapi Tanhansi the honorable John Around Him said, the wakiyan Oyate don't speak the white man's language.

Rev. Francis Apple
Kyle, S.D.

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Guest Column

The true wealth of the South Dakota millionaire Indian

By Andrew Iron Shell
Special to the Times

In 1980 the U.S. Supreme Court awarded millions of dollars in compensation to the Lakota Sioux Nations for the illegal taking of traditional lands including the Black Hills of South Dakota.

The millionaire Indian of South Dakota lives very differently than the handful of millionaire Indians fortunate to have a casino by a major interstate or a working relationship with their State Governor.

The monies awarded to appease the guilty conscience of U.S. history has never been touched by the Lakota Nations. We're not here to cure the dark heart of Uncle Sam. We can not take blood money for lands which hold the origins of who we are.

By not taking the blood monies we base our wealth on the values of our traditional morals. It's up to us to ask, what challenges our honorable position? What are the enemies in our mist that may force us to take this money? Adversaries like poverty, inadequate health care, inadequate housing, or lack of opportunity within our own homelands.

All those have the ability to sway a future decision to take the money.

It is time to triage Indian country from the Bush Experience? The effects are like a cancer that will show itself over time. If you measure Indian Health Service funding to diagnosis erosion: trust responsibility and obligation to treaty law went unceremoniously out of style by the federal government some time ago.

We were all preoccupied looking for weapons of mass destruction to notice that it was dissolved without tribal consultation.

Wild Bill Clinton had elk medicine when he came to Pine Ridge as president. That wasn't enough to convince him to pardon Leonard Peilter in the 11th hour of his presidency.

His life-time, body guard protection would have been jeopardized had he done that. Now his wife refuses to meet with any Indians. Does she view all Indians with broken down Cadillac Escalades next to pimped out HUD Housing or is that misconception reserved for the larger casino owning Tribes?

The average American can never understand the wealth found in poverty. The wealth one has from having to pull together in order to survive.

A harder life than most, American Indians, especially in South Dakota, have remained closer to wolakota (traditional life) because of being ignored by the American dream. That's actually been a benefit.

The material things will come to us over time. There should be no hurry to be conditioned as an irresponsible consumer like the rest of America.

The youthful American Indian population in South Dakota needs direction from tribal politicians, spiritual leaders, elders.

Many youth see how fragmented we have become in addressing the Black Hills Treaty issues. Why has it become such a white elephant in the room that so few speak to it anymore?

Our people deserve to be shown how we can benefit from the alternative. We did not take the money, so what do we do from here to establish our foot print back in the Black Hills? Why are tribes not scurrying to buy back Black Hills lands which eventually could become trust status lands once again? Where are our visionaries? Can tribal politicians advocate the vision we need while suckling off the chest of the federal dollar which keep us fighting like crabs in a bucket?

The millionaire Indians of South Dakota will get mad someday. Bring the Little Big Horn to Rapid City. Start by not accepting the abuse placed on us just because we are Indians.

Once we demand respect on an individual level than we have a right to go after the big fish and claim victories on issues like treaty law. It is then that the world will see the true wealth of the South Dakota millionaire Indian!

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Northern Perspectives

Acknowledging our leaders in our communities



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

I enjoyed Tim Giago's column on Native people who have made an impact on the national scene last week.

As someone who reads in a selective way, I am familiar with some of the folks he highlighted. I actually had dinner with other Native educators and Louise Erdrich in Boston before she became a writer. Who knew! as it is commonly said when someone is surprised.

I always thought it would be fun to do sort of a "Who's Who on the Rosebud" but I would be at a loss as to how to assess who the movers and shakers are on the Rosebud. It would be fun to see one of our own publishing such a documentary in any media form. The thing about such a tribute is that it would be forever changing as young Sicangu youngsters return from the university and find their rightful place in an ever tightening job market.

I am always thrilled at the fact that the Rosebud Sioux Tribe has, as a priority, the education of talented and promising young people in the future by setting aside some funding.

I think we have to think that way even though the future and next seven generations seem so abstract. Many of us older educators are getting tired and it nearing the time that we need to hand off the baton to them or at least think about grooming some of the more promising youngsters to take our place.

Speaking of promising, the young and talented Sicangu youth are more attuned to the latest in technology and many of them are now studying and thinking about how they can put it into practice. It is almost second nature to them as they grew up with technology and now their burden is understand how it may be applied to the Rosebud in order to make it a better place to live.

The face of Indian Country is slowly changing and it is no different on the Rosebud "rez."

There are some powerful influences in the world and many of them are slowing seeping into the infrastructure that is our social and familial foundation. I suppose there are many good things out there that may transform our life for the better and we will have to wait and see.

I guess I have written about some very talented Sicangu people who would qualify as 'finishers' and who have made an impact on the Rosebud or who will soon be over be. Individuals like SDSM&T senior, Jade Herman and Augustana College freshman, Tootie Herman, are a couple that come to mind.

I look for both of them to make an impact one day, if not on the Rosebud, then certainly in their own lives and family as they are both excellent scholars. Dr. Edward Valandra finished his Ph.D not long ago and he is already making an impact with his recent publication which is no small feat.

Of course, there are many other talented Rosebudders, but that can be the subject of such a tribute one day.

I guess the point is, is that we're fortunate that there are individuals from our own respective tribes who are talented who will come to the forefront soon and we need to acknowledge them.

Dr. Archie Beauvais, (Sicangu) earned his Doctor of Education (Ed.D) degree from Harvard University and currently works as the director of the Lakota language preservation project for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

We'd like to thank our readers for their comments posted on our web-site. Your hits keep the website going!
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Other Views

We don't need to be victimized again

Dear Editor:

The Oglala Tribal Presidents management team and the executive director of housing are working hard to buy FEMA trailers. My concern is in the wake of a congressional hearing held on the 19th of July, 2007 by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee that is investigating the dangerous amounts of formaldehyde contamination found in these FEMA trailers.

Is the tribe aware of this disturbing development?

And if not, I think the tribal management team should take a hard look at what condition these trailers are in before committing to buying them.

I know that there is a great need for affordable housing in Pine Ridge, but the people who are getting them need to know if they are safe from harmful contaminates. Formaldehyde is a toxic gas, and some of its uses are as a disinfectant and preservative as in glue, etc. Unfortunately these are just two of its uses in the construction of trailer homes.

Exposure to large amounts of this known poison can lead to leukemia, asthma and other respiratory problems.

The health and welfare of the young and the elderly, who I imagine will be the ones living in these homes, needs to be protected. I think this is the job of the elected council representatives to investigate this issue.

It seems to me its one of those history repeating itself scenarios where we were receiving contaminated articles given to our ancestors of long ago. We don't need to be victimized again.

Albert American Horse
Ashland, Ky.

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"Voluntary Burn Ban on Open Burning"

Due to the high fire danger and drought conditions which presently exist on the Rosebud Reservation, the Rosebud Agency and the Rosebud Sioux Tribe have declared a "Voluntary Ban on Open Burning" for the entire Rosebud reservation. This ban is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.

Residents are asked to follow burning restrictions enacted for western South Dakota:

No open burning for charcoal grills.

No smoking outside buildings or vehicles unless the area is cleared of vegetation.

Do not discard cigarette butts out of vehicle windows.

No welding outside.

Do not drive or park ATV's or other vehicles off-road.

Use great care with ceremonial fires and sweat lodges.

If it is determined that a wildfire occurred due to an open fire, the individual who ignited the fire will be billed the entire cost of the suppression of this wild land fire. Violators of this ban will be prosecuted to the full extent possible.

TO REPORT A FIRE: Call 911 or the Rosebud Fire Station (605-747-2700)

If you have any questions or require further information, please call Dana Cook, Fire Management Officer at 605-747-2700 or stop in at the office located in Rosebud, South Dakota.

Cleve Her Many Horses
Superintendent
Rosebud BIA Agency

Rodney M. Bordeaux
President, Rosebud Sioux Tribe

The Todd County School District

is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school year:

JOB OPENINGS Revised 07/26/07 3:00 pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL
1 Content Area Coach - Experience with Science and Social Studies
1 Current Events/SocialStudies Teacher
1 Positive Social Skills Teacher
1 Exceptional Education Teacher

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTALS
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1 National Junior Honor Society Advisor

HEDOG SCHOOL
1 Custodian
2 Bus Driver/Custodian 12 month
2 General Aides
1 Counselor

HIGH SCHOOL
1 Lakota Studies Teacher
1 Student Support Specialist
2 Exceptional Education Aides
1 Counselor
1 Disciplinary Aide

HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTALS
1 Head Wrestling Coach
1 Girls Head Basketball Coach
1 Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
2 Assistant Volleyball Coachs
1 Head Cross Country Coach
1 Falcon Spirit Council Co-Advisor
1 Debate Advisor
1 One Act Play Advisor
2 Concessions Co-Advisors
1 Assistant Wrestling Coach
1 Sophomore Class Advisor

HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTALS
1 Freshman Class Advisor
2 Junior Class Co- Advisors
1 Winter Co-Cheerleading Advisor
1 Assistant Cross Country Coach

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Pine Ridge August area events

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Co-ed Softball Tourney

Fire Thunder/ruff Co-ed softball tourney, Aug. 10-12 in Martin at Martin City Park field, for information call 441-6654.

Sports/School Physicals

From pre-school to college at the Porcupine Clinic Saturday, Aug. 11 from 9am to 5pm, bring immunization with parent or guardian.

Buffalo Feed

Living Word Church invites you to a buffalo feed on Saturday, Aug. 11 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at 610 St. Francis St. in Rapid City with Gospel music and preaching throughout the day, for information call 381-2502.

Basketball Competition

Saturday, Aug. 11 at Sinte Gleska University Multipurpose Facility starting at 9 a.m., three on three, 32 teams double elimination, for information call 856-5144.

Shannon County Schools registration

Monday through Thursday, August 13-16 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., classes begin Monday, August 27.

Farmers/Ranchers information meeting

Thursday, August 16 at Prairie Wind Casino from 11:30am to 5pm, "Helping the Land Help the People" is the theme of the one day meeting sponsored by OST Land Office and Aphis Program featuring noxious weeds, range managing development, water sourcing cost share programs and pesticide application training, for information call 867-5305 or 455-1362.

Bear Creek Pow wow

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 17-19 at Bear Creek with grand entry set for Friday at 7pm, Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m., for information contact Isaac 685-6025

Volleyball Jamboree

Friday, August 17 at 9 a.m. at Red Cloud School for those who would like to learn more about volleyball or become an official, sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association, for information call Jen Schaer at 867-5491, ext. 506.

Men's Fastpitch Tourney

Porcupine Labor Day Men's Fastpitch Softball Tournament, 12 team, double Elimination, August 31-Sept. 3 at Porcupine School ballfield, for information call Elgin 441-2521, Alsie 288-0097 or Dasey 867-5446.

White Face to receive Nuclear Free Future award

RAPID CITY - The Nuclear-Free Future Awards honor individuals, organizations and communities for their outstanding commitment towards creating a world freed from the threat of nuclear weapons and atomic energy.

This year, the Award jury members have selected Charmaine White Face to receive, endowed with a money purse of $10,000, the Nuclear-Free Future Award in the category of Resistance.

Educated as a biologist, Charmaine White Face is the moving spirit behind the Defenders of the Black Hills, an organization that monitors abandoned uranium mines on sacred Lakota Lands and seeks the remediation of hazardous waste ponds that contaminate the region with high levels of radium 226, arsenic, lead and iron. A central part of White Face's message is that not just the Lakota, but all of that are threatened: aquifers cover massive areas of the continent, rivers empty into one another, radioactive dust is carried by the wind, and toxic poisons in the soil nourish grass and feed crops that eventually work their way into the mainstream food chain.

Hosted by the Salzburg, Austria, state government,. the 10th annual Awards ceremony will take place in the storied Salzburg Residenz on Oct. 18. For more information, please visit www.nuclear-free.com.

Crow Creek Schools

"Welcome Back Students"

School Starts Monday, August 27, 2007

Football Schedule

Date	Team	Place	Time
Aug. 31	Cheyenne Eagle Butte	Away	7:00
Sept. 7	Todd County	Away	7:00
Sept. 14	Little Wound/Crazy Horse	HOME	1:30
Sept. 21	Miller	HOME	1:30
Sept. 28	Mobridge	HOME	1:30
Oct. 5	Red Cloud	Away	4:00
Oct. 12	Pine Ridge	Away	7:00 mt
Oct. 18	St. Francis	HOME	1:30

Volleyball Schedule

Date	Team	Place	Time
Sept. 11	Sunshine Bible Academy	HOME	6:00
Sept. 15	Flandreau Indian School Inv.	Away	10:00 AM
Sept. 18	St. Frances	HOME	6:00
Sept. 20	Highmore/Harrold	HOME	6:30
Sept. 28	Lakota Nation Invitational	Rapid City	TBA
Oct. 4	McLaughlin	HOME	4:30
Oct. 11	Chamberlain	HOME	6:30
Oct. 12	Pine Ridge	HOME	4:00
Oct. 16	Marty	Away	5:00
Oct 19	Little Wound	HOME	6:00
Oct. ?	District 11A	TBA	TBA

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Film follows Plains diet experiment

Beau LeBeau improves health with buffalo, flax, fish

By By Jarett C. Bies
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PORCUPINE - A new diet developed by a Rapid City doctor that focuses on traditional Lakota food and helped a Pine Ridge man lose more than 60 pounds is the focus of an upcoming documentary.

A Rapid City doctor developed the program, and it caught the interest of filmmakers Sam Hurst of Rapid City and Larry Pourier, also of South Dakota.

Their film, "Good Meat: How the Lakota Got Fat and Beau LeBeau Changed His Life," documents how LeBeau adopted "The Dakota Diet: Health Secrets from the Great Plains," a book written about a diet developed by Dr. Kevin Weiland.

The diet focuses on eating foods from this area: buffalo and wild game, fresh fish, soy and flax seed.

LeBeau has lost more than 60 pounds. "My goal isn't a weight but to be alive in 15 years," says LeBeau, 35, of Thunder Valley. "The way I was going, I wasn't going to be around much longer."

The film focuses on 200 days of LeBeau following the diet.

"The results, so far, have been shocking," Hurst says. "It's been good for his self-esteem and his knees, but it's been much more."

LeBeau is 5 feet 9 inches tall, and he weighed 333 pounds at the start. He admits he had less-than-healthy habits. "Sweets, chocolate, Snickers bars, Twin Bings, that was the



Beau LeBeau

hardest," LeBeau says. "I replaced them with bananas and grapes. Actually, I crave them now."

On July 3, he weighed 269 pounds, a loss of 64 pounds.

Weiland, an internal medicine doctor at the Rapid City Medical Center, says the story is more than weight loss.

"He was eating not just to lose weight, but to maintain health," Weiland says. "When we started, he couldn't run for six minutes on the treadmill."

Changing his life

Since changing his habits, LeBeau's good cholesterol numbers rose, while his bad ones dropped. Weiland says it also has helped with his diabetes and liver problems. The point isn't to be thin but to make positive changes, Weiland says.

Hurst, who has won Emmy Awards for his TV work, says making the documentary also showed him that traditional culture is returning to reservations.

As June ended, LeBeau took part in his 18th sun dance at Thunder Valley with members of his family. He felt the difference during the grueling ceremony.

"My brothers commented on how strong I looked, and I attribute that to the buffalo," he says. "They said, 'You never got weak; we were waiting for you to get weak.' I could tell I was stronger."

Native American Public Television, a component of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, provided funding for the project, Hurst says. Rapid City Medical Center, along with Weiland, who is a Madison native and an associate professor at Sanford School of Medicine, provided the health care services - estimated at $12,000 - for free.

LeBeau has received support from his girlfriend, Angie Big Crow; his stepsons Walter and Joseph; his daughter Tangerine, 17; and his son, Jeffrey, 10. He knows he'll be healthier to watch as 17-month-old daughter Trinity LeBeau grows up.

"What I did was make a choice. I hate calling it a diet. It is a way of life, a change," he says. "This change is allowing me to be here for my family."

The food

Sanaa Abourezk, owner and operator of Sanaa's 8th Street Gourmet Mediterranean restaurant in Sioux Falls, contributed recipes to Weiland for the book.

"He took an approach where he wanted gourmet cuisine that was good for the body," Abourezk says.

"It'll be good that the foods of the state get natural exposure, and to show the state is as curious, and talented, when it comes to nutrition as anywhere else."

As owner of the Lazy RRse Buffalo Ranch, Rick Knobe of Sioux Falls says the nutritional facts of buffalo's low-fat, high-in-Omega-3-fatty-acid meat are getting wider exposure.

"It is happening, but we are still a niche market," he says.

"We had a 25 percent increase in one year (in sales), but still the numbers are so small. We're not making beef people nervous."

Weiland says his diet is about creating healthy lifestyle habits that stick.

"It's a look not just at the vanity of weight loss but at the prevention of disease," he says.

Licensed nutritionist and registered dietitian Nikki Ver Steeg of Avera Heart Hospital of South Dakota says the approach makes sense.

"We don't do much in the U.S. with heritage or traditional diet, so it's fabulous to hear about this idea," she says.

"For the subject to have lost as much weight as he has, it's dramatic."

Movie release

Hurst will start crafting the narrative as the 200 days are coming to a close. The film will premiere this fall in the Black Hills, then air on public broadcasting.

"It's not a preachy movie. It's a soft-sell," he says. "You watch a man undergo change. But the lessons - if applied more widely - could change many lives, and not just on the reservation."

LeBeau hopes to inspire and has no plans to take it easy when the cameras go off.

"I went from being on the edge of being a full-blown diabetic to being healthy," he says. "I hope those who see this are inspired, especially my own people. I hope it shows it can be done."

ABOUT THE DIET

Dr. Kevin Weiland, an internal medicine doctor from Rapid City, began research on his book more than four years ago. He started with the benefits of buffalo but quickly realizing that foods from the Dakotas could form the framework of a food pyramid uniquely Midwestern.

Some of his conclusions include:

The diet is high in Omega-3 fatty acids, the good fats that help reduce bad cholesterol. They are high in foods such as buffalo meat and wild game, fresh fish, soy and flax seed.

With a focus on nutrient-dense, low-calorie foods, it gives users alternatives to poor choices.

It points out how grass-fed animals produce meat higher in iron and lower in saturated fat. Buffalo is a good example.

Barley, beans, and oats - high in soluble fiber - find their way into the diet and add needed nutrients.

Much of the diet reflects the traditional diet of the hunter-gatherer Plains Indians.

REVELATIONS DURING THE DIET

South Dakota filmmakers Sam Hurst and Larry Pourier sought to show one man's transformation when they began filming their documentary film, "Good Meat: How the Lakota Got Fat and Beau LeBeau Changed His Life."

In the months of documenting LeBeau's life change, Hurst observed:

None of LeBeau's friends or associates showed envy for his "starring" role in the film.

"There was a lot of curiosity and some hesitation, and many people said they couldn't do the same thing," Hurst says. "But there were a couple calls a week of people who wanted to join him."

Economics came into play. LeBeau was facing Type II diabetes when he started the project.

"We came to realize the cost spent to take on the diet and exercise were tiny compared to dialysis and diabetes medication," Hurst says. "And those steps, drugs especially, only mask the illness, they are not a cure."

On the reservation, food sellers rarely carry fresh fruit and vegetables, but there's never a shortage of soda.

"Imbedded in our movie are many small stories," Hurst says. "There was no diabetes on Pine Ridge in the 1970s. Now it's at 40 percent. Has anyone ever looked at how much soda is consumed there?"

LeBeau stopped drinking soda; he switched to water and tea. "People said I'd get caffeine headaches, and I thought this would be the toughest part," he says. "But I never had them."

Fitness facilities are hard to come by, and even if supplies of buffalo meat were available, storage was not.

"The center he worked out at flooded, and it was closed," Hurst says. "So now he faces a one-way, 25-mile trip to keep hitting the gym.

It's primary problems like that, and the fact that if someone were to purchase 350 pounds of buffalo meat, no one has a freezer to store it."

The buffalo on which LeBeau feasted daily is expensive in grocery stores but not for tribal members who procure the meat through the tribe. "We were able to get an entire buffalo, and have it processed, and it ended up costing about $2 per pound," Hurst says.

While deciding on a potential subject, LeBeau fit the bill on many levels, Hurst says. "He is a very spiritual person and dedicated, with a history of athletics on which to draw," he says. "He wasn't afraid of it, and he understood discipline, exercise and the traditions of his people."

Equally important, Hurst says, LeBeau is not an alcoholic, a problem that exacerbates many health issues.



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HAVE A GREAT YEAR!

Wounded Knee motorcycle memorial ride promotes awareness

By Sandra White Shield
Special to the Times

OGLALA - Bruce Hansen is enthusiastic about this year's Second Annual Wounded Knee Memorial Motorcycle Ride held July 31 to Aug. 1.

The ride starts in Ft. Yates, N.D., stops in Eagle Butte and ended at Wounded Knee on Wednesday.

The 1890 Wounded Knee route is followed as closely as possible.

Hansen said, "The purpose of the ride is to remember and honor the Lakota people who suffered and died in December 1890 at Wounded Knee."

"We feel it is important to educate and raise awareness to all people of the terrible tragedy that happened. By remembering the past and by paying our respects healing and unity can be achieved," he added.

Hansen helped coordinate the ride and said last year he was surprised at the 30 some riders who attended last year's ride and was pleased with the reception that was given the riders along the way.

Communities held ceremonies and informational events along the route. Wanblee community shared a meal and culture with the riders.

In addition to informing, riding, and healing the ride is used as a fund raiser for the Children's Village, formerly known as Wakanyeja Tiospaye O'Tipi, Inc.

More information about the organization may be found at otakuye.org.

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Red Cloud Art Show:
Evolving art covers wide range of subjects

By Sandra White Shield
Special to the Times

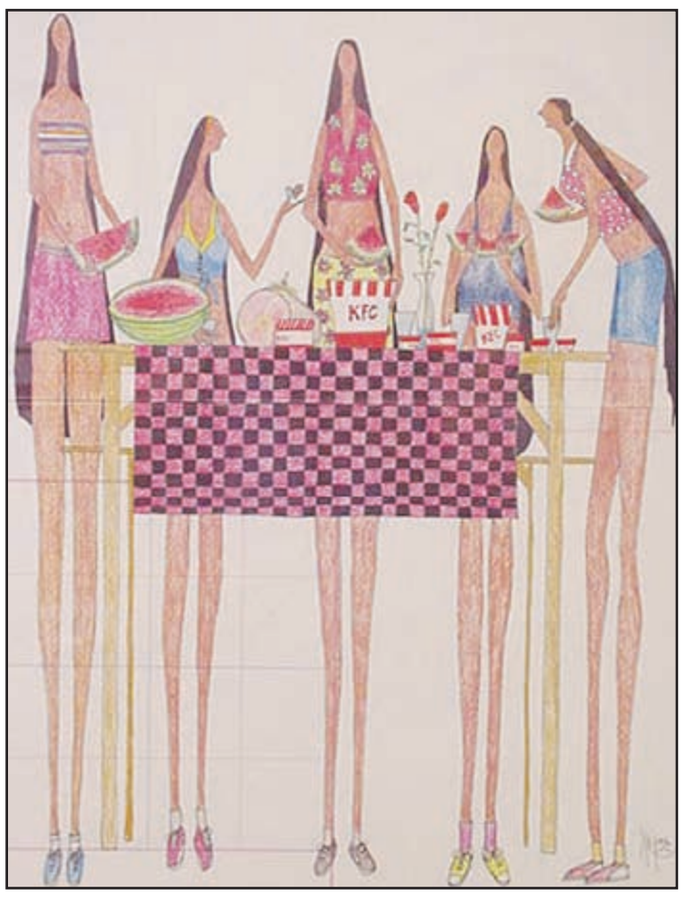
PINE RIDGE - For the past 38 years Red Cloud Indian School has hosted an art show in which only Indian artists may show their work. This year's show started on June 3 and will end on Aug. 19.

Only enrolled members of tribes, 18 years of age or older, whose work was produced in the past two years may enter their pieces. Traditional arts as well as contemporary media are accepted into competition if they fit into one of the established categories.

The show, under the direction of Peter Strong, has become creative in properly showing art to the public. The show is growing by about 30 pieces a year said Strong.

The Red Cloud Art Show is one of the only places in the United States where new artist's work can show along side established artists. All stages of developing art are shown. By comparing the manner in which presentations of art are made, new artists can learn how to prepare their art for the market place.

One of the offshoots of the show is the mentoring of new artists by seasoned artists. "That's the hardest thing for new artists is that they have to be business men," said Duane Wilcox, an Oglala Lakota artist. "Be honest with yourself and do this because you like to. You won't get rich," he said.





Right: Duane Wilcox, painted "Ain't Know Thing But A Chicken' depicting Native American adolescents and Kentucky Fried Chicken. above: Robby McMarty, best of show, painted the 'Coca Cola Cowboy."
PHOTOS BY SANDY WHITE SHIELD

Stone said that this is one of the only shows that he knows where new artists have the opportunity to show their work alongside accomplished artists. It gives

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Board vote unanimous: Caffrey should go free but parole depends on Gov. Rounds

By Peter Harriman
Sioux Falls Argus Leader

SIOUX FALLS - A Lakota man serving a sentence of life without parole could regain his freedom if Gov. Mike Rounds approves a unanimous decision from the state Board of Pardons and Paroles.

History, however, is not on inmate Timothy Caffrey's side.

The South Dakota Board of Pardons and Paroles unanimously voted last Thursday to commute Caffrey's sentence. If approved by Rounds, Caffrey would be eligible for parole within 30 days.


Caffrey

Caffrey, 44, has spent 27 years in the state penitentiary. He pleaded guilty to manslaughter after shooting and killing his adoptive father in Martin in 1981. Caffrey was 17 at the time.

Thursday's ruling was the third time the board has shortened Caffrey's sentence to make him eligible for parole.

In 1991, Gov. George Mickelson rejected the commutation because Caffrey had served only about a decade in prison. In 2003, Rounds did not act on the recommendation for eight months, then denied the commutation.

The board's recommendation Thursday followed a 30-minute hearing at the penitentiary.

"That's the first time I've seen that happen. They usually take these under consideration," Caffrey's lawyer Ron Volesky said.

Attorney General Larry Long, who prosecuted Caffrey as a state's attorney in 1981, consistently has opposed parole for him. He has recommended to Rounds that Caffrey remain in prison.

Sara Rabern, spokeswoman for Long, said he was traveling Thursday and could not be reached for comment. In January, Long said of Caffrey's prospects for parole, "Frankly, part of

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Veteran's Exchange Training Service introduced at Rosebud

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

ROSEBUD - Lakota military veterans Craig Cournoyer of Wagner, Bob Dunsmore of Crow Creek and Don Two Crow of Eagle Butte arrived in the afternoon last week at the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Veteran's Affairs building to explain an innovative training program they are enrolled in out in Bedford, Mass.

The group was met by William Lanning, Compensated Work Therapy coordinator for the Black Hills VA Center, Dr. Sandra Diaz, Project Director from the Bedford VA Center in Massachusetts and Orlando Morrison, Veteran Service Office and Director of the RST Veterans Affairs program.

The group is enrolled in the Veteran's Exchange Training Service Initiative which is "a specialized rehabilitation program designed to assist Lakota veterans with psychiatric and substance abuse disorders to return to productive employment in their communities."

One of the goals of the initiative is to provide construction experience to Lakota veterans, while living and working in a vocationally enriched environment in a six to 12 month time frame. Clinical support is also provided for each veteran with the expressed goal of ultimately

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Lucero-Hess, owner of Tatanka Arts attracts tourists

KYLE - Phyllis Lucero-Hess, a recent graduate of Lakota Funds Small Business Class "Core Four" and first time borrower of Lakota Funds is using her loan proceeds to purchase materials for her arts business. Hess started Tatanka Arts to create income for her family and to be her own boss. Phyllis creates unique Lakota beadwork, dream catchers, and bone jewelry. She sets up her wares at the Wounded Knee historical site attracting potential customers from the tourist traffic that flows through the area. Phyllis states, "Lakota beadwork is a unique product because the artist uses their own designs and colors to make their creation special."



L-R: Taffy Lafferty, Keisha Pourier, and Jason Brave Heart congratulate Phyllis Lucer-Hess on her achievment. Phyllis received a loan for her arts business, "Tatanka Arts".

Community Calendar

POST your event FREE here.
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or fax to 605-685-1870.

Rez Happenings

Little Wound H.S. Pre-Registration
Thursday, August 2 from 9 am to 12 noon at Rockyford School and 1-4 pm in Manderson at the Wounded Knee District College Center, Monday, August 6 from 9 am to 12 noon at Porcupine College Center, Tuesday, August 7 from 9 am to 12 noon in Batesland at East Wakpamni College Center, Wednesday, August 8 from 9 am to 12 noon in Wanblee at the Eagle Nest College Center and Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 12 noon at Little Wound High school, for information call 455-6209.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye pow wow
First Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye pow wow of the year, Thursday, August 2 during the Oglala Nation Fair, Rodeo, pow wow and dance contest.

Annual Oglala Nation Fair
Thursday-Sunday, August 2-5 in Pine Ridge with pow wow and dance contest, parade, rodeo, softball and baseball tournaments, golf tourney.

Youth Fun Day
Thursday, Aug. 2 at Pine Ridge Rodeo Grounds at 1 pm for youth up to 18 years of age, for information call 867-5698.

Pow wow Sale
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3-5 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church basement with rummage and bake sale each day and breakfast from 7-10 a.m. daily.

Flea Market/Indian Taco Sale
Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge on Friday, Aug. 3 with fresh Indian tacos daily and great chili and Saturday Aug. 4 special breakfast served until 11 am doors open at 8:30 am, food sales at 9:30 am, contact 867-5551.

Oglala Nation Parade
Saturday, Aug. 4 at 11 a.m. in Pine Ridge with floats lining up at the new hospital circle at 9:30 am in honor of Marlin Moon Weston and Nellie Two Bulls.

Saddle up for St. Jude
Saturday, Aug. 4 seven miles west of Pine Ridge, watch for signs, sign up 1-3 pm, ride at 4 pm, supper served after ride, for information call 867-2537 or 454-4908.

Girl Scouts celebrate at pow wows
Saturday, August 4 in Pine Ridge at Oglala Nation pow wow and Rodeo, Saturday, August 25 at Rosebud Sioux Tribe pow wow in Rosebud and Saturday, September 1 at the Cheyenne River Sioux Labor Day Celebration in Eagle Butte, visit our booth and make beaded bracelets, turtle rattles, journals and trail mix snacks, for information call Debbie 800-658-3391.

Oglala Nation Youth activities
Eagle Bull Memorial 3on3 basketball and skate board competition, Friday, Aug. 3 with registration at 12 noon, Rapper's Delight in the evening at YO Park, Thunder on the Courts 5on5 basketball in the afternoon and evening on Saturday Aug. 4 and games in the park on Sunday, Aug. 5.

Oglala Nation Rodeo
Saturday, Sunday, Aug. 4 and 5 in Pine Ridge at 2 pm each day, for information call 455-1042.

Oglala Nation Bass Tourney
Saturday, Aug. 4 at White Clay Dam, two man teams, for information call 867-5635, 441-8451, 867-1750 or 867-2533.

Oglala Nation Horseshoe Tourney
Saturday, Aug. 4 at Pine Ridge Pow wow grounds, registration from 12 noon to 1 pm, contact 867-1448 or 454-4804.

White River Open Horse Show
Monday, August 6 at 9:30 am central at Frontier Days arena in White River with showmanship, western pleasure, trail, reining, barrels, poles and dollar ride, for information 259-3385, 259-3629 or 259-3240.

OST Commodity Distribution
Tuesday, Aug. 7 in Kyle at the CAP Office, Thursday, Aug. 9 in Manderson by Post Office and in Wounded Knee near Upper Housing, Monday, Aug. 13 in Martin at Sunrise Housing, Wednesday, Aug. 15 in Porcupine near CAP Office and in Evergreen Housing and Friday, Aug. 20 in Oglala at old store site, for information call 867-5511.

Red Cloud art

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the new artist a way to compare their art to how seasoned people show their art, ready to sell.

Wilcox has been a part of the show off and on since 1974 and offers two pieces this year. His art depicts Native people in elongated presentations. The titles of his pieces are “Open Arms” and “Ain't Know Thing But A Chicken.”

Donel Keeler, Isanti Dakotah, submitted Good Old Buffalo Days. Keeler will show at the Northern Plains Indian Art Show this fall in Sioux Falls.

"That painting has been through a lot." he said of his submission, "It was in a fire in Lincoln, Nebraska." He said it narrowly missed being watered to death.

Keeler said that his inspiration comes from his Grandpa who used to paint a cowboy on the kick ball they had to play with.

"Then," he said, "we would kick it all the harder." Keeler went on to say that he feels he could gain some knowledge from more experienced artists about breaking into the art market and in the showing of his paintings.

The art show was the conception of Brother Simon, S.J.'s. He began the art show in 1969. In 1982 he founded the Heritage Center to house the collection of art that he had obtained since the first show. Private collectors and area families have contributed artifacts of Lakota Culture over the years. The collection is now quite large and items are rotated approximately every three years for public view.

Mary Bordeaux, curator for the collection, has been in a year long process of cataloging each item and making proper labels for them.

The show offers a unique perspective when modern art stands side by side with traditional pieces which are more than a hundred years old.

Long term goals include new and more space said Bordeaux. .

"To many visitors this is the first interaction with Lakota Culture," said Strong. One in three of the pieces entered to the show are sold but continue on display until the 19th.

The exhibit may be seen at the museum at Red Cloud School seven miles north of Pine Ridge on Highway

Prayer gathering to be held at Bear Butte during Sturgis Rally

STURGIS (AP) - A spiritual encampment at the base of Bear Butte will be held during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally this month.

Tamra Brennan of Sturgis, a member of the working committee that is organizing the encampment, said it should not be called or considered a protest action.

``We're not going to do any marches or things like that,'' she said. ``This is not a protest at all. It's strictly a peaceful prayer camp.''

They'll pray for protection of the Butte that is held sacred by many tribes, as well as the protection of indigenous nations and their sacred sites. Prayers also will be offered for U.S. military personnel, nations that are being hurt by armed conflicts, the world's hungry, and the environmental effects of global warming.

Organizers will maintain the camp Aug. 1-12 on property owned by the Northern Cheyenne Tribe along Highway 79 on the west side of the mountain. The Sturgis rally is Aug. 6-12.

Bear Butte was the focus of protest marches and demonstrations during the motorcycle rally last year.

Participants and organizers were critical of rally-related commercial developments coming closer to Bear Butte and unsuccessfully sought restrictions on that development from the county. They also asked bikers to avoid driving to or past Bear Butte on Highway 79 to reduce noise and activities that could disturb the tranquility of the mountain and spiritual peace of worshippers.

For Information and to Support this Grassroots Effort with Much-Needed Donations Please contact Members of the Working Committee:

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Caffrey case

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the reason we send people to the penitentiary for life is to make a statement about what they did. Part of it is simply punishment. We don't let everybody out who has been rehabilitated."

Rounds' office did not return calls Thursday for comment.

"I understand Larry's position," Volesky said. "I'm hopeful, if nothing else, he would say, 'Governor, make your decision on your own. I've given you my opinion, now I'm standing aside.' "

Volesky hopes to personally meet with Rounds soon.

Volesky said board members Thursday questioned whether there was any point in recommending a commutation for Caffrey as long as Rounds is governor and Long attorney general. Volesky said he replied, "Do what you think is right based on the record.”

"I believe minds can be changed, hearts can be changed. We are going to do everything we can to get the governor's approval."

Volesky also said a possible point in Caffrey's favor this time is that the commutation hearing was taped and will be sent to the governor, allowing him to better form an impression of Caffrey.

People testifying for Caffrey included Arnie Berkeland, a retired Sioux Falls businessman who has visited him in prison throughout his term and who has offered to sponsor him if Caffrey is granted parole.

"He is absolutely no threat to society," Berkeland said. My plans are if we ever do get him out that I and others that care for him are going to do all we can to get him going on the right path."

Berkeland said the testimony at the hearing Thursday focused on abuse Caffrey suffered at the hands of his alcoholic father "and the amount of time he has been at the penitentiary. After all, he has served 27 years. I guess I'd say he has definitely been punished for his crime."

Michelle Tyon, the Oglala Sioux Tribe's liaison to the penitentiary, also spoke on his behalf. Caffrey is a member of the tribe. He was adopted by Olive and William Caffrey as a young child. Richard Iron Cloud, of Porcupine, representing a prison advocacy group, also testified, Volesky said.

Support letters for Caffrey can be send to:

The Honorable Mike Rounds, Governor
Office of the Governor
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501
http://www.state.sd.us/governor/

Lakota Winyan softball tourney

ROSEBUD - A Lakota Wiyan Slow Pitch Softball tourney will be held Aug. 24 and 26 in conjunction with the Rosebud Pow Wow and Rodeo. Cash prizes, tourney t-shirts and individual awards.

Call Donna Hollow Horn at 605-747-2297, ext. 235 or Dee Black Spotted Horse at 208-4028.

















Veteran

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creating Native owned businesses that will increase the well-being of certain targeted Lakota reservations.

The initiative is a collaboration between the Veterans Affairs Black Hills Health Care System and the Bedford VA Medical Center and is designed to accommodate 15 veterans who are interested in a unique rehabilitation experience in a setting far different then they are accustomed to.

The construction project began 14 years ago and since then, has raised a total of $45 million in construction business. Last year they earned $5 million dollars and the hope is that such a construction effort can be brought home to South Dakota. Dunsmore said, "We will have a veteran's construction team here to get contracts and get Lakota people, themselves, working. We can build it here and keep the dollars here. We would need qualified veterans to oversee others."

Cournoyer noted that, "This is going to be a model program. The Veterans Construction Team would stay under the VA system and our salaries would come from the contracts we get."

Veterans who apply for the program must have been sober for 90 days and have some continued involvement in mental health and substance abuse treatment. The veteran does an intake evaluation with the CWT program at the Black Hills VA Center and is placed in a 30 day CWT program in South Dakota before transferring to Massachusetts.

Upon completion of 1,000 hours of supervised training each veteran receives a "VCT" certificate of completion. The program is in the process of contacting technical colleges in South Dakota to see what courses might transfer from Massachusetts in case a veteran wishes to complete more education and apprentice training before returning home.

At this point the group does not know where such a program would be located in South Dakota; however, they might work with HUD or Ellsworth Air Force if they were successful in their bid for a contract.

The concept is rather innovative in Lakota country and as a model project it would be a way for local veterans to enter the construction business and refine their skills in a variety of ways depending upon their interests.

For more information about the project, contact William Lanning of the Black Hills VA at 605-720-7305.

New Indian law question on South Dakota bar exam

PIERRE - In July, law students will tackle a new subject on the South Dakota Bar Exam.

For the first time in South Dakota history individuals who wish to practice law in South Dakota will have to demonstrate their knowledge on the basics of Indian Law and how the indigenous sovereigns within South Dakota interrelate with state and federal sovereigns.

Following the October 2006 Supreme Court Rules Hearing, the South Dakota Supreme Court voted to adopt Rule 06-71, which requires the bar exam to include one essay question on Indian Law.

Chief Justice David Gilbertson of the South Dakota Supreme Court stated, "In South Dakota today, one cannot enter and engage in the practice of law without knowledge of Indian Law. A client who seeks professional legal advice from an attorney should be confident the attorney is familiar with this increasingly important area of the law."

The Indian Law question will include basic principles of federal Indian law, including but not limited to, civil and criminal jurisdiction, the Indian Civil Rights Act, the Indian Child Welfare Act, or the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. The question will not include the various tribal codes or customary laws.

South Dakota is the third state in the nation to add Indian Law to the bar exam. The Board of Bar Examiners is required to report back to the Supreme Court by January 1st , 2009, with an evaluation of this Supreme Court Rule.

OST public safety to get $200,000 funding for precinct based response plan

PINE RIDGE - Funding has been announced for a number of South Dakota priorities as part of the Commerce, Justice and Science appropriations bill.

Rep. Herseth Sandlin specifically requested resources included in the bill for meth use prevention programs at Prairie View Prevention Services, the Children's Home Society of South Dakota, the Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety and the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Department of Justice.

Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety: $200,000 to support the Oglala Sioux Tribe's precinct based response plan.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety has developed a precinct based response for providing services to the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Funds support the Department's patrolling, community policing and specialized training in the many communities located within Pine Ridge.

Prairie View Prevention Services: $150,000 to continue methamphetamine use prevention programs in South Dakota.

Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Department of Justice: $100,000 for the development of long-term correctional strategies to decrease the incidence of repeat offenses.

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Monday, August 27, 2007

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Dear Anna,

Hello I hope all is well, today I am writing with great confusion about a few things, first of all I have a tendency to listen to my heart and sometimes block out the reality of things in life. I know there is some changes that need to be made in my life and it's causing me to be completely confused.

First I have been applying for some other jobs do you see me getting a new job soon? I also have been debating about going back to school so I can finish my degree but right now with my living situation it's a real challenge.

Do you see me going back and moving to another home?

Also I know you might think I am trying to have a lot on my plate but I have also been wondering if I am ever going to be blessed with another child soon. Is there something wrong with me so this is not happening for me, sometimes I feel like I have no luck and I am just doomed. Can you please tell me what you see for me?

With blessings: Confused

Dear Confused:

Living in your heart is the final lesson in today's world. Indeed, ever since colonization the Lakota People, who were always heart people, were forced into becoming "head" people.

This is contributory to the chaos, dissension, anger and body illness in today's world. If, in fact, you are living in your heart you are on the way to a very good life. The heart center of every person is centered in love and all that goes with that: compassion, tenderness, understanding, joyful expression, health, etc. The head gets far too worried about unnatural stresses and fears based on a reality where those fears probably will never happen.

When you live in your head there are so many possible fears, reasons why you cannot do anything because of the possible barriers (I can't go to school because I don't have enough money, I can't take that job because my family won't like it, I can't be anything that I want to be because I am not good enough) that are created in the imagination and programming offered to the modern world.

Heart people know that if what they desire is in alignment with the Creator and the highest good for themselves (in other words based on love of life and love of personal expression) they can do and have anything.

Go to school.

Fear about being over-worked is silly. You don't have to take a full load, start small and take one class. You are getting older anyway and so you might as well start working on what you want to be right now.

I don't see that you will get any of the jobs that you have applied for right now. The reason is that they are only in alignment with your pocket-book and not in alignment with what you want to do in your life to make your world a better world. It is almost mandatory that you love your work, because if you just tolerate it, it will barely tolerate you and soon all kinds of unhappy things happen.

I do see you finding different work. I would apply at a college. I see you working in that environment while you attend classes and take care of your family.

There will be another place to live for you but I feel some delay there. It probably means that other opportunities have to be opened up for family living accommodations. I believe that may be in the middle of winter.

Please don't despair and get into self-pity. Every opportunity to create a good life is within your realm. You can do anything. You are not less blessed by God than any other human being. Get into alignment with yourself. Don't make any decisions that are bad for you and start every day with a prayer of thankfulness, and your world will reflect what is truly in your heart.

It is a good thing that the Creator is smarter than humans. You can get pregnant, but I see that the choice may be delayed until you can offer another child a more secure and loving environment. That means you will just have to wait until your life is more enjoyable and secure.

In the future, I see you working in the medical field, I see a nice home, a pretty good car, food in the refrigerator, and happy children around a round table talking about their day. Life offers you many opportunities to create a life of joy so please don't be defeated by lack of progress. Just get up and get going! Good Luck!

Dear Anna,

I am writing because of my sister. She has been with a man for a good number of years and eventually they got married. A few weeks before Christmas he passed on. I would like to know if she will ever find happiness ever again? She is so lost. She does't know what to do. She has been trying to find a job and a place to live, I would like to know if she will get them? She is homeless and is having a hard time with his death. They loved each other dearly. I am worried about my sister. She has children who are all grown up. They want her to live with them but she needs to try to make it on her own. She's never had to do this before? Her husband has always taken care of her.

Worried about my sister

Dear Worried about my sister:

Oh dear. Your sister is lost in grief. She will recover but she could use some help. When this soul-mate of hers left, he did not bargain for her to quit living too.

Her grief is not for him - she knows he is okay, it is for herself. She is afraid that she cannot make it without him and that fear is holding her back. I know she misses him. I know she cannot sleep. I know she isn't eating right, and I also know that her husband's spirit is upset with her for not honoring his life in a good way and going forward.

She will be okay eventually. She will find another mate and live in what looks like the Black Hills. She will go back to school and work at doing a lot of writing. God never gives us more than we can handle. Death is a shock for those left behind, but it is not punishment - it is transformation.

As I have said before, a Lakota medicine man once told me that before the Europeans came to this country the Lakota never grieved for their dead. They honored them because they knew that where they went was the best possible place to be.

Your sister does need some help from family members. She does need some honest to goodness help with the death of her husband, and she does need to be reminded that the best way to honor her husband's life is to live a good life in his honor.

She will be okay. Just keep loving her and remind her that her pity is self-centered It is not based on the suffering of her husband, but on her own suffering. It is now not an honoring, it is self-indulgent and a dishonor to his spirit. That sounds cruel, but it is fact and it may help bump her back into life.

Dear Anna,

Can you see me graduating? Do you see at least one of these guys in my future? One is a bull rider, one is a tribal cop and one just graduated as a college class valedictorian.

Just wondering

Dear Just Wondering:

A smorgasbord of men huh? You better graduate and you better keep going to school or you will lose out on the opportunity of finding a man with a brain.

The bull rider is very sexy - but he drinks. Want that? The tribal cop is very strong in what he desires in a mate, he has a lot of girl friends because he is shopping around for the right one, and unfortunately, dear one, you are not the one he wants to spend his life with. You can spend some time with him, but there is another woman for him. The valedictorian? He wants to and will leave this area to pursue his education in a more sophisticated area. I believe that he wants to get his masters and his doctorate. I don't see him as planning to build his life right now around a woman; rather he wants to build his life around what he develops with his own skills and talent. You had better learn from his example.

Please refocus your attention on what you want to do with your own life or you will be a huge stone around the neck of an ambitious man. You are headed to try and please a mate without developing who you are. Then the man will dump you, then you will have to struggle to support yourself and your children while going to school. Please change this by taking care of yourself and your education. Spending your free time sleeping with a variety of men does not enhance your future.

Take your brain out (which is quite good), dust it off, plan your future as a responsible human being, and go girl! You will meet the right man in about three and a half to four years from now.

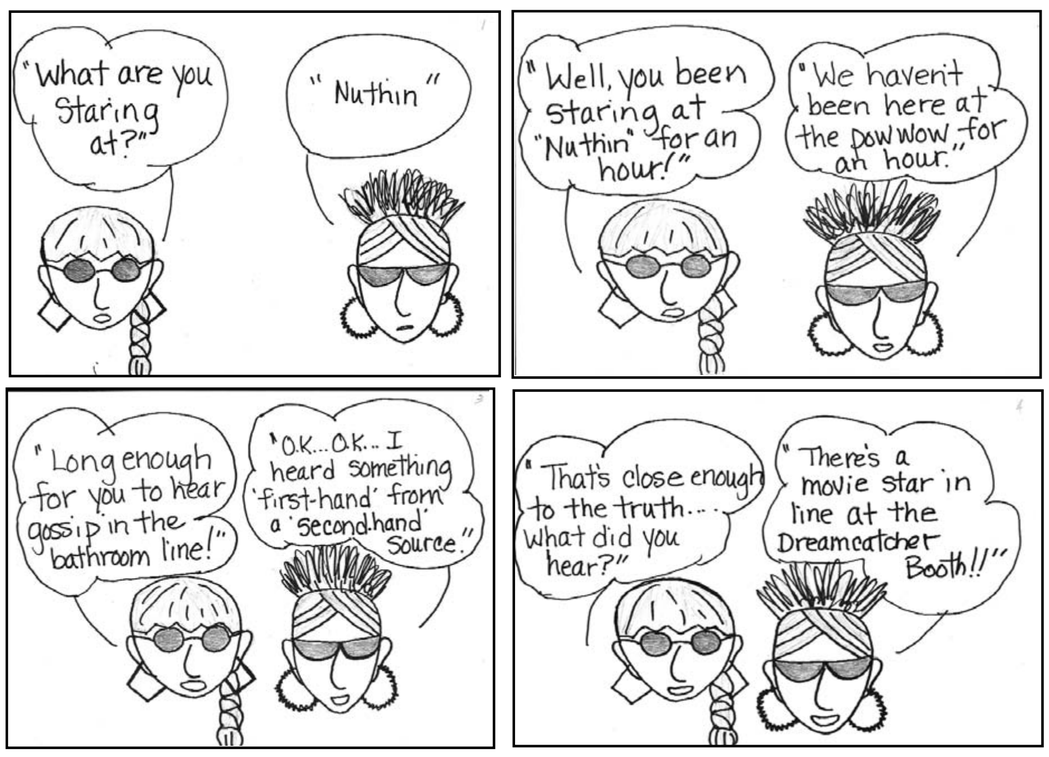
You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

All requests may be subject to publication.

Clearly mark Ask Anna on your request. This column is meant for entertainment purposes only.

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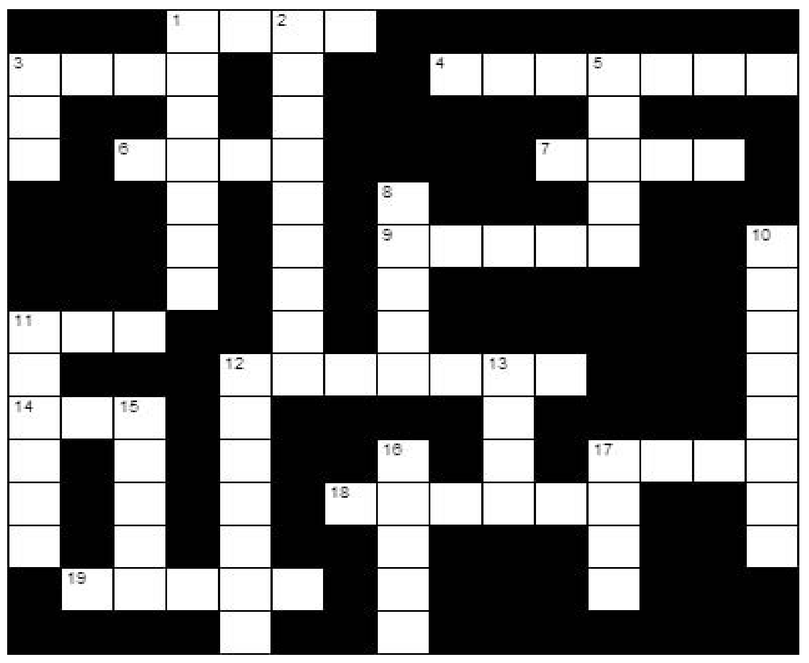


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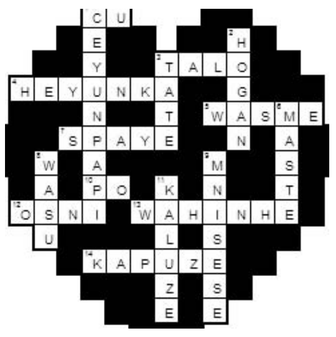
CLUES

Across
1. inside
3. slushy
4. he is thinking
6. reading
7. zaptan
9. wanbli
11. messed up hair
12. burning sage
14. ista
17. I asked for something
18. appreciative
19. you are coming home

Down
1. canli
2. duck
3. igmu
5. mila
8. perspiration
10. I know
11. sla
12. worm
13. you live in
15. only
16. fish
17. now



Answers to last week's puzzle



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Gerald Dupris Sr., 58.....Eagle Butte

Robert M. Crow

OGLALA - Robert M. Crow, 74, Oglala, died Tuesday, July 24 at Pine Ridge Hospital. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Diane Crow, Oglala; four sons, Perry Crow of Pierre and Patrick Crow Sr., Pernell Crow and Roderick Crow, all of Oglala; five daughters, Trudy Norman and Colleen Crow, both of Omaha, Neb., Cathy Crow, Lebanon Junction, Ky., and Avis Crow and Cheryl Crow, both of Oglala; 31 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

A one night wake service was Sunday, July 29, at Brother Rene Catholic Hall in Oglala.

Funeral services were Monday, July 30, at the hall. Burial was at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Elizabeth M. Bear Ribs

RAPID CITY - Elizabeth M. Bear Ribs, 72, Rapid City, died Monday, July 23 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Sherman Bear Ribs Sr., Rapid City; three sons, Sherman Bear Ribs Jr., Wanblee, Duane Bear Ribs, Rapid City, and John Bear Ribs, Colorado; two daughters, Beverly Lam, Rapid City, and Dawn Bear Ribs, Fargo, N.D.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A one night wake was Thursday, July 26, at Mother Butler Center.

Funeral services were Friday, July 27, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Rapid City. Burial was at Mountain View Mount Calvary Cemetery. Serenity Springs Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Gerald Dupris Sr.
'Wakinyan Maza'
Iron Lightning

EAGLE BUTTE - Gerald Dupris Sr., 58, Eagle Butte, died Sunday, July 22 at Indian Health Service Hospital in Eagle Butte.

Wake services were Thursday, July 26, at Community Building in Eagle Butte. Funeral services were Friday, July 27, at the Community Building with Mother Marian Rectenwald, Doris White, Deacon Dora Bruguier and Ina Traversie officiating.

Burial was at Dupris Family Cemetery in Iron Lightning. Arrangements were by Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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The successful bidder shall have the responsibility of:

1) Supplying necessary gasoline and/or diesel fuel for school buses and school vehicles operated by the Shannon County School District. Delivery of unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel to Wolf Creek, Rockyford, Batesland and Red Shirt Schools storage facilities. The supply period is to be from Sept. 1, 2007 through Aug. 31, 2008.

The bids should be based on pricing for the date of August 27, 2007 and should specify pricing details (i.e.) tank wagon price, discount and taxes which may apply. Bids should be detailed so that the cost to the district from all bidders can be readily compared. Bidder should include documentation of current cost to them from their supplier at the time the bid is submitted. Bidder should also include whether their bid price is firm throughout the year, or a statement that any increase or decrease in the price of gasoline or diesel fuel to the school district after the bid letting on August 27, 2007 will be substantiated by a letter from the bidder's supplier stating that the price has increased by the amount that the bidder is passing on to the school district.

Bids must be sealed and marked "gasoline bid" or "diesel fuel bid" in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope and be addressed to the Shannon County School Board, Attn: Myron Pourier, P.O. Box 109, Batesland, South Dakota, 57716.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any irregularities therein.

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Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Shannon County School Board in the administrative office, P.O. Box 109, Batesland, SD, until 12:00 noon, August 27, 2007, for:

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Tabulation of all bids will be made public during the regular school board meeting on August 27, 2007, which will begin at 5:00 p.m. in Batesland, SD.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any irregularities therein.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Shannon County School Board in the administrative office building, Batesland, South Dakota, until Friday, 12:00 noon, August 27, 2007, for propane gas to be supplied and delivered to Shannon County public schools for a one-year period. The bids shall be made public at the regular board meeting on Monday, August 27, 2007 at Batesland, SD, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The school district owns bulk tanks which allows the district to accept transport loads at the three major school sites. (This bid will be for filling the small tanks located throughout the district, not the bulk tanks.) Schools are located at Batesland, Rockyford, Red Shirt, Wolf Creek and to teacherages, as designated by the school board, and also, one Title I Unit each at O.L.L. and Red Cloud.

The successful bidder must keep the tanks at a safe operating level, contacting the school district's Transportation & Facility Management Director before filling. The term of this bid shall be Sept. 1, 2007 and terminate on Aug. 31, 2008.

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Please direct any pre-conference questions to Bob Wood. PO Box 236, Mission South Dakota 57555 - phone (605-441-4872) All bids must be submitted by August 27, 2007 by 5:00 PM (CST)

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	Lacreek	9:30-2:00 (M)
August 21, 2007, Tuesday	Oglala	9:30-2:00 (M)
	Pass Creek	9:00-12:00 (V)
	Wakpamni	1:00-3:00 (V)
August 22, 2007, Wednesday	Pine Ridge	9:30-4:00 (M,V)
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	Eagle Nest	9:30-2:00 (V)
August 24, 2007, Friday	He Sapa	9:30-4:00 (M,V)
August 27, 2007, Monday	He Sapa	9:30-3:00 (V)
	Cheyenne River	9:30-2:30 (M)

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The following positions are open until filled:

High School Dept.
Lakota Language Teacher
Math Teacher

Middle School Dept.
Lakota Language Teacher
P.E. Teacher
Counselor - Certified
SAP Counselor (Closing Date 7/31/07)
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Elementary Dept.
P.E. Teacher
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2007-08

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August 13th—17th

- We will be screening in coming Kindergartener on their hearing, vision, motor, concepts, and language development skills.
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Schedule for Pine Ridge Kindergarten Round-Up

- August 13, 2007-Parent/guardian orientation from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **(Drawing's will be held; snacks provided)**
- August 14, 2007– Kindergarten screening from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **(Gifts will be provided to children)**
- August 15, 2007-Kindergarten screening from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **(Gifts will be provided to children)**
- August 16, 2007 -Kindergarten screening from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **(Gifts will be provided to children)**
- August 17, 2007- Kindergarten screening from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **(Gifts will be provided to children)**

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8th Year of Severe Drought Conditions on Pine Ridge Reservation

Our department would like to remind the Oyate of the Pine Ridge Reservation that we are entering our 8th year of drought conditions. The weather has been kind lately, but we know it will heat up very quickly and every drop of water is precious.

Be Water-Wise Outdoors

- Try watering lawns in the early morning or late afternoon to prevent evaporation and scorching of the grass during mid-day sun.
- Try not to water on windy days
- Try using drip irrigation for your lawns. Saves 75% more water than s prinklers by limiting evaporation.
- Over-watering can cause fungus to form brown patches on lawns.
- Water lawns and shrubs once every five days to promote longer stronger roots.
- When mowing try keeping grass 3 inches long to help in moisture absorption.
- Keep swimming pools covered to stop debris and to help prevent evaporation.
- Try backwashing your swimming pool's filter weekly to help keep the water clean.
- Clean feet before entering pool.
- Make sure all livestock watering devices have an adequate float system that does not leak.
- Report all yard hydrant and thermo-line leaks to proper authorities.

Be Water-Wise Indoors

- Report all leaking bathroom and kitchen fixtures.
- When washing clothes use the right water setting for the load.
- Listen for toilet constantly running or filling when not in use (a leaky toilet can account for up to 1400 gallons of water lost per day, while the average household uses only 350 gallons per day.)
- A leaking toilet can cause your septic system to back up because of over saturation.
- Try using low flow toilets (1.5 to 2 gallons per flush), old toilets use up to 5 gallons per flush.
- Don't use your toilet as a garbage disposal.
- Turn off water while brushing teeth, shaving and washing dishes.
- Take fast showers instead of baths.
- Use low flow fixtures in baths and kitchens.
- An Ultra low flow showerhead uses 1.5 gallons per minute, while conventional showerheads can use up to 5 gallons per minute.

OST Department of Water Maintenance and Conservation

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from all your sisters and brothers

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Happy 1st Birthday
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Hopkins
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From all your Relatives

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! Tanya & Robert Sitting Dog Jr. on their new bundle of joy: "LaShawn Robert Sitting Dog" BORN:7/21/07 7lbs-2oz.19 1/2 In. We're all here for you guys & God Bless you & your son.. Love, Cora, Andrew Little Moon, Robyn & Juan Delgado, Amy & Mike Has Horns Sr. & Marcel Taken Alive

We would like to wish our little mr know it all, Colton Randall a happy 4th birthday on July 30th and many many more...from his grandma Julie and his cool uncle Jason

Happy Birthday Ezekiel Bernard Little Whiteman!!! August 5 is your special day, so I hope you get everything you wish for on this day. You are very precious to me and I think of you all the time my little grandson. You hold a very special place in my heart. I can't believe you are four already!!!Happy 4th birthday baby!!! Sending this to you with lots of love, your grandma Deeder.

Happy belated 4th Anniversay to Wade and Ida Little Whiteman, Wakpamni Lake, SD. Happy Anniversary to the two of you. Enjoy the rest of your years together, and your two little boys. Best Wishes, your hero/mom, Deeder

I would like to wish my son Michael Jerome Gay Jr. Happy 5th Birthday on 7-16-07 hope you have a good one son. Love you lots, from your mom. Don't eat too much cake!

I would like to wish my little bro Jerome Gay a happy 5th Birthday on 7-16-07 now your going to be in the big school with me. I am sorry for always treating you mean. Just have a whole bunch of fun while you can because school is around the corner. LOVE YOUR BIG BRO Tyler.

I want to wish my two beautiful daughters Angel and Renee L.H. a happy summer I love you both no matter how far away we are - Love Mom Kyle.

Happy birthday to Mark and Melanie. I hope you two had a lot of fun. Love SOS

Happy Birthday to My brother Jerome on July,16, I hope you have fun on your day don't worry brother I won't boss you around on your day because you gave me a break on my big day, now you are 5 years old so have fun. And now you are going to leave me home all alone now who is going to take your spot. LOVE YOU XOXOXO big brother from your one and only sister MaTeisha Gay

Happy Birthday to my Man, my Love, my Best Friend, my Everything" David Martin "Dave Red" 7/31

I am so glad you are feeling better, and you are home with me again I love You David Walter Martin, always and forever, Kimmie Brings

Happy Birthday in Heaven to my grandmother Celeste Brings on august 2nd, I love you and miss you every single day, Kimberly Brings

Happy Anniversary to my wonderful husband! Tanspa Wiyan Welcome home, Tanspa! My heart, my prayers and good wishes are with you…. Your wife

Happy birthday to
Billi Jo One Horn.
We didn't forget about u Smurf
Hope its fun!!! From Woni, Laila, and Lainna

Happy belated b-day to Colby Brown - From: Taylor M.

Happy b-day Leo. Love you lots Tami, Coy The Roses Deidre and Baby Lee

To that one Special Man
in my life Kelly Twiss
I Love You - From Your Wife To Be - Dawn Maree Twiss

Chace & Pearl
We'd like to welcome Baby in the world - Remember you're lucky

Happy Birthday to
Cy Walking on 8-5-07 Have a good one Bro! From Woni & Lil June

Happy Birthday Daniel "Mo" Stover From OTP Staff

Happy 1st B-day to my Lil Man Dontal Hayze Big Crow
Love you (xoxo)
Mom & Dad

I'd like to wish a belated Happy Birthday to my son Isiah Dillon
Love U Always Mom Crystal & Bro Vincent

Happy Birthday 2
our Bro Brenden Stone on 8-5-07. Hope this birthday is a blast. Have fun!
Woni, Lil June, Laila, Lainna

Happy belated 6th Birthday to Terry Lee Middleleaf Jr From Craig, Talisha & Donna

Happy belated B-Day to Mr Marky Wayne Apple who celebrated on July 7th. Hope you had fun - From The Crew Past The "Food Hut

Happy belated Birthday to Duane Sierra

Happy 1st B-Day to Kasey Nizhoni Yazzie on Aug 3, 07 Love Mom & Dad

I just wanted to say thanx for being a good friend & Happy Birthday to the twins Sevena & Sunny Clifferd - From Katnur

Happy B-Day to Robin Janis on 7-19-07 From Dannetta Janis

Happy B-Day to my beautiful daughter infant Estelle F. Ton From Dannetta Janis

Happy belated Birthday to Micheal V. Two Bulls. Finally 7 yrs old. Love you lots Gram, Vanna, Flint & Cathy

Happy Birthday to our Grandpa Everette Janis (6-28-07) - "We'll always do our best to take care of you." Love from your Grandkids - Lil Russ, Taner, Ta'mya and Essence Rose

Congrats to
Chace & Pearl LWM
on their 3rd baby
Hope it's a girl.
From your neighbors up the road

Congrats to
Lori B. Janis
on her first baby due in October. Can't wait till it gets here so we can spoil him or her.
Your Friend Tasha

Happy Birthday to
my sister
Kimber Dawn on July 24.
Hope you have lots of fun.
Love you always Eileen & Roy Helper



Mom, I'm sorry.
I love you with all my heart. Sorry for making you cry & for going on the run. Remember, I'll always love you guys. - Love your daughter Emily Ashmore

Happy belated B-Day to Rudy Palmier on July 19, 2007. We hope u had a good day!! - from Trever, Aqualynne & the Chihuahuas

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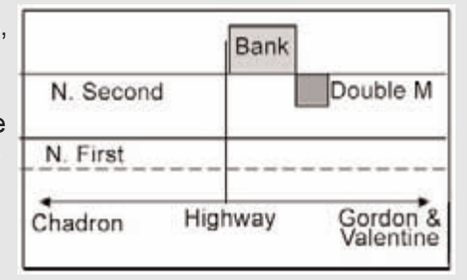
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Happy Birthday to Melanie Brewer on July 17th. Don't celebrate to hard..but have fun. You deserve it…girl. From Tash, Chris & Ciara

Congratulations to
Bethel & Brice
on their first baby due December 21, 2007.
From The Crew at Angels

Happy Birthday to
Kelly "Radishes" Rooks on July 17th. Hope you enjoyed your day & didn't eat too much cake & ice cream. - Love Tash, Chris & Ciara

Happy 8th Birthday
Chantee Ferguson
Love you so much our little helper formabove
Love Mom and Dad



Who's this cute little baby doll? Gees you've grown up.
Happy Birthday Shantay
Love your Mom Alyce

Happy 1st Birthday to
Sukayla Duran.
From Your Big Cuz Kai Jacob

Happy Birthday Leo H. Enjoy your day Grandpa Love U Emaliah, Alex, Ash, Brooklyn, Layla & Landon

Happy 4th B-Day to our one & only son, Jacob White Face on July 25th. We love you. From Mom (Freda), Dad (Jess) & Sisters

Happy 1st Birthday to Helen Vocu Love Billi, Dale, Terri Dawn

Happy Birthday to my Auntie Kimberly Apple on July 24th. - Lots of Love from Jamie Helper

To Chace - Don't work to hard at Angel's

To My "3 Bears"
Mya Beautifull, Nehemiah Cash & Harold Louis
I just wanted to tell you that I love you with all my heart.
Love Mom, Whyle

Happy B-Day to
Billi Jo Vacu on Aug 7, 07 - Love Mom

Happy Birthday Grandma Sissy Bug Clifford From: TJ, Tristen, Laqael, Chantee and Leslie

Happy Birthday Alianna Shot W. Arrow. Love auntie Sis

Happy Birthday
Cole Bear Killer
Love auntie Sis

Happy Memorial Birthday
on July 24,2007
To our grandma
Velma Rose Janis
We think of you all the time,remembering all the good times we shared
We wish you were still here with us,
Keep watching over and keep us safe.
We will never forget you
Love you your grandkids
Shanay,Shantay, Jordan

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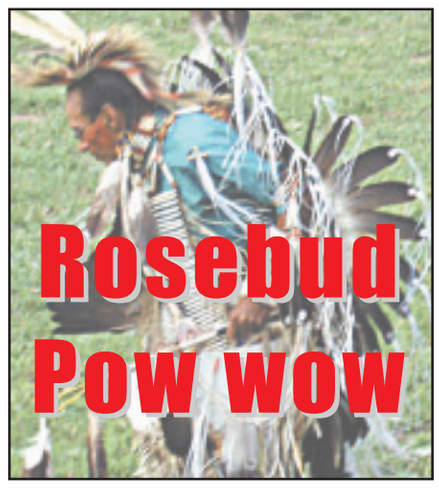
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to my baby girl
Keyshia Brave Heart.
Love Mom (Amber) & Daddy Nate

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What's in that Big Mac?

Left: Elaine Yellow Horse presented on tips of cooking hamburger, which is a popular meat because it is affordable. It is healthier to buy lean hamburger but sometimes that isn't affordable so one should rinse their hamburger with hot water before cooking which will help cleanse the fat particles. Yellow Horse shows the difference in the fat drained from (left) lean hamburger to (right) regular hamburger. Right: Daverine Elk shows shoppers how much fat and carbohydrates are in different fast foods. The fat and carbs are measured in clear plastic baggies. With this presentation, one can clearly see the amount of fat and carbs consumed when one eats a McDonald's Big Mac, large French fries and a large coke, 55 grams of fat and 202 grams of carbs. Another favorite is two slices of Pepperoni pan pizza, two breadsticks, five hot wings and a large Pepsi, adding up to 57 grams of fat and 414 carbs. She also presented how one ounce of Cheetos and a can of Coke contain 10 grams of fat and 52 carbs as compared to baked Cheetos and a can of diet Coke which adds up to 5 grams of fat and 19 grams of carbs.

PINE RIDGE - Customers shopping at Sioux Nation Store not only got store bargains but were able to participate in a tour of information regarding how to cook and buy healthy foods for their families.

Shoppers who participated in the health fair, filled out a survey that had pre and post questions about different foods such as fats, grains and reading food labels.

Shoppers were taken on a tour through the store and stopped at six different booths, where presenters not only showed the participants good food and bad food but labeled the foods ingredients to give a better example of high fat and sugar content.

Staff of the Indian Health Service's diabetes prevention program Oyate Wicozani Ocanku coordinated the health fair with other tribal organizations with booths that had outstanding information on how to buy, eat, and cook healthy.

OST Childcare staff manned a booth that made delicious fruit smoothies that are healthier for children. All of the booths with free healthy snacks and food samples gave away recipes and brochures. Using proper food serving sizes for babies, children and adults as well as adding the easy exercise of walking was another booth well liked by participants.

Please turn to Healthy food: A2

Judiciary Committee looking to improve OST Public Safety Charter

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - "We need to make some changes, the judiciary committee is forced to deal with a lot of issues involving the tribe's Department of Public Safety," said Garfield Little Dog, chairman of the judiciary committee and tribal council representative from Wounded Knee District, "there are a number of people looking at revising or redoing the public safety charter including Steve Sandven, a past OST Attorney General and tribal attorney for Sisseton Wahpeton and Public Safety themselves who are represented by Patty Marks."

According to Little Dog, the judiciary committee is hosting a meeting in Rapid City on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to review work and proposals on the charter to gain some consensus in preparation for the scheduled special session of the tribal council at the casino on Wednesday focusing on the charter. Thursday and Friday morning are scheduled for charter while Friday afternoon and Saturday morning are set to focus on the tribe's domestic violence code. The administration of public safety, their attorney and top officers were in Rapid City on Wednesday to prepare for both the upcoming judiciary committee meeting and the council meeting.

"We are most concerned about the roles and responsibilities of a proposed board of directors," said James Twiss, chief of police, "we aren't tied to any particular number whether its three, five or nine but more concerned about the power they will have whether they have the power to fire even after a grievance board has reviewed the circumstances and made recommendations."

Little Dog and the judiciary committee have been looking at a five member board not just for public safety but also for Housing.

"We have seen too many instances where you have a nine member board, one representative from each district and the board gets territorial and forgets to look out for the

Please turn to OST: A2

Badly needed 100 unit Mission housing development to be dedicated Aug. 16

MISSION. - A dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the completion of a badly needed 100-unit housing development in Mission on the Rosebud Reservation will be held at the complex at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 16. A pow-wow celebrating the new housing complex will follow at 12:30 p.m.

A staggering 6,000 families have been on a waiting list for the $10.3 million Sunrise III Townhomes, which consist of 60 two-bedroom and 40 three-bedroom townhouse units within 10 buildings. The units will be rented to households with incomes at 40 percent, 50 percent and 60 percent of the area median income.

The completion of Sunrise III Townhomes brings the number of units in the Mission housing complex to 168. Sioux Falls-based Costello Companies, developer and manager of Sunrise III, built the 44-unit Sunrise I Townhomes in 1993 and added a second 24-unit complex three years later.

CitiHousing, Inc., a subsidiary of Citibank (South Dakota), N.A., has invested $7.2 million in the project, and Citi in total invested more than $9 million. Sunrise III's total development cost was financed with housing tax credits issued by the South Dakota Housing Development Authority and purchased by CitiHousing, Inc.; a $1 million USDA Rural Development Section 515 loan, and a conventional loan financed by Citibank. Construction financing was provided by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and Citibank. The owner is Sunrise III Limited Partnership, in which Costello Investments, LLC is the general part-

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Lakota Women for Change plan to celebrate RST secretarial election

Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

ROSEBUD - A portion of the membership of the Lakota Women for Change met at the Rosebud Sioux tribal council chambers on Sunday, Aug. 12 to discuss plans to hold a celebration. The recently concluded RST secretarial election was the culmination of many years of dedicated commitment which the LWFC had advocated for.

The group which had its genesis in the 1990s first met at the Lakota Studies building on the campus of Sinte Gleska University. They discussed what was occurring with tribal council business, kids in the community and other issues which were confronting Sicangu society. They apparently did not have a strategy in place to address what they were observing, but would subsequently identify educating Lakota people about the need for responsible government and good leadership as a goal.

The group has had a diverse group of Native women over the years, and at present do not have a charter of any kind, but hope to apply for non-profit status with a tribal corporate charter. They have done some fundraising in the form of bake sales, Indian taco sales and rummage sales. They do not get any set donations, but have located an organization that may entertain a proposal for donations.

The LWFC identified three junctures at which they attempted to call for a constitutional convention in which their vision was the convergence of Sicangu people to sit down and discuss those proposed amendments which would make the quality of life better for the community. Each time their attempt failed as signatures were invalidated for one reason or another. The third attempt was successful as the RST council assembled a secretarial election task force.

It was a historic event as the Rosebud Sioux are the only tribe which allows the people to call for such a constitutional convention. The LWFC had to collect signatures from 30 percent of the tribal members who had voted in the last election.

The RST constitutional task force was appointed from a list of names submitted included, Dr. Ed Valandra, Ron Neiss, Linda Marshall, Duane Hollow Horn Bear, Lynette Marshall and Eric Nixon.

When testimony was taken from tribal members and properly documented by the task force, many proposed amendments emerged in the final form. The 27 amendments which were finally accepted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs became a source of contention as many were redundant, poorly written and legally unsound according to the LWFC.

They noted that the RST council or the BIA could have provided technical assistance or funds to educate the community about the amendments but that did not occur because they were not asked.

Attorney and LWFC member, Vi Burnette said, "We are most proud that this was the people's initiative and not the tribal council's or the Lakota Women for Change's." Dorothy Marshall said, "We were not aware of how this should proceed. All the people should have come together to discuss the proposed amendment and then re-written them."

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Women for change

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Once the task force took testimony from tribal members and they were examined by the Aberdeen Area Office, the amendments were supposed to be properly re-written. However, that did not occur. Lois Antoine of Antelope community said, "We wanted each amendment to reflect the opinion of the person who drafted it." One problem which hindered the re-writing of the amendments in time for the election was the fact that the original proposer's names were not accessible.

Now that the RST secretarial election has concluded, tribal voters had until the past Monday to contest any of the amendments. One challenge to the election apparently originated from a member of the RST council and will apparently be properly addressed.

In the meantime, the Lakota Women for Change are planning to celebrate their dedicated efforts to make the RST secretarial election a reality. The dates and time for such a celebration will be announced at a later date.

Healthy food

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Staff with the Oyate Wicozani Ocanku diabetes prevention project are Joann Lehner, acting director; Daverine Elk, data coordinator; Sawee Frank, healthcare tech; and Bobette Tobacco, healthcare tech.



Soda pop is another popular drink and this display shows how much a person drinks if they drank two 12-ounce sodas a day for one month. They will consume 5.8 gallons of soda, five pounds of sugar and your body will take in more than 8,000 calories.

Below: Josh Williams and Dakota Iron Cloud serve delicious fruit smoothes.



Mission

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ner and CitiHousing, Inc. is the limited partner. The contractor was Developers & Associates, Inc. of Elk Point and the architect was VanDeWalle Associates, LLC of Sioux Falls. The development company was Costello Realty and the property management company is Costello Property Management.



Inestimable Gift Cemetery gate restored

ALLEN - Recently Jared Hicks, as an Eagle Scout project coordinated the efforts to clean the Inestimable Gift Cemetery in Allen. His uncle Delbert Hicks, great-great-grandson of Rev. Amos Ross, spearheaded the restoration and installation of a new gate. Rev. Ross was a pastor at the church many years ago. The gate was restored as much as possible to its original image. Delbert was assisted by family and friends and was completed on Aug. 11. Those assisting were Kenny Rosane, Harvey Hicks, Mike Hicks, Jared Hicks, Harvey Noyes, Craig Howe, Ross Hicks, and Ryan Cuny.

PHOTO BY CONNIE SMITH BLANCO



Guess who these girls are

KYLE - The above photo was submitted by Delores Takes War Bonnett and was taken in the Kyle area.

Boy's golf season opens, Red Cloud 6th, Twiss 13th

HOT SPRINGS - Hot Springs high school hosted a pre-regional golf tournament at the Southern Hills Golf Course on Tuesday, Mike Twiss, Red Cloud junior, finished with an 89 leading the Crusaders to a sixth place in the team competition. Belle Fourche and Hot Springs tied for first with 342, Custer was third with 343, Lead-Deadwood 356, St. Thomas More 371, Red Cloud 415 and Bennett County 473.

Belle Fourche's Michael Mednansky took individual honors with a 76, Custer's Johnny Couch was second with 78 and Tyler Burr/BF, Casey Whitney/CU and Dan Schjodt/HS tied for third with 84. Red Cloud's team included Montana Sierra 96, Geoffrey Black Feather 115, Lyle Jack 115 and Dustin Brewer 121. Little Wound's lone golfer, Josh Mousseau scored a 90.

Red Cloud participates in the West River Invitational at the Hart Ranch on Thursday and at the Elks in Rapid City on Friday and hosts the Red Cloud Invitational on Aug. 21 in Gordon.

Dreamer, Garnett, Yellow Boy, Steele, Chief Eagle win fight debuts

STURGIS - The Pine Ridge Rez Rumblerz MMA club took their show on the road last Friday competing in the Busted Knuckle Fight Club's annual showdown at the Busted Knuckle Saloon. Chance Chief Eagle weighed in at 270 pounds for his match against 295 pound 6'5" biker known as Big Mike. Chance took Big Mike out in the third round with an eye-popping wicked right for his first win of his fight career.

"It was like watching a great white shark attacking a helpless baby seal," said Dave Michaud while watching Ruth Dreamer take out Angeline Parsons in 14 seconds, "this was Ruth's first competition and she came out on the fight and gave her opponent no chance of responding."

Dreamer watched an event earlier this year and decided that she would like to try it out. Parsons, from Paducah, Ken., was five inches taller and 20 pounds heavier than Dreamer but the edge with a capital E went to Dreamer.

Carl Garnett entered his first fight at 135 pounds and took out 170 pound John Wilkes of Las Vegas, Nev. in the third round with a guillotine choke hold. Eric Yellow Boy, another new Mixed Martial Arts(MMA) fighter for the Rez Rumblerz beating a local favorite from Newell in the third.

Josh Steele, a boxer, tried his hand at MMA also and won all three rounds against Pete Kilpatrick of Alberta, Canada. Sam Bravo lost in Rapid City last week and found himself paired up with undefeated Charley Buddah Stevens. Bravo took his frustration out on the Las Vegas fighter taking him out in the first round with a rear naked choke hold to end the fight. Arlin Rowland fought at 170 pounds and ahead in the match midway through the third period got sick from a stomach virus and lost out.

The club will have fighters participating in Ringwars 17 in Rapid City Sept. 15.



Dave "Bulldawg" Michaud, left, won the middleweight championship match in Ringwars 15 in Rapid City while Brandon Kills Small, right, won the welterweight division in Rapid City; photo courtesy of Rez Rumblerz.

Michaud, Lessert, Terkildsen excel in youth fun day rodeo

PINE RIDGE - The 15trh annual Youth Fun Day Rodeo was held Thursday, Aug. 2 as part of the 22nd annual Oglala Nation festivities, 65 youth participated in the fun day in a variety of activities in three divisions.

Dusti Michaud won three events and took third in another to win the senior all around, Taryn Lessert and Gusti Terkildsen each won two event to share all around honors.

Results include: Pee Wee Stickhorse poles-

1) Karlie Schreiner, 2)Jada Rouillard, 3)Echo Dawn Ecoffey 4) T'Lea Rouillard; Stickhorse flag-1)Kody Vocu, 2) Jada Rouillard, 3) Jacobie Knight, 4) T'Lea Rouillard; Stickhorse barrels-1) Jada Rouillard, 2) Echo Dawn Ecoffey, 3) Jadey Jo Ecoffey, 4) T'Lea Rouillard; Poles-1) Jimi Dawn Swallow, 2)Echo Dawn Ecoffey, 3) Summer Romero; Flag-1) Summer Romero; Barrels-1) Jimi Dawn wallow, 2) MelvinSwallow, 3) Ale Rama, 4) Summer Romero; Juniors Poles-1)Taryn Lessert, 2)Dalton Lessert, 3)Kade Bettelyoun, 4)Gusti Wynds Terkildsen; Keyhole-1)Gusti Wynds Terkildsen, 2)Taryn Lessert, 3)Francine Richards, 4)Dalton Lessert; Flag-1)Gusti Wynds Terkildsen, 2)Kade Bettelyoun, 3)Dalton Lessert, 4)Breanna Swallow; Barrels-1)Taryn Lessert, 2)Carlee DeWolfe, 3)Gusti Wynds Terkildsen, 4)Breanna Swallow;

Seniors Poles-1)Dusti Michaud, 2)Cody Ballhagen; Keyhole-1)Dusti Michaud, 2)Cody Ballhagen, 3)Nick Charging, 4) Kyle Reddy; Flag-1)Dustyi Michaud, 2)Cody Ballhagen; Barrels-1)Josey Johnson, 2)Sonya Romero, 3)Dusti Michaud, 4)Cody Ballhagen; Pop Race Juniors-1)Ale Rama, 2)Trenton Taylor, 3)Cody Vocu, 4)Jada Rouillard; Seniors-1)Cole Reddy, 2)Kyle Reddy, 3)Cruz Gibbons, 4)Kolten Vocu; Watermelon Race Pee wee-1)Ale Rama, 2)Breezy Witte, 3)Carlie Witte, 4)Trenton Taylor; Juniors-1)Cole Reddy, 2)Cruz Gibbons, 3)Gusti Terkildsen, 4)Dalton Lessert; Seniors-1)Ty Reddy, 2)Nick Charging, 3)Steven DeWolfe, 4)David Gibbons; Boot Scramble Peewee-1)Jama Twiss, 2)Cruz Gibbons, 3)Cody Vocu, 4)Ale Rama; Senior-1)Cole Reddy, 2)Randy Witte, 34)Sonya Romero, 4)Tory Romero; Senior All Around Girl-Dusti Michaud; Senior All Around Boy Cody Ballhagen; Junior All Around Girl Taryn Lessert and Gusti Terkildsen Junior All Around Boy Dalton Lessert; Pee wee All Around Girl Jada Rouillard; Pee Wee All Around Boy Kody Vocu; Hard Luck Cowgirl Jamie Richards and Hard Luck Cowboy Adriano Rama.



Adriano Rama, son of Matt Rama and Mickey Alcanter, was chosen for the Hard Luck Cowboy award during the OST Youth Fun Day Rodeo; photo courtesy of Marissa O'bryan.

Richard George Ecoffey was honored for years of service to the Oglala Nation Youth Rodeo.

Sponsors for the event included: OST Youth Shelter, OST Health Administration, Modern Farm Equipment/Gordon, Farmer's Coop/Gordon, Norton's Hardware/ Rushville, Gordon Country Club, Bank of the West/Gordon, MSK Golf LLC, Pine Ridge Extension Service, RCS Construction, WhiteClay Grocery, Mercantile/Gordon, Dollar Store/Gordon, KSDZ Radio, KILI Radio and Bob and Anita Ecoffey, Antelope Creek Café.

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OST council

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charter as a whole," said Little Dog; "we have invited all the main players to the meeting on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, we would like to reach some consensus before the council meeting on Tuesday."

The council voted to send to the Bureau for Secretarial Election an ordinance to require the council to adopt a code of ethics within one year and require any amendments to go to a referendum vote; voted to increase the subcontract for construction of Route 41 and 16 from $4.7 million to 4.9 million and to increase self determination contract between OST Department of Transportation and the Bureau to $5.5 million; voted to rescind council requirement requiring council approval for programs and charters before applying or re-applying for grants and other funding from the federal, state, tribal governments or private entities; voted to have OST Treasurer close out bank accounts that the tribe no longer utilizes or needs and place the funds in the general fund; voted to request immediate inventory of Youth Opportunity Program; voted to raise council members travel line items for on reservation travel to $5,000 and off reservation travel to $5,000 and to amend indirect cost and general fund pool in the amount of $25,000 for travel to Washington D.C. and voted down proposed fines for elected officials who missed meetings and who were late to meetings and voted down a resolution that would have designated the Victims Assistance in Indian Country Program as the proper recipient of the Department of Justice Violence Against Women program grant.

The Council plans to meet at the casino on Wednesday, Aug. 22 to focus on the public safety charter and the code of ethics, on Thursday, Aug. 23 to look at the OST Human Resources department and on Tuesday, Aug. 28 to look at the charter of the Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing..

Being a foster grandparent can make a difference in the life of a child

HOT SPRINGS - A new school year is about to start. Some of the children will be anxious to get back again. Many enjoy the challenge and excitement of learning new things. What about the children who struggle in school both academically and/or socially? Teachers try very hard to make children feel comfortable in the school environment, but students who have struggled in earlier years have a hard time believing that this year will be any different. This is where volunteers with the Foster Grandparent Program can really make a difference.

Imagine being a kid who is struggling with reading, dreading another school year. As you walk in the door, who is waiting for you inside the classroom but a grandma or grandpa type person just waiting to help you with a successful year? This is a person who is willing to give their time so you will feel the joy of learning in school; someone who could be fishing, knitting, playing cards or a million other things instead of helping you, but they chose you. Do you think that would change your attitude towards school?

The Foster Grandparent Program has already changed the lives of many children in the exact scenario as above. Foster Grandparents have been seen with many a joyful tear as the students they work with reach grade level performance and beyond. If you are 60 years of age or more, physically able, and would be willing to give 15 or more hours a week in a classroom, center based Head Start, or a non-profit daycare, you could be one who finds immeasurable joy knowing you helped a child break through the struggles to experience success in school.

Foster Grandparents receive a small, tax-free stipend which covers the costs of volunteering as well as mileage reimbursement. They receive training, orientation, earn vacation and sick time and recognition. Foster Grandparents also make many new friends at one-a-month trainings with their peers. T hey share experiences and tips to help each other in their respective assignments. The director and coordinator is a constant support to them by answering questions or concerns. You are needed, so please consider being a Foster Grandparent for the coming school year. You can call Darbi Cram at 1-877-613-4016, 347-4467 or Deb Russell at 745-3408 for more information or an enrollment form.

Community Calendar

Government contracting workshop

Entrepreneurship to Government Contractor training Monday, Aug. 20 from 9 a.m to 5 p.m. at the Cheyenne River College Center, free, for information call Bill at 303 971-8732.

Housing/Community meeting

Monday, Aug. 20 at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge at 5:30 p.m.

OLC Bookstore Distribution

Monday, Aug. 20 in Porcupine 9 a.m.-12 noon, Wounded Knee 1:30-4 p.m., LaCreek 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 21 Oglala 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Pass Creek in Allen 9 a.m.-12noon, Wakpamni in Batesland 1-3 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 22 in Pine Ridge 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 23 in Pine Ridge 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Eagle Nest in Wanblee 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 24 at He Sapa in Rapid City 9:30am-4pm and Monday, Aug. 27 at He Sapa 9:30am-3 p.m. and Cheyenne River in Eagle Butte 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., for information call 455-6075.

Rosebud Fair Triathlon

Wednesday, Aug. 22 in Rosebud at the RST Diabetes Prevention building, registration at 8:30am with individual and team competition in 10 mile bike ride, 250 yard swim and three mile run, for information call 747-4600.

Releasing of the Spirit Ceremony

Saturday, Aug. 25 for Thomas Crow starting about noon at the Andrea Reddest residence, four miles of Potato Creek housing, red and yellow flags on left side of highway, for information call Alma 455-1230 or JoAnn 791-0555 or 381-3986.

Girl Scouts celebrate at pow wows

Saturday, August 25 at Rosebud Sioux Tribe pow wow in Rosebud and Saturday, September 1 at the Cheyenne River Sioux Labor Day Celebration in Eagle Butte, visit our booth and make beaded bracelets, turtle rattles, journals and trail mix snacks, for information call Debbie 800-658-3391.

Lakota Winyan slowpitch SB tourney

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 24-26 in Rosebud in conjunction with 131st Rosebud Fair, Wacipi and Rodeo, for information call Donna 747-2297, ext. 235 or Dee at 208-4028.

Crow Creek Tribal School

Dorms open Sunday, Aug. 26 at 12 noon and school starts Monday, Aug. 27, for information call 1 800 370-7908, Middle School 852-2416 or High School 852-2258.

Red Cloud School first day

School starts for Red Cloud Elementary, Our Lady of Lourdes and new students and freshman at Red Cloud high school on Monday, Aug. 27 and returning students at the high school on Tuesday, Aug. 28, for information call 867-5491

Co-ed softball tourney

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 1 p.m.-3 p.m. in Porcupine, 12 team tournament, for information call Steve at 441-8686.

Men's Fastpitch Tourney

Porcupine Labor Day Men's Fastpitch Softball Tournament, 12 team, double Elimination, August 31-Sept. 3 at Porcupine School ballfield, for information call Elgin 441-2521, Alsie 288-0097 or Dasey 867-5446.

Honoring Veterans Wacipi

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19 and 20 at the W.H. Lyons Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls with an exhibition on Friday at 1 p.m. and grand entries on Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., for information call 334-4060 or 800 658-4797.

Cangleska to receive $750,000

KYLE -Cangleska, Inc. will receive a $750,000 federal grant to decrease violent crime in the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and strengthen the tribe's authority to prosecute violent offenders. The funding comes through the Department of Justice's Reduce Violence Against Women Grants to Tribal Governments Program said Sen. Tim Johnson, (D-SD).

"This funding will create more resources for Oglala women who may be experiencing domestic violence. Cangleska's efforts on the Pine Ridge Reservation and around Rapid City have already offered a safe place for women, it is my hope this funding will continue that work and expand the help available to victims of domestic violence." Johnson said.

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OPINION PAGE

Words from the 'trenches'

Healthy lessons in stolen muffins



Connie Smith-Blanco

I thought I had heard everything about healthy living and eating (and thinking) but the ladies at the Indian Health Service Diabetes Program, and the other wellness programs they partnered with last week, were still able to teach this old dog a few new tricks. They got together in the middle of a grocery store in Pine Ridge, and created a really unique, fun, learning experience.

Amanda and I arrived in the afternoon with camera and notebook in hand and after being greeted and signed in we were handed a survey and a pencil and whisked away on their magical tour with adults and children of all ages.

It was a tour of eye-opening demonstrations, facts, and easy to remember and understand visual presentations.

Each participating program had a small table filled with healthy ideas and alternatives to high fat and sugar filled foods that are so easy to buy and give to ourselves and our families.

The tour showed participants that healthy choices don't have to be boring or expensive and could really make a difference in your health.

We started off learning to make real fruit smoothies that were could be made with fresh, frozen or canned fruit and they tasted delicious.

We moved on to demonstrations of the high fat and sugar content in everyday fast food items like whoppers, French fries, Indian tacos. We could clearly see how much fat and sugar were in some of these foods because they used clear baggies labeled to show the fat and salt accumulation and that looked pretty fatty to me. They compared a healthy alternative food with their results marked on it's baggie with the baggie of unhealthy food results. Seeing them side by side showed us what these foods put into our bodies.

We learned that lean hamburger is the healthier thing to buy and cook. But if you can't afford it the alternative is to rinse the meat in hot water 'before' cooking it and afterward drain the remaining fat and throw it away.

Chips were not so bad if you make the right choice to buy baked chips instead of fried. There were examples of baked chips and crackers that were just as delicious as their fried cousins. The ugly baggies of fat and sugar showed up at the cooking oil table, showing us the evil of lard and butter. I learned if the cooking grease is hard at room temperature it's also hard on your heart and your body. We were shown plenty of examples of healthier choices like vegetable and olive cooking oil.

We learned to read labels and discover what is really in some of the food that we buy and take for granted is nutritious for our families.

Reading food labels and understanding their meaning can mean life or death if you're someone with diabetes.

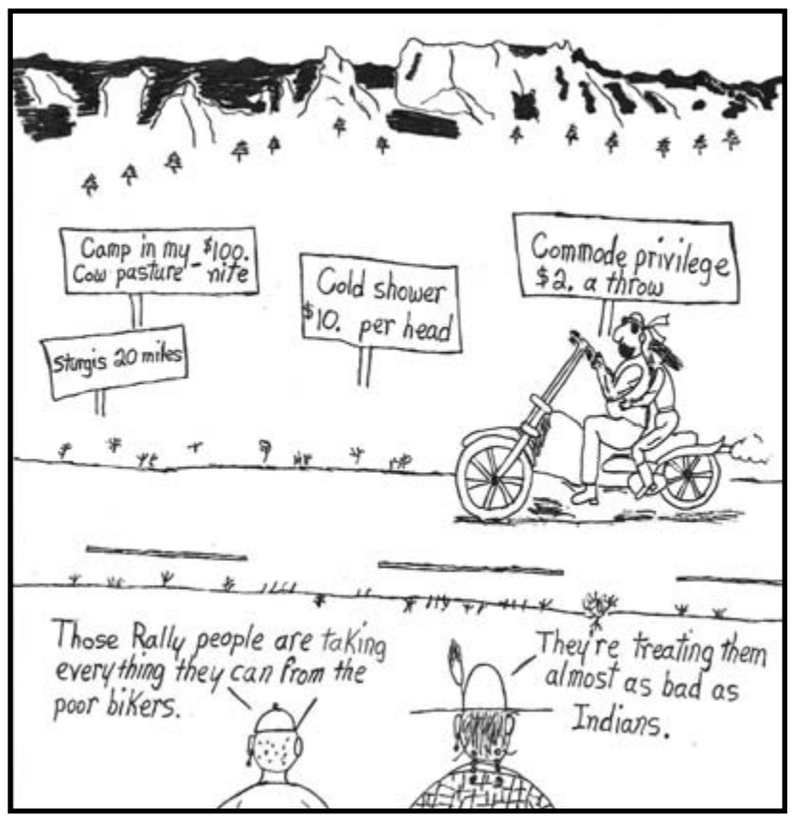
Highly processed and sugared breakfast cereals were shown to be taboo but again we saw healthy alternatives that children and adults would find tasty.

Two big eye openers was seeing all the sugar in regular soda and learning correct portion sizes as well as what goes in those portions. Pick a plate no larger than a paper plate and divide it in half, with vegetables or salad filling the top half. Divide the bottom half with equal portions of meat and fruit.

Amanda and I enjoyed learning about whole grains and selecting healthy bread for our families.

We learned another lesson too, whole grain muffins are delicious! We liked the muffins so much I grabbed one for each of us to try. As we whispered about how delicious they were, the nutritionist explained to the children nearby that she cooked 'many' muffins so that she could cut them into smaller portions for everyone to enjoy. We finished the last of our stolen muffins, and for the record, those were really great tasting whole grain muffins!

We returned our surveys and were rewarded with more goodies, but this time we waited for the goodies to be handed to us. Never be embarrassed about learning new healthy eating habits, just ask us, here in the trenches.



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Finding My Voice

Oprah: life has to be easy when you have money



Dana Badmilk

Oh Oprah...I have criticized you in the past...mainly for giving advice on parenting....when you have no kids.

And marriage...when you are not.

And heartbreak...when you are happy.

And life, dieting, dress, make-up, pets...everything under the moon you know about. You probably know if a cow really jumped over the moon.

Anyway I apologize for my critique in the past of your life.

I mean...I can't hold it against you that you know EVERYTHING!

I mean...

HELLO!

For real real, if I had a handsome man like yours....why marry him? He isn't going nowhere.

Not when you have a gaboobazillion dollars.

Shoot it must be easy to tell people how to diet, eat right, and exercise...when you have your own personal chef, personal trainer, and life coach. Can't forget the golden Nikes.

Must be easy to tell people that if you feel good on the inside...you look great....especially when you have your own hair stylist and make-up artist.

And the way your yappy little pups have their own nanny...can't be much different than kids. Go ahead and tell people how to raise their kids!

And tell us how to shop and "save" money on a skirt that is only $300.00. I mean seriously, I know your personal shopper must know where all the bargains are. (By the way, this would be my dream job. I can hit every clearance rack at every discount store and being the true Lakota woman I am...I have ended up at more than one birthday party thinking it was a yard sale because of the balloons.)

Tell us to have self esteem like you. I mean after all your magazine has been going for well over 5 years and not one other person has ever been on the cover....except.....you.

Life has got to be good and easy when you have a gaboobazillion dollars. So go on with your bad self...tell us how to live it to the fullest.

Just can't guarantee I will listen.

Cuz I got like $20 I have to plan my next three meals on for four kids.

Dana Badmilk is a 35 year old self employed artist who recently moved back to the Pine Ridge Reservation. She lives there with her husband and four children. She can be read at her blog here http://danasvoice.blogspot.com.

Northern Perspectives

Lessons learned from brother Carl



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

There were seven of us brothers and coming from a family of ten we were immensely proud that we were all intact despite living on the Rosebud for all of these years.

The statistics have been dismal when it comes to per capita income, deaths from motor vehicle accidents, unemployment, etc. Well, you know the story.

We managed to stay intact and alive up until a couple of years ago, when brother Harvey died.

Last week our second to the oldest brother, Carl, died in Farmington, N.M. We are down to the eight of us and the rule of depletion is starting to apply to us.

What was most interesting is that Carl sent each one of us a form letter in which he lectured us about the need to get along as a family and not to be so sensitive dated July 20.

He said that we all needed to get along and if we did not, then something bad might happen to one of us.

I don't know how much of a coincidence his letter was, but Carl's passing or spiritual journey happened much to close to the date of the letter for my comfort.

Our family grew up during the very tough economic times of the 1950s and social turmoil of the 1960s and emotionally we just did not bond very well. We were also a product of the stoicism that seemed to characterize Lakota people of early generations.

Some of it was due to the missionary influence as we never learned to be touchy feely as they say.

In his later years, I believe Carl was reaching out to his family to try to retrieve or experience some of that emotional bonding and intimacy that we all never experienced as a family unit.

It was funny though, as Carl did not like crowds or would never lead the family in celebrations of holiday dinners, but it seems like it was something he longed for as evidenced by his letter. One time I and Beaux invited him for lunch because he helped us haul a metal gate but he never showed.

Having grown up in a rough and tumble way, that lifestyle carried over into his adult life and I have to say that Carl was the kind of guy who would take all of us on an emotional roller coaster ride. He was my mother's favorite son, I believe, and his wake and funeral was a very trying experience for the whole family, especially our mother.

As they say, parents should never be put into a situation where they are burying their children.

It is too much of a strain on parents when that occurs and I hope never to be put in that predicament.

Farewell, Carl Dwayne, you taught a lesson in death that we may or may not heed, but nevertheless your legacy and good memories will never die.

Dr. Archie Beauvais, (Sicangu) earned his Doctor of Education (Ed.D) degree from Harvard University and currently works as the director of the Lakota language preservation project for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Functionally fluent in the Lakota language, Dr. Beauvais continues to pursue a professional interest that is forever enlightening.

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Other Views

Time to dispel corruption

Dear Editor:

The time has finally come to address and dispel the corruption that exists in our society when nobody says anything, everybody seems to stray, even if it is at the expense of another. Some may feel they will get away with it, but they never do!

Every summer we celebrate with pow wows, family gatherings, or just common social practices. Yet, even these sacred customs have failed to become the epitome of our identity not prosperity. Anymore our Lakota customs have become that of legendary exhibits, displayed for money and prestige. Ask any dancer, what is the story they are telling with their dance?

With this world forever spiraling down, it seems ignorance has enabled character to become somewhat of a hypocrite. And to top it off, our society exhibits prejudice and animosity towards one another. Our prejudices are not racial, because we tend to give to others before we think of our family.

God our father advised our grandfathers of old that we needed to quit being so insatiable or we would become a loathsome society. Including fighting amongst each other and spoiling our children. You have to wonder why grandmothers enable and pout so much.

People tend to not think things over, but just act, so procedure becomes a substantial tragedy. Others, may just go and do, just so the job is done, which usually will cost money to go back and repair. It is through these noticeable procedures, that only a few are involved, with thousands of others waiting for results. Sadly, relatives, favoritism and/or drinking partners are in place of these decisions. When questions are asked, you get barked at.

All and all, this is the reality and style tribal organizations function. Trumped up committees, and boards with all the same interest, power to control. Sadly, leadership is weak, so they walk and accountability is nil! Misappropriation is a norm. If

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Corruption

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you are part of it, or know something is wrong but let it go, you have a job. No ethics.

Tribal organizations under the I.R.A. government usually hire people that are very unsociable or incompetent, so that way they don't have any trouble with mismanagement. There are directors who hire family and relatives because of their illegal procedures. Even travel has been manipulated with program funds. Back in the 1700 and 1800s there was a book published concerning the I.R.A. government, and with all it sanctions it was stated that the Lakota had become an adultress tribe. Running off with soldiers and as a result the Lakota man getting killed.

Well, recently an investigation was done by some grass root Lakotas and this behavior still exists. Infidelity and illegitimacy are factor roles in this behavior.

And some have derived from relationships exposed in Tribal Programs. Really pitiful, yet babies being born and brought into a failing system where there is no good health and corrupted entities.

These, spoken of, may or may not exist in all the organizations, but surprisingly, only time will tell. The only good in this, which is not! The United States is fitting this bill, while they turn a blind eye to the cries.

Cries that will come back and haunt them through terrible pestilence. Same thing the I.R.A. government will suffer for turning a deaf ear to the people they should of served!

The only service that is done for the people of God, is the humility to endure the sadistic actions to our mothers on Treaty land, violating a legislative act of 1888 and 1933. Gross violations. Federal officials have turned a blind eye to all misappropriated dollars, this is done to cover up all the money pocketed to the Tribe. Who will be the scapegoat?

Applying for a job has become a manipulated pattern of how much you know, who you know, and how close are you related to the boss. We have seen how program directors have the final say as to who works and who doesn't. We've seen how they pushed out effectiveness to make room for immediate family members. In the same note, ethical workers have been terminated because of contention with mismanagement.

Although some were strong enough to walk away, and tell their story, sadly no one has been effective enough to fix these atrocities that exist in the I.R.A. government.

Inequity seems to be a pattern of norm, even in our educational systems. These organizations are also family run. What makes some people think they are God's gift to education. One particular school which needs mentioning, but I won't, have violated every atrocity spoken of. Student progress, as well as attendance can verify this. Corruption, nepotism, favoritism and once again illegitimacy have revolved around this program.

Money laundering, employee violations, need I go on? Mind you, there are good people that work and do their job. It's just the people in their offices that can't.

Our education organizations need to contend with state mandates.

As it is the governor stated he didn't want any dealings with the tribe.

Some of our officials have become dependant on them, so they go on. Our schools need to sit down and organize a curriculum that will be nationally and internationally approved. Think of all the advantages, the state can cram it!

Another very spiritual inequity is housing. Very critical area that has been mismanaged and misappropriated. And to save a few bucks, cheap labor. We have professional builders here in the tribe. Very accurate workers, but I have not seen them. Word is someone else got hired over the. A relative to someone in the housing. Look out your window you'll see them cruising by in a housing truck. OST Housing has now spent twice or thrice the amount on homes that have not passed inspection. When one worker was asked what the on-center of a partition was, they had no idea. When asked if they counter-sink their screws, they responded by "the counters are all glued." At least he knew something.

I know housing workers are not following codes. We got contractors that will even use weathered pipes to get the job done. A week later, busted pipes. Electrical wires, no conduits, so one spark, no home. It gets better! A lot of wasted material, so housing has to dig around for funding. They need accountability, not pity! There is a cover up in this program, so even homes have been misappropriated to committee family members, even to some with no income! If a tornado or tragedy happens, right away they will retaliate without ever knowing the reason why!

Looking back and taking on inventory of tribal housing and education, one can realize the sore cursing, they have inhibited toward the Lakota Society. Some of these families involved have seen the tragedy involved with family, but fail to see the reason why. Sadly they have taken life for granted through silly traditional practices. Must be a mental defect!

You have to ask yourself, "Is this selfishness worth my inheritance in God's Kingdom?" Why does one become so selfishly connected, even when it takes the health and lives of loved one. The I.R.A. government has so much to gain serving the great Sioux Nation, yet they promote bondage, which will not go well if it fails. See you later, cousin!

I never do see I.R.A officials going to the people for their needs.

They only use outdated census, which was never enough in the first place.

If everyone knew the statistics and how they were obtained, we'd have something to laugh about.

Spiritually speaking we are not getting anywhere. And if we do finally get there, it'll probably be all destroyed. If anyone knows about the final dispensation, they can relate with all the destruction arising everywhere.

The cold reality of dispensation is it will sneak up on you, or take you off guard if you don't know the signs to come. Because of inheritance our blood is stained on the land.

As Lakotas we suffered tremendously where we shouldn't have.

We are taken advantaged of on all levels of proficiency to establish a so called democratic government. Let's get real.

Reginald Little Killer
Kyle, S.D.

Notes From Indian Country

By any other name spin is still spin



By Tim Giago
(Nanwica Kciji)

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I don't know about you, but I am having a hard time distinguishing between "spin" and "euphemism." For example, the Bush Administration calls the rise in the number of troops in Iraq a "surge" and the mainstream media falls in line with this spin to parrot what is clearly an "escalation."

And then when another 20,000 troops are sent in at a later date they are referred to as "non-surge troops." Should the MSM have called this what it really is; further escalation? Does this mean that the "non-surge troops" are not in harms way?

The initial attack against the sovereign nation of Iraq was called a "pre-emptive strike." Wasn't this really an act of military aggression? If the press had been doing its job shouldn't it have asked the all-important question, "What was pre-empted?"

Now the Bush administration is saying that the surge is working. Did they determine this because fewer American soldiers and Marines were killed in the month of July than in the previous seven months of 2007? News stories report that 25, 50, or 100 Iraqis are dying by suicide bombers, or are dragged from their homes in the middle of the night and executed nearly every single day. According to an article in Newsweek, 1,652 civilians died in July alone. No matter how many Iraqis die is the surge still working?

The Bush Administration and the MSM call those attacking the American troops "insurgents." I believe that in any other war they would have been called "guerillas." And the mayhem they wreak on each other is called "secular violence." Shouldn't "secular violence" be called a "civil war?"

Americans have a strange way of using metaphors or euphemisms that are often racial in content. For instance, when someone does something outlandish they are said to be "off the reservation." As the American troops waited to start the attack against Saddam's troops in the first Gulf War, they looked out into the night at the vast desert in front of them and called it "Indian country."

When covering up a lie a white person puts his hand behind his back, crosses his fingers, and says, "honest Injun." The inference here is that all Indians are dishonest. When a white man lived with an Indian woman he was known as a "squaw man." If he lived with an Irish woman he wasn't called an "Irish man." I've seen the word "squaw" and "squaw man" used over and over in Western movies. To nearly every Native American woman in this country the word squaw is the equivalent of whore or worse. Squaw was often used by the white man as a reference to the private parts of an Indian woman.

The point I am trying to make here is that language can be used as an honest spin to cover a dishonest act, it can be used to make something that is a disaster appear to be a winning proposition or it can be used to make an escalation in warfare appear to be a push forward, a surge.

I think it is important for the mainstream media to look at the words presented to them by any administration, words often intended to put a spin on truth or reality, and analyze those words to determine their true meaning and then once that is done, totally refrain from using them in news stories because when you do, you are lending credence to words of deception.

If a surge is an escalation, or secular violence is civil war and a pre-emptive strike is an unwarranted attack upon another nation, say so and please stop being a tool for those who would use words to promote an unjust cause. Get some spine.

I think the word "spin" was created by the advertising agencies, but its method was too readily picked up by politicians looking for ways to bend the truth. Its continued use and growth casts a bad reflection upon this country. What does America stand for? In the movie Judgment at Nuremberg, Spencer Tracy, in the role of the judge describes America as a land that honors, "Justice, truth and the value of a single human being." How far has America wandered from those ideals in the name of spin?

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Canning Workshop

Wednesday, Aug. 22 at the Eagle Nest college center in Wanblee from 10 a.m. until finished, beets, green beans, pickles, etc., for information contact Benny Rosales, OLC Agriculture/Natural Resources Department at 455-6109.

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Law suit filed against IHS doctor for sexual contact

SIOUX FALLS (AP) - A civil lawsuit filed in 2005 by a Pine Ridge woman accusing an Indian Health Services doctor of sexual contact is moving closer to trial.

Tamara Star Comes Out, who also goes by Tamara Starr, brought the complaint in against Dr. Mohammad Ahsan of Ohio.

The other original defendant, VISTA Staffing Solutions Inc. of Salt Lake City, has since been removed from the case filed in U.S. District Court in Rapid City. VISTA provided Ahsan to the hospital as a temporary physician.

Star Comes Out said she went to the IHS hospital in Pine Ridge Nov. 24, 2004, seeking treatment for abdominal pain.

During an examination, Ahsan pulled up her blouse and touched her inappropriately, questioned if she was married and had children and asked if she would return to see him, according to the lawsuit.

"The physical touching by defendant Ahsan was not related to any legitimate medical purpose, nor was it necessary for treatment or diagnosis by plaintiff," the complaint states.

Star Comes Out was "disturbed and upset, she felt like crying and felt 'dirty,' and had difficulty sleeping," according to the document. The incident caused her to have bouts of crying, anxiety, nightmares, nausea and loss of appetite, it stated.

The four-count complaint accuses Ahsan of battery and intentional infliction of mental distress and seeks financial compensation, punitive damages and other costs, all to be determined at a jury trial.

Lawyers received a sixth delay in the case last month but the motion indicates they are nearly done taking the depositions needed for the lawsuit to proceed, including several from IHS employees taken in June.

Attorneys have until October to file all motions.

Sandra Black Bear candidate for RST vice president

ROSEBUD - Sandra Black Bear, who comes from a well-known and prominent family on the Rosebud reservation has announced her intention to run for the office of the vice-president of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. The RST primary election will be held on Aug. 23.

Black Bear's parents are the late Ben W. Black Bear, Sr. and Iva M. Lone Dog Black Bear. As a lifelong resident on the Rosebud she has a vested interest in the welfare of the people and her personal history and involvement at home would fill volumes.

She has worked in the educational system since 1974 and her places of employment include, Rosebud Elementary, St. Francis High School and middle school, Parmelee Head Start Woksape Woihanble center where she watched as the 2006-07 class graduated. She was also employed at Sinte Gleska University for ten years.

As a traditional Lakota woman, Black Bear practices wowaunsila, being compassionate and helpful, as well as wawokiye - using generosity everyday.


Sandra Black Bear

She also possesses woksape - the wisdom of knowing and understanding the needs of people through being a good listener. She said, "I can find answers. I worked in the Kindle administration from 1999-2003 and was chosen because of my communication skills with the Lakota Oyate."

Black Bear sincerely believes that her education, experience and Lakota way of life will be useful to the people. She said, "I can help my people in a neutral and positive way. I raised 11 children and also have many grandchildren. I care about what happens here on the reservation and I would like to be a part of creating a better place."

She has traveled the world over and has a lot of ideas for making tribal governance better and more responsive to the needs of the oyate. She said, "I would like to ask for your support and vote. Wopila tanka. Mita kuyepi cante waste ya iyuha nape ciyuzapi."

As someone with a very good combination of education, experience and who understands the Lakota way, Black Bear promises to use her fluency in the Lakota language to relate to the Sicangu Lakota as she seeks elected office.

Graham asks high court to hear AIM slaying case

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) _ The Canadian man fighting extradition to South Dakota for the 1975 slaying of an American Indian Movement activist wants his country's Supreme Court to hear his case.

John Graham, a Yukon native, was taken into custody in June after a British Columbia judge denied his appeal of an order that he be sent to the United States to stand trial.

Graham had been under house arrest since he was charged in December 2003 with first-degree murder in the killing Anna Mae Pictou Aquash on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in late 1975. Her body was found Feb. 24, 1976. The Nova Scotia native had been shot in the head.

Aquash's murder came amid a series of clashes in the mid-1970s between federal agents and members of the American Indian Movement. Aquash, a member of Mi'kmaq Tribe of Canada, was among Indian militants who occupied Wounded Knee, S.D., for 71 days in 1973.

Prosecutors have said AIM leaders ordered Aquash's killing because they suspected she was a government informant. AIM leaders have denied that assertion.

The other man charged with killing Aquash, Fritz Arlo Looking Cloud, received a mandatory life sentence in 2004 after a federal jury in Rapid City convicted him of first-degree murder committed in the perpetration of a kidnapping. A federal appeals court upheld the conviction.

Witnesses at Looking Cloud's trial testified that Graham shot Aquash, whose family exhumed her body in 2004 from her grave in Oglala and reburied it in Nova Scotia.

Graham has said he's innocent, but the Canadian judge who issued the written ruling in June disagreed.

Graham filed an application seeking leave to appeal the court's order that he be extradited.

He has until Sept. 25 to submit written arguments and documents showing he should be allowed to appeal to the Supreme Court, said Deborah Strachan, a prosecuting attorney acting for the Attorney General of Canada on behalf of the United States.

The government then has 30 days to respond. A panel of three Canadian Supreme Court judges will then decide whether Graham will be allowed to appeal, which usually takes about three months.

If the panel denies Graham's request to appeal, he could be extradited as early next year. If Graham is allowed to appeal to Canada's Supreme Court, the case would likely continue for another year, Strachan said.

Emergency conservation program available

MARTIN - Shannon County has been approved for the Emergency Conservation Program. This program assists with emergency livestock water due to drought conditions. This program involves cost shares for implementing water practices such as wells, tanks, pipelines (both temporary and permanent) and water hauling.

While the county has been approved to take applications, currently no money is available to fund any practices. This means that the FSA County Office will take applications from Shannon County producers and then the County Committee will prioritize the requests for assistance when and if funding becomes a reality.

A 20 day sign up has been approved. As a result, the sign up period will run until Sept. 4. It is important to get in to the Bennett/Shannon FSA County Office in Martin as quick as possible to apply. This is especially true if you have completed a conservation practice due to the drought.

It is important to note this program is not an entitlement program where all applicants could earn benefits. Each application will be reviewed by the Committee and prioritized for possible funding. In other words, NO GUARANTEE of funding for applicants under ECP.

Also, the small payment rules are in effect - this means losses have to exceed $1000 to be eligible under the ECP program. If you have any questions and/or need information call 605-685-1239.

Oglala Sioux Tribal Council to meet

Special Session on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 22 and 23 at Prairie Wind Casino dealing with Code of Ethics and Public Safety charter on Tuesday and human resources department on Wednesday and Tuesday, Aug. 28 at Prairie Wind Casino dealing with Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing Charter, for information call Elizabeth 867-5821 ext. 268.

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Rez Happenings

Freshman screening-PRHS
Monday through Friday Aug. 13-17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, for more information call 867-5145.

Sports Physicals
Friday, Aug. 17 in Allen 12 noon to 3:30 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 20 and 21 in Pine Ridge 3:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 23 in Porcupine 4-7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 24 in Allen 12:30-3:30 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 27, 28 in Pine Ridge 3:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 29 in Manderson 4-7 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 4, 5 in Pine Ridge from 3:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 6 in Porcupine 4-7 p.m.; for information call 867-3006 in Pine Ridge, 867-5431 in Manderson, 867-1207 in Porcupine and 455-2440 in Allen.

Shannon County Schools registration
Monday through Thursday, August 13-16 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., classes begin Monday, August 27.

Farmers/Ranchers information meeting
Thursday, August 16 at Prairie Wind Casino from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., "Helping the Land Help the People" is the theme of the one day meeting sponsored by OST Land Office and Aphis Program featuring noxious weeds, range managing development, water sourcing cost share programs and pesticide application training, for information call 867-5305 or 455-1362

Economic Development Summit
Thursday, Aug. 16 at the Suanne Big Crow Boys and Girls Club in Pine Ridge starting at 9am, Economic Development Information Summit, for information call Courtney at 867-1265 or 867-6178.

Fort Thompson Youth Rodeo
Friday, Aug. 17 in Fort Thompson with three divisions 0-5, 6-12 and 13-18, for information call Hannah 245-2530

Bull-O-Rama
Saturday, Aug. 18 in Fort Thompson at 6 p.m., for information call 245-2937 or 682-9177

Freshman Screening
Pine Ridge high school, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 16 and 17 looking at each student's reading and math development, for information call 867-5145, 455-6526 or 867-1775

Free week at SuAnne center
Thursday and Friday, Aug. 16 and 17 at the SuAnne Big Crow Boy's and Girl's Club east of Pine Ridge for ages 7-12, for information call 867-1011

Bear Creek Pow wow
Friday-Sunday, Aug. 17-19 at Bear Creek with grand entry set for Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., for information contact Isaac 685-6025.

48th Annual Medicine Root Fair and Pow wow
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17-19 in Kyle with grand entries 7 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, daily meals provided, breakfast, lunch and supper, for information call Linda or Dorothy at 455-6174

Volleyball Jamboree
Friday, August 17 at 9 a.m. at Red Cloud School for those who would like to learn more about volleyball or become an official, sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association, for information call] Jen Schaer at 867-5491, ext. 506

Our Lady of Lourdes registration
For Kindergarten and first grade, Friday, Aug. 17 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., for information call 867-2801

Veteran's meeting
Friday, Aug. 17 at Prairie Wind Casino, all post commanders and veterans invited with District 13 Commander Lavern Boes in attendance

Medicine Root Parade
Saturday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m. with registration in Little Wound School parking lot with categories of traditional/cultural, most beautiful, humorous and youth, for information call Audrey at 441-3988 or Lori at 455-6150

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Opening Sunday, Aug. 19 with first day of school at Todd County set for Monday, Aug. 20 and at St. Francis Monday, Sept. 10, fro information call 856-4486 or 877 742-2648.

Housing/Community meeting
Monday, Aug. 20 at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge at 5:30 p.m.

ASK ANNA

Psychic ~ Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I have a lot of stuff on my mind and feel like nobody understands because when I think about it I think I'm just plain out insecure. I mean why am I feeling like this?

First of all I'm only in high school but I think I'm so in love but me and my boyfriend argue so much and when it comes down to breaking up we just can't do it. I mean I love him so much but my mom says that we are getting too serious and we shouldn't be acting like that.

My mom said that I'm going through the same stuff that she went through for 20 something years and yet I'm still in high school and I'm going through it.

I mean I notice it and I would like to take action and snap out of this high school romance. I don't want to break up with him because when he tells me that he loves me, he looks me right straight in the eye. And I can't do the same because it's hard for me to look people in the eye and say something that I mean, that's just not me. I guess all I want to know is this love for real or is it just another one of those high school things?

I don't like feeling like this because it makes me feel like I need some counseling, I mean I'm still in high school and yet I feel like I want to be with this guy for the rest of my life. I just need some real advice and not just another chew out by some adult who says "oh yea I been through that, you guys will get over it..."

I just don't want my heart broken again because that's not a nice thing to go through and how do I get rid of my insecurity? How can I make my boyfriend understand some things?

And please don't tell me the same stuff you told me last time. That just made me feel even worse, how can I get over the past? I have a strong feeling that I'll be going through this for awhile plus school's going to be starting and my boyfriend just has to be so damn girl crazy, last year he made me feel like one ugly duckling and made my self-esteem go down to it's lowest, so is he going to do that again?

But I'm going to go now because it's really late, so please tell me something good.

Dear wants to hear something good:

It's good that you know that the relationship is out of whack. It is good that you are honest with your obsession of this guy. It is good that you are young.

I am not going to tell you that you are not in love because that would be a presumption that I cannot make for you.

I can tell you that when you really look at this guy, and see him flirt, which is nothing less than showing no respect for you as a woman, then you have to reassess who it is you are in love with.

I can tell you something else. Practical words: young men have so much testosterone coursing through their veins that they will say anything to get laid. They will tell you they love you, and that they will spend the rest of their lives with you, that they want you to have their baby, that they want to take care of you, whatever they need to say little lady to get into your pants.

Love is in the action of loving. It is kind, generous, respectful and honorable. It is quiet and forceful and the most powerful emotion in the world. But it is not demanding, petulant (whiny), and demeaning.

When a man demeans me and our relationship by pursuing other women, when he talks down to me or embarrasses me in front of others, when he raises his voice to me in anger then I know he is not in love with me no matter what he says.

I know that he doesn't even like me, and I don't want to be with anybody no matter how I think I feel about him, that doesn't even like me and is not proud to be with me.

Don't set yourself up for heart break. Look how he treats you. That says a lot more than a man with just sex on his mind.

Good Luck! I hope I helped you find your way. Honesty with self beats all the rationalizations in the world!

Dear Anna,

How are you today? I hope you're doing good. Well for me I'm okay.

I just wanted to write you another letter and ask you some questions that I would like to know the answers to.

I hope you can help me out and fill me in on some answers.

First of all my Grandpa died years ago but before he died he buried some coins out on his land and spent many years looking for them, he could not remember the exact spot. My family and I went out to his land, two summers now, looking for them but had no luck in finding them. Do you see us finding them any time soon? If so, do you see the vicinity of these coins? And will these coins help my family in any way? We dug in several different spots but found nothing. Are we digging in the right area?

Second of all I like to travel and do new things. I want to learn more about other cultures and countries.

Do you see me going on any trips out of the country next summer? And if so do you see me finding money for this trip? Will it be a good experience for me?

Well that.s all for now so thank you for you time and I hope you could help me out.

Diggin' for Coins

Dear Diggin'

It really helps to have a metal detector. I hope you have one to use. I do see the area where the money was hidden a long time ago:

There is a large boulder or rock about 25 yards from where he dug the hole. The boulder is located about three and one half miles from the fence line close to where you have been digging. There were some bushes and shrubs in that area a long time ago, but now there is nothing but tall grass. There may be the remainder of a tree very close to where you should dig. Dig deep, because the wind has changed the depth of the soil.

If you want to see other countries, continue in school until you graduate, then look into the Peace Corps.

They specialize in small rural areas in third world countries in the heart of indigenous people.

Good Luck on the digging and the trip.

Dear Anna,

Since discovering your column over the internet, I've been enlightened by much of the advice you provide to the multitudes of readers. I am honored to be one of those who have found admiration in your insight.

Here is my inquiry: I have been married for 16 years and I have four children with my husband. Though I am Native (Lakota) my spouse (Latino) is not.

Though I have always believed that our differences have not bothered me, with a recent issue, I now have doubts.

Within the past year, or so, I have met a man through work that I have much in common with, the most substantial is that he is also Native (Lakota) as well.

We communicate a lot over the phone and by email. He has met and knows my husband as well as me.

Somewhere along our discussions, I had developed feelings for this man. And judging by some of the innuendos, this man may have feelings for me. The bad thing is that my husband found out about my feelings because he read my journal. When my husband asked, I told him the truth. Expectedly, this caused problems between my husband and the co-worker.

They don't get along,which is understandable.

Talking to my friends about this, they are good to advise me to continue with the marriage and forget about the coworker.

The thing is, my feelings for this co-worker are very strong and I can't stop thinking about him, or the things he has told me. I also can't help but to consider how much we have in common.

His influence over me is very strong, and though I've resisted temptation, I wonder if in the future I'll be able to continue to resist. So my question(s) is/are, how can I forget about this co-worker? If I am doubting my marriage to a non-Native, what can I do? I feel that if the opportunity presents itself, I would greatly consider leaving my husband for my co-worker.

Since I hold your advice with great depth and insight, I welcome and appreciate your words of wisdom.

Thanks for providing wonderful perspective for people like me.

Confused About Relationships

Dear Confused:

I don't know how wise I am, but I sure can recognize the ingredients for your confusion.

You have found out a truth about yourself. You would prefer the company of someone that truly understands the Spirit of Lakota compared to someone that doesn't.

Now, for the brass tacks. Brass tack one: If this man (the co-worker) was a woman and there was no sexual attraction would you leave your marriage for the friendship?

Brass tack two:

Are you unhappy in your marriage? Do you feel alone inside of it? Do you use the disparity in culture to belittle or demean what you think about your husband? In other words, do you blame him for not understanding?

Brass tack three:

Are you looking for an excuse to exit your marriage? Do you really need one?

Ouch. Those tacks hurt. This is what I see: You have an allegiance to your husband. You do not want to hurt him and you do care about him and his feelings.

You have a soul resonance with the co-worker. You can feel him. This makes life complicated.

There is no easy answer. It is not going to hurt you to be friends with the co-worker. Take it out of the dream state and put it right in front of yourself.

Open your eyes, heart and mind to the truth. There is no guarantee that this man would be with you for the rest of your life. There is no guarantee that he would understand your family and your children. There is no guarantee that it will work.

Now, where are you?

Is it this man or is it your marriage? Take a good long look.

Please don't make any decisions until a year has passed.

Then, if you still feel that another man is the answer to your problems, take action.

My heart goes out to you. It is not easy to be wed to a person that sees life differently, and does not, because of culture, have the same reference point for attitudes. It makes marriage a challenge.

However, it is not insurmountable.

A kind and open loving heart can bridge any differences: cultural, language, religious, social and economic. It just takes a decision to get through it and two open minds and hearts.

Dear Anna,

Hope all is going well for you.

I saw you about two weeks ago and I know you told me to hold off on my "wandering eye" but there is this guy whom I'm interested in. I was wondering if he felt the same?

I keep having these dreams of my partner with another woman, is this just because I feel the need to "stray." Please lead me toward the right direction.

Need Advice

Dear Needs Advice:

Try this on for size: Stay where you are until you make a decision not to be there. If you have an affair, you will be caught, your life will be hell, your family will be angry, you will be embarrassed, and everything appears from every one else's point of view to be your fault. It will jeopardize the custody of your children.

So, if you want out, then, get out. You will then be available to date anybody that you want to.

To involve someone else in your marriage, possibly get him assaulted, possibly get yourself assaulted by some woman that is with him, and create that kind of chaos is just silly and a little crazy. Try a calmer method.

Make a decision to be present in your current relationship or to leave it. Then, if you decide to stay in your current partnership, be honorable and treat him honorably.

One of the Basic Lakota Values.

If you leave, then do as you will. That is what single is.

Good luck and blessings to you.

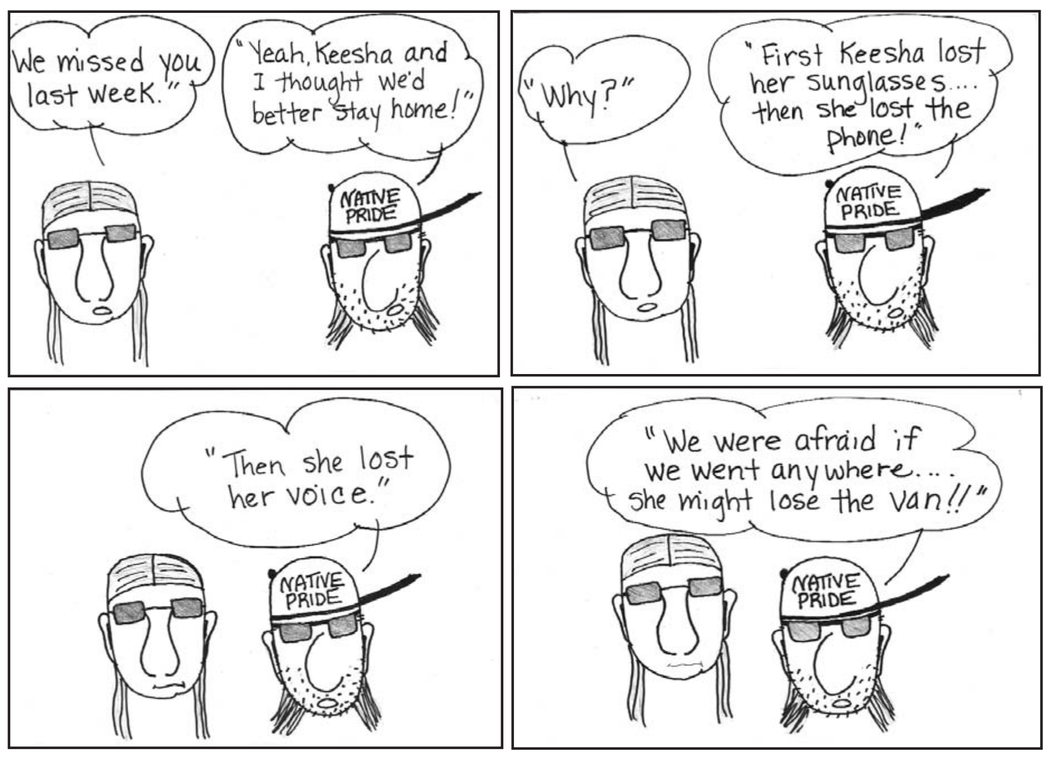
You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

All requests may be subject to publication.

Clearly mark Ask Anna on your request. This column is meant for entertainment purposes only.

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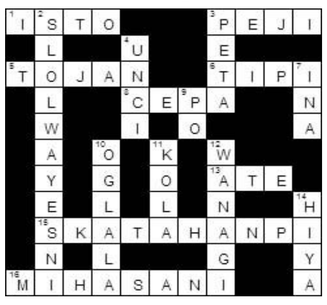


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Dennis Russell Janis, 33.....Pine Ridge
Violet Good Bear, 63.....Eagle Butte
Christopher LaClaire, infant.Cherry Creek



Dennis Russell Janis

PINE RIDGE - Dennis Russell Janis, 33, died Aug. 5 in Rapid City. His death is under investigation. He was born May 29, 1974 to Oliver P. Janis and Helen Y. Jamison in Pine Ridge.

He was born during the Wounded Knee 1973 trials in which his grandmother Gladys Spotted Bear was an active member of the occupation.

Dennis Banks and Russell Means are his name sake as they are good friends of his parents and grandmother.

Dennis was proud of who he was - Dennis lived in Minneapolis, Minn. when he was a baby and grew up in Pine Ridge. He attended Wolf Creek Elementary School and was active in sports and excelled academically. He won the State AAU cross country championship, which he was proud of and he qualified for the National Junior Olympics for four consecutive years and traveled all over the United States. He attended Pine Ridge High School and played basketball, football and cross country. His favorite classes were auto and mathematics. Dennis loved boxing and was a member of the Golden Gloves. He liked playing baseball and was a hoop dancer. He was runner up for homecoming king and lettered in football and basketball.

He graduated in 1992.

In his senior year, he took the early entrance exams for the United State Army and left on October of that year. He took basic training in Fort Knox, Ky. and then on to Fort Leonard, Mo., where he graduated.

He is a comrade of the 211th Engineer Company and was stationed in Fort Polk, La.

He awaited deployment to Desert Storm but never went.

He was discharged on July 7, 1995 and was in the Army Reserve on call back until September 2000. He was at the National Guard of Rapid City and honorably discharged. He earned a Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Army Service Medal. He was in heavy construction equipment repair at Fort Polk, La.

After his service he moved back to South Dakota and worked as a laborer for construction sites, security officer for the annual Oglala Nation Pow Wow and the movie Skins.

He is survived by his daughters, Raven, Tylee, Tyra, Tanaya, Portia, and Katie; his parents Oliver and Helen; brothers Tim, Ivan and Tom; sister Olive and several aunties, uncles, nieces and nephews. He will be truly missed by all.

A two night wake service was held Aug. 11 and 12 at the Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge.

Traditional Lakota funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 13 at the Billy Mills Hall with John Red Feather and Charles Fast Horse officiating.

Burial was at the Spotted Bear Family cemetery in Denby.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Violet Good Bear

EAGLE BUTTE - Violet Good Bear, 63, Eagle Butte, died Saturday, Aug. 11 at Med Center One in Bismarck, N.D. Arrangements are pending with Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge.

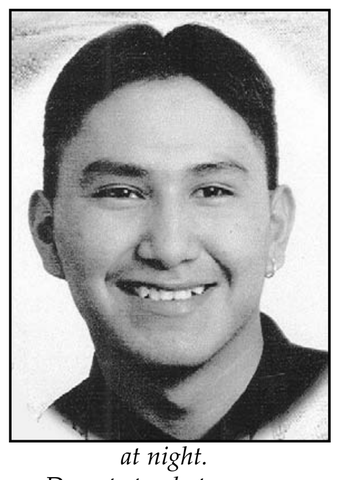
Christopher James LaClaire

CHERRY CREEK - Christopher James LaClaire, infant, was born and died, Sunday, Aug. 12, at St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre. Survivors include his father, Randy LaClaire. Arrangements are pending with Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge.

In loving memory of Jason Lee Two Eagle

Wicahpi Wankatiya

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond's glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry:
I am not there,
I did not die.



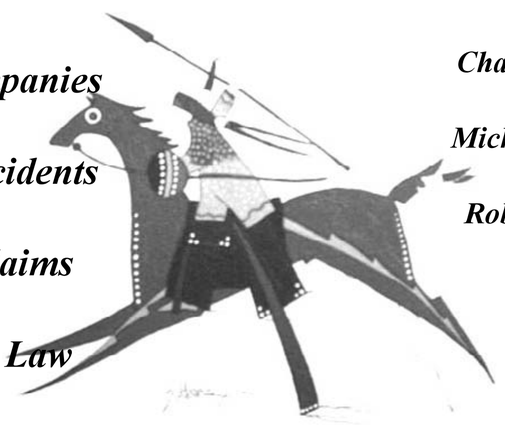
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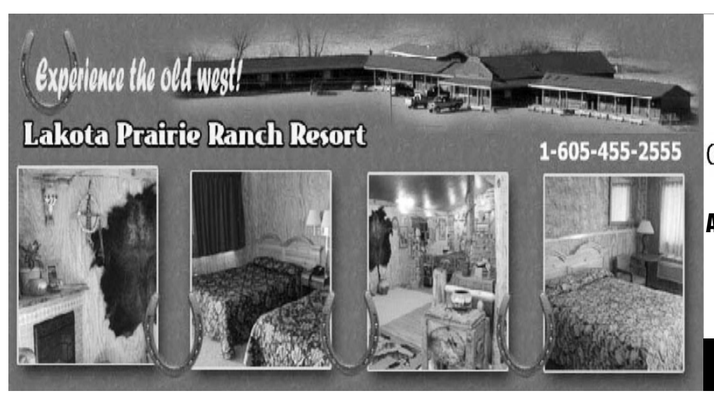
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Shannon County School Board P.O. Box 109 Batesland, S.D. 57716

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Shannon County School Board in the administrative office building, Batesland, South Dakota, until 12:00 noon August 27, 2007, for gasoline and #1 & #2 grade diesel fuel to be supplied and delivered for a one-year period, to public schools which are located at Batesland, Rockyford, Red Shirt and Wolf Creek Schools, as designated by the school board. The bids will be made public at the regular board meeting on Monday, August 27, 2007 at Batesland, SD, at 5:00 p.m.

The successful bidder shall have the responsibility of:

1) Supplying necessary gasoline and/or diesel fuel for school buses and school vehicles operated by the Shannon County School District. Delivery of unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel to Wolf Creek, Rockyford, Batesland and Red Shirt Schools storage facilities. The supply period is to be from Sept. 1, 2007 through Aug. 31, 2008.

The bids should be based on pricing for the date of August 27, 2007 and should specify pricing details (i.e.) tank wagon price, discount and taxes which may apply. Bids should be detailed so that the cost to the district from all bidders can be readily compared. Bidder should include documentation of current cost to them from their supplier at the time the bid is submitted.

Bidder should also include whether their bid price is firm throughout the year, or a statement that any increase or decrease in the price of gasoline or diesel fuel to the school district after the bid letting on August 27, 2007 will be substantiated by a letter from the bidder's supplier stating that the price has increased by the amount that the bidder is passing on to the school district.

Bids must be sealed and marked "gasoline bid" or "diesel fuel bid" in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope and be addressed to the Shannon County School Board, Attn: Myron Pourier, P.O. Box 109, Batesland, South Dakota, 57716.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any irregularities therein.

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½ pint cartons of 1% white milk

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½ pint cartons of white skim milk

½ pint cartons of chocolate skim milk

Milk shall be delivered to the Batesland, Wolf Creek and Rockyford Schools twice weekly.

Prices shall remain firm throughout the 2007-08 school year.

Bids must be sealed and marked "milk bid" in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope and be addressed to the attention of Carol Reitz, Food Service Director.

Tabulation of all bids will be made public during the regular school board meeting on August 27, 2007, which will begin at 5:00 p.m. in Batesland, SD.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Shannon County School Board in the administrative office building, Batesland, South Dakota, until Friday, 12:00 noon, August 27, 2007, for propane gas to be supplied and delivered to Shannon County public schools for a one-year period. The bids shall be made public at the regular board meeting on Monday, August 27, 2007 at Batesland, SD, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The school district owns bulk tanks which allows the district to accept transport loads at the three major school sites. (This bid will be for filling the small tanks located throughout the district, not the bulk tanks.) Schools are located at Batesland, Rockyford, Red Shirt, Wolf Creek and to teacherages, as designated by the school board, and also, one Title I Unit each at O.L.L. and Red Cloud.

The successful bidder must keep the tanks at a safe operating level, contacting the school district's Transportation & Facility Management Director before filling. The term of this bid shall be Sept. 1, 2007 and terminate on Aug. 31, 2008.

The bids should be based on pricing for the date of August 27, 2007 and should specify pricing details (i.e.) tank wagon price, discount and taxes which may apply. Bids should be detailed so that the cost to the district from all bidders can be readily compared. Bidder should include documentation of current cost to them from their supplier, whether the bid price is firm throughout the year, and a statement that any increase or decrease in the price of propane to the school district after the bid letting on August 27, 2007, will be substantiated by a letter from the bidder's supplier, stating that the price has increased by the amount that the bidder is passing on to the school district.

You are reminded that, depending on your status as a supplier, you may be required to pay a 2% tax to the TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office) located in Pine Ridge, SD Ph: (605)867-5167, for doing business on the reservation.

Bids should be submitted on forms provided by Shannon County School District, must be sealed and marked "propane bid" in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope and addressed to the Shannon County School Board, Attn: Myron Pourier, P.O. Box 109, Batesland, South Dakota, 57716. For additional information or to obtain a copy of the form, please call (605) 288-1921.

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Closing date for sealed bids is 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 17, 2007. Please submit bids in a sealed envelope marked "Van Bid" to the school Business Office or to the following mailing address: Little Wound School, Paula Pourier, business Manager, P.O. Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752.

Oglala Sioux Tribe Office of Economic Development Pine Ridge, S.D. 57770

Solicitation of Construction Bids

The Oglala Sioux Tribe Office of Economic Development is soliciting sealed bids from licensed firms for the manufacture, delivery and installation of an engineered steel building and the construction of a concrete foundation.

The Project will be a steel building approximately 10,000 square feet. The building will be for administrative and support spaces for a variety of District functions. The successful bidder will be responsible for all phases of construction including general, mechanical, and electrical and site work.

The successful bidder must comply with the Oglala Sioux Tribe's TERO Ordinance, including any licensing requirement and TERO Tax. Bidders must possess an Oglala Sioux Tribal business license. Indian Preference shall be considered. Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Sealed Bid, Office of Economic Development Steel Building" DO NOT OPEN submitted to Mr. David Terry Mills, POB #669 Pine Ridge, South Dakota, 57770 or had delivered to the BINGO Hall Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. MDST August 24, 2007. Bids will then be immediately opened, read aloud and accepted for consideration. The Oglala Sioux Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities or irregularities and to re-advertise when it is in the best interest of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The successful bidder will be required to furnish with the bid, a bid bond, certified check, cashier's check or bond money order payable to the OST Office of Economic Development for not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid. The successful bidder will also include a proposed time for completion of the steel building.

For more information please contact Mr. David Terry Mills, Director, OST Office of Economic Development at (605) 867-5771, Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770.

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LETTERS OF INTEREST REQUESTED BY THE SHANNON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Shannon County Commission has a Vacancy in Commissioner District # 5 due to a recent resignation. The Board of County Commissioners is asking for Letters of Interest to fill this position. The Board will be taking letters from interested persons until 5:00 p.m. on September 6th, 2007. These letters are to be sent or delivered to the Auditor's Office at 906 N. River Street, Hot Springs, S.D. 57747. Any interested person must be registered in Shannon County Commissioner District # 5, which includes voters registered in the Batesland and Porcupine Precincts. The Board of Shannon County Commissioners will be meeting on September 7th, 2007 for their regular meeting, and will review any letters received. Please contact the Auditor's Office at 605-745-3996 to schedule a time to meet with the Board to review your letter of interest.

Sincerely,
Sue Ganje
County Auditor

Shannon County

NOTICE OF SEALED BIDS FOR SURPLUS HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT IN SHANNON COUNTY.

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The Sealed Bids are to be sent to the Shannon County Auditor's Office, 906 North River, Hot Springs, South Dakota, 57747; and must be received in the Auditor's Office by September 6th at 5 p.m.

Any further questions please call the Shannon County Auditor's Office at 745-3996.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2007
Sue Ganje,
County Auditor
Shannon County

U.S. Dept. of Interior B.I.A. Fort Berthold Agency, PO Box 370 New Town, ND 58763 BID

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Berthold Agency is planning to conduct an Oil and Gas Sale within the next two (2) months. We will be offering all unleased allotted mineral acreage to the highest bidder through a competitive sealed bid process. We have established the primary terms of the lease as follows:

Minimum bonus per acre $75.00
Minimum annual rental rate per acre $2.50
Minimum royalty rate per acre 18%
Primary term of the lease 5 years

The approval of a mineral lease on the Fort Berthold Reservation is based on majority consent, under special authority enacted in 1998 and 1999, and codified under 25 U.S.C. 396. Upon completion of the competitive bid sale, leases will become effective, once the required number of owners have consented to lease and approved by the BIA Superintendent.

This decision is based upon the fact that Fort Berthold Agency has received numberous requests from prospective lessees to lease certain allotted minerals. Several lessees have been acquiring signatures for negotiated oil and gas leases on the Fort Berthold Reservation. While this attempt has been made in good faith, we feel it would be in the best interests of the allotted mineral owners to include their lands in an advertised lease sale in order to receive the optimum bonus consideration through competitive bid. We recommend the allotted mineral owners who are in negotiations for an oil and gas lease to give full consideration to this alternate option.

Those allotted mineral owners who do not wish to have their lands advertised in this competitive bid lease sale, please contact the Fort Berthold Agency in writing within (2) weeks of the date of this notice.

Our mailing address is as follows: Superintendent, PO Box 370, New Town, ND 58763. Our telephone number is (701) 627-4707.

Signed,
Earl Silk,
Superintendent



Health Professional

Wants to correspond with Native American Female (19 - 28), Who likes the country side, nature, and is mentally & physically fit, With family values.

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F.C. 1259 Bay Branch Rd.
Lamar, S.C. 29069

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Rushville, NE

Little Wound School

Kyle, South Dakota
JOB VACANCIES
(08-07-07)

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school term:

The following positions are open until filled:

High School Dept.
Lakota Language Teacher
Math Teacher
Dean of Students(Closing date 8/21/07

Middle School Dept.
P.E. Teacher
Counselor - Certified

Elementary Dept.
5th Grade Teacher (2)

$1,000 Sign On Bonus to all new certified teachers!

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Technology Mentor (Closing Date 8/21/07)
3 Special Education Teachers
2 Teacher Assistants (SPED)
Early Intervention Teacher

Extra-duty positions Open until filled (76)

High School: 1)Boys BB Coach 2)Boys BB JV Coach 3)Boys BB Cheerleading 4)Boys BB Freshmen Coach 5)Boys BB Cheerleading 6)Girls BB Fresh Coach.7)Girls BB Cheerleading 8)Boy's Golf Coach 8)Girls Golf Assist. 9)Track Coach 11)Track Assist.12)Wrestling Coach 13)Wrestling Assist.14)Rodeo Club Sponsor 15)Boxing Club Sponsor 16)Boxing Club Sponsor 17)National Honor Society Sponsor 18) Student Council 19)Student Council 20)Oral Interpretation Sponsor 21)Co-Oral Interpretation Sponsor 22)Senior Class Sponsor 23)Senior Class Sponsor 24)Junior Class Sponsor 25)Junior Class Sponsor 26)Handgame Sponsor 27)Yearbook Sponsor 28)Competitive Dance Sponsor 29)9-12 Indian Club Sponsor 30)9-12 Drum Group Sponsor 31)Scholarship Sponsor 32)Concession Stand Monitor

Middle School: 33)A -Team Football Coach 34)B-Team Football Coach 35)B-Team Football Coach 36)FB CheerleadinBoysSponsor 37)A - Team Boys BBall Coach 38)B - Team Boys BBall Coach 39)C - Team Boys BBall Coach 40)A - Team Girls BBall Coach 41)B - Team Girls BBall Coach 42)C - Team Girls BBall Coach 43)A - Team Volleyball Coach 44)B - Team Volleyball Coach 45)C - Team Volleyball Coach 46)Cross Country Coach 47)Cross Country Assist. 48)Track Coach 49)Track Assist 50)Boys BB Cheerleading 51) Girls BB Cheerleading 60)Wrestling Coach 61)WrestlingAssist. 62)Softball Coach 63)Softball Assist.64)Student Council 65)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 66)K-12 Indian Dance Club Sponsor 67)K-8 Rodeo Club Sponsor 68)MS/Elem Hand Game Sponsor 69)Competitive Dance Sponsor

Elementary: 70)Elementary Rodeo Club Sponsor 71)Wrestling Coach 72)Wrestling Assist. 73)Girl Scout Sponsor 74)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 75)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor 76)K-12 Drum Group Sponsor

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178
www.lws.k12.sd.us

>>> NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS <<<

It is the policy of the Little Wound School to provide an alcohol and drug-free workplace. All appointments for employment are contingent upon receipt of a verified negative drug test through pre-employment drug testing, receipt of a favorable background investigation and the availability of federal funds. The legal policy of Indian preference will be followed to qualified applicants. Veteran's preference shall be applied to qualified Veteran applicants.

www.lws.k12.sd.us

LAKOTA FUNDS
Investing in the Oyate

Oyate Woableza Otipi
INFORMATION SPECIALIST POSITION

Opening Date: August 8, 2007
Closing Date: August 30, 2007

General Responsibilities: Coordinate all public information efforts for the project, including project web site publishing, and regular press releases to area radio, TV, newsletters, newspapers, and Tribal government, facilitate two project public information and input meetings per year in nine Pine Ridge districts, prepare specific information packages, and assist staff with other public information events. Works as part of the project team. Works directly under the Project Coordinator. One year remains in full time position.

Qualifications:Documented success in similar position for at least three years. Prefer experience working in Indian Country. Must have valid Driver's license. Please submit resume and writing sample to:

Dowell Caselli-Smith
Box 340 - Kyle, SD 57752
Phone: 605-455-2500 email: dsmith@lakotafunds.org

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Highly motivated person needed for a full-time, fun, and challenging position. The Wawókiye Business Institute at The Lakota Funds is a non-profit organization, which fosters local economic and community development by providing one-on-one assistance to new and expanding enterprises in the Pine Ridge Reservation area.

The candidate should possess:

Excellent communication skills, private sector/small business experience, networking and interpersonal skills, positive attitude, problem solving skills, energy, empathy, and civic-mindedness. Training is provided. Varied and successful business management or consulting experience is useful but not required. Lakota Funds is an equal opportunity employer. More info at:

www.lakotafunds.org

Send detailed cover letter and resume with references to:

Lakota Funds
Director, Wawókiye Business Institute
Box 340
Kyle, SD 57752

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SOUTH ELEMENTARY

212 Avenue D - Mission SD 57555
Phone: 605 - 856 - 4812

South Elementary will be enrolling students starting August 6th, From 8 to 4 daily.

South Elementary School Start Dates

August 20th - only 4th graders and any 5th graders who did not attend South Elementary last year.

August 21st - All 4th and 5th graders

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

American Horse School - 100 Main St - PO Box 660 - Allen, SD 57714

1. SUBs for Classrooms, Janitors, Cooks (Minumum High School Diploma/or GED certificate ,College credit preferred but not required) SUBS are "On Call" and on as needed basis only)
2. Assistant Football Coach
3. Cross Country Coach
2. Boy's Basketball Coach
3. Girl's Basketball Coach
4. Girl's Volleyball Coach
5. Cheerleading Coach
6. Dance Club Sponsor
7. 8th Grade Sponsor

American Horse School
Excellence In Education

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL POSITIONS IS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED CERTIFICATE

DRUG TESTING AND BACKGROUND CHECKS:
THE AMERICAN HORSE SCHOOL POLICY REQUIRES A PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG TEST AND BACKGROUND CHECK ON ALL PERSONNEL EMPLOYED AT THE SCHOOL, WHICH INCLUDES ANY PERSON HIRED TO FILL AN ADVERTISED VACANCY.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER:
WITHIN THE SCOPE OF INDIAN PREFERENCE, CANDIDATES WILL RECEIVE CONSIDERATION WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, SEC, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR OTHER NON-MERIT FACTORS

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:
THE PERSONNEL OFFICE MUST RECEIVE APPLICATIONS WITH **ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS** ATTACHED OR WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. MISSING DOCUMENTATION WILL NOT BE REQUESTED FROM AN APPLICANT. APPLICATIONS BECOME PART OF ANNOUNCEMENT FILE AND WILL NOT BE DUPLICATED AND/OR RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT.

- Please call the Personnel Office for further details and requirements on jobs -

PERSONNEL OFFICE
PHONE: (605) 455-2644- CINDY HORNBECK

United States Department of the Interior
- Vacancy Announcement -

Position: Realty Specialist, (Contracts Management)
GS - 1170 - 5/7 Position # 4200057
GS - 07: $35,752 - $46,478 Per Annum
GS - 05: $28,862 - $37,519 Per Annum

Vacancy Announcement #: AB-07-84

Opening Date: 07/30/07 **Closing Date: 08/20/07**

Summary of Duties: The incumbent performs a variety of assignments of the management of trust and restricted property which involves familiar uses, little or no environmental impact or controversial issues, and to ensure the protection, conservation, and prudent utilization of Indian Lands.

Duty Station Location:
BIA,Realty-Tenure & Management Section
Pine Ridge Agency, Pine Ridge, SD

Procedures on How To Apply:
Mail applications to the BIA Southern Plains Human Resources (FedEx: 1 mile north on Hwy 281)
PO Box 368, Anadarko, OK 73005. **Applications and all accompanying documents must be received by the closing date of the announcements.** Applications may be faxed to 1-405-247-4991 and must be received by the closing date of the announcement. Please submit the forms as indicated in the position vacancy announcement.

Contact Information:
Contact BIA, Pine Ridge Agency, Deputy Superintendent or Trust Services, Pine Ridge, South Dakota,

For further information: 605/867-5126

PORCUPINE SCHOOL

JOB VACANCY Announcement
Open Until Filled

Basketball
Girls Head A Team
Girls B Team
Girls C Team
Cheerleader Sponsor
Boys Head A Team
Boys B Team
Boys C Team
Cheerleader Sponsor

Football
Head Coach
Asst. Coach

Volleyball
Head Coach A Team
B Team
C Team

Cross Country
Head Coach
Asst. Coach

Track
Head Coach
Asst. Coach

Activity Sponsors
Dance Club
Song
Hand Games
Student Council

For Information:
Contact Paul John Iron Cloud
Phone: 605-867-5588
Porcupine School
PO Box 180
Porcupine SD 57772

United States Department of the Interior
- Vacancy Announcement -

Position: Land Operations Officer
GS - 0401 - 11/12
GS - 12: $63,417 - $82,446 Per Annum
GS - 11: $52,912 - $68,787 Per Annum

Vacancy Announcement #: AB-07-83

Opening Date: 07/30/07 **Closing Date: 08/28/07**

Summary of Duties: Incumbent plans, coordinates, directs and executes the Land Operation Program. Provides advice and assistance on range management program including but not limited to grazing permits, conservation program, soil and moisture conservation, environmental protection, engineering design, forestry, and development of land improvements. Serves at the primary point of contact and maintains a professional liason with Bureau, regional and other federal, state, local and tribal organizations. Meets with landowners, permitees, lessees on matters related to use of Indian trust land. Plans, directs and organizes, and evaluates activities and programs toward the basic objective of self-determination for Tribal Government.

Duty Station Location:
BIA, Land Operations - Pine Ridge Agency, Pine Ridge, SD

Procedures on How To Apply:
Mail applications to the BIA Southern Plains Human Resources (FedEx: 1 mile north on Hwy 281)
PO Box 368, Anadarko, OK 73005. **Applications and all accompanying documents must be received by the closing date of the announcements.** Applications may be faxed to 1-405-247-4991 and must be received by the closing date of the announcement. Please submit the forms as indicated in the position vacancy announcement.

Contact Information:
Contact BIA, Pine Ridge Agency, Deputy Superintendent or Trust Services, Pine Ridge, South Dakota,

For further information: 605/867-5126.

The Todd County School District

is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school year:

JOB OPENINGS Revised 08/09/07 9:00 am

MIDDLE SCHOOL
1.Content Area Coach
Experience with Science and Social Studies
1.Math Coach
Must have experience in inquiry Math

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTALS
1 Head Football Coach
1 Assistant Track Coach
1 Wrestling Coach
1 National Junior Honor Society Advisor

HEDOG SCHOOL
1 General Aide

HIGH SCHOOL
1 Lakota Studies Teacher
1 Student Support Specialist
1 Vocational Carpentry Teacher
1 In-School Suspension Aide-closes 8-15-07

HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTALS
1 Head Wrestling Coach
1 Girls Head Basketball Coach
1 Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
2 Assistant Volleyball Coachs
1 Falcon Spirit Council Co-Advisor
1 Debate Advisor
1 One Act Play Advisor
2 Concessions Co-Advisors
1 Assistant Wrestling Coach
1 Sophomore Class Advisor

HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTALS
(continued)
1 Freshman Class Advisor
2 Junior Class Co- Advisors
1 Winter Co-Cheerleading Advisor

LITTLEBURG SCHOOL
1 Suburban Driver 5.5 hours

SPRING CREEK
1 Counselor

LAKEVIEW SCHOOL
1 Suburban Driver 4.5 hrs

RESOURCE CENTER
1 Exceptional Education Aide

NORTH ELEMENTARY
2 Reading Recovery Teachers
1 Literacy Coach
1 Lakota Language Teacher

ROSEBUD ELEMENTARY
1 Bus Driver/Custodian 12 month
1 Bus Driver/Custodian 9 month

WANBLI WICONI TIPI (JDC)
1 Teacher Aide

By Law, paraprofessional teacher aide applicants are required to have 48 college credit hours, AA Degree or pass the para pro test. All food service, secretary, custodian and bus driving positions are required to have a high school diploma or proof of GED. All certified positions must have a South Dakota Teaching Certificate, a BA or higher Degree. Drug and Alcohol test, Health screening and Fingerprinting are required of all candidates recommended for employment.

These positions are open until filled.

Applications may be picked up at the individual schools or the District Office or contact Beth Hogan, Personnel Clerk at (605)856-4457 ext. 242.

TODD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.
PUB: 08/15/07

Classifieds



Happy Ads

Happy Ads are FREE

Drop boxes at
Big Bats - Pine Ridge
Lil Angels - Kyle
Lakota Country Times Office
on Main Street in Martin
or email to
production@lakotacountrytimes.com

Happy B-Day



To my Enna
Angelina Reyes
Love you always and forever
Wanbli Poor Bear

Cady DeSersa
We love you and miss you.
Mom and your family

Happy 1st Birthday on
July 5th
Davina Alyse Quintana
Hope you enjoyed you're cake
Love uncle Zack,
Cheryl,Baby Zack, Marcus

Happy Belated Birthday
To my 2 handsome nephews
Jayden Lyle & Joshua James
Love you lots boys! I'll
Be back soon.
Love your auntie
D. Whiteplume

Happy Birthday
Sammi & Baby Jay
I had fun with the both of you
I know we'll have many more
to come.
Thanks for being my
bridesmaids!!
Love Dee

To the baddest dreamer alive
George Dreamer Sr.
The dreamer's are thinking of
you.
Northridge #19

Happy Belated Birthday
To our son
Zack Quintana Jr.
On July 1st
Love you lots
Mommy, Daddy
Marcus Francis Quintana

Hello to
Jason C., Joel, Zack L.,
Angie L.
Hope you all are doing well.
Your friend
Shanna Finn

Happy 37th Birthday
Clayton
August 23rd
From: your big sis.

Congratulations to
Jodi and Marcel
On the birth of their son
7-28-07
Welcome Lucian John Fraser
Boyd

Happy 14th
To: "Q" Red Bear
From: Mom, Dad, your lil sis
Chante Skuya, Dave & Chris

Happy Belated Birthday
On Aug. 5th to
Verine Bull Bear.
Thanks for always being there
for me,
I know I can count on you.
Always sis, Dorothy N.

Happy Birthday to
Maria Nelson on Aug. 18th.
I forgot how old your going to
be, but I know
Your right behind me.
(must be getting old) Have
A Happy Birthday and don't
get Too blank!!!
Love you! From: your
Sister Dorothy N.

Happy Birthday
To our Dad
Clarence Schmidt
White Horse
We love you as always
happy, happy,birhday
from your kids
sons Randy,David,Clarence Jr.
daughters:Summer Rain,
Marlee Ellen.
Smile your over th Hill!

Happy Birthday
To my little sis
Leslie Jo Bartlett
From all of US.

Happy 4th Birthday,



My dear little "Billy"
You were the best birthday
present for me ,4 years ago
when you born on my
birthday.
I wish your Grandpa Willie
was here to share this special
day with us but we are here
Together and I know you will
enjoy your birthday. Here's
wishing you many, many
more! Love you!
Grandma Nadine

Happy Birthday Aug. 9th
To: my husband:
Clarence Schmidt White
Horse
My love & wishing you many
more
Love you with all my heart
Love always
Your wife Debbie

Congratulations!
To our daughter,
Elaina Red Shirt
For winning
Lil' Miss Oglala Lakota Nation
We are very, very proud
of you! Thanks for keeping our
Language & culture Alive with
your Lakota speaking.
Love: Dad, Mom &Bradley
From Allen, SD

Happy B-Day to my
Enna Myrtle Poor Bear
Love you always
and forever!!!
Wanbli Poor Bear

Happy B-Day
To my kids
Olivia Poor Bear
Myron Poor Bear
From: your Daddy
Wanbli Poor Bear

Happy B-Day to my
Lil brother
Tony Marrufo
Angelo Marrufo
From: Big Bro
Wanbli Poor Bear

Happy Birthday
Jen
We love you. &
Pray you have a great year.
Your very much loved by all
of us. Keep doing your best
Love Becky & The family
The Stoneboy Women's
Society

Happy Birthday
Doug Crowghost
Pray you have a great year.
Your very much loved by all
Of us. Keep doing your best
Love Becky & The family
The Stoneboy Women's
Society

Happy Birthday to our
Big Brother on 8-8
In Pine Ridge SD
Ricky Bagola
We miss you enjoy your day
Love your sisters in TN
Lakitg & Ka Leg Watkins

To Hector Bronze Gomez
Happy Birthday
" I love ya more everyday "
And Sherelda Marlene Moe
Gomez
Be Happy

Happy B-Day to
Henry C.A
April A.
Vesta W.
From: Irma & Adelia Last
Horse

Happy 12th Birthday to
The Prettiest Cowgirl in
The world.
Rena Rose Hunter
From: Mom, all your sisters
and
Walker.
Love you more than
Words can say.

Congratulation
Louie & Whispers
07-27-07
We love you!

Happy Birthday
To: Kai Janis
On Aug. 3rd
From: Auntie Lorie

Congratulations to
Sara Lance
Delano Feather Man Jr.
On finding out they gonna
have a girl.
God Bless! From: Jess, Tony
& Lainey.

Happy Birthday to my
Auntie Lorna Apple
On Aug. 12, 2007
Relax and enjoy your day.
Lots of Love Eileen, Roy
Jamie Helper

Happy 22nd Birthday
To our sister
Lacey Two Bulls
Have fun. Your #1 Sis
Sara

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY
HUSBAND:
DONOVAN BEAR HEELS
(AUG 26TH)
ANOTHER YEAR OLDER
AND STARTING
TO CLIMB THAT HILL.
MAY YOU HAVE
A GREAT DAY!
LOVE YOUR WIFE:
JERILYN W.E.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DADDY:)
DONOVAN BEAR HEELS
LOVE YOUR KIDS:
KALLIE & HAYDEN BEAR
HEELS

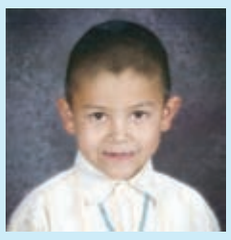
I would like to thank the following people for their contribution in making the Sioux Nation Shopping Center "Nutrition Education" on August 9, 2007 at the Sioux Nation Shopping Center in Pine Ridge a success! The staff worked very hard and gave some awesome presentations! Also thanks to the Program Directors and the OST Wellness Team for all their support and contributions for incentives:

Sioux Nation Shopping Center, manager Rich and the store staff, Oyate Blihelya; Charlie Standing Bear, Phoebe Carlow, Mabel Rosales, OST Health Ed; Mary Tobacco, Elaine Yellow Horse, Joanna Larson, OST Child Care; Pigeon Jack, Tiny Pourier, Joe Picotte, Troy Lynn Charging Crow, Rueben Weston, Josh Williams, Dakota Iron Cloud, OST Health Admin Lisa Dillon, I.H.S. Administration, I.H.S. Public Health Nursing; Linda Richard, Kendra Lone Elk, Tammy Starr, I.H.S. Diabetes Prevention Staff; Nancy Eitler, Sawee Frank, Bobette Herman, Daverine Elk, and also Farrah Big Crow, Maise Herman May Ann Martinez, The Bennett County Booster, Lakota Country Times and most importantly, the Lakota Oyate that came to the event!
Sincerely,
JoAnn Lehner, RN
I.H.S. Diabetes Prevention
Director

REMEMBERING
GRANDMA/GREAT
GRANDMA ON HER
BIRTHDAY
MAXINE V. HIGH
ELK-TAKES THE GUN
AUGUST 09, 1931
MARCH 06, 2000
ALWAYS LOVING YOU,
THINKING OF AND MISSING
YOU GRANNY
WITH LOVE FOREVER
YOUR TAKOJA:
JOY HOWARD
AND YOUR
GREAT TAKOJA'S: MORGAN
HOWARD & SHAI RED BEAR

Happy Birthday
To Brice Belt
&
Darrell Lister
on Aug.22
From: the crew in
North Route

Kane,



you are seven years old
already! I am so blessed to
have
You as my oldest grandson
and I know will have many,
many more. I
Know your Grandpa Willie is
Looking down wishing you
the same, now and always.
Enjoy your very own day that
is yours and yours alone!
Love you! Grandma Nadine

Happy 28th Birthday



Sam!
I love you with all my heart
and I thank you for all that
you do for me. Love your
wife, Veronica

Happy Birthday to Jennifer Ronelle Takes War Bonnett
Hello my daughter,
I remember the day I realized you will be with us for realz, the doctor said you may not come but yet that day I felt you, like a butterfly in my tummy and here you are 28 years later and so strong as that day. When you were born, Little pretty, pink dresses and pony-tails with dainty feet, instead we got blue jeans, tom boy antics and so much courage.
I love you very much and you fill me with pride.. You have grown into a fine woman and great mother and your beauty and character were the first good traits. You never cease to surprise us with your intelligence and your creative ways of craft and food. You are a good mother and I am so glad Tunkashila gave you to us.
Happy Birthday Jen!
From mom and dad, Jeremy and Ness.



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- SNACKS
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Mon - Sat: 7:30am - 9:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am - 8:00pm

8th Year of Severe Drought Conditions on Pine Ridge Reservation

Our department would like to remind the Oyate of the Pine Ridge Reservation that we are entering our 8th year of drought conditions. The weather has been kind lately, but we know it will heat up very quickly and every drop of water is precious.

Be Water-Wise Outdoors

- Try watering lawns in the early morning or late afternoon to prevent evaporation and scorching of the grass during mid-day sun.
- Try not to water on windy days
- Try using drip irrigation for your lawns. Saves 75% more water than s prinklers by limiting evaporation.
- Over-watering can cause fungus to form brown patches on lawns.
- Water lawns and shrubs once every five days to promote longer stronger roots.
- When mowing try keeping grass 3 inches long to help in moisture absorption.
- Keep swimming pools covered to stop debris and to help prevent evaporation.
- Try backwashing your swimming pool's filter weekly to help keep the water clean.
- Clean feet before entering pool.
- Make sure all livestock watering devices have an adequate float system that does not leak.
- Report all yard hydrant and thermo-line leaks to proper authorities.

Be Water-Wise Indoors

- Report all leaking bathroom and kitchen fixtures.
- When washing clothes use the right water setting for the load.
- Listen for toilet constantly running or filling when not in use (a leaky toilet can account for up to 1400 gallons of water lost per day, while the average household uses only 350 gallons per day.)
- A leaking toilet can cause your septic system to back up because of over saturation.
- Try using low flow toilets (1.5 to 2 gallons per flush), old toilets use up to 5 gallons per flush.
- Don't use your toilet as a garbage disposal.
- Turn off water while brushing teeth, shaving and washing dishes.
- Take fast showers instead of baths.
- Use low flow fixtures in baths and kitchens.
- An Ultra low flow showerhead uses 1.5 gallons per minute, while conventional showerheads can use up to 5 gallons per minute.

OST Department of Water Maintenance and Conservation

For questions or concerns or to purchase low flow fixtures please call:
Pine Ridge office: 867-1999
Kyle office: 455-1367
Toll Free: at 1-888-771-9780

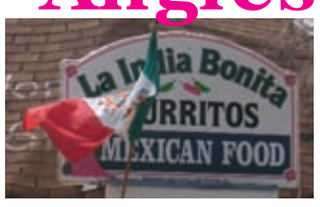
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Phone:
605-455-1317
Hours:
8:00 am - 7:00 pm
- Located in Kyle Next to Lakota Funds Building -

The Lakota Country TIMES
Truth, Integrity and Lakota Spirit



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Community EVENTS

SECTION B

SECTION A
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Two Sections
$1.00

Boxing champs



MINOT, N.D. - This week, three South Dakotas boxing teams fought in the North Dakota Boxing championship at Minot and came away champions. The Nation of Outlaws of Manderson were undefeated in the tournament, said Chisse Spencer, coach of the team.
The two other teams were Little Wound and Young Guns of McLaughlin. Other teams that participated were from Newton, N.D., Missouri Valley, Bismarck, Minot Air Force Base and teams from Canada.
(L-R) Steve McClosky, Emerson Chasing Bear, Cody Forte, Louden Whirlwind Horse from Nation of Outlaws show their trophies.
Other boxers were James and Lisa Ferguson from Little Wound, and Ryan Soft, Lucas Whitetail from Young guns out of McLaughlin.

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OST Public Safety to be governed by five board of trustees

OGLALA - By an overwhelming vote of 15 to 1, the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council voted to change the charter of the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Department of Public Safety.

The council voted to invest the authority into a five member board of trustees that hire and fire the chief of police and govern the business of the department of public safety.

"We felt that sometimes a nine member board has a tendency to get territorial and think of only the interest of their particular district and not the overall interest of the tribe or the charter itself," said Garfield Little Dog, council representative of Wounded Knee District and Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

"We feel that a five member board of good, solid individuals will work hard to protect the Oglala Lakota Nation and the mission of Public Safety," he said.

Last week on Wednesday, administration and representatives of Public Safety met in Rapid City and the Judiciary Committee hosted a two and half day meeting on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to try and build some consensus on the what the new charter will look like.

"We invited tribal council representatives

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RST council installs interim school board at St. Francis Indian School

ROSEBUD - In legislative action on Tuesday, the Rosebud Sioux tribal council voted 13-4 to remove the current school board at St. Francis Indian School and to install the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Education Review Board as the interim school board on Aug. 23.

A new SFIS school board election will be held on Aug. 23 and time will be allotted for the completion of background investigations of new board members.

St. Francis Indian School has sought to question the authority of the Rosebud Sioux tribe by challenging a recent ruling by the Supreme Court of the Rosebud Sioux tribe.

In order to clarify the decision RST tribal president wrote in a press release, "The St. Francis Indian School has been and will continue to be a tribally controlled school under federal law….The Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council has the authority to decide what entity administers the St. Francis Indian School Board."

"The current Board continues to refuse Tribal authority over the school even after they have lost in court," was stated in the press release.

"The education of our children will always be one of the highest priorities of my administration. I will continue to release information to the public to keep the people informed of the developments in the litigation brought by the Sicangu Oyate Ho corporation against the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council," stated Rodney Bordeaux, RST president.

The school had aired a public service announcement over KINI FM radio asking parents and other supporters to go down to the RST council meeting on Tuesday as the school presented a resolution to rescind the upcoming election.

The cost to transport parents to the meeting was questioned as an allowable cost and the resolution of this question remains unanswered. The meeting actually took place at the Rosebud Casino.

A five day challenge period will be allowed for challenges to the election process.

As noted, the new school board will complete their background investigations and once that occurs they will be officially sworn in.

In the meantime, the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Education Review Board will oversee the new school board election process on Aug. 23 to include counting the votes and continuing to make recommendations about the Charter and By laws of the Sicangu Oyate Ho, Incorporated.

The members of the RST tribal education Review Board include, Dr. Richard Bordeaux, Victor Douville, Sherry Red Owl, Eustace Night Shield, Ben Black Bear, Nancy Keller-Hernandez and Dr. Archie Beauvais.

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Honoring the Elders is theme for 131st Rosebud Fair

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

ROSEBUD - The theme for the 131 annual Rosebud Fair is "Honoring the Elders" and it promises to be one of the best according to RST Wacipi chairman, Theodore "Ted" Felix. Total prize money for the three day fair which starts Friday, August 24 through Sunday, August 26 totals $70,000.00 with $23,000.00 drum split and $47,000.00 for the championship dance contest.

Powwow registration will begin at noon on August 24 and conclude on August 25 at noon, while day money will be paid to the tiny tots. There will be plenty of free camping available along with three meals a day being served at the 'cook shack.' Mary Sue Walking Eagle is in charge of the kitchen and an added feature this year will include a canopy with picnic tables available for diners to keep in the shade.



Emery Little Thunder participated in the last year's Rosebud Pow Wow contest.

Felix is a seasoned veteran when it comes to coordinating such a huge undertaking as the annual Rosebud Fair. He was a dancer in several categories as a young man and traveled the country side to many of the other major powwows and cities to dance. The annual event promises to attract a lot of contestants and visitors as many of the major celebrations on the northern plains have concluded and there will be little competition. Some say that powwows originated at Rosebud and if that is the case, then the tradition will be most certainly kept alive.

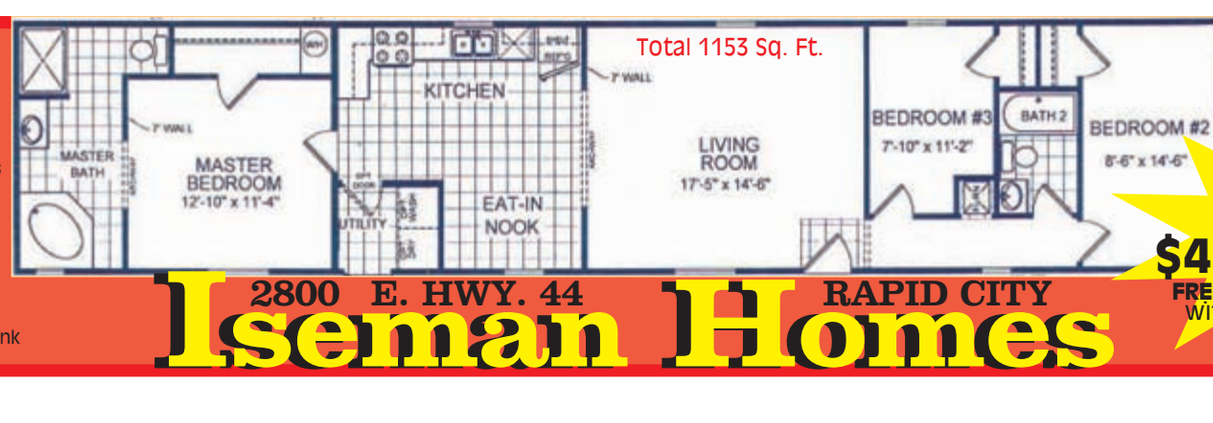
When describing the collaboration that has occurred in preparation for the fair, Felix said, "I have been working with some very knowledgeable RST staff people like Freda Heinert and Gerri Night Pipe. It has gone smoothly and the staff has been a lot of help. We have some younger people too on the committee and this will help to influence the younger people in a positive way."

Felix says that he expects in excess of 600 dance contestants and a host of American Legion posts and veteran's organizations. A number of specials will be held each day between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Marcella Prue of Antelope community will be honoring her daughter, Kathy, who was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force and who recently completed her Ph.D. Author, pilot and sun dancer, Ed McGaa will be honored also on Sunday evening. He is also an attorney and danced with Bill Schweigman. Terry Fast Horse will also be involved in a name giving ceremony.

During the Sunday evening honoring for Ed McGaa, Felix says that the

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and representatives from Public Safety, tribal attorneys and everyone who might have a stake in the future of Public Safety to come to this meeting in Rapid City last week," said Little Dog.

Hopefully, it will be a catalyst that will help build consensus of the new board of trustees.

The new charter will go into effect as soon as council selects and sits the new board of trustees.

Originally the Judiciary Committee selected Harry Eagle Bull, Newton Cummings, Everett Janis, Wendell Yellow Bull and Nathan Backs to be the new board of trustees but in the end, the committee recommended to open up a 30 day application period from members of the communities to submit a letter of interest and resume' to Elizabeth Waters, secretary of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Perspective board members need to be members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, residents of the Pine Ridge Reservation for a year, over the age of 30, free of any pending criminal charges in any court, free from any felony convictions in their lifetime, free from any misdemeanors or court convictions in the last five years, and a person who has no immediate family member (spouse, common in law partner, child or parent) working with the OST Department of Public Safety.

A member of the board may NOT serve on the tribal council or district executive boards, or the tribal executive board or community executive boards, or any state or county board or commission while they are serving as a member of the board of trustees.

They may serve on other tribal boards and entities that do not create a conflict of interest with their duties to the department of Public Safety.

The first board of trustees will be selected by tribal council from a qualified list prepared by Elizabeth Waters following the Sept. 30 application deadline.

The first board selected by the tribal council will serve for five years, at that time, the board of trustees shall appoint five members, one member each to serve a five year term, four year term, three and two year and one year term in order to create five staggered terms.

Earlier this year, the tribal council considered replacing the current Chief of Police James Twiss and instead decided to review carefully an evaluation of the chief of police in September of 2007.

According to Little Dog, the new charter replaces all previous resolutions and ordinance concerning the OST Department of Public Safety.

It will be up to the new board of trustees to evaluate the chief of police and to make a decision whether to keep him or advertise for a new chief.

Council votes down one code of ethics, tables another

In a long awaited vote, the tribal council voted 7 for and 9 against for a new code of ethics prepared by tribal attorney George Patton. The sticking point for the new code of ethics centered on the requirement that a council tribal member or executive board member must not be allowed to sit on other tribal, state or federal organizations that will conflict with duties of tribal council or executive board member.

Tom Conroy, tribal council from Wakpmani and chairman of the Land Committee presented a code of ethics prepared by the committee, which did not include the prohibition of the members serving on other boards; the land committee resolutions was tabled 15 for and one against.

On a resolution put on the agenda by a two thirds vote, the council voted 16-0 to keep the Pine Ridge Reservation and 1851 and 1868 treaty areas nuclear free, prohibiting any uranium development or mining.

The tribal council postponed two special sessions scheduled for August. A special session on the Human Resource department and personnel policies and procedures was rescheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 11. The planned special session on Oglala Sioux Tribe's Lakota Housing Authority board and charter has been rescheduled to Wednesday, Sept. 12.

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wacipi committee is promoting a contest in which dancers will use a single bustle and dance the old style fancy dance which was so prevalent when McGaa first started dancing. The prize money will be $500.00 winner take all.

"The Rosebud Law Enforcement Services will have a visible presence during the three days and, in fact, will be conducting road checks and enforcing the no alcohol ordinance. Units from Cheyenne River, Yankton, the Oglala Sioux and the FBI will also assist in patrolling the area" said Felix.

At present, barriers are being constructed for the police and ambulance services, while some fencing will be erected in the camping area for crowd control and safety of campers. The Catholic Church will put up a canopy also and offer free water and bingo, while the Tree of Life and other denominations have done some repair work at the powwow arena. The Tree of Life has also provided extra picnic tables for people to rest and eat their food. For more information call Ted Felix at 605-747-2571 or 828-0220.

Adams to participate in Miss Teen South Dakota



Marcella Adams

ST. FRANCIS - Marcella Adams, 15, a freshman at St. Francis Indian School has been invited to participate in the Miss Teen South Dakota pageant to be held at the Ramkota Inn on Nov. 10, 11, 2007. The daughter of Yolanda Adams and Kenneth Wright, she says that she is a good student and spends a lot of with family.

Marcella appears to be prepared to do the necessary fundraising along with her mother who will also serve as her chaperone. The age bracket for the pageant is ages 15-19 and most of the funding to sponsor her entry into the pageant will be by donations from local businesses and individuals. The donations from businesses can be deductible as an advertising expense.

Thus far, Marcella has received a donation from the Tax Express in Mission and will be canvassing other individuals and businesses that can assist her in raising the required $695.00.

Miss Teen South Dakota participants will be judged upon a personal interview, a swimwear contest and evening gown competition with each category representing 33 percent of the total score.

For Marcella, entering the Miss Teen South Dakota pageant is a "first" for her as it will take a lot of initiative to complete and submit all of the required information. In addition to a photograph, she will be required to submit a copy of her birth certificate, school transcripts, the $695.00 fee and five colored forms with a variety of information required.

Marcella and her mother are requesting sponsorship support from area Rosebud businesses and individuals. Please call Yolanda at 605-208-2388 if you are able to provide sponsorship support.

Red Cloud hosts volleyball jamboree, officials receive training

PINE RIDGE - Todd County, Hill City, Pine Ridge and Red Cloud participated in the volleyball jamboree Friday hosted by Red Cloud. The round robin event allows teams to get in a scrimmage and is designed as a refresher session for older experienced officials and to introduce new officials to the rules of the game and allow them to gain some much needed experience with officials who have a number of years under their belts.

"At the rate we are going, we will run out of officials in the coming years, we need to take the time to develop younger men and women who love the game and want to stay involved through officiating," said Jennifer Schaer, Red Cloud athletic director, "our officiating crews are aging and nearing retirement and we are going to reach a crisis where we won't have enough trained and experienced officials for our matches."

Brett Distel, Iggy Magbuhat and Joe Drab provided instruction and encouragement to the five individuals who came to learn about volleyball officiating including Melissa, Julie and Pete Blacksmith, Pat Clifford and Wilbur Buckman. Officials and student officials watched two DVD's on mechanics, participated in officiating matches which included a 25 point game and a 15 point game on a 25 minute limit followed up by viewing a video tape and an evaluation. Each high school team had three matches during the day.

"The jamboree was outstanding," said Joe Drab, an official with 30 plus years experience who does football, volleyball, basketball, middle school wrestling and fast pitch softball and baseball in the summer, "the people who showed up did a marvelous job, they put 100 per cent into what they were doing."

According to Drab, there are young people who get interested in officiating but they change jobs, move away, can't get time off from their full time job and all of this creates a shortage in officials around the state, mostly in football and volleyball.

"It is a fun job, I like being with the kids, they are a lot of fun and I've made a lot of friends over the years with players, their parents and now I even officiate games with their children," said Drab, "football is my favorite sport, you are outside with quite a bit of room, not in a closed space and surprisingly volleyball is my toughest sport when you are up there you have to stay focused the entire game, you don't have a lot of back-up and especially in tournaments it takes a lot of energy to stay focused for long periods of time, its fun though."



Protesting tribal government

ROSEBUD - Exercising the right of dissent was clearly in evidence as morning commuters through the agency town of Rosebud were surprised by a group of 4 tribal members protesting tribal government. A couple of signs clearly indicated their dissatisfaction as the protesters said they would be protesting for one day. The silent protest was staged at the beginning of Rosebud Fair week and Rosebud Sioux tribal elections on Thursday.

Tribal Education Department school money

The Tribal Education Department has money available for school clothing, supplies and essentials, application deadline is Friday, Sept. with checks available Friday, Sept. 14, for information contact Melanie Two Eagle 867-2501.

"Guess who these girls are"

Last week Lakota Country Times published a photo entitled "Guess who these girls are?" The ladies in the photo are Julia Broken Rope, Edith Bull Bear, Cecelia Packed, Susie Apple, Sadie Red Owl nd Angelic Fire Thunder. The photo was submitted by Delores Takes War Bonnett.

Pine Ridge, Red Cloud look forward to opening volleyball season at Custer

CUSTER - Robin Johnson is back for her fourth year as head coach of the Red Cloud girl's volleyball team. Both Pine Ridge and Red Cloud open their 2007 season in Custer for a two day tournament on Friday and Saturday with teams from Custer, New Underwood, Moorcroft, Newell, Rapid City Christian and Edgemont.

"We are planning on a winning season, we are a lot stronger this year, hitting a lot stronger and our level of play is getting a lot quicker," said Johnson whose Lady Crusaders finished up 13-17 last year and third in District 15A, "some of the freshman I started working with three years ago are now seniors and their experience will really help us."

Starters for Red Cloud include seniors Ida Clark and Lisa Bear Robe, juniors are Marque Lunderman, Desirae Blacksmith and Danielle Locust and sophomore Amber Steele. Athletes coming off the bench include Amber Blacksmith/jr., Charity Wilson/jr., Cenela Morrison/fr., Kacheena Bad Wound/sr. and Shelby McGhee/so. Missing from last year's team is Monique Claymore, Jessie Little Finger, Angel Big Crow and Paulina Fast Wolf.

Play in Custer's tournament gets underway at 3 p.m. on Friday as Red Cloud plays Moorcroft, they play New Underwood at 5pm and Newell at 8pm while Pine Ridge plays RC Christian at 4 p.m., Custer at 5 p.m. and Edgemont at 7 p.m. An eight team tournament will take place on Saturday with the teams seeded according to how they played on Friday. The tournament will be played out to all eight places.

Red Cloud hosts Belle Fourche on Tuesday and hosts a triangular with Hay Springs and Crawford on Thursday.

Pine Ridge Bike Ride Sept. 2

PINE RIDGE - The Pine Ridge Indian Health Service's Oyate Wicozani Ocanku, diabetes prevention program will be sponsoring a Bike Ride on Sunday, Sept. 2 at 9 a.m. with registration at 8:30 a.m.

Bike riders need to meet at the Pine Ridge hospital south side. There are some bikes available and it will be on a first come first served basis.

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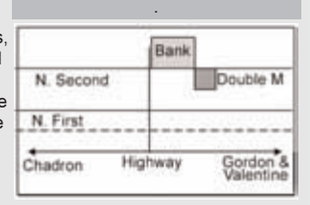


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Webber dominates Tough Woman contest in Ft. Thompson

FT. THOMPSON - Christy Webber, a 2005 Pine Ridge High School graduate, beat Kari Two Lance, a 2006 Todd County graduate in a TKO decision to win the women's lightweight division Sunday at the Lodestar Casino Rumble on the Rez Tough Woman contest.

Webber took out Larrissa Blaine on a referee's decision at 1:56 of the first round in her first match. Samantha LaRoche was the opponent in the semis and Christy won the match after three rounds in a unanimous decision. In the championship match, Webber came out landing strong body punches while Two lance went unsuccessfully for Webber's head. The continuing string of body punches took its toll on Two Lance.

Webber ran cross country and played basketball at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell her freshman year in college and plans to play basketball at Chadron State College this fall. Two Lance played basketball at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan. this past year.

Todd County's Prue earns medallist honors, Red Cloud takes West River Conference team title

GORDON, Neb. - Alex Prue, a sophomore at Todd County, was the lone golfer from the Mission based school but he made his own impact on the Red Cloud Invitational and West River Conference meet by shooting an 85 and winning individual honors for both events.

Hot Springs won the Red Cloud Invitational team trophy with a 356, Custer was second with 364 while Red Cloud was third with 367. Red Cloud fielded the only full team to win the West River Conference championship.

Todd County, Pine Ridge, St. Francis, Little Wound and Bennett County fielded partial teams.

Top individual finishers in the Red Cloud Invitational included Prue at 85, Casey Whitney/Custer and Andrew Terrel/Hot Springs tied for second with an 86 while Kyle Lewis/Hot Springs and Montana Sierra/Red Cloud tied for fourth. In the West River Conference competition, Prue won it with the 85, Sierra was second with 87, Little Wound's Josh Mousseau was third with 88, Mike Twiss/Red Cloud and Michael Lays Bad/Little Wound were tied for fourth.

Red Cloud's team also included: Geoffrey Black Feather 91, Dustin Brewer 100 and Lyle Jack with 105. Dominic Arthur scored 89 for nine holes in the JV competition.

Pine Ridge was represented by Joe Keith 90, Eric Long 92 and Bruce Jacobs 136 while Austin Prue of St. Francis has 110 and their JV players Eric One Star 74 and Andre Crow Eagle 63.

Bennett County was represented by Bo Johnson 102 and Nate Kaltenback 114; Custer - Johnny Couch 89, Chad Bryont 94, Joe Michalewicz 95, Cameron Riley 96 and Cody McLaughlin 98; Hot Springs - Brandy Besco 90, PJ Wetzel 93, Cole McNulty 94 and JV Jake Palo 51, Brandon Gerick 53, Alex Bucholz 66 and Logan Malde 77.

Red Cloud travels to the Custer Triangular on Thursday and to Todd County a week from Thursday.

Legislative panel approves mountain lion limits, Pine Ridge, Rosebud made no formal requests for exclusion

PIERRE (AP) - A legislative committee has approved the state Game, Fish and Parks Commission's plan to let South Dakota hunters shoot more mountain lions this year.

The Legislature's Rules Review Committee narrowly rejected a proposal that would have blocked the new limits from taking effect. The panel then approved the new limits, which wildlife officials said are aimed at maintaining a healthy population of mountain lions in the Black Hills.

The new limits let hunters kill up to 35 cougars, but no more than 15 females could be shot. That means the season will end when either 35 mountain lions or 15 females are killed.

Last year's season ended when the eighth female was killed. A total of 16 mountain lions were taken.

The increased limit is based on research and is intended to keep the Black Hills mountain lion population at its current level, said George Vandel, GF&P assistant wildlife director.

The Black Hills mountain lion population is still growing, Vandel said. ``We feel they can easily handle this kind of harvest,'' he said.

Based on research by South Dakota State University graduate students, Vandel said wildlife officials believe the Black Hills has 200-225 mountain lions. More than 60 young lions are added to the population each year, and last year 46 adults were confirmed killed from all causes, which include car accidents, the hunting season and the removal of problem lions.

Some undocumented deaths occur, and some cougars leave the Black Hills in search of new territory, biologists have said.

Nancy Hilding of Black Hawk, president of the Prairie Hills Audubon Society, urged lawmakers to suspend the rules allowing the higher limits because she believes Game, Fish and Parks officials have not done enough research on mountain lions outside the Black Hills.

In previous years, the season had separate licenses for the prairie that allowed farmers and ranchers to get licenses to shoot cougars on their own land. The season this year will let hunters with licenses hunt either in the Black Hills or prairie.

Hilding said the Oglala Sioux Tribe wanted the area around the Pine Ridge Reservation to be off limits, but the Game, Fish and Parks Commission allowed hunting there. Other areas, such as northwestern South Dakota, might develop lion populations unless hunters kill too many females, she said.

Instead of making licenses good throughout the state, officials should divide South Dakota into more units so the population could be managed in each area, Hilding said.

The higher limit could result in more young lions being orphaned before their mothers have taught them how to avoid conflicts with people, Hilding said. Some then could run into problems with people, she said.

``A sport hunt doesn't necessarily relieve the conflict with humans,'' she said.

State and tribal biologists consulted on the issue, but the Oglala and Rosebud tribes made no formal requests to exclude the areas from the mountain lion hunt, Vandel said.

All mountain lions shot by sport hunters so far have been in the Black Hills, and wildlife officials know of no established population outside that region, he said.

Rep. Bill Thompson, D-Sioux Falls, sought to suspend the higher limit, which would have meant that last year's season and limits would have been used again this year. Thompson said he thinks wildlife officials should have to explain their research in greater detail.

But Thompson's suggestion failed 2-3, and the panel then approved the rule setting the higher limit.

American Indians owed $60 million

WASHINGTON - Some $60 million is owed to American Indians who have not claimed inheritances or interest from tribal land allotments, the federal government said.

The federal Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians is looking for more than 45,000 beneficiaries nationwide. A trust officer for the agency, John Roach, said that includes 4,000 Navajos.

The beneficiaries are eligible for disbursements ranging from a couple of pennies to more than $100,000, but the government doesn't know where the beneficiaries are.

``It's unconscionable for us to have $50,000, $60,000 or $100,000 and not do everything in our power to find them,'' Roach said. ``We have a very important but strict financial duty to them.''

Roach said more than half the beneficiaries are owed $100 or more.

Julie Redhouse, an accounting technician for the OST, said American Indians are missing out on payments for a number of reasons.

People who are in line to inherit money or estates from deceased family members either don't know of the inheritance or have moved and failed to update their mailing address, she said.

All earnings and inheritances are reviewed and paid out by the OST, which also sends quarterly statements to land owners, listing all money, assets and real estate.

The office also owes money to descendants of the original trustees of tribal land attained through the General Allotment Act of 1887, Redhouse said.

In the absence of a will, the act provided that upon death of the allottee, the ownership title would be divided among the heirs.

``When heirs don't keep their records or mailing addresses updated, they miss out on quarterly payouts,'' Roach said.

Heirs who share ownership with dozens or even hundreds of other beneficiaries might receive only a few cents every quarter, but those who have inherited a fraction of land leased for grazing or for the development of natural resources might be eligible for larger dividends.

The agency also holds on to accrued interest or inheritance until a beneficiary turns 18.

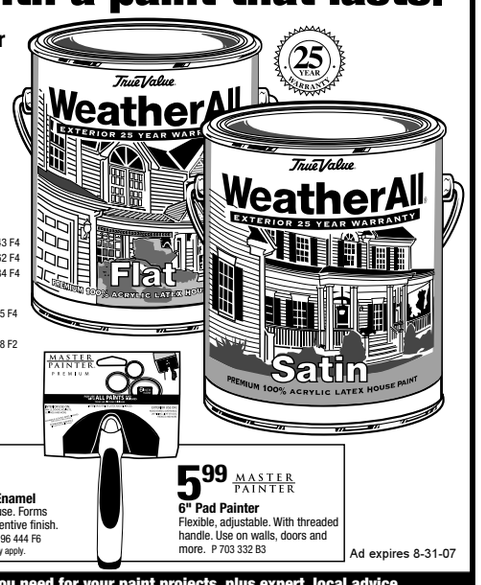
``Sometimes we lose track of them if they inherited land when they were juveniles,'' Roach said. ``The sad thing is, when the land produces money, we can't find them.''

The OST is asking that all American Indians check with the agency to find out whether they are owed money or have assets.

On the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians Internet website, www.ost.doi.gov, one can search to see if their names is listed for money.

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OPINION PAGE

Finding My Voice

The next generation will see past skin color



Dana Badmilk

Nobody wants to ever talk about racism, because it is so ugly. It is easier swept under rug. In fact, I would rather sweep it out the door, but after seeing all the hoopla about Don imus, I feel I need to talk about it now.

I grew up on a reservation. When I was a kid things were more "in your face." What I mean is, when I went into a drugstore, or gift shop in a border town I was followed, watched....the sales clerk even being a few steps behind me. I remember making sure my hands didn't touch any part of my body and I had the $20 bill my dad gave me to spend out in the open in one hand, just so the clerk knew I had money to buy the bubbles and coloring books I wanted.

I remember my grandma arguing with some of the workers...declaring, "We have money! We don't steal! Even though our land was stolen, we are not thieves."

When I was a kid I thought all white people were bad. I thought they all looked down on us. It got to be so bad that I felt inferior when we moved to a nearby city. I was made fun of by only one kid in first grade for being Indian, but at the time it felt like the whole class looked down on me and hated me. I withdrew into myself. I could have made friends. I could have been "normal." But I was so scared because of one little idiot's opinion of me, and to be real, you know he learned it from his parents. All the racist things he said. What first grader just thinks up that stuff.

I cried to move back home and I was sent back to my grandma's for the rest of first grade. I was still shy but a happy shy well, until I peed my pants on the bus.

Anyway, moving on.

When I moved away from home and to the city at age 18 I applied for every job I could get. Does anyone remember how hard it is to get your first job? I mean you are so scared and you dress nice for the interviews. You have no idea how to give good interview, no idea how to lie a little to make yourself look like the best option. I must have went to a dozen interviews and didn't get one job. I, of course chalked it up as racism. I know now it wasn't, I was just a naive, inexperienced, 18 year old who was starting to get an attitude. It was easier to claim racism than blame my lack of experience.

Anyway I had a friend who worked at Burger King on the closing shift, which is basically cleaning all the grease off of everything. She got me a job there working two nights every two weeks. I know that is so pathetic, but I took it. It was nasty. I hate Burger King.

In the mean time, since I was only getting 16 hours every two weeks I also got a part time job at an arts and crafts gallery called Sioux Trading Post. On my third night of work at Burger King I was screamed at for not going fast enough on something I had no idea what it was. I was never the cook. It was my first night without my friend and the other manager. I walked out and chalked it up to racism. It was easy to call things racism, even though that manager was eight months pregnant and crabby anyway.

I worked at Sioux Trading Post full time after that and I was able to sell my beadwork. I was able to "shine" in my pride of my heritage. I learned more about my people and who I was working there, then I did in my whole 18 years on the reservation.

I learned a thing or two about a thing or two since then. I learned to recognize it when I see it and not just assume everything and everyone is racist. Over the years and all the moves I made many different friends from many different cultures. I lived on a border town for a while in the last two years and I saw racism and I didn't. Some of the people there know that they can't survive as a town without our tribe. Some of them still don't like us...but that's their loss. Some of them grew up among us and everyone knows everyone. A lot of them work for our tribe, so they need us, they work for our hospital, for our schools, for our department of Social Services.

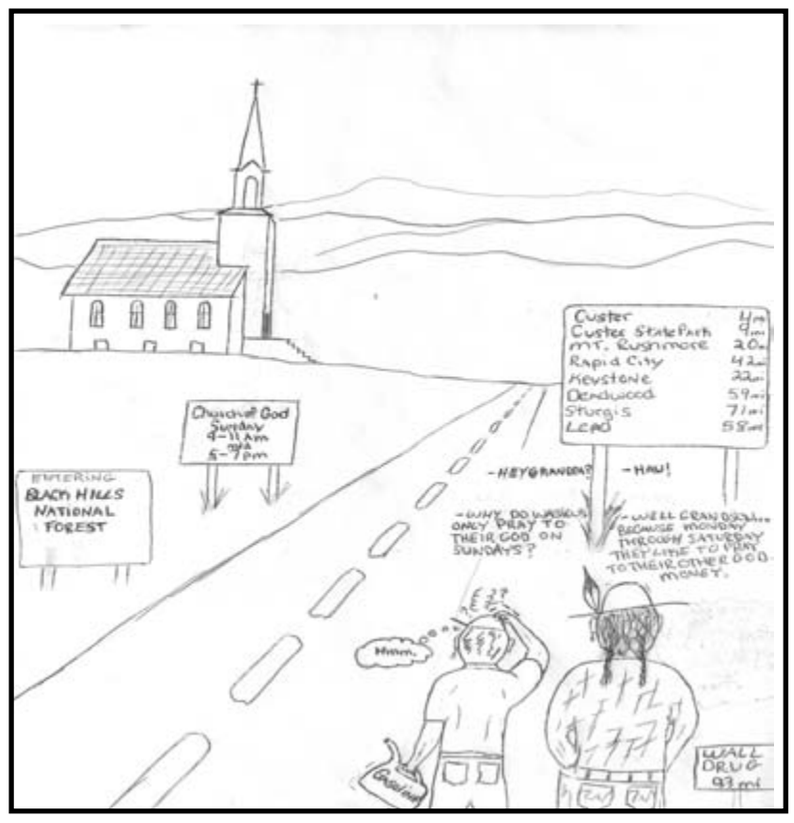
I don't see it like I used to.

There are racist people who are up front about it. They are hated for their attitudes and for being up front. Then there are racist people who keep it inside, but you know they are. They can say derogatory remarks and it's okay, because they claim they are not racist. Or they are not a minority so they are insensitive to what hurts and what doesn't. They even lie to themselves about who they are. Some of them work for places where they have no right to be secretly racist such as in the Social Service Department in Pine Ridge. They are so rude it's easier to not sign up for help than to be treated that way. Either way, racism is hurtful.

My kids went to many diverse schools. They don't see people as black, or Indian or white or Filipino, because they are all 4 cultures anyway. They never picked their friends based on color.

Like my mom said, adults in towns spend money on studying what can make their community more diverse. They bring in study groups to try and make the small town community a better place to live with the different cultures involved. But somehow, it is easier for the next generation to get past color and see people for what they are...human. The children have figured it out on their own. Let's hope this only gets easier as we go along.

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Other Views

Looking for friends of Carl West

Dear Editor:

My father, Carl West, was adopted by Delmer Arrow and his family many years ago. He has been traveling from his home in South Florida to South Dakota for almost two decades to attend ceremonies, bring blankets and sporting goods to the children and visit with his family there. Early July 2007 my father passed away.

My children and I would very much like to hear from anyone there who may have known him. We know and love our adopted family there in South Dakota and very much would like to stay in touch and continue to honor Delmer's memory and my father's as the time he spent there was very precious to him and to us.

He has shared endless stories and photos and tales of history and life there which has had a profound impact on our lives. The on-line July 7 obituary for Carl West can be found at: http://www.edgleycremationservices.com/obituaries.php. Your memories and contact information are greatly appreciated.

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The best critics of the HBO film was the audience

Dear Editor:

After reading Tim Giago's article about the HBO film, "Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee," I want you to know how "dead on" your opinion was.

My husband and I felt privileged to have been invited to see the premiere. My thoughts during the movie were that the romance was out of place along with the fictional characters which detracted from the focus of Wounded Knee.

I also understand that film makers give the public what they want at any given time in the history of movie making.

It's about money. It is a conflict to me that current movies are so full of fictional violence using special effects when we only have to look at our history both past and current to see real violence. In the HBO film, this real horrendous violence was not portrayed as it really was, yet it was better than films of old which were so terribly slanted and just untrue. As kids who went to the movies in the 1940's and after, we didn't know the truth and no one told us because they didn't know! It is this ignorance that must be overcome.

Sir, I love western history of our country and in reading and learning all I can, I have raised my child to not be ignorant about what was done to the American Indian. Also, I truly love the pow wow at Pine Ridge because it is more soulful than when held at the Rushmore Civic Center.

I feel so proud of the young men in the drum circles, the young people in the grand entry who so beautifully and proudly display their rich cultural heritage.

Yet, people ask me, "Aren't you afraid to go there?" I urge friends and neighbors to go and see for themselves this stirring event. It is a jewel to cherish in our current history.

At the HBO performance that night, Mayor Shaw mentioned some kind of alliance between Rapid City and Pine Ridge to get more people from Rapid City to attend some of the events.

Yet, since then I haven't seen a word in the papers or media about the pow wow, about anything happening, no articles about this living, breathing entity in our own backyard. To me, it was more political whitewash. Yet, problems on the reservation are in the media which still give a hidden version of the whole truth.

If I want to know what is happening, I go to the on line Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce website or ask my friend who lives at the reservation and who invited me in the first place to the powwow at Pine Ridge.

Additionally, my husband and I can't do a lot of heavy yardwork anymore so utilize day labor in Rapid City a lot. Many of the men and some women are American Indian. Again, I'm asked, "Aren't you afraid they'll steal or leave beer bottles around?"

Absolutely not. In every case, we appreciate the help, the good work, always fix a nice lunch and pay well over what others pay in taking advantage of "cheap" labor.

My mother taught me that when people work hard for you, you feed them, and you treat people with respect and appreciation. Every worker has told me, "We don't get treated like this. People take advantage of us as cheap labor."

Please understand, Sir, that I am not a "do gooder". I hate do gooders because it has been my experience that all too often they have their own interests in the forefront without feeling from the heart

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Other Views

What we do today will determine successes, failures of the next generation

To the Oglala Oyate:

A legal truth to be addressed by Oglala Oyate is the true status of Oglala Sioux Tribe sovereignty. Right now, the Oglala Sioux Tribe's jurisdiction and authority, legally, does not exist. To correct this problem a New Election must proceed, as ordered on Oct. 22, 2006, by the Election Court of Appeals - and affirmed by the true 2004-2006 tribal council.

The Oct. 22, 2006 court order of the Election Court of Appeals has nullified their candidacies and has ruled for a new election. Tribal Council of the 2004-2006 administration upheld this order and organized a completely new election. However, this never happened because a "coupe de etates", a criminal taking of the OST government - took place.

The situation presents a clear-and-present danger to the existence of the OST.

Because of this illegal government, legal theory dictates that the tribe has no governmental authority or jurisdiction, and therefore the OST's sovereignty does not exist right now. Until the Court Ordered New Election takes place, the OST is without a lawful governing tribal council.

These individuals who now illegally "claim" to be council members only form a rouge group of individual-private people who are not of the law, who are without authority, and who's decisions, orders, and statements are null and void (legally unenforceable by tribal and federal law), because such orders were made by violators of tribal law. Only a new election can re-establish the OST government; and without a new election, the OST simply does not legally exist. The tribe faces many challenges, including new international policy such as the Security and Prosperity Partnership Agreement, and the possible formation of a North American Union - and how this will affect the Oglala Sioux Tribe; we have to consider the proposed possibility of a new currency in North America - the Amero. The OST must develop new policies which will secure a viable economy, education, create jobs, improve healthcare, and preserve the traditional culture for the next generation. The old thinking that "tribal corruption is good for the few, things will always be the way they are"… is wrong. A new age has already risen,

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Northern Perspectives

Rosebud Fair is a benchmark for many



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

The Rosebud Fair is now in its 131st year and many people use it as a 'benchmark' of sorts to govern the movement of their lives. Well, maybe not the movement, necessarily, but certainly what they do shortly before or after the Rosebud Fair.

My mother told me yesterday, that people used to look forward to the White River Frontier Days with the same anticipation as the Rosebud Fair. My auntie, Margaret, was married to Jesse Leneaugh and apparently he was quite the bronc rider as he would often bring home his winnings. He also had his picture on their annual poster for the longest time.

I have been attending the Rosebud Fair since 1976 continuously and it was a time when I had interrupted my attendance at the fair to serve in the military and attend college. It was an emotional experience to see it in 1976 as it had been nine years since I was there and it was so good to be home.

When I started college again in 1977 I would always come home and would not return to Boston until the day after the Rosebud Fair. I can remember many a fair, watching the finals late on the last night or standing in a light rain while they finished the finals.

I am certain that there are hundreds of youngsters and visitors who do similarly as the fair is a demarcation line of sorts. I don't know if I can adequately explain the meaning of the fair, but it's like something that we hang on to culturally and socially as it is something that bonds us.

We probably all have particular memories of fair time, the food and the fun.

Who could forget powwow food also, as I was just as guilty as the next in consuming an Indian taco. I recall visiting with Calvin Jumping Bull a time or two or listening to Chief Fools Crow. It was thrill to listen to the Porcupine Singers, Ironwood Singers, Red Leaf or even Sons of the Oglalas. I remember brothers Robert or Myron enjoying themselves and hoping that they did not get into a tussle with anyone and that they got home safely. Many probably remember the time we had to purchase a button to get into the powwow, but that idea has been abandoned. Surely, it must have helped to defray some of the overhead costs.

It used to be that school started after the fair, but now they start during Rosebud Fair week and the kids have Friday off. I imagine that some parents do not send their students to school until after the fair.

The whole fair scene is an important benchmark in Sicangu life as it is kind of like Labor Day in that we are able to close out the summer and get ready for school and the coming autumn months.

I often wonder what kind of activities our ancestors engaged in as they arrived in Rosebud for the fair on horseback along with their teepees and made it a family experience.

Our ancestors knew how to relax and the fair was their way of demonstrating a balance in their life.

Actually, fair time is supposed to be a subdued time this year for our family as we recently lost a brother and thoughts of him will abound. Carl loved the rodeo and often practiced bareback when he was a young man.

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Notes From Indian Country

When is a citizen not a citizen?



By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji)

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There are 213 enrolled Numunuu (Comanche) residing in the State of New Mexico, according to California attorney Dennis G. Chappabitty, himself a Comanche. He was in Albuquerque last week as the Project Facilitator to discuss the work in progress on the new Comanche Nation Constitution.

The work on the new Constitution has been ongoing for more than two years and the people of the Comanche Nation, whether residing in New Mexico, California, Oklahoma or any other state in the union have a say in how the Constitution will be worded.

The "Public Hearing Process" was held on the beautiful campus of the Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque. The fact that only 20 of the 213 citizens of the New Mexico Comanche community showed up for this most important meeting caused some in attendance to talk about the apathy that has plagued the Comanche Nation voters over the past several years.

The new definition of "Citizen of the Comanche Nation" to replace "Tribal Member of the Comanche Nation" caused some attendees to admit that they found the new wording difficult because they had spent most of their lives referring to themselves as "tribal members." Said one in attendance, "But I guess I can get used to calling myself a citizen of the Comanche Nation because I think it has a better ring to it than tribal member plus it points out that we are citizens of our own Nation."

Mr. Chappabitty described the old 19-page Constitution as being pretty frayed and dog-eared from it use and misuse over the many years of its existence. The new 34-page Constitution hopes to include many new addition and interpretations along with correcting those portions of the old Constitution that badly needed upgrading, updating and total revision.

This appears to be a process that is taking place in many parts of Indian country. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota is another Indian nation restructuring its Constitution. The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma just had provision approved that the Secretary of the Interior will no longer have a say in what goes into their Constitution, which was a major step forward from the days when the Bureau of Indian Affairs had nearly total control over the Cherokee government.

It is a lesson to me that Indian nations such as the Comanche consider all of their people as citizens of their Nation. No matter where they reside they are still permitted to engage in the political processes of the Nation. Among many tribes, including most of them in South Dakota, once a person moves from the reservation they abdicate their right to vote or to run for office. They are not allowed to become involved in planning the budget that includes health, education and the welfare of tribal members. And yet, when it comes to determining the monetary allocations requested by the tribe from the federal government, all tribal members are counted whether they live on or off of the reservation. The higher the body count, the higher the funding.

In other words, once you leave a reservation, say the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, you become a non-citizen. Even those Lakota residing in Rapid City, the birthplace of the famous warrior Crazy Horse, are still considered as "off the reservation." And if you move back to the reservation in order to run for office, you must prove residency of one year before your name can be placed on the ballot.

Before Tom Short Bull, now president of the Oglala Lakota College, challenged the law that said if you were born off the Pine Ridge Reservation you would not be considered an enrolled member of the tribe, many Lakota were listed as "non-enrolled" and were thus ineligible for many tribal benefits. When Short Bull decided to run for the presidency of the tribe, he challenged his "non-enrolled" status in tribal court and won.

As I listened to the citizens of the Comanche Nation, now residing in New Mexico, discuss revisions to their Constitution, I became more convinced than ever the many other Indian nations that prevent their people living off of the reservation from participating as full citizens, to follow the example of the Comanche Nation and to give back the rights to all of its citizens that were taken from them by the non-Indian bureaucracy.

After all, a United States citizen living in Belgium does not lose his right to vote, but merely votes on an absentee ballot, the same way the citizens of the Comanche Nation residing outside of Oklahoma vote. I believe it is high time all Indian nations change their constitutions to include all of their citizens.

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HBO premiere

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what is needed and just plain decent. It is this kind of ignorance that must be eliminated be we American Indian, white, green, or whatever color. It is my opinion that only with each generation's truth handed down will the truth be known. The truth is a little more closer these days than it was when I was growing up, so steps, though gradual, seem to be taking place.

I didn't intend to say all this so I have gone beyond a simple thank you for the article. I must say, in conclusion, that that the best critics of the HBO film was the audience itself. Ordinarily I would have expected applause at the end. Instead, the audience was absolutely silent. It was very moving and soul stirring. The injustice and pain was still felt I thought. Yet, the quiet dignity of that silence spoke more than any critic could ever write. There is still a lot of work to do and a lot of ignorance to overcome.

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and the next generation of Oglalas will have to compete with a global economy in a new world community. What we do today will very well determine the successes or failures for this and the next generation, and possibly determine the very existence of the OST. A new election now will be a step in the right direction toward meeting these challenges.

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No one is going to give change to us, we are going to have to make it for ourselves

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the article, "How do we better ourselves and get rid of those statistics?" by Dana Lone Hill.

One word comes to mind when I think about this question and that one word is revolution, a revolution of the people's mind, body, spirit and emotion. The definition of the word aside from meaning an overthrow of a government by those governed and usually by forceful means with another form of government taking its place also means a complete or radical change of any kind; radical meaning favoring fundamental or extreme, thorough change; fundamental meaning the foundation or basis of a thought or idea which is an essential part of something; and extreme meaning to the greatest degree far from what is usual and conventional. These words and what the meaning of these words could stand for may possibly hold the most important principles, theories and laws for change.

Who we once were as a great nation of strong people with our land and the wealth of our natural resources is why we are all segregated now on tiny reservations. It is why the reality of our people is as it is today in comparison to who we once were. Just as America once fought us for the control of our land and our natural resources and the majority of the United States who then called for the extermination of us is the same reason why they have been killing in the Middle East this whole time. It is the same old reason, it is all for wealth, control and power.

We as Lakota and as Indigenous people for that matter have been tricked, deceived and pushed for decades through the generations of our relations into a slow motion poisonous sleep of death whether we know it or not. This will inevitably lead to the mass murder of us as a people that many have said is an already on-going silent genocide that has been occurring for centuries but a genocide nonetheless.

When the integrity and spirit of our people was strong and the circle whole and complete we were independent; we were true sovereign nations. That is why the now so-called 'United States of America' made its early treaties with the Indigenous people of their 'new found world' long ago. Because if you look back at the history of the beginning birth of the United State of America, you will find that its early people just 'European immigrants' fled here to the new world to escape persecution from their already cruelly oppressed homelands. And one of the ways in declaring themselves a sovereign and independent nation to their former 'government' was to make treaties with other sovereign and independent nations. Which were the Indigenous peoples of their 'new found world' a world that had no fences and no visible boundaries of ownership and that in the eyes of a them meant free for the taking.

And if you look even further as to how independent we were as a people you will find that our ancestors have occupied these lands for at least 40 to 50,000 years prior to the Europeans 'discovery.' And through the old stories of the old ones, through various works of Indigenous writers and through the personal accounts of some wasicus in those times you will learn that we had awesome power through all aspects of ourselves, physically, mentally, spiritually and mystically.

So in going back to the multiple questions that are on many peoples minds, 'How do we better ourselves and get rid of all those statistics?' 'How do we demand a better life for the people and get it?' 'How do we bring about change?' Well this is just my opinion here and I am sure I am not sounding like a politician but rather more like a revolutionary.

A few key things to keep in mind would be that 'without deviation from the norm change will not be possible' and no one is going to give this change to us. We are going to have to make it and take it for ourselves. And it is an eternal truth that writing about something and doing it are definitely two entirely different things. I'll always remember what Sitting Bull said during his time, "our greatest leaders have yet to come." So who is ready to speak and stand up for the people? Who is ready to die for the people if need be? I already see many of you who are willing to give your life for a country that has never loved you or your Oyate, brain washed by doctrines that have captivated millions before you and I am sure millions after you too. But do you have the heart to give your life for your people, your Oyate?

Very few know of the whole undeniable truth in the history of the 'discovering' of this 'new world' and the founding, making and shaping of this nation for it is a dark one. One that is full of lies and deceit and based on murder and thievery. And too many have always believed in these lies that have been fed to them for generations by those who knew the truth but had the power to distort and hide it. However, there are those who do know this truth and there are also those who do have pride as Lakota but there are not enough and very few truly live and show that pride in a good way.

And the pride I see when I look around is the wrong kind of pride. For the hanging of the stars and stripes I believe is more like a sick co-dependent acknowledgement saying," sure this flag represents the genocide of our people, the theft of our land and our continuing oppression but its ok because were proud to be Americans now." This is not the only "wrong pride" that our Lakota people display but also in the various gang colors that keep our youth divided.

That's like a slap in the face to the old ones and it unknowingly keeps our entire nation and our young people subservient like slaves when they should be as servants for the people, united as brothers and sisters and cousins fighting for the Oyate just as our ancestors always did. But instead they separate themselves from the blood of their past away relatives and fight each other. We were once a great nation of buffalo now we are a nation of cows amidst a vast nation of sheep who are being led by wolves in sheep's clothing and the wool has been pulled over the eyes of the herd. Of course there are the few who are an exception to the rule.

Our collective ignorance as a people has kept us enslaved as a nation imprisoned and only through the acknowledgement of the simple truth can we set ourselves free as a people and as a nation. The youth are the future of us and they will be our leaders of tomorrow. We need to empower them now with nothing less then the absolute truth of our concealed history. Instill in them the four virtues of being a Lakota in relation to the reality of today's dominant world and the reality of our world for the liberation of our Oyate, Woksape, Woohitika, Wounsila, and Wowacintanka. We need real leaders who strive to live close to the true Lakota way, leaders who do see the truth and walk with integrity, leaders who will lead by example and live these qualities of wisdom, bravery, generosity, and fortitude for the Oyate. This could return to us the seemingly almost forgotten pride of being a true Lakota without the false pride and ego but with humility and sincerity.

And this brings me back to this one word, Revolution. All it means is a basic, extreme, thorough change of the foundation of what makes us a people and a nation but this change must be a gradual change because there are many truths that need to be realized and understood. We need to realize the Indian Wars never ended for us and we need to prepare our children for this because when the wasicus, who time after time kept pushing us down, saw that they didn't have to push us anymore they understood that we would keep ourselves and each other down from now on. It is now our choice and our choice alone that will shape our future.

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Concert raises money for White Buffalo Calf Woman Society

MISSION - Hoping to stop teen suicide and domestic violence, South Dakota residents and Black Hills visitors opened their hearts and wallets Sunday evening during a free benefit concert for the country's first Native American domestic violence shelter and its many projects including ending the shocking number of recent teenage suicides and attempted suicides on the Lakota Rosebud Reservation.

The concert at the Custer Lutheran Fellowship church featured northern Michigan and Black Hills musicians and raised about $1,000 for the White Buffalo Calf Woman Society in Mission. The funds will be used for preventing domestic violence, sexual assault and teen suicide.

Family string band White water and duet Duo Borealis, both from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, played a wide range of folk music including a "twist" on Amazing Grace that stirred the emotions of the crowd.

The Michigan groups were joined by local singer Roxanne Sazue of Fort Thompson who performed several songs and opened the show warming up the crowd for the visiting musicians. The three acts became one in the end and performed "I Will Fly Away."

The WBCWS was founded 30 years ago by a group of courageous Native women, among them; current executive director Tillie Black Bear who closed the concert by singing a traditional Lakota song in native tongue that captured the hearts of the audience.

The WBCWS serves all battered women and children as it fights family violence, sexual assault and teen suicide.

The Rosebud Tribe has more teen suicide attempts than any other American Indian reservation in the United States, Black Bear said.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe recently declared a teen suicide "State of Emergency" on the Rosebud Reservation.

Over the past two years, more than 400 attempted suicides and 15 suicides have occurred on the Rosebud Reservation - most involving teenage males.

Poverty, depression, a lack of work, drugs, alcohol and other social problems are among the reasons for the alarming teen suicide problem on the Rosebud reservation, Black Bear said.

A recent report by the U.S. Justice Department outlined an increase in violence against Native Americans.

The Michigan groups traveled 1,000 miles to put on the free benefit concert, and the WBCWS is over 220 miles from the Custer church where the concert took place.

While those involved in the concert live long distances from each other, organizers said they are close on battling domestic violence, teen suicide and sexual assault.

"The connection between Custer and the Rosebud reservation is once again open and strong," said Black Bear.

The pastor of Custer Lutheran Fellowship church said the concert has renewed his congregation's connection to the WBCWS and the Rosebud Reservation.

"We share in the goal of eliminating violence against women and violence in all of our families," said Rev. Dave Van Kley. "We are also strongly committed to reconciliation between native and non-native peoples and hope that this concert was a small step in that direction."

Rev. Hubbard said the WBCWS "does important work at a critical time by creating ways to help end the teen suicide crisis at the Rosebud Reservation and by continuing its many programs to help victims of domestic violence."

Black Bear and Rev. Van Kley both thanked the crowd for donating $1,000 and plan to make the concert an annual event.

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Potato Creek Wacipi Sept. 7-9

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There will be flag raising 9 a.m. daily and the host drum will be Red Leaf of Rosebud and honor drum will be Spotted Horse of Potato Creek.

Grand entries will be 7 p.m. nightly with 1 p.m. grand entries on Saturday and Sunday.

Specials include a veteran's only men's traditional in memory of John Around Him, a men's traditional old style sponsored by Marie Fox Belly and family, Reddest memorial mens grass dance and womens fancy by Lost Dog Tiospaye, junior jingle dress by Virgil and LaVonne Randall in honor of Hailey Randall, junior boys grass dance by Melvin and Gwen Young Bear in honor of Cetan Young Bear, tiny tots and rabbit dance specials.

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Porcupine Labor Day Men's Fastpitch Softball Tournament, 12 team, double Elimination, August 31-Sept. 3 at Porcupine School ballfield, for information call Elgin 441-2521, Alsie 288-0097 or Dasey 867-5446.

Honoring Veterans Wacipi Oct. 19

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Sinte Gleska University to hold 34th annual commencement

MISSION - The Board of Regents and administration at Sinte Gleska University will be hosting its 34th annual graduation on Friday, Aug, 24, at the SGU multipurpose building on the Antelope Lake campus. The 24th annual GED graduation will also be held.

The event will commence with a ceremony at 8 a.m. in which the sun is asked to bring good energy and health to all creation. At 9 a.m. Sicangu medicine men Roy Stone, Leonard Crow Dog and Art Black Bear will conduct a purification of the multipurpose building and at 10 a.m. the student services center will also be purified through prayers.

At noon Albert White Hat and Roy Stone will conduct a "wiping of the tears" ceremony. At 1 p.m. the Sicangu Lakota Warriors and other legion posts will lead SGU President Lionel Bordeaux, the Board of Regents, graduates and staff in a grand entry that will feature master of ceremonies Everett "Butch" Felix.

Charlie Spotted Tail will sing the flag song, while the Chauncey Eagle Horn Post 125 and the Sicangu Lakota Warriors will post the colors. Marty Makes Room will sing a veteran's honor song, while SGU President Lionel Bordeaux will deliver a welcome address.

The keynote speaker is scheduled to be Ryan Sense Wilson, an Oglala Lakota who is the past President of the National Indian Education Association. A host of elders and other honorees will also receive honorary doctorates including Floyd Red Crow Westermann and Lowell Amiotte. Marty Makes Room will sing a closing honoring song at the conclusion of the awarding of degrees, including GED graduates and a meal will be served in the commons area.

Sinte Gleska University Graduates

Master of Education: M.Ed
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Old Sun Community College
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Master of Arts Human Services: MA
Sinte Gleska University
Deatrick LaPointe
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Bachelor of Art: BA
Business Administration
Jeanine Balgemann
Kenneth Fay
Chad Whirlwind Soldier
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Human Services
Robin Burritt
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Melvin Chasing Hawk
DeAnne Eare
Haelee L. Engel
DeAnne Felix
Jason Fuller, Sr.
Michele F. Howe
Kristine E. Smith

$250,000 awarded for fire recovery

PINE RIDGE - The Department of Agriculture has awarded the Pine Ridge reservation and two land owners a grant of $250,000.00 to assist in recovery efforts from the Stampede fire which burned 13,000 acres of the reservation's buffalo pasture land.

The money will be used to rebuild fences and meet the cost to assess the damaged area according to Birgil Kills Straight, Director of the Oglala Sioux parks and recreation program.

Department of Agriculture Under Secretary, Mark Rey, said the funding will help landowners and the Oglala Sioux tribe to refrain from allowing grazing on the burned acres until after November 2008 when it will begin to recover. Kills Straight said that recent rains have helped to begin the recovery process already.

Teen charged with murder of Poor Bear

MUSKOGEE, OKLA.. - Prosecutors filed first-degree murder charges Wednesday against 18-year-old Enrique Pacheco in the Monday death of Shelliegh Poorbear, also 18.

Pacheco is accused of repeatedly stabbing Poorbear, the mother of his 10-month-old son.

The crime is punishable by death, imprisonment for life, or imprisonment for life without parole, the filing by Muskogee County District Attorney Larry Moore states.

Pacheco is being held without bond in the Muskogee County/City Detention Facility.

Pacheco or someone at his residence called police about 10:22 p.m. Monday night telling them they could find a knifing victim in Room 104 of a cheap motel on U.S. 69.

Eight minutes later, Pacheco allegedly left a voice mail on the cell phone of Lisa Tiger, Poorbear's adoptive mother, that made Tiger believe her daughter was dead.


Shelliegh Poor bear

Pacheco was arrested at his home after Poorbear's body was found. A knife believed to be the murder weapon was recovered from the scene, said Muskogee Police Sgt. Greg Martin, an investigator with the department.

Martin said police had been called to a residence on Cherry Street in Muskogee early Sunday. Pacheco had found Poorbear at the residence and was unhappy she was there, Martin said. No arrest was made.

Pacheco later proceeded to burn Poorbear's clothing and clothing belonging to her 17-year-old sister, Kayla, the sister said Tuesday.

Tiger was making arrangements Wednesday afternoon to return her daughter's body to the Porcupine District of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota for burial near her natural mother's family. Poorbear was Lakota, of the Oglala Sioux tribe.

See Poor Bear's obituary on page B3.

Reprinted from the Muskogee Phoenix.

Thune staffers to hold outreach day in Bennett County, Todd County

WASHINGTON, DC -Jesse Ewing of Sen. John Thune's staff will hold a constituent outreach day in Bennett County on Friday, Aug. 24. Ewing will hold office hours from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the County Courthouse in Martin. Individuals wishing to pass along their concerns or opinions to Senator Thune are welcome to stop by and visit with Ewing.

Jeannie Faber of Sioux Falls and Ewing will hold a constituent outreach day in Todd County later that day in Buche's Deli in Mission from 3 to 4 p.m..

"Constituent outreach days allow South Dakotans to individually voice their concerns with one of my staff. I rely on this important input to help me do my job better each day and serve the needs and interests of the people I represent," Thune said.

Aside from office hours, Mr. Ewing will also visit with community leaders in the region. Area residents who would like to visit with Mr. Ewing may also set up appointments by calling Senator Thune's Rapid City office at 605-348-7551.

RST election Aug. 23

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) Members of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe will vote Thursday in their primary election.

Interest in the tribal president's position is high. Eight men are on the ballot for that office alone.

There are 9 candidates for vice president.

Rosebud voters also will choose tribal council representatives in 13 districts.

Candidates who survive the primary will square off in the October 25 general election.

Bush urged to give Medal of Honor to Keeble

WASHINGTON - In a letter to the White House, U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson urged President Bush to approve a recommendation to posthumously award Master Sergeant Woodrow W. Keeble the Medal of Honor.

Johnson's office received word that Defense Secretary Robert Gates approved the recommendation, and sent it to Bush for his approval, the final step in the process of the award, according to a statement from Johnson's office.

Keeble, a Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux tribal member, would be the first Sioux to receive the honor.

Keeble, who died in 1982, fought in World War II and Korea.

He saved fellow soldiers' lives during the Korean War, a conflict in which Keeble himself was wounded.

He won four Purple Hearts and the Army's second-highest commendation, the Distinguished Service Cross, but the Medal of Honor escaped him because of bureaucratic technicalities at the time.

Community Calendar

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Rez Happenings

Sports Physicals
Thursday, Aug. 23 in Porcupine 4-7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 24 in Allen 12:30-3:30 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 27, 28 in Pine Ridge 3:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 29 in Manderson 4-7 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 4, 5 in Pine Ridge from 3:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 6 in Porcupine 4-7 p.m.; for information call 867-3006 in Pine Ridge, 867-5431 in Manderson, 867-1207 in Porcupine and 455-2440 in Allen.

Shannon County Schools
Classes begin Monday, August 27.

Oglala Lakota College Registration
Fall Semester classes begin Monday, Aug. 27 with drop-add continuing until Aug. 31 at all nine district college centers, the nursing program in Pine Ridge, Cheyenne Rive in Eagle Butte and He Sapa in Rapid City, for information call 455-6000.

Sicangu Owayawa Oti
Opening Sunday, Aug. 19 with first day of school at Todd County set for Monday, Aug. 20 and at St. Francis Monday, Sept. 10, for information call 856-4486 or 877 742-2648.

OLC Bookstore Distribution
Thursday, Aug. 23 in Pine Ridge 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Eagle Nest in Wanblee 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 24 at He Sapa in Rapid City 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Monday, Aug. 27 at He Sapa 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and Cheyenne River in Eagle Butte 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., for information call 455-6075.

Oglala Sioux Tribal Council
Special Session on Thursday, Aug. 23 at Prairie Wind Casino dealing with Human Resources department on Thursday and Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Prairie Wind Casino dealing with Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing Charter, for information call Elizabeth 867-5821 ext. 268.

Releasing of the Spirit Ceremony
Saturday, Aug. 25 for Thomas Crow starting about noon at the Andrea Reddest residence, four miles of Potato Creek housing, red and yellow flags on left side of highway, for information call Alma 455-1230 or JoAnn 791-0555 or 381-3986.

Girl Scouts celebrate at pow wows
Saturday, August 25 at Rosebud Sioux Tribe pow wow in Rosebud and Saturday, September 1 at the Cheyenne River Sioux Labor Day Celebration in Eagle Butte, visit our booth and make beaded bracelets, turtle rattles, journals and trail mix snacks, for information call Debbie 800 658-3391.

Lakota Winyan slowpitch SB tourney
Friday-Sunday, Aug. 24-26 in Rosebud in conjunction with 131st Rosebud Fair, Wacipi and Rodeo, for information call Donna 747-2297, ext. 235 or Dee at 208-4028.

Crow Creek Tribal School
Dorms open Sunday, Aug. 26 at 12 noon and school starts Monday, Aug. 27, for information call 1 800 370-7908, Middle School 852-2416 or High School 852-2258.

Red Cloud School first day
School starts for Red Cloud Elementary, Our Lady of Lourdes and new students and freshman at Red Cloud high school on Monday, Aug. 27 and returning students at the high school on Tuesday, Aug. 28, for information call 867-5491.

Oglala Health Fair
Monday, August 27 at the Our Lady of the Sioux Catholic Hall in Oglala from 5-7 p.m. with booths from Oyate Blihelya, I.H.S. Diabetes Prevention and midwives, Public Health Nursing and OST Health Education; for information call 867-2067.

Loneman School Registration
Friday and Saturday, Aug. 30 and 31 with first day of school set for Tuesday, Sept. 4, for information call 455-6875 or 455-6901.

Flandreau Indian School deadline
Application deadline is Friday, Aug. 31 with the fall term beginning Thursday, Sept. 6, for information call 1 800 942-1647 or 605 997-3773.

Mud Bog
Saturday, Sept. 1 with races at 3 p.m., 3.5 miles south of Kyle on BIA 4 at the Ohitika Track, seven classes, for information call 441-4168 or 441-3241.

Co-ed softball tourney
Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 1-3 in Porcupine, 12 team tournament, for information call Steve at 441-8686.

SGU graduaton ceremony

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Ann Marie Valandra

Lakota Studies
Sandra Black Crow
Francis Cutt
Russell Eagle Bear
Samuel High Crane
Duane Hollow Horn Bear
Delores Kills In Water
Violet Little Elk

Bachelor of Science: BS Education
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Mary Bainter
Brent Charger
Amy Engel
Brooke Fisher
Elsie Hollow Horn Bear
Bertha Hullinger
Amy Paulson
Becky Ritter
Ken Stand Fast

Sitting Bull College
Sunshine Froelich
Dyneil Hildabrandt Moriarty
Dawn Holzer
Rose Winters

United Tribes Technica College
Melissa A. LaFountaine
Karen D. Little Wind
Janice K. St. Clair

Associate of Arts: AA
Arts & Science
Sinte Gleska University
Jennifer L. Bordeaux
Violet Little Elk
Marisa Moran
Melanie Sorace

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Bradley J. Agard
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Eric A. Kistler
John Russell Long Turkey
Thomas E. Perry
Adam Kenneth Schindler
Rhoda Lynn Talich
Jessica M. Wilson

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Peter Hare
Holly Horn
Chelaine Knudsen
Geraldine Provost
William Roller
Melissa Sanchez
Wakinyan Hotan Wambdi Hoksina (Zephier)

Business Administration
Sinte Gleska University
Nichole Bordeaux
Michelle Haukaas
Karen Little Thunder
Tamera Medley
Cecily Vanderwalker
Lower Brule Community College
Isabelle M. Taylor

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Oyate Guerue
Julie Lambert
Eva Lunderman

Lower Brule Community College
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Misty Dogskin
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Leota Greeley
Kathryn Robertson

Human Services
Sinte Gleska University
Deanna Bear Heels
Gayla Big Boy
Julia Cahill
Charlotte Emery
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Destiny Swan
Nancy White Horse

Lower Brule Community College
Valene M. Kennedy

Lakota Studies
Sinte Gleska University
Harold Charging Hawk

Associate of Applied Science: AAS
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Institute of Technologies
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Michael Arroyo, Michaelyn Black Lance, Floyd Black Spotted Horse, Tiffani Bordeaux, Celso Estrada, William Flying, William Flying, Blair Has Horns, Lisa J. Iyotte, Harry C. Packard, Tara Poignee, Victoria M. Roubideaux and Mike G. Schmidt.

Great Wahanpi Cookoff Sept. 22

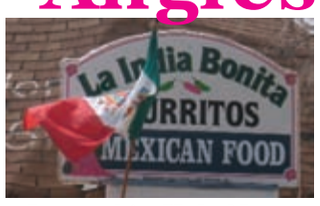
The soup cookoff will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Tatanka Nupa Memorial Park in Red Shirt beginning at 1 p.m. with judging at 4 p.m. in memory of John Swallow a great outdoor soup cooker, for information call Amaris 255-5025, cell at 430-0701 or Dan at 430-1329.

21st He Sapa Wacipi Na Oskate

Black Hills Pow wow celebration Friday-Sunday, Oct. 5-7 in Rapid City at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center with grand entries at 7pm on Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

38th UTEC Pow Wow

38th United Tribes International Pow wow Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 6-9 in Bismarck, N. Dak. at the United Tribes Technical College with grand entries set for Thursday at 7 p.m., Friday at 1 and 7 p.m., Saturday 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., f
or information call 701 255-3285.

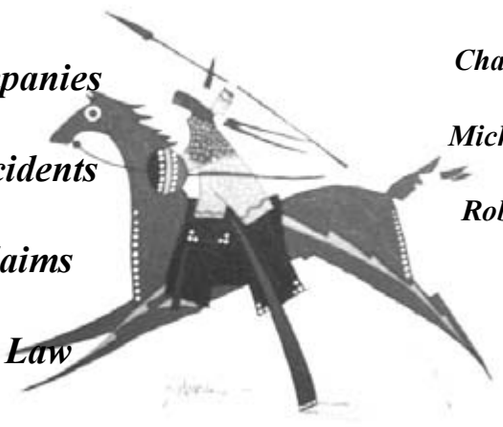
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Benjamin Red Cloud Sr., 41.....Pine Ridge
Mary Young Bull Bear, 82.....Kyle
Shelliegh A. Poor Bear-Black Elk, 18.....
.....Porcupine
Yvette Two Bulls Little, 66... Phoenix, Az.

Benjamin J. Red Cloud Sr.

PINE RIDGE - Benjamin J. Red Cloud Sr., 41, Pine Ridge, died Saturday, Aug. 18, in Chadron, Neb.

Survivors include two sons, Benjamin Red Cloud Jr. and Bradley Red Cloud, both of Pine Ridge; two stepsons, Sage Red Owl and Dylan Red Owl, both of Chadron, Neb.; four daughters, Devon Red Cloud, Mary Ellen Red Cloud, Cheyenne Red Cloud and Kayla Red Cloud, all of Pine Ridge;

One stepdaughter, Nakita Sutton, Chadron, Neb.; one brother, Reno Red Cloud Jr., Pine Ridge; three stepbrothers, Robert "Chop" Martin, Barry Martin and Sam Martin, all of Pine Ridge; five sisters, Charlotte Red Cloud, Chadron, Neb., and Marilyn Red Cloud-Brown, Pamela Red Cloud, Jennifer Martin and Sheryl Martin, all of Pine Ridge; and two stepsisters, Judy Martin, Oglala and Jolene Martin, Omaha, Neb.

A one night wake service was Aug. 22, at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge.

Funeral services will be at 10 am., Thursday, Aug. 23, at the hall with the Rev. Steve Sanford officiating. Burial will be at Red Cloud Family Cemetery in Pine Ridge.

Mary Young Bull Bear

KYLE - Mary Young Bull Bear, 82, Kyle, died Friday, Aug. 17 at Bennett County Health Care Center.

Survivors include two brothers, Jerry Young Bull Bear, Kyle, and Michael Porlides, Torrington, Conn.; and three sisters, Barbara Young Bull Bear, Clara Charging Crow and Florida Jealous of Him, all of Kyle.

Wake services were Tuesday, Aug. 21, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall in Kyle.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall with the Rev. Rick Abert officiating. Burial will be at St. Stephen's Catholic Cemetery in Kyle.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

Shelliegh A. Poor Bear-Black Elk

PORCUPINE - Shelleigh Poor Bear-Black Elk, 18, Porcupine, died Monday, Aug. 13, in Muskogee, Okla.

Her death is under investigation.

Survivors include one son, Isaiah Pacheco, Muskogee, Okla.; her mother, Kathryn Hayes, Porcupine; four brothers, Joseph Black Elk, James Hayes and Wambli Hayes, all of Porcupine and Michael Black Elk, Muskogee, Okla.; and four sisters, Kayla Black Elk, Muskogee, Okla., Whitney Black Elk, Wounded Knee, and Victoria Poor Bear and Arnita Hayes, both of Porcupine.

A wake service was Sunday, Aug. 19, at Porcupine CAP Office in Porcupine.

Traditional Lakota funeral services were Monday, Aug. 20, at Porcupine CAP Office with Wilmer Mesteth officiating.

Burial was at Body of Christ Cemetery in Porcupine.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Yvette Two Bulls Little

PHOENIX, Ariz. - Yvette Two Bulls Little, age 66, of Phoenix, Ariz. died on Saturday, Aug.11.

She was born on August 12, 1940 in Pine Ridge, the daughter of Gayle and Theresa P. Weston Two Bulls. Yvette was a former dispatcher and secretary to the Captain of The Tribal Police Department in Pine Ridge.

She also was formerly employed as a secretary at The Inner-Mountain Indian School in Brigham City, Utah. Survived by children: Robin Dawn Little of Ogden, Utah, James Norman Little Jr. of Oglala, Avis Jean Little and Gail Kaye Little both of Ogden, Utah and Fontella Fawn Perez of Phoenix, Ariz.; twenty seven grandchildren; twenty four great grandchildren;

Brothers and sisters: Ivan Thomas, Sarah Ann Two Bulls both of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Antoinette Eagle Elk of Aberdeen, South Dakota, Theresa Two Bulls of Pine Ridge, Judith Heminger and Josette Peltier both of Rapid City; half brothers: Harold, Patrick and Leo Two Bulls all of Pine Ridge; half sisters: Lisa Two Bulls of Pine Ridge and Linda Roper of Rapid City; a host of other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by a son: Anthony Wallace Little, her parents, a brother: Gayle Clarence Two Bulls and by a sister: Avis Jean Two Bulls.

A wake service was Sunday, Aug. 19 at Billy Mills Hall.

Funeral services for Yvette Little were Monday, Aug. 20 at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge. Reverend Robert Two Bulls will officiate. Burial was at St. Phillip Cemetery in Manderson.

Casket bearers were Jared & T. J. Little, Steve Brings Him Back, Stan Black Smith, Emmanuel Romero, Alan Peltier, Robert Little and Ivan Underwood.

The Chilson Funeral Home in Winsted, Minn. handled the funeral arrangements.

In loving memory of Jason Lee Two Eagle Wicahpi Wankatiya

It's been four years Aug. 20 since my brother Jason Lee Two Eagle left for the spirit world. Brother, it's been four difficult years without you there. We use to do almost everything together. Laugh at each other, smile at all the funny things we did, cry when something was sad but most of all we were always there for each other.

I miss your laugh your smile, your great sense of humor and your presence.

I love you and miss you everyday with all my love your sister,

LisaTwo Eagle-Richard.

Loving and missing our uncle Jason Lee Two Eagle, we love you and miss you everyday Uncle.

I thought I saw your face today, in the sparkle of the morning sun.
And then I heard the angel say, "Their work on earth is done."
I thought I heard your voice today, then laugh your hearty laugh.
And then I heard the angel say, "There's peace dear one at last."
I thought I felt your touch today, in the breeze that rustled by.
And then I heard the angel say, "The spirit never dies."
I thought I saw my broken heart, in the crescent of the moon.
And then I heard the angel say, "The Lord is coming soon."
I thought that you had left me, for the stars so far above.
And then I heard the angel say, "They left you with their love."
I thought that I would miss you so, and never find my way.
And then I heard the angel say, "They're with you every day."
"The sun, the wind, the moon, the stars, will forever be around, reminding you of the love you shared, and the peace they've finally found."

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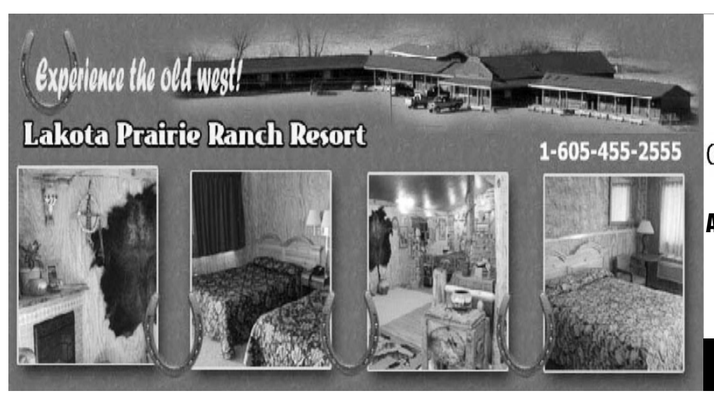
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ASK ANNA

Psychic ~ Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

My question is: How do you let go of the past and move on? Everybody talks about letting go and moving on, but how?

I was with a man for about five years and we been split up for nine months now. We have two beautiful babies.

Just talking about this makes my stomach hurt and I feel really sad right now.

He was already with someone before I found out that we were broke up. You don't know how hurt I was, and I'm still hurt! (I guess post-partum didn't help things either).

He started doing a lot of drugs (cocaine/marijuana) and drinking A LOT, that was something that I don't do. And this girl he's with, buys it. Do you suppose he really loves her? Or the drugs & drinks?

Why does he like to get treated the way he does?

He gets so blank and she's dragging him around by the hair, hitting him in the face and when he's passed out she's with someone else.

I spoke with him last week and all he talked about was wanting to be drunk, how hard his life was, and how he didn't care about anything. How could anyone be that messed up?

I told him that I wanted his help, financially, with our babies. He said he can't but can buy drinks and drugs everyday. Right now I feel really angry towards him or I should say I hate him.

Many times he asked to come home, I told him no, which really hurt me.

I guess Anna, I don't really know how to move on with my life, there's not a day that goes by that I don't think about him or the things we used to do-the good things.

I told myself that I won't get involved with anyone until I am healed from this, how long does this take, will there be somebody?

Why am I so hurt by this relationship, there were others but why do I feel the way I do?

I really hope that I hear from you, I need help or direction--something.

Lost and Confused.

Dear Lost and Confused:

He sounds absolutely charming - no wonder you still long after him. I know that I want a man that has turned over his life to drugs and alcohol - because that is such a good way to live.

I love having no money, being angry, and spending all of my time telling someone how miserable they are "making me."

What you have forgotten is that you do have control over yourself and your life. You are not a victim of someone else's problems. Women, in particular, want to spend a lot of time crying about the miserable man in their life.

It is a bad habit. As bad as drinking and drugs because it literally controls your life and daily motives.

Letting go is easy. It is a decision. You are the one that makes decisions in your life. There are lots of "processes" people use to finally be able to make a decision, but I usually employ my brain and power of observation combined with the love of creating a better life for myself.

Accept these things and quit arguing with yourself.

You cannot change anybody except yourself. You cannot continue to cry over the disappointment of a dream that will not be created with this man. He is who he is and he does what he does. People engaged with drugs and alcohol are owned by those substances. T

heir spirit is subverted and the spirit of alcohol and drugs take over. There is nothing that you can do about that.

Once you accept him as he is, understanding that he is creating a life for himself that is far different than what you want for yourself and you let go of your anger with him for victimizing you the real healing begins.

Nobody did anything to you. You have to be honest with yourself.

You knew certain things about him when you got involved with him. You continued to be associated with him deep into his relationship with drugs and alcohol.

What did you think the outcome would be?

As you said, he is a mess. Accept that, and then accept that it is YOU that doesn't want a man in her life that is a mess.

Quit asking yourself why he puts up with demeaning treatment from the other woman. He does that because he has low self-esteem, which he has earned by acting in a low way. Let it be.

Someday, he may recover. He will have to make a decision someday whether to live or die. He will have to find a way to value himself. You are part of what he lost along the way. That is part of what he deserves and it is part of what will help him become so miserable that he will want to live better.

Mostly what you are holding onto is the anger and resentment you feel for him, and the blame that is easier to give out than to accept the responsibility for placing yourself in the position you placed yourself within.

Human beings (every single one of us) are very strong.

We literally create our lives, day by day, moment by moment. We attract that which we believe in, and we attract that which our spirit needs to move us into clearer understanding (In other words, we create lessons for ourselves to learn).

Make your decision. Retrain your mind. Be okay with today, because it is all you every really have. Go forward and "see" yourself in a better life, because you can create one.

You will have another love (or more) in your life. Do yourself a favor and choose better. Live now, in gratefulness for the experience and lesson, and go forward without fear.

Blessings to you.

Dear Anna,

I wrote to you a few months ago about my daughter who had had a couple of accidents and how we were having a difficult time deciding whether she would be alright driving again.

I'm just writing to give you an update: She has been driving since then and has been doing fine. She's had a difficult time finding a job.

She applied at all the regular fast food places, but I think other people (those who did the hiring) couldn't get past her speech impediment and didn't see her as being as capable as she really is and, because math is such a weak area for her, they did not want to hire her for cashiering type positions. She was getting very discouraged. I suggested that she apply for a job at a nursing home only a mile away from us and she got a part-time job as a dietary aide and will start tomorrow. (Yea!)

There are still difficulties she's trying to overcome, she's repeating a basic math course at a community college this semester which she failed last semester (she's on a 6th grade level) and which she needs to pass just to get to the more difficult math courses for her culinary arts certificate.

She has said that if she doesn't pass math this semester, she might consider becoming a certified nurses aide, so we'll see what happens.

Either way, she's a great young woman and we couldn't be more proud of her determination, character and perseverance.

Anyway, I just wanted to give you an update and to say thanks a bunch for the advice. We did put the insurance in her name and she's going to pay for half (since it's pretty high) once she starts getting her paychecks. We still worry occasionally...well, a little more than occasionally, but we're trying to let go and let her grow. By the way, I continue to enjoy reading your column. Take care and keep the great advice coming.

Dear Mother of Wonderful Daughter:

Thank you for your kind words. Please find a tutor for your daughter. I think you can get somebody through your local college or even through one of the high schools. You daughter needs a thorough understanding of fractions.

How many quarter cups in a full cup? For instance: If you only have a quarter cup measuring device, and you have to put in two and a quarter cups of flour, how many quarter cups does that take?

Hands on "showing" will help her learn these concepts, which she can learn to translate to math language.

I also feel that she would be excellent working with children. Cecelia Fire Thunder is a great example of a woman that never allowed a hearing or speech impediment to stop her from going after her dream.

Your daughter will feel better knowing that she also, can create her own dream, live her own successful life and enjoy her own success.

To help her, all she has to know is that it is possible. Loving blessings to you dear, and a hug for your driving daughter.

Dear Anna,

I am sick of working for a bunch of quarreling jealou-hearted sick women. Everyone has a motive and all they want to do is complain about other co-workers to make themselves look better. What do you see?

Mad at the stupidity

Dear Mad:

I see you getting together with three other women and one man and beginning a new program for after school activities for the youth on the rez. This may be one of the most important activities for the youth today.

Have you noticed an increase in gang membership and activities since the "YO" was discontinued on the Pine Ridge Reservation? I have.

Think about it and get going. There is nothing that you can do about the personality illnesses of insecurity that you work with except to move on.

Good Luck!

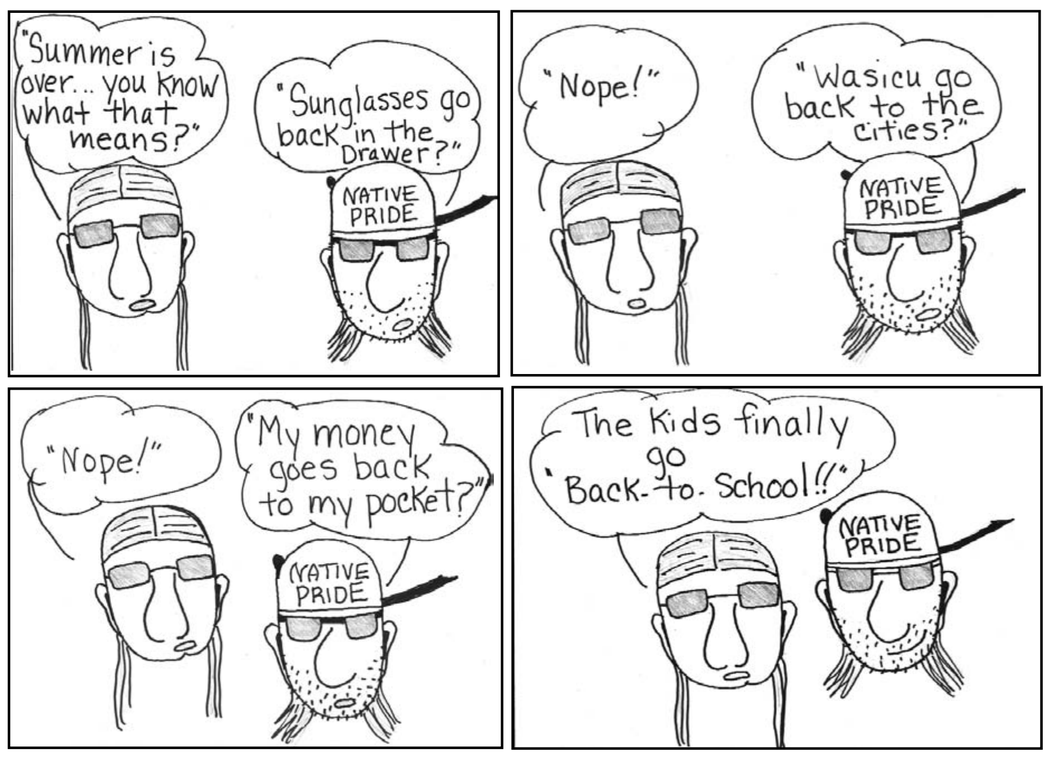
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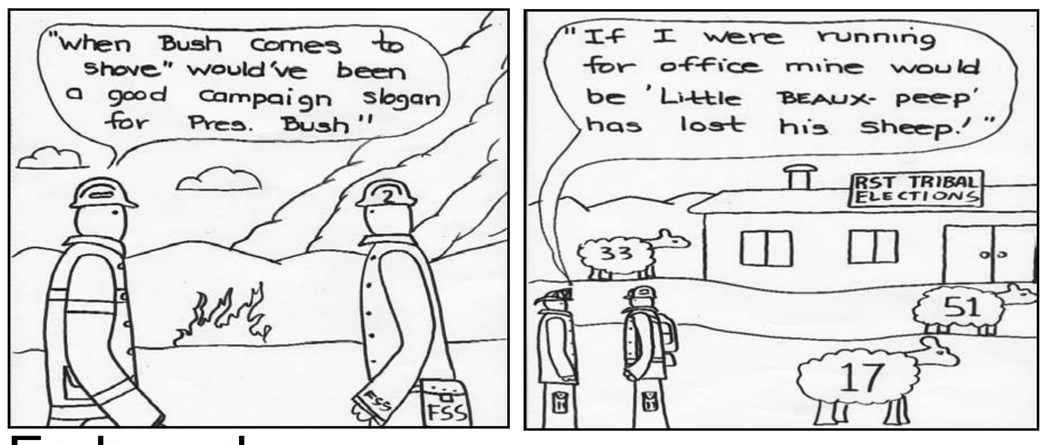
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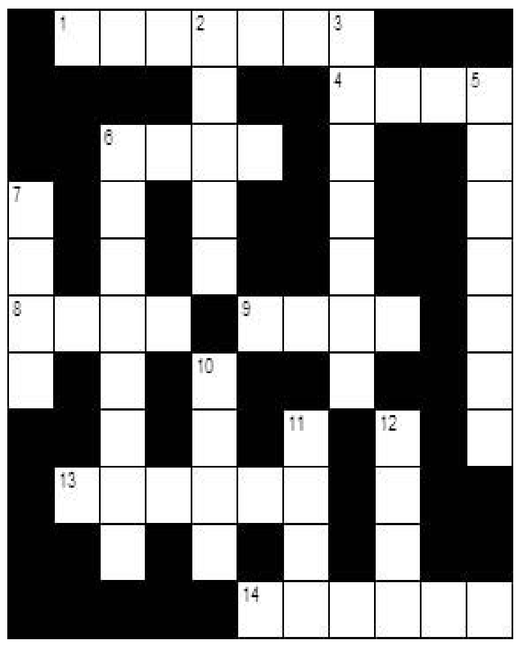
Crossword Puzzle

(answers in next week's issue)

CLUES

Across
1. last night
4. chubby
6. female gender ending
8. male gender ending
9. ask for
13. five
14. your name

Down
2. some
3. I went
5. we want
6. yesterday
7. me
10. windy
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These letters are to be sent or delivered to the Auditor's Office at 906 N. River Street, Hot Springs, S.D. 57747. Any interested person must be registered in Shannon County Commissioner District # 5, which includes voters registered in the Batesland and Porcupine Precincts. The Board of Shannon County Commissioners will be meeting on September 7th, 2007 for their regular meeting, and will review any letters received. Please contact the Auditor's Office at 605-745-3996 to schedule a time to meet with the Board to review your letter of interest.

Sincerely,
Sue Ganje
County Auditor
Shannon County

NOTICE OF SEALED BIDS FOR SURPLUS HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT IN SHANNON COUNTY.

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7-V-Plows 10-0054, 281-1317, SP-TR4-22, V90-41457H, 10-4285, SD-12M-534,10-78487

The Sealed Bids are to be sent to the Shannon County Auditor's Office, 906 North River, Hot Springs, South Dakota, 57747; and must be received in the Auditor's Office by September 6th at 5 p.m.

Any further questions please call the Shannon County Auditor's Office at 745-3996.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2007
Sue Ganje,
County Auditor
Shannon County

U.S. Dept. of Interior B.I.A. Fort Berthold Agency, PO Box 370 New Town, ND 58763

BID

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Berthold Agency is planning to conduct an Oil and Gas Sale within the next two (2) months. We will be offering all unleased allotted mineral acreage to the highest bidder through a competitive sealed bid process. We have established the primary terms of the lease as follows:

Minimum bonus per acre $75.00
Minimum annual rental rate per acre $2.50
Minimum royalty rate per acre 18%
Primary term of the lease 5 years

The approval of a mineral lease on the Fort Berthold Reservation is based on majority consent, under special authority enacted in 1998 and 1999, and codified under 25 U.S.C. 396. Upon completion of the competitive bid sale, leases will become effective, once the required number of owners have consented to lease and approved by the BIA Superintendent.

This decision is based upon the fact that Fort Berthold Agency has received numberous requests from prospective lessees to lease certain allotted minerals. Several lessees have been acquiring signatures for negotiated oil and gas leases on the Fort Berthold Reservation. While this attempt has been made in good faith, we feel it would be in the best interests of the allotted mineral owners to include their lands in an advertised lease sale in order to receive the optimum bonus consideration through competitive bid. We recommend the allotted mineral owners who are in negotiations for an oil and gas lease to give full consideration to this alternate option.

Those allotted mineral owners who do not wish to have their lands advertised in this competitive bid lease sale, please contact the Fort Berthold Agency in writing within (2) weeks of the date of this notice.

Our mailing address is as follows: Superintendent, PO Box 370, New Town, ND 58763. Our telephone number is (701) 627-4707.

Signed,
Earl Silk,
Superintendent

Oglala Sioux Tribe Property & Supply PO Box 3006 Pine Ridge, S. D. 57770

Request for Proposals

The Oglala Sioux Tribe Property & Supply Department is soliciting bids from local contractors for the repair of the circular roof of the Red Cloud Building at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The 13,222 sq. ft. building is located next to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) building.

The contractor is to furnish all labor, materials, equipment, site services, insurance and any other information and work necessary and/or required to complete this renovation project at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The contract will be a Firm, Fixed Price (FFP) Contract and items that need to be included in this bid, to avoid any change orders, are the sole responsibility of the contractor. Contractor must be bondable and provide proof of such and Indian Preference applies to this work.

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Advertisement of bids will open August 24, 2007 and bids will close August 31, 2007 at 5:30 P.M. (No late bids will be considered). Notification of award will be announced on September 7, 2007. Work is to start immediately. The Oglala Sioux Tribe has the right to reject any and all bids deemed not responsive.

Please be specific as possible on your bid and itemize your bid to show break out of cost. The more information you provide, the easier and faster the process is to complete. If you have any questions, please contact:

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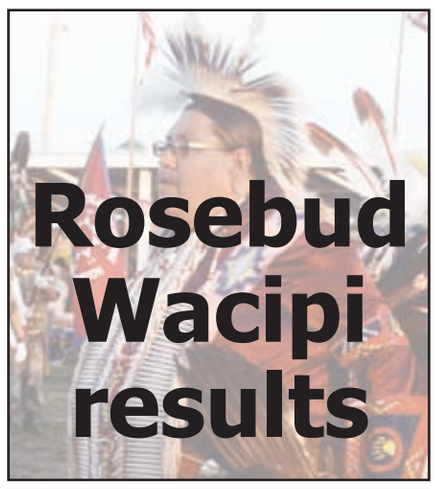
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Rosebud Rodeo results

Doug Fitzgerald, saddle bronc rider, placed second in at the annual Rosebud Rodeo Aug. 25 and 26.
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ROSEBUD - The annual INFR tour All Indian Multi Sanctioned rodeo was held in conjunction with the 131st Annual Rosebud Fair on Aug. 25 and 26 with an $27,000 added purse.

Announcers were Alec Whipple, judges were Marty Ward and Delbert Longbrake, bullfighters were Cole Waters and Morris and Pickupment were Troy Heinert and Pat Heathershaw. The rodeo committee are Richard Colombe, Sheri Knox, Cheryl Murray, Gerri Night Pipe, Dennis Spotted Tail and Justin Thin Elk.

Standings were as follows:

Bareback

1 Amiotte, Shiloh; 2 War Bonnet, Freddy; 3 Wilson, Rollie; 4 Clifford, Catlin; 5 Lesmeister, Lonny and 6 Wilson, Joe .

Bareback Short Go

1 Amiotte, Shiloh; 2 WarBonnet, Freddy; 3 Wilson, Rollie; 4 Clifford, Catlin; 5 Wilson, Joe; 6 Lesmeister, Lonny

Bareback Average

1 Amiotte, Shiloh; 2 War Bonnet, Freddy; 3 Wilson, Rollie; 4 Clifford, Catlin; 5 Wilson, Joe; 6 Lesmeister, Lonny

Calf Roping

1 Reynolds, Bill; 2 Lawerence, Doug ; 3 Dahozy, Brooks; 4 Givens, Britt; 5 Rogers, Erich James; 6 Fischer, Terry J.

Calf Roping Short Go

1 Rogers, Erich James ; 2 Louden, Dallas; 3 Lawerence, Doug; 4 Fisher, Allen; 5 Dennison, Kyle Dean; 6 Fischer, Terry J.

Calf Roping Average

1 Lawerence, Doug; 2 Rogers, Erich James; 3 Louden, Dallas; 4 Dennison, Kyle Dean; 5 Fischer, Terry J.; 6 Watson, Eric C.

Breakaway

1 Lawerence, Kristen; 2 Ducheneaux, Tess; 3 Billie, LeAnna; 4 Betteylon, Jewel; 5 Murray, Jackie ; 6 Dixey, Lizzie

Break Away Short Go

1 Murray, Joanna; 2 Tibbitts, Michelle; 2 Murray, Jackie; 4 Lawerence, Kristen; 5 Dixey, Lizzie; 6 Lunak, Megan

Breakaway Average

1 Lawerence, Kristen; 2 Murray, Jackie; 3 Billie, LeAnna; 3 Murray, Joanna; 5 Dixey, Lizzie; 6 Lunak, Megan

Saddle Bronc

1 Benny, Ramos; 2 Thompson, Ty; 3 Meeks, Jeremy; 4 Gilham, Clarence; 4 Wilson, Rollie; 6 Wilson, Jesse; 6 Hebb, Marty L.

Saddle Bronc Short Go

1 Reeves, Chris; 2 Fitzgerald, Doug; 3 Deal, Kaden; 4 Hebb, Marty L.; 5 Benny, Ramos 5 Wilson, Jesse; 5 Longbrake, Jay

Saddle Bronc Average

1 Hebb, Marty L.; 2 Benny, Ramos; 3 Meeks, Jeremy; 4 Wilson, Jesse; 5 Wilson, Rollie; 5 Longbrake, Jay

Steer Wrestling

1 Wilson, Joe; 2 Wilson, Rollie; 3 Dennison, Kyle Dean; 4 Fischer, Terry J.; 5 Rogers, Erich James; 6 Hunt, JJ

Steer Wrestling Short Go

1 Fischer, Terry J.; 2 Wilson, Rollie; 3 Dennison, Kyle Dean; 4 Lawerence, Doug; 5 Smith, Lyle; 6 Rogers, Erich James

Steer Wrestling Average

1 Fischer, Terry J.; 2 Wilson, Rollie; 3 Dennison, Kyle Dean; 4 Wilson, Joe; 5 Rogers, Erich James; 6 Lawerence, Doug.

Team Roping

1 Darrel and Marty Watson; 2 Dustin Bird and Jim Cole; 3 Dustin and Sam Bird; 4 Tim Jandreau and Jason Whitewolf; 5 Bud and Rocky Longbrake; 6 Doug Lawerence and Wroper Kosel; 7 John Hunt and Galen Means; 8 Rawley Ben and Ty Romo.

Team Roping Short Go

1 Terry Fischer and Erich James Rogers; 2 Rawley Ben and Ty Romo; 3 Dustin Bird and Jim Cole; 4 Dustin and Sam Bird; 5 Darrel and Marty Watson; 6 Jeremy Ferguson and Kelan Gesinger; 7 Bud and Rocky Longbrake;

Team Roping

1 Dustin Bird and Jim Cole; 2 Rawley Ben and Ty Romo; 3 Dustin and Sam Bird; 4 Darrell and Marty Watson; 5 Terry J. Fischer and Erich James Roger; 6 Bud and Rocky Longbrake; 7 Jeremy Ferguson and Kelan

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Shannon County Schools authorized for virtual high school

Less than 30% of eighth grade graduates finish high school

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent



Dr. Curt Voight

BATESLAND - "Over the past year, before I came to work for Shannon County, I was involved in a study looking at tracking the eighth graduates from Batesland, Wolf Creek, Rockyford and Red Shirt," said Dr. Curt Voight, new superintendent of Shannon County schools, "we found that less than 30 percent of the eighth graduates finished high school; that is a terrible situation for both the student and the health of the community."

On Aug. 17, the State of South Dakota approved Shannon County schools for a virtual high school and the school board met Monday at Red Shirt to give the go ahead for the new high school.

"After interviewing a number of Shannon County school's graduates who had dropped out of high school, we realized that most of them were still living here on the reservation," said Voight, "if they are going to be responsible and successful members of the community, they really need to graduate high school at a minimum."

The Shannon County High

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Schools victorious in settlement with BIE on reorganization

RAPID CITY - After filing a lawsuit a little over one year ago, and obtaining a preliminary injunction against the US Dept. Of Interior and the Bureau of Indian Education in July, Indian tribes and tribal schools have finally reached a settlement with the government that will stop major portions of the proposed reorganization of the Office of Indian Education and leave educational resources on Indian reservations, announced lead attorney Charles Abourezk.

"It is a tremendous and historic victory for the tribes and tribal schools of the Dakotas," said Abourezk. "Education Line Offices and resources that support contract, grant and BIA schools will remain on Indian reservations, rather than having them transferred to urban areas and state capitals."

The tribes and tribal schools contended that there was insufficient tribal consultation under the law prior to the proposed reorganization. The former Office of Indian Education Programs of the BIA, now called the BIE, was going to reorganize the entire structure of BIE in a move that would have cost over $11 million, and would have taken monies from at least two programs serving Indian children, Abourezk said. It also would have moved all Education Line officers and offices, as well as support personnel, to urban areas and state capitals, forcing tribes and tribal schools, as well as support personnel, to travel great distances to obtain educational support.

"It was always our contention during the lawsuit that the government intended to centralize in order to make it easier on BIE personnel, and to locate in state capitals in an effort to eventually transfer some of the func-

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Unofficial Rosebud Sioux primary results

Bordeaux and Boyd lead in recount



Rodney Bordeaux



Wayne Boyd

ROSEBUD - In the Rosebud Sioux tribal primary race for the office of president, the initial unofficial ballot count had Cyril "Whitey" Scott in second place and behind first place, incumbent RST president, Rodney M. Bordeaux.

However, a recount conducted early evening Friday by the RST Election Committee held in the RST council chambers, RST vice-president Louis "Wayne" Boyd, came out ahead of Scott and will advance to the general election in October along with Bordeaux.

Boyd initially was tied with Webster Two Hawk, Sr., however, after the recount Boyd pulled ahead by one vote and re-affirmed the notion that every vote really does count.

The unofficial results have been conspicuously posted

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Rosebud rodeo

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Gesinger; 8 Tim Jandreau and Jason Whitewolf.

Barrel Racing

1 Bird, Brittany; 2 Johnson, Josey; 3 Ducheneaux, Tess; 4 Gesinger, Ruth; 5 Jandreau, Jo; 5 Small, Donna

Barrel Racing Short Go

1 Bird, Brittany; 2 Ducheneaux, Tess ; 3 Tibbitts, Michelle; 4 Johnson, Josey; 5 Gesinger, Ruth; 6 Jandreau, Jo

Bull Riding

1 Brugh, Koty and 2 Jacobs, Tell

Bull Riding Short Go

1 Jacobs, Tell and 2 Brugh, Koty

Bull Average

1 Brugh, Koty and 2 Jacobs, Tell







Above:
Shiloh Amiotte was first in bareback in three categories.

Above right:
Feather Colombe a wild horse rider, experiences the mud from Friday's rain.

Right:
Rollie Wison placed third in bareback and also placed in saddle bronc and steer wrestling.

PHOTOS BY JERRY MATTHEWS OF DOUBLE M STUDIO

School settelment

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tions of the federal government to state education offices," Abourezk said. "In the process, they were going to pull all of the Education Line Offices from the reservations. We always said that the only reason that BIE has for its existence is to serve Indian children and Indian education, so this proposal was ridiculous on its face."

The idea for a lawsuit came about as a result of a meeting held in Rapid City during a Great Plains Tribal Chairmens Association conference. Chairman Robert Cournoyer of the Yankton Sioux Tribe, then-Chairman Harold Frazier of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and President Ceceila Fire Thunder of the Oglala Sioux Tribe met with Charles Abourezk in Rapid City and decided to proceed with a lawsuit, Abourezk said. The Yankton Sioux Tribe agreed to bear the initial brunt of the cost of the litigation, as long as the other tribes and tribal schools contributed.

US District Court Judge Karen Schreier of Rapid City issued a preliminary injunction last summer against the proposed restructuring, but applied it only to the Dakotas.

When word spread about the lawsuit, tribes in the Southwest contacted Abourezk and asked for information on the lawsuit. The Pueblo tribes of New Mexico and the Navajo Nation then followed with their own lawsuits against BIE and the Department of Interior.

"This created tremendous pressure on the BIE," Abourezk said. A settlement conference was held in December, 2006 in Rapid City. The tribes and tribal schools met for two days prior to the settlement conference with Abourezk, who represented the Yankton Sioux Tribe and a number of other tribes and tribal schools, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal attorney Rebecca Kidder, Julian Brown, attorney for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and Steve Emery, attorney for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. The group came up with a complex negotiating position.

The former head of BIE, Thomas Dowd, flew out to Rapid City with staff and attorneys from the Department of Justice and Department of Interior, and met face-to-face with the tribal chairmen and tribal school administrators and board members from the Dakotas in a 12 hour negotiation session. A tentative settlement was reached, but the written settlement agreement took a number of months to complete and was finally signed on July 18, 2007.

The agreement, according to Abourezk, requires that the BIE maintain the six existing Education Line Offices on the reservations in the Dakotas, that during the next fiscal year the BIE will hire and maintain at least three employees at each of the six Line Offices, and that a total of at least 24 employees will always be maintained.

In addition, the Flandreau Indian School will be transferred from the Minneapolis Education Line Office to one in South Dakota.

More importantly, said Abourezk, the agreement sets up tribal participation in a series of consultation protocols that will set out how consultation policy is implemented. It will also require involvement of tribes and tribal schools in the hiring of new Education Line Office staff.

Finally, the agreement sets up a working group comprised of agreed-upon delegates from tribes and tribal schools in the Dakotas, and the Director of BIE. This working group will discuss ongoing issues of concern to tribes and tribal educators. A letter accompanying the agreement also guarantees that there will be no retaliation against any of the tribal schools or tribes because of the lawsuit.

The Department of Interior also agreed to pay a significant portion of the legal fees of the tribal plaintiffs in the lawsuit. The federal court will keep jurisdiction over the case to enforce its provisions.

"I had a great team of attorneys working with me, especially Rebecca Kidder, as well as Julian Brown and Steve Emery," said Abourezk. "One of the unfortunate aspects of this whole process was that after we established a very good working relationship with BIE director Thomas Dowd, whom we greatly respected and trusted, he resigned this summer. I think I speak for all the tribes and tribal schools in the Dakotas in saying that we deeply regret his resignation and will miss his leadership style and commitment to tribal education."

Whirlwind Soldier third, Mendoza seventh in Douglas Earlybird run

Girls chased off course by lightening

BOX ELDER - The varsity girls hit the 1,300 meter mark of the Douglas Earlybird 4,000 meter run on Friday when lightening forced officials to call off the run to protect the safety of the athletes. No team results were recorded but Marc Whirlwind Soldier, a sophomore at Todd County, finished third in the boy's 5,000 meter run in a time of 17:25.33 while Kiko Mendoza, a two time defending State B cross country champion from Takini was seventh in 17:54.29.

Conditions were wet and windy for the 60 runners participating in the first run of the year hosted by Douglas high school at the Prairie Ridge golf course in Box Elder. Red Cloud brought three runners led by Henry Crow, a junior, finishing in 23rd with a time of 19:38.41, James Pine, a freshman, 29th in 20:01.18 and Wade O'Bryan was 40th in 21:34.24.

Other finishers included 25) Cordray White Dog, 38)Sam Mendoza, 45)Keith White Bull.

Red Cloud will be the site of the Region 5A meet in October and will host their invitational on Thursday, Pine Ridge will host the Jim Thorpe Invitational on Tuesday and Chadron will host a meet on Sept. 8.



Marc Whirlwind Horse places third the rained out Douglas Earlybird.

PHOTO BY JERRY MATTHEWS

RST results

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for public viewing in accordance with the RST election code. Any qualified voter may challenge the voting results by the deadline of 1:00 p.m on Friday.

In the event of such challenge, the election board will schedule a hearing and after the hearing, will issue its determination. Any decision by the election board is considered final.

The unofficial results are as follows: office of tribal president: Cyril "Whitey" Scott 381, Rodney M. Bordeaux 842, Carl Waln 120, Norman G. Wilson 288, Albert J. Two Hawk 68, Louis "Wayne" Boyd 470, Reginald Little Thunder 34, Webster Two Hawk, Sr. 469.

Office of tribal vice-president: William "Willie" Kindle 629, Marion Young-One Star 210, Sherman D. Wright 185, Calvin Jones, Sr. 149, Philimon D. Two Eagle 158. Lois D. Antoine 81, Sandra Black Bear 291, Charlie Colombe 848.

Tribal council representatives. District 1- North Ideal, South Ideal: Darrell Herman 50, Charlie Long Crow 42, Wayne Ducheneaux 32, Roger Milk 10. District 2 - Butte Creek, Okreek: Wayne Frederick 29, Steve Denoyer 46, Ken Night Pipe 29, Amos Prue III 33. District 3 - Antelope: Robert Moore 286, Ruben McCloskey 49, Eddie Farmer 176, Jo A. Colombe 214, Scott Herman 247, Dorothy Marshall 69, Ed Clairmont 40, Shawn Bordeaux 114, Trent Piognee 146, Glen Yellow Eagle 192, William Fielder 45, Teddie Rae Herman 127, Hal Jason Fuller 65, Llewellyn "Dubby" Wright 27, Frances McKnight 38, Viola Burnette 49, Earl Bordeaux 52 Kenneth Swalley 64.

District 4 - Ring Thunder, Soldier Creek: Valerie Crazy Bull 38, Patricia Douville 15, Norman Running Sr., 53, Dennis "Charlie" Spotted Tail 22. District 5 - St. Francis: Anthony "Shorty" Bordeaux 47, Bonnie J. Hairy Shirt 60, Darleen Black Spotted Horse 54, Michael Valandra, Sr., 68, Verdell Horse Looking 14, Adam Little Elk 42, John Swift 60, Sharon Swift 71, Mike Boltz 112, Marlene Short Bull 59, Webster Luxon 14, John Charles Arcoren 62, James W. Henry, Sr., 102.

District 6 - Spring Creek, Two Strike: Mike Crow Eagle 44, Mike One Star, Sr., 39, D'Arcy Menard, Sr., 10, Darlene Kills In Water-Metcalf 26, Frances Picket Pen-Gordon 16, Donna Hollow Horn Bear 49, Kerwin Eagleman 4, Iver D. Crow Eagle, Jr. 8, Verlyn Walking Eagle 17. District -7 Grass Mountain, Upper Cut Meat: Homer Whirlwind Soldier 25, Claudette C. Arcoren 26, Phillip Beck 11, Steve Guerue 12, Venessa Red Hawk-Stone 19, Kathleen High Pipe 6 Ernie Running, Sr., 16.

District 8 - Swift Bear: Anthony W. Castaway 49, Robert Becker 13, Eva L. Iyotte 22, Lawrence Iyotte, Jr., 9. District 9 - Parmelee: Prairie Rose DuBray 15, Tammi R. Young 65, Robert Shot With Two Arrows 55, Lynda Douville 29, John Spotted Tail 21, Ira M High Pipe 18, Gale M. Spotted Tail 32, Mattie High Pipe 4.

District 10 - Rosebud: Brock Gerald Crow Eagle 20, Floyd Reynolds 94, Stephanie C. Sully 134, Clifford Marshall, Sr., 64, Lenard "Shadow" Wright 126, Janet Colombe 43, Fern Bordeaux-Boltz 112, Lori Luxon-Cadotte 23, Bernadette Wright-Moore 80, Mary C. Long 46, Jessie Bear Clairmont 32, Mark Witt 72, Phillip Valandra 31 Nichole Bordeaux 33, William "Bebe" Long, III., 99, Ken LaDeaux 96.

Distric 11 - Black Pipe, He Dog: Russell Eagle Bear, 65, Leroy Morrison, Jr., 22, Douglas Moran 11. District 12 - Corn Creek, Horse Creek: Roger A. Moran 15, Fremont G. Fallis 23, Christian "Tuffy" Morrison 19, Lewis Good Voice Eagle 64.

District 13 - Bull Creek, Milks Camp: Byron Andrews 43, Ronald "Ronnie" Valandra 5, William "Willie" Bear Shield 25, Alfred Old Lodge 22.

Virtual high school

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School will not be your traditional high school, added Voight; the school will not be a high school with a physical setting but will be using computers and the internet to complete classwork using the current attendance centers already in existence - schools in Batesland, Wolf Creek, Rockyford and Red Shirt to earn credits for a high school diploma.

"We are not talking about creating this high school from scratch, currently the state has about 108 classes that are established and are offered on the internet and authorizing Shannon County for a high school allows us to register students for those classes and to grant credit towards a high school degree," said Voight, "our goal is to find a space at our current schools, fill the room with notebook computers with internet access and stay open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and maybe 9 a.m. to 12 noon or 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday to provide students with an opportunity to enroll and work on their high school classes on the computer."

Currently there are a number of providers who offer classes that are taught by qualified professionals, aligned to state standards and meet the state's high academic standards. Apex, a national online company, Black Hills State University and Northern State University, DIAL out of Mitchell and the Rapid City School District are all providers of courses for the virtual high school across the state. A class list of approved courses is available online at www.sdvhs.k12.sd.us.

Eligible students would not be charged for the classes; each class runs from $200-350 and the cost would be covered by Shannon County Schools who in turn would be reimbursed through the South Dakota Board of Regents based on so much per full time equivalent student. Students who were enrolled in one of the high schools on the reservation would be eligible to take virtual classes as well, as long as they are eligible.

"The key to this type of school is not 'seat time' but demonstrating proficiency in either the knowledge or skills required by each class," said Voight, "we plan to have a traveling registrar going from school to school to get interested students enrolled for courses; we do not have the resources to get each student their own notebook computer and the necessary internet access so we are making our schools as accessible as possible."

"I hope we are able to go out and recruit as many students as possible for this new school," said Todd O'Bryan, school board member, "this is a great opportunity for a student to work on a high school diploma."

Interested students or parents may contact the principal of any of the schools that make up Shannon County schools or call Vicki Grant, Shannon County Schools curriculum developer and now high school principal at the Shannon County schools main office in Batesland or calling 288-1921.

"We are hoping to hit the ground running and get as many students signed up during the first three weeks of September," said Voight, "students will need a transcript from any high school that they attended and if they still live with a parent, the parent will need to sign off on the registration."

Imprint to premier in Rapid City Sept. 14

PINE RIDGE - Imprint, a locally produced supernatural thriller shot at the 777 Ranch and on Pine Ridge Reservation, is premiering at Carmike 10 in Rapid City on September 14. A premier is also planned for Pine Ridge Reservation for September 15. Lead actress Tonantzin Carmelo (Into the West), as well as other stars from the film, will be in attendance at both premiers.



Tokala Clifford plays the part of Nathaniel Stonefeather and Charlie White Buffola, the part of Sam Stonefeather.

Local production company Linn Productions, along with a smart and talented cast, weave Native mythologies into this Sixth Sense-style supernatural thriller.

Executive Producer Carolyn Linn is working with Carmike Theatres to release the movie regionally. Carmike has digital capabilities in many of its theatres nationwide, including at three locations in South Dakota, making it less expensive for independent filmmakers to release their work because 35 mm prints aren't needed.

Following the Rapid City premier, releases are planned on 17 screens in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Colorado.

Tonanztin Carmelo (Into the West) stars as Native American attorney Shayla Stonefeather, who prosecutes a Lakota teen in a controversial murder trial. When she returns home after the trial, strange visions and ghostly voices propel her on an unexpected journey. Though Shayla initially rejects a spiritual explanation for her experiences, she begins to uncover what she believes is a link between the visions and her brother's disappearance two years earlier.

Determined to get to the bottom of the mystery, Shayla deliberately confronts and follows the apparitions, leading her to a horrifying revelation and a purpose she could never have foreseen.

Michael Linn and Keith Davenport wrote the screenplay, Michael Linn directed, Marc Linn assistant directed, and Chris Eyre and Linn Productions produced the movie.

Tonantzin Carmelo (Into the West), Carla-Rae Holland, Michael Spears (Into the West), and Cory Brusseau star in the movie. Other local actors include Charlie White Buffalo, Chief Dave Bald Eagle, Scott Means, Beau Little Sky, Alec Morgan, Gary Garnette, Jodi Janis, Robert Old Horse, Emmanuel Black Bear, Tim Black Bear, Juan Mesteth, Brandon McBride.

Cultural advisors were Charlie White Buffalo and Larry Pourier.

Special Premier Tickets, for the premier showing and the after party, are available at Linn Productions.

The trailer can be viewed at www.imprintmovie.com. Images and footage are available.

Unofficial results of the SFIS board

ROSEBUD - The unofficial results of the St. Francis Indian School board election held last Thursday on the Rosebud reservation were posted today. The notice is to allow tribal voters who wish to contest the election results five days in order to file a challenge.

According to the RST election code known as ordinance 86-10, a qualified voter has the right to file a challenge along with a fee of $50.00. The election board will determine whether the challenge has merit by allowing legal counsel, evidence to be presented, witnesses, and cross examination to take place.

After such hearing the election board will issue a written order of memorandum with the reason for upholding of dismissing the contest of election.

The school board election results are as follows with respective vote tallies included, Rose Cordier 713 votes, Clifford Marshall 680 votes, Bryon Wright 659 votes, John Spotted Tail 608 votes and Hattie Dunham 585 votes.

Incumbents Marshall and Wright will be officially seated along with newly elected board members Cordier, Dunham and Spotted Tail as soon as their background investigations are completed.

Obituary

Kimberlee L. King

KYLE - Kimberlee L. King, 28, died Aug. 27 at Okreek. She is survived by a son Ocean Knox and a daughter Kalion Knox, both of Okreek; parents Dennis and Serena King of Kyle; brothers Shields King and Sheldon King of Kyle; sisters Santana Blacksmith of Rio Rancho, N.M.; Jolene King of Denver, Colo.; Stephanie King of Kyle and Tiffany King of Rapid City.

A two-night wake will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall at Kyle.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall.

Officiating will be Rev. Rick Abert with burial at St. Stephen's Catholic Cemetery at Kyle.

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Oglala Sioux Tribal Gaming Commission

Vacancy Announcement

Position: Executive Secretary
Opening Date: Aug. 28, 2007
Closing Date: Sept. 3, 2007
Salary: Depending on Experience and Qualifications
Supervision: OST Gaming Commission

Location :

Gaming Commission Office in Pine Ridge and the Prairie Wind Casino

Summary: The Oglala Sioux Tribe has authorized limited card games and slot machines on the Pine Ridge Reservation and created the Tribal Gaming Commission to oversee those activities. The Executive Secretary will act as chief administrative officer for the Gaming Commission. The Oglala Sioux Tribe Gaming Commission Executive Secretary will report directly to the Tribal Gaming Commission. As chief administrative officer, the Executive Secretary's primary purpose is to ensure the integrity of gaming on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Supervisory duties: The Executive Secretary shall supervise those positions under the Gaming Commission: (1)Surveillance Director; (Internal Auditor; (3)Compliance Manager and (4)Office Staff.

General duties: Must be knowledgeable in all aspects of Federal, Regional and State gaming laws, Tribal Gaming Commission rules and regulations. Must have some knowledge in the Minimum Internal Controls Standards (MICS) and the Tribal Internal Control Standards (TICS). May be called upon by various tribal oversight committees to provide technical advice relating to Indian Gaming. Prepare meeting packets for the commission for their regular or special meetings, take minutes and disperse and enforce final actions taken by the Commission to the different departments under their gaming regulation. Is required to visit the casino to fulfill regulatory responsibilities.

Specific Non-Regulatory duties of the Executive Secretary: 1)Must maintain the office budget, provide monthly and quarterly financial reports and produce budget modifications when needed. Must maintain cuff accounts for the Gaming Commission. Must have knowledge in the financial accounting system established by the tribe. Must be knowledge with the QuickBooks accounting software. 2)Must attend all Tribal Gaming Commission meetings, take and type minutes. Prepare weekly meeting packets for the Commission and other duties associated with preparing the weekly meetings. 3)Carry out all Gaming Commission actions through written communication immediately after the meeting. 4)Prepare drug testing results for the internal licensing department. Notify the individuals of their results in accordance with the established drug policy. 5)Must be willing to travel. Must attend tribal council meetings and other committee meetings. Attend Indian gaming trainig on the national and regional levels. 6)Set up training for the Gaming Commission as requested. 7.)Keep the commission informed of office activities and the casino for regulatory violations.

Specific Regulatory duties of the Executive Secretary: 1)Follow up on regulation for casino actions and casino reports. 2)Enforce the actions of the Commission when license revocation occurs keeping in mind the due process rights of the individual. Set up hearings and notify all parties concerned. Appeals will be followed according to the rules and regulations of the Gaming Commission. 3)Monitor the National Indian Gaming Commission on Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS) and the Tribal Internal Control Standards (MICS) changes. 4)Develop and implement regulatory policy according with the technology changes and National Indian Gaming Commission bulletins. 5)May be required to carry out such other duties as required by the Commission as a result of any Compact entered iinto under the authority of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Other Requirements: 1) Must have excellent writing and oral interpretation-sample of technical writing skills must accompany resume. 2)Must have excellent skills as a negotiator concerning Indian Gaming 3)Computer knowledge and skills required. 4)Must have a positive attitude and congenial personality. 5)Must have a valid driver's license. 6)If claiming Indian preference or Veteran's Preference, supporting documents must accompany the resume. 7)College transcripts and other documents must accompany your resume.

This position is a senstive position and will require signing a Confidentiality Agreement and submit to a urinalysis to screen for illegal drug use prior to employment. Employment to the position will be contingent upon a negative drug result.

Education Requirements: Must have a BA in Business Management and a minor in accounting with two years experience in the gaming industry. A Master's degree is preferred but not required.

How to apply: Interested applicants must pick up a Gaming Commission Employment Application and return the application with all required documents to the following address no later than 3:00 PM on September 3, 2007. the Tribal Gaming Commission will interview and make the final selection. Those applicants who qualify for the position will be afforded an interview and will be notified in writing. Call the phone number below and request an application and one will be mailed to you as soon as possible.

Tribal Gaming Commission - PO Box 3007 - Pine Ridge, SD 57770-3007

Office information: **Phone**: 605-867-1612 **Fax:** 605-867-1613
Toll Free: 1-888-302-3121 **Office location**: South of main tribal building in 16x80 gray mobile home with green trim. **Office hours:** 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday- Friday

Five (5) Board of Trustees Positions for Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety

The Oglala Sioux Tribal Council is taking applications for five (5) Department of Public Safety ("OST-DPS") Board of Trustee positions because of recent revisions to the OST-DPS charter. The primary responsibility of the five (5) member Board of Trustees is to serve as the head of OST-DPS and shall approve policies for the department. The Board of Trustees shall work in conjunction with the Chief of Police who shall approve policies for the department. The Board of Trustees shall work in conjunction with the Chief of Police who shall oversee the day-to-day operation of OST-DPS consistent with applicable policies. Board stipend payments shall not exceed $1,500.00 per Trustee per year. All Board of Trustees must be:

1. Enrolled members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe who have resided within the original boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for not less than one year;
2. Over the age of 30;
3. Free of any pending criminal charges in any court;
4. Free from any felony convictions during their lifetime;
5. Free from any misdemeanor or tribal court convictions in the last 5 years;
6. Must never have been convicted of Domestic Violence.
7. Must submit a drug trest (Mandatory).
8. A person who has no immediate family member, (defined to be: a spouse, common-law partner, child or parent) working for the OST-DPS;
9. A member of the board may not serve on the Tribal Council, an OST District Committee, the Tribal Executive Committee or on any State or County Board or Commission while they are serving as a member of the Board of Trustees, provided, however, that such individuals may serve on other Tribal Boards and entities which do not create a conflict of interest with their duties to OST-DPS.

Please request and return your application to the Oglala Sioux Tribal Secretary at:
Oglala Sioux Tribe,
Red Cloud Building,
P.O. Box 2070, Main Street,
Pine Ridge, South Dakota, 57770.

No applications will be considered that are submitted later than SEPTEMBER 20, 2007, AT 4:30 P.M.

You may also request a copy of the revised OST-DPS charter from the Office of Tribal Secretary that describes the significant authorities of the OST-DPS Board of Trustees.

Office of Oglala Sioux Tribal Secretary Elizabeth Waters
PO Box 2070 - Pine Ridge, SD 57770 Phone: 605-867-5821 Ext. 268

OPINION PAGE

A Sicangu Perspective

Mourning our descent toward assimilation and the loss of our identity

Set the blood quantum at one-quarter, hold to it as rigid definition of Indians, let intermarriage proceed as it had for centuries, and eventually Indians will be defined out of existence. When that happens, the federal government will be freed of its persistent "Indian problem."
Historian Patricia Nelson Limerick, The Legacy of Conquest: The Unbroken Past of the American West.



By Lydia Whirlwind Soldier

I held on to and still have real hope for the preservation of our culture, our bloodlines and our tribal life ways. The passage of linear descent for Sicangu tribal members makes it more difficult to imagine how we will survive this next stage of our assimilation into American society. We cannot blame anyone but ourselves for the direction we have taken toward termination and/or assimilation because those decisions are happening within our own tribe. We have done it too ourselves with the Rosebud Sioux Tribal secretarial election.

On the day of the secretarial election for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe I went to the community hall at 8:30 a.m. to vote and found the place deserted. I drove up to the BIA office, eleven miles away and found it closed with a sign posted stating that the office would be closed because of the secretarial election. I listened to KINI the local radio station but could not find the information I needed. I then went to the tribal office and asked around until I finally found one person who held up a sheet of paper and said that was what she received from BIA after contacting them several times. The paper listed the voting places and the time stated for voting was from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. I then drove back to the community hall and found that the BIA people finally arrived. I asked them who was in charge and they said they didn't know. I asked them what time the voting polls were expected to open and again they told me they didn't know. However, this should not have been a surprise because this is the way such things happen when more and more of our assets and identity are chipped away.

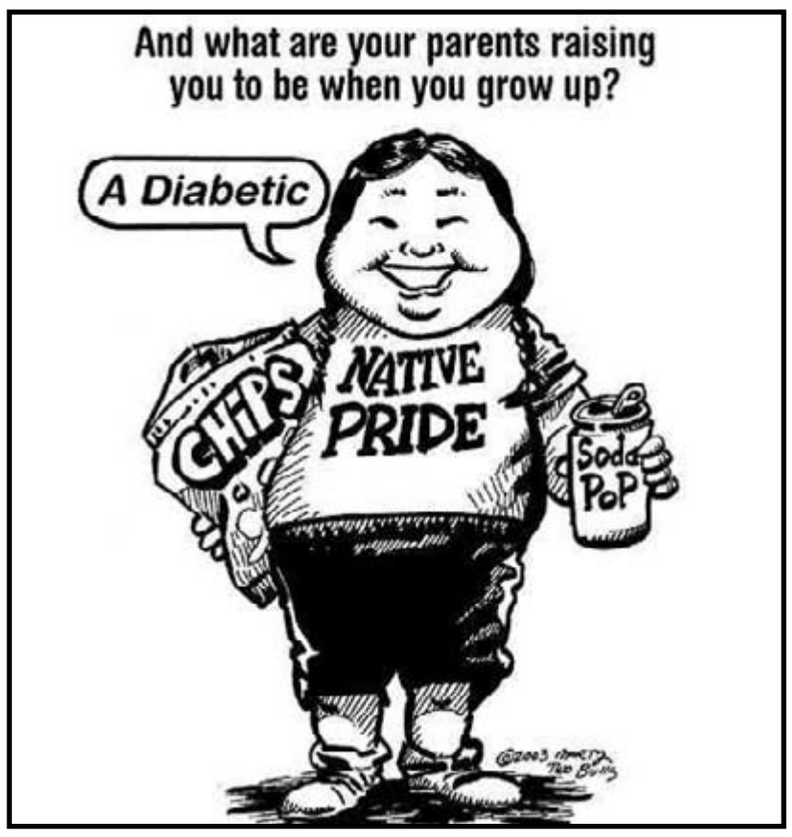
Things didn't work out well in many ways concerning this secretarial election. The Tribal Council didn't take seriously the issue of tribal enrollment. It is the council's duty as tribal leaders to protect, preserve and perpetuate our tribal membership instead of sitting back and being a part of the assimilation mentality. The council could have taken the issue of tribal enrollment off the secretarial ballot by stating tribal enrollment is non-negotiable. The majority of council members didn't vote in the secretarial election.

Ultimately, tribal enrollment will determine the future of tribal government and the future of our tribe. The actual reason for the push for linear descent is centered on assets, land and financial resources, scholarships and other advantages that should rightfully go to real (as opposed to wannabees) Sicangu Lakota. The effects and changes of this secretarial vote will be felt by the younger generations from this time forward. Only time will tell the type of commitment these new Rosebud Sioux have for our people and tribe.

It also seems strange that people didn't want to change the name of the Rosebud Sioux to Sicangu Lakota. A statement was made by more than one person, "Why would we want to change it to Sicangu Lakota? I can't even pronounce it." How many generations did it take for these people to lose their pride, their cultural identity and historical bonds? At what point did these people forget who they are and sadder still many have never known the goodness and privilege of being Sicangu Lakota. There will be many more surprises in store for us as we plunge like lemmings over the cliff of assimilation.

While the creators and supporters of the secretarial election celebrate, this Sicangu Lakota will be mourning our descent toward assimilation and the loss of our identity defined by our bloodlines.

Genocide is defined first of all as a crime, "committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group as such." I think this is what we have done to ourselves - it is all disheartening.



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Other Views

An ancient true story 'Wanagi Yukanpi'

Dear Editor:

Yunkan wico'oyake wan oyate wicani hehan eya snan oyakapi. Wanagi wan tihi keyapi. Ozuye wan zuya yapi yunkan oblaye owasteca wan el ahanhepi keye canke canhunnanptanye wan etan can ya aglipi na wizi wakeyala wan ecel ekiglepi keye.

Blotahunka ki psehtin wan waskiskitapi an guguyapi na tahalo was nape okaske el ekoyagyapi ca a'igluha keye.

Yunkan, wana iyakpaze wicasa wan lowan ca nahunpi keye wicoiye ya un lowan k'un he leya lowan u keye.

Oyate Tatanka kuwapi cana iyotan micila k'un he miya yelo. Kiyela u ca wicasa wohitike hena wizi wakeya ki itemahel nihinciya pi na tuwe ca mahetahan hpayin kta akinicapi keye.

Tiyopa el hihunni na heya keye. Lowacin ca wau welo.

Blotahunka ki can ya peta el aksu na igluwinyeya keye.

Hau, timan hiyu wo eya ca wanagi wan huhuy ecela ca slas'e hiyotaka keye. Ehanni lel tantanka kuwapi yukan mitawa ki wasun wan ogna ihin na k'in maglukse na tahu mapawego lo, hoca hehanta lel owaunyelo eye keye.

Wasnan ya k'u ca kagkag hingle wote eyas wasnan ki kalala hinhpaya keye. Blotahunka ki wasin walega wan can nunp icapin peta el gagaya keye.

Ungnahelaka wasin gagaye ki wanagi ki a'I'hpeya ca sicahowa iyaye keye. He cina wepe ki nape okaske el okistan wahehanl wanagi ki nanpe wacin eyas kteiyanka keye.

Okatan oyin na otaya okajuju keye. Henicegla yelo eyakeye.

Ihihanni el wanyakapi yunkan huhu oblecahan keye. Ho, he nantkes Blotahunka eyapi ki heca, wnagi yukanpi.

Hoka hey
As'a Kuwapi
Fr. Francis Apple
Kyle, S.D.

Finding My Voice

What happened to the 7th Cavalry flag from Little Big Horn?



Dana Badmilk

Recently I played Indian scout to some chaps from across the pond. Their article was well written and was published in the English newspaper *The Guardian*, but despite some small errors, such as my dad being a medicine man, he is not, but instead is heyoka. This is someone who lives their life contrary or backwards to show the youth how not to be. They are of the Thunder Spirits.

My dad also does not have scars on his chest from the Sundance. As a heyoka, his scars are on his back. And another mistake was when Paul Harris wrote, "The hills were given to the Indians in a treaty, but shortly after they were invaded by miners looking for gold." As Tim Giago pointed out to me, they were not given to us, but we retained the rights to the hills according to the Treaties of 1851 and 1868 and they were ours until they were seized illegally by an Act of the 44th Congress in 1877.

This is something we are passionate about today as some of you can recall from my past writings.

The article in the English newspaper continued:

"That might not be true for long. For the real thing that unites all Indian tribes - whether the children of Bob Lone Elk or those of Hatcher-White - is the gradual creep of mainstream American culture into their youth. " and "It would be ironic if, after centuries of bloodshed, oppression and poverty, what could really spell the end of Indian Country is MTV, a Big Mac and acceptance."

The writer is wrong because this will not happen to my people and here is why:

Our culture is too strong. The wrongs that have been done to us still hurt us to this day. We live our lives knowing and damn proud of the fact that our tribe defeated Custer and the 7th Calvary. In fact it is a tribal holiday . . . Lakota Victory Day . . . and people have big dinners and celebrations on this day.

And we live our lives knowing that the Massacre at Wounded Knee was revenge for Lakota Victory Day. It is not about Ghost Dances. That was an excuse. The 300 men, women, and children slaughtered at Wounded Knee were killed as an act of revenge for taking down the 7th Calvary. Why does the flag of the 7th Calvary still fly? Why is there still a 7th Calvary when they were defeated?

In a recent email to the 7th Calvary I asked;

"I was wondering why the Wounded Knee Massacre was listed in your timeline as a Battle, when clearly history shows it was a Massacre.

It was changed on the sign at Wounded Knee, why is it still listed as a battle on your records? Clearly, everyone knows it was a massacre.

Why was the flag of the 7th Calvary flown at Wounded Knee when it was taken from Custer when he was defeated at the Little Big Horn?

This was their reply:

Dana,

Thanks for contacting us. First we do not re-write history, and wounded knee was indeed a battle for the men serving in the unit at that time. The 7th Cavalry regimental Standard was NEVER Taken in Battle, in fact all unit Standards are cased before army units go into battle.

Jim Savage
7th United States Cavalry Association
"D" Troop 3d Squadron 7th Cavalry
http://www.us7thcavalry.com

Bear with me...here was my next question:

I am replying to your last email. I am doing research on locating the 7th Calvary flag and the US flag that flew at Little Big Horn. Since these were never taken in battle, as you claim, where do they sit today? (Research for an article I am writing)

Thank you,
Dana Lonehill

This was their reply:
Dana,

I am working on it. and also getting the advice from other Historians. As of this morning and from the book "Of Garryowen in Glory"

I found this.

Two of the three flags of Colonel George Armstrong Custer and the Seventh Cavalry at the Battle of Little Big Horn (Custer's Last Stand). Swallow tailed standard Cavalry guidon of that era, 1876.

Custer also had a personal headquarters flag. It was also swallow-tailed of equal horizontal stripes of red over blue with two crossed white sabres in the centre. This flag was made by the Colonel's wife.

Both the Cavalry Standard Guidon and the personal flag were carried into the battle.

The third flag was the regimental standard.

This flag resembled the modern state flag of North Dakota, with the exception of the inscription in gold on the red ribbon which read, 7th U.S. Cavalry.

That flag was not carried into the battle.

Swallow tailed standard Cavalry guidon and Custer's personal flag and troop guidons were never seen again.

Of course that doesn't tell me what happened to the flag. And then I get another email from the 7th Calvary:

Dana,

You can confirm the information thru the Center of military History. "Old, worn. frayed standards that are replaced are sent to the Center of Military History. Like the Stars & Stripes, most likely burned.

The disappearance of the Seventh Cavalry's two battle flags and six company guidons at the Little Big Horn.

Neither the Stars and Stripes or the Regimental Standard, were at the battle of the Little Big Horn

They were (en cased) with the pack train.

1. Swallow tailed Cavalry guidon of that era, 1876.

2. Custer's personal battle flag.

It was also swallow-tailed of equal horizontal stripes of red over blue with two crossed white sabres in the center.

3. six company guidon's.

These Flags were never to be seen again.

The Seventh Cavalry Regimental standard on display at the battlefield visitor's center was from the officers of the Seventh and not the one with the pack train.

In 1957 the 7th Cavalry Regimental Standard was permanently "cased" and replaced with 3 "newly" created Squadron Standards. Today there are 5 Standards, one for each of the 5 Squadrons that are on active today.

Jim Savage
The 7th United States Cavalry Association

Again, that does not answer my question, "Where are the flags that were in the Battle Of Little Big Horn?"

I even wrote to the Smithsonian and was told they don't know where the flags are.

But my dad, my uncle, my grandfather, my husband, my brother, believe that whenever the oral history of the Battle of The Little Big Horn is told (Or the Battle of Greasy Grass) all say, "We took that flag, that flag is ours. We rode out of that battle with that flag." You can ask anyone, and they will tell you the same thing. The victorious Lakota took that flag.

That was the only time the US Military was defeated on their own

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Notes From Indian Country

The smell of a deep fried Snicker



By Tim Giago

(Nanwica Kciji)

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With the annual state fairs popping up around this country some fair managers are looking to eliminate the greasy, trans fat meals served by the food vendors. Apparently, "commod bods" are going out of fashion.

For example, the Indiana State Fair decided to remove all trans fat from the goodies it serves each year. Now one can indulge their hearty appetites for deep-fried Snicker bars, deep-fried pickles and deep-fried Oreo cookies without worrying about tans fat. Deep fried pickles? Yuck!

Neither New Mexico nor South Dakota has caught on to this latest healthy trend because at last week's Santa Fe Indian Market I saw many shoppers wandering around with grease dripping from their artery clogging clumps of Indian fry bread. And this grease was loaded with trans fat. Talk about a "commod bod" waiting to happen!

But as one blogger put it last week, "What the heck, it only happens once-a-year so bring on the funnel cakes and the fried bread."

The New Mexico State Fair is about to kick off and the expected 700,000 visitors will purchase goods and food from 525 vendors. It runs from September 7 to September 23 and I have not read anything about the elimination of trans fat as yet. With its world famous Indian Village, I suppose you can check your arteries at the main gate because the fry bread will be plentiful and packed with trans fats.

Was it my imagination or were there fewer artists and craftsmen present from the very wealthy casino tribes at the Santa Fe Indian Market?

Don't get me wrong. I believe the casinos have done wonders to lift the poorest people in America up from the dungeons of poverty. But I have observed that with a lot of money also comes a lot of apathy; apathy towards the culture, the traditions, the crafts and the arts seems to be growing more common among those people from the Indian nations with very large and very profitable casinos. The people of the 19 Pueblos have, for centuries, maintained a very close relationship with their spirituality and traditions. If there are any Indian tribes in America that will be the least effected by sudden wealth, it will be the people of the Pueblo, the Hopi and the Lakota.

But I do not see the same commitment and dedication in other parts of Indian country. My daughter, while a student at the University of Minnesota, told me that the people of college age that she met from some of the local Minnesota tribes had little or no interest in attaining a higher education. One young man told her that he was getting more money every month than he could possibly spend so what good would college do him?

Sadly, these are the future leaders of their nation and it is they who will replace the elders that fought long and hard to bring them the wealth they now enjoy. It is true that many of the elders did not have a college education because they grew up at a time when college was a luxury they could not afford. They learned the P's and Q's of tribal government and leadership in the school of hard knocks. But in the process they learned their own history and they knew the strength of the culture and traditions. At one time it was all they had.

There are those people from the new tribes back East that grew up in poverty, but they never had the connection to their culture because of assimilation. They have become very wealthy by way of their geography and I must give them credit for trying to re-connect with a culture they never knew. They are building museums and making every effort to revive a culture that had been nearly destroyed. Now they have the money to pursue these goals.

But I digress. Now back to those fat-soaked foods. Whenever I go to a fair I am hard pressed to ignore the tempting, but unhealthy cuisine.

When I visit the Indian Village at the New Mexico State Fair next week I will be sorely tempted to treat myself to a deep-fried Oreo cookie. But I think I will settle for the turkey leg instead. Much healthier. But I will surely crave one of those trans fat soaked Snicker bars. Yummy!

(Tim Giago is an Oglala Lakota born and raised on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in the Class of 1991. He was the founder and publisher of The Lakota Times and Indian Country Today newspapers and the founder and first president of the Native American Journalists Association. NEW email address is najournalist@msn.com)

7th Calvary flag

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soil and not too long after this defeat, they took the lives of more than 300 unarmed men, women and children at Wounded Knee.

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You can read the full article from *The Guardian at: http://observer. guardian.co.uk/magazine/story/0,,2149236,00.html*

Dana Badmilk is a 35 year old self employed artist who recently moved back to the Pine Ridge Reservation. She lives there with her husband and four children. She can be read at her blog http://danasvoice. blogspot.com.

1851 Treaty Commemoration

Saturday, Sept. 15 at Mother Butler Center in Rapid City at 9 a.m. with a potluck dinner and a supper to be provided with round dance entertainment until 10 p.m., for information call 343-4224.

Veterans Wacipi

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19 and 20 at the W.H. Lyons Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls with an exhibition on Friday at 1 p.m. and grand entries on Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., for information call 334-4060 or 800 658-4797.

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Rosebud Casino

Red Cloud downs Pine Ridge in Custer Invitational championship

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent



Red Cloud team: front row L-R: Danielle Locust, Amber Blacksmith, Des Blacksmith, Shelby McGhee. Back row: Coach Robin Johnson, Charlee Running Eagle, Lisa Bear Robe, Ida Clarke, Marque Lunderman, Amber Steele, Charity Wilson, CeNedra Morrison.

CUSTER - Pine Ridge and Red Cloud ended up being seeded number one and two following pool play Friday in the Custer Invitational volleyball tournament but in bracket play on Saturday, Red Cloud built up some momentum in the first two rounds and used that to beat Pine Ridge 25-22 and 25-21 in the championship match late Saturday afternoon.

"We played well but more importantly, we played together as a team," said Robin Johnson, Red Cloud's head coach; " our two seniors, Ida Clark and Lisa Bear Robe provided leadership when we needed it, Desirae Blacksmith was a tough server and Marque Lunderman was solid all over the floor, when we made mistakes we didn't let it get us down, it was a good team effort."

Red Cloud beat Moorcroft, Wyo. in the first round 25-18 and 25-16 and Newell in the semis 25-22 and 25-23. Pine Ridge downed Rapid City Christian 25-16 and 25-20 in the first round and beat Custer 27-25 and 25-18 in the semis.

Newell knocked off Custer for third, New Underwood got by Edgemont for fifth and Moorcroft beat RC Christian for seventh place.

Pine Ridge earned their number one seed coming out of pool play by going 6-1 in games and defeating Rapid City Christian 25-18, 25-16, beating Custer 17-25, 25-12 and 25-23 and downing Edgemont 25-17 and 25-21. Lacey Weston, Saadia Tasso, Allie Janis, Becka Ten Fingers, Dusti Michaud and Lianne Ten Fingers start for the Lady Thorpes.

Red Cloud earned the number two seed for the bracket play by getting by Moorcroft 25-23, 25-15, outlasting New Underwood 25-23, 22-25 and 25-18 and beating Newell 25-17, 24-26 and 25-19. Danielle Locust and Amber Steele rounded out the starting lineup with Charity Wilson and Amber Blacksmith coming off the bench.

Red Cloud hosted Belle Fourche on Tuesday and suffered a bit of a letdown losing to the Lady Broncs 25-10, 22-25, 25-20 and 25-20; they host a triangular with Hay Springs and Crawford on Thursday while Pine Ridge hosts St. Francis on Thursday, Todd County on Sept. 6 and Little Wound on Sept. 18.

Local football season opens Friday

Playoff teams Todd County, Red Cloud, Pine Ridge, Little Wound looking to build on last year's success

PINE RIDGE - Little Wound went to the second round of the playoffs last year while Pine Ridge, Red Cloud and Todd County all made it to the first round of the South Dakota state football playoffs. Billy Scott, Red Cloud, with 1,224 yards from scrimmage and Gunner Krogman, Todd County, with 1,151 yards were two of the best running backs in the state last year in 11 man football, both are back for their senior years. Darrel Hunter of Little Wound and Bob Kornely of Todd County are back to coach while Keith Ferguson is the new coach at Red Cloud and Sam Bravo replaces Dave Michaud at Pine Ridge. All of the teams have set their sights on returning to the playoffs and improving their finish this year.

"We are going to take it one game at a time and if we stay healthy and play hard each game we'll be able to compete with anyone on our schedule," said Bob Kornely who is starting his 14th year in coaching and his 8th as head coach, "we need to be patient, we have the playmakers and the ability to overcome missed assignments or mistakes but we need to be patient and we'll make the plays."

Todd County was 5-3 last year and lost to Little Wound in the first round of the playoffs. According to Kornely, Todd County returns a solid senior corps that will provide leadership for the team including Krogman at running back and as linebacker, CJ Spotted Tail at quarterback, Aaron Stoddard fullback, Mike Neiss wingback and Jaden Allen at tight end. The offenwsive ,line includes one senior, Raymond Wright, three juniors Dusty Old Lodge, Seth Larvae and Josh Larsen and one sophomore Thorne Oliver.

On defense, Todd County will feature Neiss and sophomore Canku One Star at defensive backs, a linebacking crew of Krogman, Stoddard, Allen ,Noah Kilonzo and Jesus Duran. A number of athletes will be auditioning for two open slots on the defensive line joining Lloyd One Star, Josh Larsen and Seth Larvae.

"We should be a favorite for both the West River and the All Nations conferences this year, yes there is a sense of excitement about the upcoming year," said Kornely.

Red Cloud was 5-3 last year and lost to St. Thomas More in the first round of the playoffs; Nick Dressel was instrumental in helping to turn the football program around at Red Cloud and with his elevation to the high school principal position has focused his energy on his new position an won't be on the sidelines this year. Keith Ferguson is the new coach, he has been an assistant football coach at the junior high level in Chadron for the past two years and is currently finishing up his bachelors degree at Chadron State College while working for the Talent Search Program out of the University of South Dakota.

"We have a solid crew at the skill positions including Billy Scott at running back, Wade O'Bryan at fullback, Art Vitalis and Christian McGhee at wide receivers and Dave Giago at tight end," said Ferguson, "we are starting sophomore Jeremy Blacksmith at quarterback with junior Henry Crow as his backup."

The Crusader offensive line includes Jacob Frank at center, Andrew Twiss left guard, Bobby Twiss right guard, Jeremy Twiss at left tackle and Charles Eagle Bull at right tackle. On defense, the Crusaders will have Scott, Giago, Andrew Twiss and Roman White Calf while Ken Franks and McGhee will play at the corner and Vitalis at safety. Lester Gotheridge and Jesie Arthur will anchor the defensive line at the end position while Bobby Twiss and Wyatt Blacksmith will be the tackles.

"We have a great senior class, we have speed at the skill positions, our seniors are leading by example and we expect a really good year," said Ferguson who has had a steady 40-50 athletes practicing each day, "we have implemented a new offense and defense so we will progress week to week; our players came in ready to work hard, it should be an exciting year."

Red Cloud opens their season at Bennett County on Friday night, Pine Ridge hosts Todd County and Little Wound hosts St. Francis Friday afternoon.

Football scores from the first week

Kimball 43-0 Lower Brule
Tiospa Zina 8-0OT Tri-State
St. Thomas More 42-8
Hot Springs
Bennett County 12-6
Lead-Deadwood

Games this week

Crow Creek at Cheyenne Eagle Butte
St. Francis at Little Wound
Lower Brule at Sunshine Bible
Todd County at Pine Ridge
Marty at Corsica
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The 131st annual Rosebud Fair wacipi contest results

ROSEBUD - The annual event saw a very good turnout of visitors and local wacipi contestants, softball players and rodeo cowboys.

The carnival attracted the usual crowd of children and parents, alike, as most of the rides were the ones seen last year.

The wacipi, which is at the heart of the Rosebud Fair, saw the participation of the Sicangu Lakota Warriors, Wild Horse Butte color guard from Martin and the Chauncey Eagle Horn Post. On Saturday, Rep. Stephanie Herseth was the honored guest as her host, Michael LaPointe, Chief of Staff for RST president Rodney M. Bordeaux, escorted her to the wacipi arena.

Many people were impressed at Herseth's usage of several key Lakota phrases in her speech to the powwow audience. She has been a vocal advocate of tribal and veteran's affairs on the state and national scene.

On Saturday, Marcella Prue of Antelope community honored her daughter, Lt. Col. Kathy Prue-Owens who was home on leave. Kathy recently earned her Ph.D. in nursing at the University of Arizona. District 3 Antelope council representative,Robert Moore, read a proclamation from the Office of Governor, Mike Rounds. Rodney M. Bordeaux read a Rosebud Sioux proclamation.







Above Left: On Saturday afternoon's grand entry, RST council representative Robert Moore, Rep. Stephanie Herseth and RST President Rodney M. Bordeaux took part in the grand entry on Saturday at the 131st annual Rosebud Fair.

Above Right: Chas White Feather entertains the crowd with southern songs. Marty Makes Room For Them, holds the microphone.

Lower Left:Sicangu Lakota Lt. Col. Kathy Prue-Owens of the U. S. Army was honored. PHOTOS BY AMANDA TAKES WAR BONNETT

Men's Traditional - Golden Age: 1- Sugar LaBatte $1,400 2 - Clifford Little Wind $1,100 3 -Chris Eagle Hawk $800 4 - Ron Duke $500.

Women's Traditional - Golden Age: 1 - Millie Black Bear $1,400 2-Madelyn Good Will $1,100 3-Sandra Black Bear $800 4-Mona Grey Bear $500.

Men's Traditional 18-54: 1-MJ Bull Bear $1,400 2-Waylon Gadde $$1,100 3-Donovan Abbey $800 4-Chad Kills Crow $500.

Women's Traditional 18-54: 1-Noella Red Hawk $1,400 2-Paula Leader Charge $1,100 3-Rochel Bull Head $800 4-Julie May Blue Thunder $500.

Men's Grass 18-54: 1-Mike One Star, Jr. $1,400 2-Frank Bull Head $1,100 3-Jason Nakai $600 4-Lakota Clairmont $500.

Women's Jingle 18-54: 1-Jolene One Star 2-Mali Cloud $1,100 3-Iliana Montoya $600 4-Merri Bruguier $500.

Men's Fancy 18-54: 1-Shorty Crawford 2-Warshield White $1,100 3-Dwight White Buffalo, Sr. $600 4-Marlon Kelly $500.

Women's Fancy 18-54: 1-Denelle Stanley $1,400 2-Kelly LeBeau $1,100 3-Helene Gaddle $600 4-Tia Hoops $500.

Teen Boy's Traditional 13-17: 1-Isaiah Weasel Bear $500 2- Coleman Eagle Elk $400 3-Louis Little Wind $300 4-Brent DuBray $200.

Teen Girl's Traditional: 13-17: 1-Adrianna Uses Arrow $500 2-Daisa One Feather $400 3-Taylor Makes Room For Them $300 4-Whitney Reasoner $200.

Teen Boy's Grass 13-17: 1-Isaac Little Wind $500 2-John Black Bear III $400 3-Byron Bear Robe $300 4-Arlis Medicine Horse $200.

Teen Girl's Jingle 13-17: 1-Victoria Phelps $500 2-Talia Reasoner $400 3-Lyndsey New Holy $300 4-Emily Thunder Hawk $200.

Teen Boy's Fancy 13-17: 1-Murle Richotte $500 2-Dwight Kelly $$400.

Teen Girls' Fancy 13-17: 1-Taylor Spoon Hunter 2-Olowanwin Bad Hand $400 3-Mimi Souksavath $300 4-Kathleen Jackson $200.

Junior Boy's Traditional 6-12: 1-Tristan Uses Arrow $500 2-Jacob Black Bear $400 3-Antwan Bull Bear $300 4-Abel Not Afraid $200.

Junior Girl's Traditional 6-12: 1-Shaniece Village Center $500 2-Tamara Rooks $400 3-Katie New Holy $300 4-Gabriella Rodriguez $200.

Junior Boy's Fancy 6-12: 1-Sonny Means $500 2-Hunter Blacksmith $400 3-Lane Makes Room For Them $300.

Junior Girl's Fancy 6-12: 1-Charlize Arcoren $500 2-Roxanne Pushetonequa $400 3-Savannah Jenson $300 4-Jaylee Rencountre $200.

Junior Boy's Grass 6-12: 1-Lance Plenty Chief, Jr., $500 2-Tommy Red Tomahawk $400 3-Arrowheart Iron Cloud $300 4-Quintin Abbey $200.

Junior Girls' Jingle 6-12: 1-Oskate Win One Star $500 2-Tasha Uses Arrow $400 3-Sunshine Arcoren $300 4-Elaina Red Shirt $200.

Nebraskans for Peace to protest White Clay beer distributor

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Activists concerned about the high rate of alcoholism on Pine Ridge have planned a protest with beer distributors in Scottsbluff.

The protest planned by Nebraskans for Peace is scheduled for Thursday at High Plains Budweiser. It is one of several distributors that deliver beer to the handful of stores in Whiteclay, population 14, that sell more than 4 million cans of beer annually, mostly to American Indians who walk or drive to the village from the nearby reservation, which is officially dry.

To date, Nebraskans for Peace has mainly garnered attention by staging beer blockades just outside Whiteclay aimed at keeping beer from entering the reservation. Now the group is going after beer distributors for participating in what it calls "broader economic collusion that enables dealers in Whiteclay to operate."

"Given the high volume of sales daily taking place in this remote border town ... the four Whiteclay dealers, on their own, could not possibly sustain an operation of this scale without outside assistance," Nebraskans for Peace said in a statement. "Somebody else is supplying the suppliers, meaning the mechanics for maintaining the alcohol supply in this ... hamlet extend much deeper into the state."

The group says beer distributors are "peddling poison."

Though it is not legally or contractually required to deliver beer to the Whiteclay stores, the company has a policy of delivering products to all the dealers in its area, said Jeff Scheinost, owner and general manager of High Plains.

"I have an assigned territory and they're in my assigned territory," said Scheinost.

The reservation has one of the highest alcoholism-related mortality rates in the country, and Nebraskans for Peace says the alcoholism rate is about 80 percent.

"The reservation lies in South Dakota," Scheinost said when asked about the group's allegation that his company contributes to alcoholism on the reservation. "I have no control over what happens on the reservation. We support responsible drinking by responsible individuals - we don't want to see people get intoxicated and drink and drive.

Oglala Sioux Tribal Council Meeting

Special Session on Tuesday, Sept.11 at Prairie Wind Casino dealing with Human Resources Department and Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Prairie Wind Casino dealing with Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing Charter, for information call Elizabeth 867-5821 ext. 268.

Tribal Education Department school money

The Tribal Education Department has money available for school clothing, supplies and essentials, application deadline is Friday, Sept. 7 with checks available Friday, Sept. 14, for information contact Melanie Two Eagle 867-2501.

Great Wahanpi Cookoff

The soup cookoff will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Tatanka Nupa Memorial Park in Red Shirt beginning at 1 p.m. with judging at 4 p.m. in memory of John Swallow a great outdoor soup cooker, for information call Amaris 255-5025, cell at 430-0701 or Dan at 430-1329.

Sicangu Elderly Concerns to hold 21st Elder Games

ST. FRANCIS - "Stay Healthy, Stay Active" is the theme of this year's 21st annual Elder Games.

The Elder Games, which had been rescheduled, will again be held at the old track field at St. Francis Indian School on Saturday, Sept. 1.

The event was created by the Sicangu Elderly Concerns in 1986 and has continually been sponsored by Sicangu Elderly Concerns for the last 20 years.

Things will get started at 12 noon on Saturday with registration at the old track field. The elder games will begin at 1 p.m. in the afternoon with an opening prayer by Roy Stone. Richard Standing Bear, President of the Sicangu Elderly Concerns will give the opening address.

Elders will participate in horseshoes, softball throw, 3 legged races and sack races. A Lakota "shinney" game will also be held and certificates and medals will be awarded at the end of the day.

Persons over 50 are eligible to participate while volunteers are welcome to assist.

For further information contact Richard Standing Bear in Corn Creek, Harvey Jordan in Rosebud or Genevieve White Wing in Rosebud at 747-2657 or Chris Horvath, event coordinator at 856-2547.

David Rabbit to be sentenced Monday for theft

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) _ A former treasurer of the Oglala Sioux Tribe is scheduled to be sentenced Monday in federal court for stealing $9,898 from the tribe.

David Rabbit Sr., 41, of Pine Ridge faces up to five years in federal prison.

Kim Colhoff and former tribal Vice President Eileen Janis, both of Pine Ridge, are also charged with theft from the tribe, along with Rabbit, in 2003 and 2004.

Rabbit was also arrested earlier this year for spousal abuse, assault, eluding police and other tribal charges. Those incidents allegedly took place while Rabbit was free on bond after being arrested on the federal theft charges.

Community Calendar

POST your event FREE here.
Email to editor@lakotacountrytimes.com or fax to 605-685-1870.

Rez Happenings

Sports Physicals

Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 4 - 5 in Pine Ridge from 3:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 6 in Porcupine 4-7 p.m.; for information call 867-3006 in Pine Ridge, 867-5431 in Manderson, 867-1207 in Porcupine and 455-2440 in Allen.

Oglala Lakota College Registration

Fall Semester classes begin Monday, Aug. 27 with drop-add continuing until Aug. 31 at all nine district college centers, the nursing program in Pine Ridge, Cheyenne Rive in Eagle Butte and He Sapa in Rapid City, for information call 455-6000.

Sicangu Owayawa Oti

Opening Sunday, Aug. 19 with first day of school at Todd County set for Monday, Aug. 20 and at St. Francis Monday, Sept. 10, for information call 856-4486 or 877 742-2648.

Girl Scouts celebrate at pow wows

Saturday, September 1 at the Cheyenne River Sioux Labor Day Celebration in Eagle Butte, visit our booth and make beaded bracelets, turtle rattles, journals and trail mix snacks, for information call Debbie 800 658-3391.

Loneman School Registration

Friday and Saturday, Aug. 30 and 31 with first day of school set for Tuesday, Sept. 4, for information call 455-6875 or 455-6901.

Flandreau Indian School deadline

Application deadline is Friday, Aug. 31 with the fall term beginning Thursday, Sept. 6, for information call 1- 800- 942-1647 or 605- 997-3773.

Flea Market

Friday, Aug. 31 and Saturday, Sept. 1 at the Wounded Knee Community Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, for information call 867-5473.

Farmer's and cultural arts and crafts market

In conjunction with the Porcupine Labor Day pow wow Saturday-Tuesday, Sept. 1-4 in front of the Elderly Center in Porcupine with a flea market as well, for information call Linda 441-4020 or 455-1228.

Porcupine Rodeo

In memory of Marlin Moon Weston, the Porcupine District Labor Day Rodeo is set for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 1 and 2 at the Jacobs Memorial Arena, two miles south of Porcupine, 1 p.m. on Saturday and 12 noon on Sunday.

Mud Bog

Saturday, Sept. 1 with races at 3 p.m., 3.5 miles south of Kyle on BIA 4 at the Ohitika Track, seven classes, for information call 441-4168 or 441-3241.

Denny Pilcher Memorial Rodeo

Saturday, Sept. 1 at 5 p.m. at the Pilcher Arena, two and a half miles north of Sharps Corner, for information call 455-2973 or 454-2115.

Co-ed softball tourney

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 1-3 in Porcupine, 12 team tournament, for information call Steve at 441-8686.

Men's Fastpitch Tourney

Porcupine Labor Day Men's Fastpitch Softball Tournament, 12 team, double Elimination, August 31-Sept. 3 at Porcupine School ballfield, for information call Elgin 441-2521, Alsie 288-0097 or Dasey 867-5446.

38th United Tribes International Pow wow

Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 6-9 in Bismarck, N. Dak. at the United Tribes Technical College with grand entries set for Thursday at 7 p.m., Friday at 1 and 7 p.m., Saturday 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday 1 and 7 p.m., for information call 701- 255-3285.

Methodist Rummage sale

Sept. 6-28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Legion Hall in Hay Springs.

60th Potato Creek Wacipi

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7-9 in Potato Creek with grand entries set for Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1 and 7 p.m. with Red Leaf as host drum and Spotted Horse as honor drum, for information 441-1930, 441-9064 or 441-9095.

"Pops" Arcoren Memorial Rodeo

Saturday, Sept. 8 in St. Francis at 2 p.m., for information call Dean 208-4847.

Paul Bullman Memorial Ride

Sunday, Sept. 9 at 11 a.m. as part of Potato Creek wacipi.

ASK ANNA

Psychic ~ Clairvoyant

Dear Anna:

I have read your column and talked with you on the phone a few times and I appreciate what you have told me. So far, everything you said has happened.

My husband of 23 years is ill. He has cancer in his colon, and I want to know how his treatment will go. He is almost 60 years old, and he says that he is going to die. I don't like to hear him talk like that so I try and ignore it.

What do you see? Is he going to recover? What will I do if he doesn't get better?

Worried Sick

Dear Worried Sick:

This is a hard one. Your husband has a while yet on the earth...but...he is preparing himself and you for his leaving.

I can't make it any easier for you than your understanding allows it to be. He is telling you the truth and needs for you to acknowledge his understanding and prepare yourself and your family as much as possible for his death.

I understand that he is not afraid of his own death, but he is afraid of the suffering preceding that moment.

Please do yourself, your children, and him a favor by living in his life and not in his death. He is still here, so treat him everyday in a way that reflects life.

He loves you and you also love him. Acknowledge that with gentleness. The difference between you and other people right now is that you know he is leaving. This allows you some time to reconcile the love so that you will have no regrets when he does leave.

He still has several months without pain or hospitalization. His treatments are moderately successful and will hold the cancer at bay for quite a while. You have time to travel, visit with relatives and friends, and build memories.

Life is round. Like the sun, the moon, and the earth, life is round. We are born, we live, we die, and we return home to the spirit world and live within that wonderment until we are born again...

My blessings and prayers are with you, your husband, and your family. Remember please to live in the moment, in the living, and to address death when it comes as only a temporary separation.

Blessings from my heart.

Dear Anna:

My son is involved in a gang in Pine Ridge. I can't seem to get to him in a way that changes his friends or the way he is acting. There doesn't seem to be any help here until the kids get into serious trouble, and then there isn't so much help, there is only punishment.

What do you see for my son? He and his friends are pretty scary and none of the other parents seem to have any more influence than I do.

What is going to happen?

Worried Mom

Dear Worried Mom:

I talked yesterday with a client that used to teach school in Los Angeles. Most of her students were gang members and she told me that everyday one of them would come to school crying over the loss of a friend or relative from a drive-by or other gang-related violent death. She told me that when the children were asked about their future they would tell her they didn't have one; that they were going to die young in a violent way.

On the Pine Ridge, the gangs are emulating gang behavior and grouping together for power. The emotions and testosterone are racing through their blood streams without any direction for positive release.

They do not yet have the hardened hearts of their brothers and sisters in the big cities; yet it is only a matter of time before violent gang related deaths happen on the reservation.

That will be a time when the schools and the courts and the other program agencies along with the people and the council get together and make some hard fast rules: Curfew will be strictly enforced, gang related dress will not be allowed - even within the community.

Other stringent means will be called upon to try to snuff out the gang mentality.

Loss of identity and an enclosed environment of despair due to poverty and a sense of low self-esteem are part of the problem. Loss of identity coupled with a feeling of disempowerment contribute to the problems.

Drugs and alcohol enhance the volatile situation.

Remedies are not immediate. They take time. Personal empowerment and good self esteem come from a good spiritual understanding of who each physical human being is. Their relationship with the Creator and their response to remembering that they are spirits in human bodies helps to alleviate the feeling of despair or personal powerlessness.

Cultural revitalization enhances identity. Programs that address cultural understanding and create work-play environments of health and balance are part of the answer. Successful part-time employment resulting in some monetary gain are also important to give each child some sort of measurement of success and self-worth.

Some of these things are being done around the reservation, mostly spearheaded by medicine men and their circles. I don't know if I can do this in the newspaper, but I will anyway. I recommend that you corral your son and take him to Thunder Valley near Sharps Corner. In that circle (tiospaye), there is much going on to help the children find balance in their worlds.

If you cannot force him to go, then I recommend that you enroll him in a boarding school away from the reservation. Separation from his friends will help him learn to make better choices.

I don't think that every parent of a gang member can send their child away so the reservation needs to address the problem actively with education, social identification restructuring, spiritual strengthening, love and legal discouragement of gang activity.

Good luck. I see your son going to school in Chamberlain and I see a healing of his attitude.

Dear Anna:

How many kids as I going to have? Will I have simple pregnancies or will I have trouble giving birth?

Ready to be a parent

Dear Ready:

You must be haioca. You are a male - so your pregnancies should be relatively miraculous - but given your equipment they will probably be difficult.

You will have three children - and their mother will be the one in the labor room. She won't appreciate your sense of humor during her upcoming child birthing. I see you fainting in the labor room.

Good Luck Daddy.

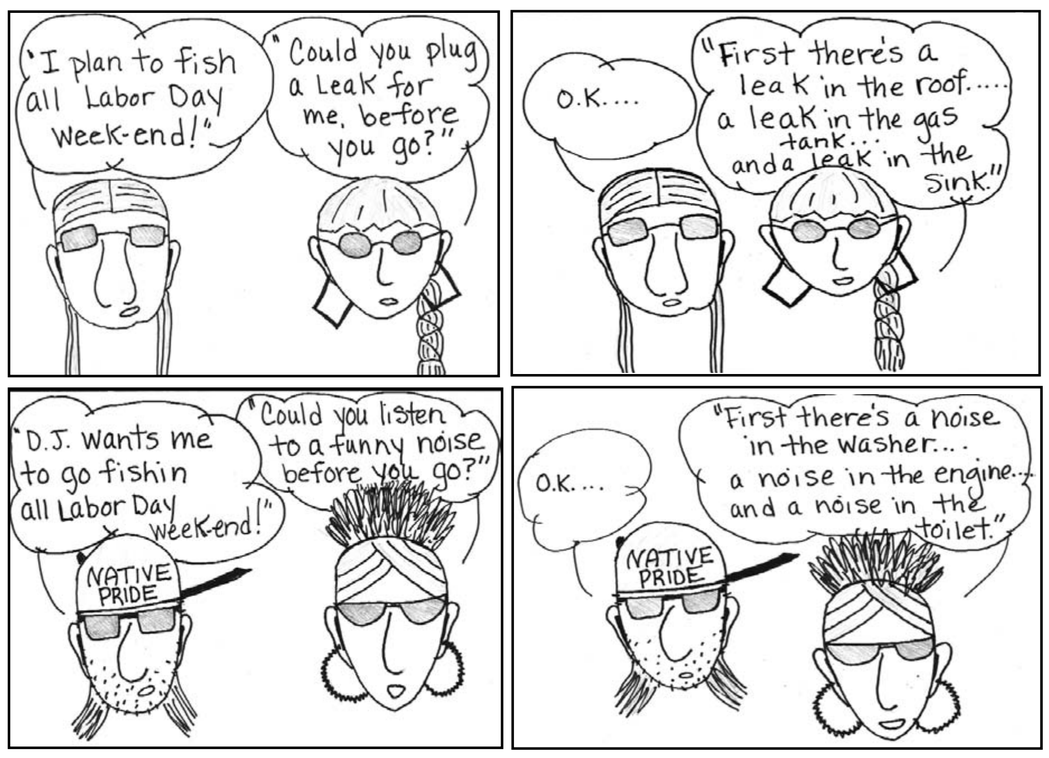
You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

All requests may be subject to publication.

Clearly mark Ask Anna on your request. This column is meant for entertainment purposes only.

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AZ The REZ Turns... By Connie Smith Blanco



The Rez Firefighter (Peta Usniyapi)

By Beaux Beauvais



Frybread

By Thom Little Moon



Crossword Puzzle

(answers in next week's issue)

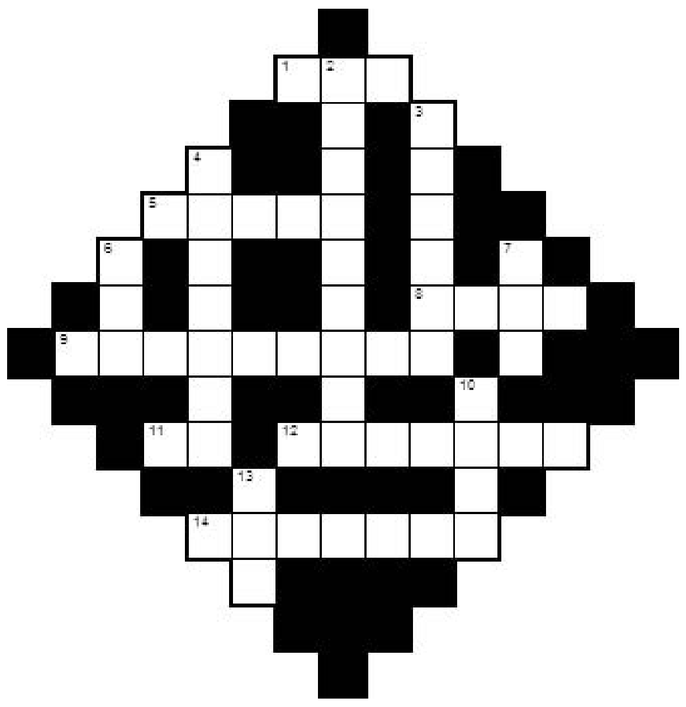
CLUES

Across

1 father, dad (3)
5 door (5)
8 fire (4)
9 moon (9)
11 foot (2)
12 dishes (7)
14 flower (7)

Down

2 sky (9)
3 fire place (6)
4 star (7)
6 bald (3)
7 face (3)
10 wrinkle (4)
13 tree (3)



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Jeanette Crazy Thunder, 78....Pine Ridge
Sunny Brooke High Hawk infant....Oglala
Penelope Bull Bear, 35.....Porcupine
Jerry Young Bull Bear, 83.....Kyle
Antoine Good Plume, infant....Pine Ridge
Ethel Bertha Marshall, 84.....Pine Ridge
Baby Boy Doyle-Quiver, infant....Wanblee
Carl Dwayne Beauvais, 62..... Mission
Roy Forget Nothing, 60..... White River



Jeanette F. Randall-Crazy Thunder

PINE RIDGE - Jeanette F. Randall-Crazy Thunder, 78, Pine Ridge, died Aug. 23 at Castle Manor Nursing Home in Hot Springs.

Jeanette Frances Crazy Thunder was born on May 14, 1929 in Wanblee to John Randall and Alice Garreaux. Her step-dad is Robert Fast Horse.

She grew up in Hisle, Porcupine Butte and Fast Horse Creek.

She has seven sisters and one brother: the late Darlene Fast Horse-McLane, the late Silvia Fast Horse, Ramona E. Randall-Bettelyoun, Cordelia Randall-Hauff, Roberta Fast Horse-Dockery, Ethel Simmons-Wickham, the late Katherine Randall-Wise and the late Vandall Fast Horse and 27 grandchildren; and 39 great-grandchildren

She married Nicholas Crazy Thunder on Aug. 15, 1949 and became the world's greatest homemaker.

She and Nicholas then started their family and had seven children: Barbara Rose, the late Clement "Jimmy" James, Nicoleen Yvonne, the late Michael "Herbie" John, Carole Jean, Roberta Francine, and the late Robert Wayne; adopted daughters Theresa, Sally, Josette, Judy Two Bulls, Michelle Parvensky, Theresa Blue Dog, Jackie Big Crow, Serena King, Rose Dixon, Verna Crooked Eyes, Patty Ward, Joann Two Two, Arlene "Choach" Goings, Emma Gallego, and Arlene Morisson and John Wolfe, Ivan Bud Thomas and Tony Martin.

She lived in Pine Ridge all her married life, and was named "Mother of the Year" (1990).

She loved to play the piano and sing songs. She attended the Sacred Heart Church regularly.

She was an active member in the community and became a Mother to most people who knew her. Jeanette loved to help people and had a unique way of showing the people she cared. She was very kind-hearted and had a gentle way about her.

Everyone can always count on Jeanette for her cooking and always willing to be there for the people - Billy Mills Hall was her second "Kitchen."

Funeral services were Wednesday, Aug. 29, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Steve Sanford, Mr. Charles McGaa and Mr. Abraham Tobacco. Burial was at Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Sunny Brooke Heaven High Hawk

OGLALA - Sunny Brooke Heaven High Hawk was stillborn on Aug. 17 at the Pine Ridge Hospital.

Survivors are parents Bobby Garnier and Valeria High Hawk of Oglala; a brother Haden Chase Alone of Oglala; sisters Lashiyah High Hawk and Valandra High Hawk of Oglala; maternal grandparents Val High Hawk and Judy Slow Bear of Oglala; paternal grandparents David and Georgianna Garnier of Oglala.

A one night wake will be Thursday, Aug. 30 at Br. Rene Catholic Hall at Oglala.

Funeral services will be Friday, Aug. 31 at Br. Rene Catholic Hall.

Internment will be at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Cemetery, Oglala.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Penelope 'Penny' Bull Bear

PORCUPINE - Penelope "Penny" Bull Bear, 35, Porcupine, died Wednesday, Aug. 22, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include one son, Ruben Bull Bear, Hot Springs; one brother, Timothy Bull Bear Jr., Kyle; two step-brothers, Michael Bull Bear and Peter Bull Bear, both of Allen; and three sisters, Verene Bull Bear and Mona Bull Bear, both of Kyle, and Faye Bull Bear, Potato Creek.

Funeral services were held Aug. 27, at Porcupine CAP Office with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating and traditional Lakota services by Richard Broken Nose.

Burial was at St. Barnabas Episcopal Cemetery in Kyle.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jerry Young Bull Bear

KYLE - Jerry Young Bull Bear, Kyle, 83, died Wednesday, Aug. 22 at Bennett County Health Care Center. Survivors include three sisters, Barbara Young Bull Bear, Clara Charging Crow and Forida Jealous of Him, all of Kyle; and one adopted brother, Michael Porlides, Torrington, Conn. A wake services was Tuesday, Aug. 28, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall in Kyle.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the hall with the Rev. Rick Abert officiating.

Burial was at St. Stephen's Catholic Cemetery in Kyle. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Antoine L. Good Plume

PINE RIDGE - Antoine L. Good Plume, infant, Pine Ridge, was born and died Monday, Aug. 20 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Survivors include his mother, Glenna Good Plume, Pine Ridge; one brother, Michael Brown Bull, Pine Ridge; two sisters, Ladora Brown Bull and Makayla Brown Bull, both of Pine Ridge; and his grandfather, Garvard Good Plume Jr., Pine Ridge. A wake service was Sunday, Aug. 26, at Native Voice of Deliverance Church in Wolf Creek.

Funeral services were Monday, Aug. 27, at the church, with Charity Hill officiating.

Burial was at Wolf Creek Community Cemetery. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ethel Bertha Marshall

PINE RIDGE - Ethel Bertha Marshall, 84, Pine Ridge, died Wednesday, Aug. 22 at Pine Ridge Hospital. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Survivors include two sons, John Marshall, Porcupine, and Louis Marshall Jr., Denver; four stepsons, Clifford Marshall, Harvey Marshall, Robert Marshall and Carl Marshall, all of Rosebud; and three daughters, Eva Flores, Torington, Wyo., Twila Garcia, Denver, and Darlene Marshall, Rosebud. Wake services were Saturday, Aug. 25, at Porcupine School.

Funeral service were Monday, Aug. 27, at the school, with the Rev. Chris Collins officiating.

Burial was at St. Alban's Episcopal Cemetery in Porcupine. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Baby Boy Doyle-Quiver

WANBLEE - Baby Boy Doyle-Quiver, infant, Wanblee, was born and died Tuesday, Aug. 21 at Pine Ridge Hospital.

Survivors include his parents, Norman Quiver and Linda Doyle, Wanblee; three brothers, Henry Lamont, Tyler Lamont and Deshane Doyle, all of Wanblee; three sisters, Amber Lamont, Miranda Gay and Marissa Gay, all of Wanblee; and grandparents, Don and Joyce Doyle and Cindy Quiver, all of Wanblee.

Funeral services were Friday, Aug. 24, at Wanblee CAP Office with Sonny Richards officiating.

Burial was at the Quiver Family Cemetery in Wanblee. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Carl Dwayne Beauvais

MISSION - Carl Dwayne Beauvais Sr., 62, of Shiprock, N.M. and formerly of Mission, died on Aug. 7. Carl was born in Casper, Wyo., on Jan. 30, 1945 to Victoria Iron Shooter Beauvais of Mission and the late Benjamin Beauvais.

Carl was preceded in death by his father, Benjamin F. Beauvais and brother, Harvey D. Beauvais. He leaves to mourn his mother, Victoria Iron Shooter-Beauvais, sisters Dolores McCloskey, Celeste Beauvais, of Mission and Charlotte LaPointe of Rosebud. His brothers are Benjamin Beauvais of Shiprock, N.M., Dr. Archie Beauvais, Robert Beauvais, Myron Beauvais and Elvis Beauvais all of Mission. His children are Carl, Jr., Michael, and Carla of Arizona.

Wakes services were held at the St. Thomas Catholic Church on Aug. 11 and 12. Rev. Marrles Moore and son, Robert Moore of the Christian Fellowship Church of Antelope Community, Deacon Ben Black Bear of St. Francis and Fr. Paul Strittmatter of Iowa officiated during the wake and funeral services held on Monday, Aug. 13. Marty Makes Room and the Kiyukanpi drum of Antelope community sang at the gravesite.

Interment was as the St. Thomas Catholic cemetery in Mission.

Holmes Funeral Home of Valentine, Neb. was in charge of arrangements.

Roy Forgets Nothing

WHITE RIVER - Roy Forgets Nothing, 60, of White River, died on his birthday, Aug. 23 in Rapid City.

Roy was born in Rosebud on Aug. 23, 1947 to Roy and Florence (Bordeaux) Forgets Nothing, Jr.

Wake services were held Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 27 and 28. Funeral services were Wednesday, Aug. 29 at Swift Bear Community Bldg in White River.

Burial was at White River Cemetery.

Roy is survived by his wife Vivian Forgets Nothing of White River; stepdaughters: Leeann Standing Elk Craft of White River, Mary Standing Elk of White River and Alverna Standing Elk of White River; siblings Rena Wright, Emma Evans and Hobart Wright, Jr. all of Wood and Kenny Wright of Rapid City; as well as grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Holmes Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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To make an appointment, call Panhandle Surgical, P.C. at 1-308-282-1164

FAMILY PRACTITIONERS:.....Monday-Friday
Joel F. Hutchins, M.D., Family Practitioner
Sherry Shrestha, M.D., Family Practitioner
Ronda Larson, PA-C, Physician's Assistant
To make an appointment to see one of the above, call Gordon Clinic daily at 1-308-282-1442, or Rushville Clinic at 1-308-327-2757

EYE CARE:
John Herlihy, M.D., Ophthalmologist.....Thursday, September 13
Hospital Outpatient Area, 300 E. 8th Street
To make an appointment, call 1-800-343-3009

FOOT CARE:
Twila Fickel, DPM, Podiatrist.....Wednesdays, September 12, 26
Hospital Outpatient Area, 300 E. 8th Street
To make and appointment, call 1-308-432-2407

AUDIOLOGY:
Kurt Fahrenbrook, AUD.....Friday, September 21
Hospital Outpatient Area, 300 E. 8th Street
To make an appointment, call 1-308-635-0600

NEUROLOGY:
Matthew Simmons, M.D., Neurologist.....None scheduled
Hospital Outpatient Area, 300 E. 8th Street
A physician referral is required
To make an appointment, call 1-605-341-3770

NEUROSURGEON:
The Spine Center
Tim J. Watt, M.D.....Thursday, September 6
Hospital Outpatient Area, 300 E. 8th Street
To make an appointment, call 1-800-253-5876

ORTHOPEDIC SERVICES:
Regional Orthopedic Center
Bryan Scheer, M.D.....Thursday, September 20
Hospital Outpatient Area, 300 E. 8th Street
To make an appointment, call 1-866-377-4762

CARDIOLOGY:
The Heart Doctors
Joseph Tuma, M.D.....Tuesday, September 18
Hospital Outpatient Area, 300 E. 8th Street
To make an appointment, call 1-800-432-7822

UROLOGY:
Urologic Clinic
William Waller, M.D.....Wednesdays, September 19
Hospital Outpatient Area, 300 E. 8th Street
To make an appointment, call between 8:00 am-5:00 pm 1-308-282-1442

OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING:.....Wednesday, September 19
Gordon Memorial Hospital
ER Parking Lot, 300 E. 8th Street
To make an appointment, call 1-800-863-5578

COUNSELING:
Affinity Therapy Associates
Maggie Griffith, LMHP-CPC.....Mondays
Room 110, Gordon Memorial Hospital, 300 E. 8th Street
A physician referral is required
To make an appointment, call 1-308-432-6910 or 1-877-432-2220

Monroe-Meyer Institute
Catherine Jones-Hazeldine, PhD.....
Room 110, Gordon Memorial Hospital, 300 E. 8th Street
To make an appointment, call between 8:00 am-5:00 pm 1-308-282-1442

CARDIAC AND PULMONARY REHABILITATION:
Anita Yardley, R.N., Director
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Room 116, Gordon Memorial Hospital 300 E. 8th Street
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S/Cab 5.4L V8, Auto, Wheels, Boards, CD, Trl Tow, Very Clean, Sat Radio, Fog Lamps, Loaded, 45K Miles. #5880A
Was $23,125 Now $20,955

2005 Ford F-150 XLT 4x4
S/Cab 5.4L V8, Auto,Wheels, CD, Trl Tow, Power Slider, Elec Shift 4x4, Fog Lights, Remote Entry, 22k Miles. #5907A
Was $22,825 Now $19,955

2004 Ford F-150 XLT 4x4
Crew Cab 5.4L V8 Auto, Wheels, CD, Boards, Tlr Tow, P. Seat, Local Lease Return, Tint Glass, Loaded Up, 48k Miles. #5918A
Was $22,275 Now $19,955

2004 Ford F-150 XLT 4x4
S/Cab 5.4L V8 Auto, Wheels, Boards, CD, Trl Tow, Bed Liner, Privacy Glass, Bug Guard, 1 Owner, Great Truck. #5776A
Was $18,425 Now $15,955

'04 Ford F-150 Lariat 4x4
Crew Cab 5.4L V8, Auto, Leather, P. Seats, 6-Disc CD, Boards, Trl Tow, Many Extras, Htd Seats, Lotsa Chrome, Tonneau Cover, 47k Miles. #5841B
Was $24,675 Now $22,855

'03 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT
4x4 Quad Cab 5.9L V8, Auto, Wheels, Boards, CD, Trl Tow, Cruise/Tilt, Very Clean, Only 45K Miles Lotsa Chrome, 1 Owner, Sharp ol Truck. #5852A
Was $18,975 Now $16,755

'03 Chevy Silverado 1500
LT 4x4 Ext. Cab 5.3L V8, Auto, Wheels, Boards, Leather, CD, Dual Power Heated Seats, Trl Tow, Box Cover, All Power Options, Privacy Glass, 59k Miles. #5726B
Was $21,075 Now $16,855

NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Wounded Knee Road (Shannon County Road #4) will be closed for construction beginning Tuesday, September 4th, 2007. This is the stretch of road from 6 miles west of Batesland (Gordon Y) to Wounded Knee. For any further questions please contact Lynn Bettelyoun, Shannon County Highway Superintendent at 605-288-1866 (shop) or 441-6261 (cell).

Dated this 28th day of August, 2007
Sue Ganje
Shannon County
Auditor

LETTERS OF INTEREST REQUESTED BY THE SHANNON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Shannon County Commission has a Vacancy in Commissioner District # 5 due to a recent resignation. The Board of County Commissioners is asking for Letters of Interest to fill this position. The Board will be taking letters from interested persons until 5:00 p.m. on September 6th, 2007.

These letters are to be sent or delivered to the Auditor's Office at 906 N. River Street, Hot Springs, S.D. 57747. Any interested person must be registered in Shannon County Commissioner District # 5, which includes voters registered in the Batesland and Porcupine Precincts. The Board of Shannon County Commissioners will be meeting on September 7th, 2007 for their regular meeting, and will review any letters received. Please contact the Auditor's Office at 605-745-3996 to schedule a time to meet with the Board to review your letter of interest.

Sincerely,
Sue Ganje
County Auditor
Shannon County

Oyate Teca Waonspekiya: Red Cloud AmeriCorps Program

ANNOUCEMENT:Job Openings

POSITIONS: Teacher's Assistants, Tutors, after school, Program Mentors

QUALIFICATIONS SOUGHT: Experience with youth, high School diploma or GED, enthusiasm, dependability, drug and alcohol free lifestyle

OPEN UNTIL: September 7, 2007

TO APPLY: Pick up an application at Eben Hall on the Red Cloud campus, or contact Ian Mitchell at 867-5888.

Red Cloud Indian School is now accepting applications for its AmeriCorps program for the 2006-07 School Year. Accepted applicants will work in Red Cloud Elementary, Middle, or High School or Our Lady of Lourdes as teacher'saides, tutors, and mentors of an after school program.

We are looking for qualified applicants with some experience working with young people, a drug and alcohol free lifestyle, who are able to be on time to work every day. Requires after-school commitment and some flexibility in schedule. Orientation and training provided!

Red Cloud INDIAN SCHOOL

PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR SHANNON COUNTY, S.D.
For Year January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008
Governmental Funds

	General Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Fire Fund	Em Mgt Fund	Dom Abuse Fund
100 General Government					
110 Legislative					
111 Board of County Commissioners	28,615				
112 Contingency	30,000				
120 Elections	32,850				
130 Judicial System	700				
140 Financial Administration					
141 Auditor	36,845				
142 Treasurer	39,515				
143 Data Processing	6,500				
150 Legal Services					
151 States Attorney	19,360				
152 Other (Law Libr)	200				
153 Court Appointed Attorney	2,000				
160 Other					
162 Director of Equalization	20,045				
163 Register of Deeds	20,300				
165 Veterans' Service Officer	15,178				
166 Predatory Animal (GFP)	2,105				
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	254,213	0	0	0	0
200 Public Safety					
210 Law Enforcement					
211 Sheriff	68,505				
212 County Jail	3,000				
213 Coroner	10,380				
220 Protective & Emergency Services					
221 Fire Protection			3,790		
222 Emergency & Disaster Services				6,535	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	81,885	0	3,790	6,535	0
300 Public Works					
310 Highways & Bridges					
311 Highways, Roads, & Bridges		279,984			
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	0	279,984	0	0	0
400 Health & Welfare					
410 Economic Assistance					
411 Support of Poor	500				
412 Public Welfare	50				
430 Social Services					
434 Domestic Abuse					500
440 Mental Health Services					
441 Mentally Ill	5,000				
445 Mental Illness Board	10,000				
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	15,550	0	0	0	500
500 Culture & Recreation					
520 Recreation					
TOTAL CULTURAL & RECREATION	0	0	0	0	0
600 Conservation of Natural Resources					
610 Soil Conservation					
611 County Extension	1,500				
612 Soil Conservation Districts	1,500				
615 Weed Control	4,000				
620 Water Conservation					
TOTAL CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESO	7,000	0	0	0	0
700 Urban & Economic Development					
710 Urban Development	0				
711 Planning & Zoning					
TOTAL URBAN & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	0	0	0	0	0
800 DEBT SERVICE					
850 PAYMENTS TO LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES					
900 Other Uses					
911 Transfers Out - EMERG MGMT	3,268				
TOTAL OTHER USES	3,268	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS	361,916	279,984	3,790	6,535	500
Capital Outlay Accumulations (SDCL 7-21-51)					
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	361,916	279,984	3,790	6,535	500
Cash Balance Applied	69,599	25,134			300
311 Current Property Tax Levy	194,000		3,788		
Less current uncollected	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
Less 25% to Cities	(15)	( )	( )	( )	( )
312/319 - Other Taxes	7,935		169		
NET TOTAL TAXES	201,920	0	3,957	0	0
320 Licenses & Permits	200				200
330 Intergovernmental Revenue	63,400	254,500	30	3,267	
340 Charges for Goods & Services	20,695				
350 Fines & Forfeits	50				
360 Miscellaneous Revenue	25,100	350			
370 Other Financing Sources	0			3,268	
	0				
SUBTOTAL	380,964	279,984	3,987	6,535	500
Less 5% (SDCL 7-21-18)	(19,048)		(197)		
	361,916	279,984	3,790	6,535	500
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	361,916	279,984	3,790	6,535	500

ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR
SHANNON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Shannon County, will meet in the Courthouse at Hot Springs South Dakota on Friday, September 7th, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of considering the foregoing Provisional Budget for the year 2008 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the 7th day of September, 2007. At such time any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget.

Sue Ganje, Shannon County Auditor
Hot Springs, South Dakota

REQUEST FOR QUOTES

Shannon County Highway Department is accepting quotes for the hauling of 5000 tons of gravel from Rockyford, SD to the Shannon County Highway Department in Batesland, SD. The Shannon County Highway Department will have a loader at both locations. Quotes must be submitted to the Shannon County Highway Department Superintendent. These quotes must be received by Thursday, September 6th, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. for consideration by the Shannon County Commissioners on September 7th, 2007. Insurance will be required by the trucker, as set out by the contract to be required by the trucker, as set out by the contract to be signed by the two parties. A time limit for the hauling will be established prior to the signing of said contract. Please contact the Shannon County Highway Superintendent at 605-288-1866 for further questions. Dated this 24th day of August, 2007.
Sue Ganje,
County Auditor
Shannon County

U.S. Dept. of Interior
B.I.A. Fort Berthold Agency, PO Box 370
New Town, ND 58763

BID

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Berthold Agency is planning to conduct an Oil and Gas Sale within the next two (2) months. We will be offering all unleased allotted mineral acreage to the highest bidder through a competitive sealed bid process. We have established the primary terms of the lease as follows:

Minimum bonus per acre $75.00

Minimum annual rental rate per acre $2.50

Minimum royalty rate per acre 18%

Primary term of the lease 5 years

The approval of a mineral lease on the Fort Berthold Reservation is based on majority consent, under special authority enacted in 1998 and 1999, and codified under 25 U.S.C. 396. Upon completion of the competitive bid sale, leases will become effective, once the required number of owners have consented to lease and approved by the BIA Superintendent.

This decision is based upon the fact that Fort Berthold Agency has received numberous requests from prospective lessees to lease certain allotted minerals. Several lessees have been acquiring signatures for negotiated oil and gas leases on the Fort Berthold Reservation. While this attempt has been made in good faith, we feel it would be in the best interests of the allotted mineral owners to include their lands in an advertised lease sale in order to receive the optimum bonus consideration through competitive bid. We recommend the allotted mineral owners who are in negotiations for an oil and gas lease to give full consideration to this alternate option.

Those allotted mineral owners who do not wish to have their lands advertised in this competitive bid lease sale, please contact the Fort Berthold Agency in writing within (2) weeks of the date of this notice.

Our mailing address is as follows: Superintendent, PO Box 370, New Town, ND 58763. Our telephone number is (701) 627-4707.
Signed,
Earl Silk,
Superintendent

Oglala Sioux Tribe
Property & Supply
PO Box 3006
Pine Ridge, S. D. 57770

Request for Proposals

The Oglala Sioux Tribe Property & Supply Department is soliciting bids from local contractors for the repair of the circular roof of the Red Cloud Building at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The 13,222 sq. ft. building is located next to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) building.

The contractor is to furnish all labor, materials, equipment, site services, insurance and any other information and work necessary and/or required to complete this renovation project at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The contract will be a Firm, Fixed Price (FFP) Contract and items that need to be included in this bid, to avoid any change orders, are the sole responsibility of the contractor. Contractor must be bondable and provide proof of such and Indian Preference applies to this work.

Scope of Work

1. Contractor must provide for the removal of the old, rubber roofing material, and the replacement of with the same or like roofing material.
2. Contractor must replace all water damaged materials.
3. Finish work of all areas surrounding A.C. and Heating units on the roof
4. Request for payment schedule prior to commencement of project.
5. Completed work must be guaranteed for one (1) year after inspection. Final report must be submitted upon completion of the project.

Contractor must complete a T.E.R.O. Compliance plan and pay the 4% T.E.R.O. Fee and be in compliance with all OST procurement policies and procedures.

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Wealth of Lakota language, songs and history donated to OLC

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

KYLE - The historical language and music of Lakota ancestors will now be readily accessible to students at Oglala Lakota College.

On Wednesday, Aug. 30, the family of the late James E. Emery donated to the college 300 compact discs of audio originally recorded on reel-to-reel tapes over 25 years, copies of the collection entrusted to Black Hills State University in 1984.

Students learning the languages will be able to listen to the language as it was spoken earlier in the 20th Century and will hear how it has changed. Hearing the words spoken by their relatives, making that personal connection with the past, will enhance students' learning, said Tom Shortbull, OLC president.

"Ours is an oral language and an oral tradition," Shortbull said. "If you don't use language conversationally, you lose it."

The discs were presented to Shortbull by Emery's relatives: his sons Jim and Chuck and grandsons Dave and Randy.

Born in 1904 on the Rosebud Reservation, Emery was "basically kidnapped" and placed in a boarding school, where he and other students would sneak away and speak the Lakota language that had become forbidden to them, Randy Emery said.

Later, when he left and then returned to the reservation, Emery noticed that the spoken language was changing and becoming more clipped.

"He didn't want it to vanish," Randy Emery said. "Grandpa realized that the very identity of the Lakota people revolves around the language, the music, and the history."

Spoken language changes over time, especially if spellings and pronunciations haven't been standardized with a dictionary and other writings. Shortbull said there have been some Lakota dictionaries compiled, most notably the Buechel dictionary of the 1950s, but slang and colloquialisms become accepted and normalized, and the Lakota spoken today has been altered from how it was spoken in the past.

The recorded words of ancestors will bring home to how much the language has changed and perhaps help to restore the integrity of the words, Shortbull said.

Emery captured conversations with noted Lakota leaders such as Ben Black Elk, Charlie Red Cloud, Frank Fools Crow, and Dewey Beard, survivor of Little Big Horn and Wounded Knee Massacre.

"There're some really priceless stories," Dave Emery said.

Also recorded were songs

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Gov. Rounds discusses statistics in education

Todd County lags behind other schools

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

MISSION - The theme for Governor Michael Round's education town meeting is "Putting Kids First in Education" and it was an appropriate title as the Governor was energetic and informative in discussing a large number of statistics relative to Todd County Schools and their comparison to statewide school averages.

Although there was not a great number of parents in attendance, there was school staff and tribal officials.

Rounds made it clear that his agenda was not to talk about consolidation as might occur in smaller school districts which are shrinking, but to talk about opportunities and to raise questions.

Rep. Jim Bradford and Rep. Larry Lucas were acknowledged by Rounds, as RST council representative, Robert Moore, from Antelope Community gave the invocation. Keith Moore, Director of the South Dakota Indian Education Office was present, as well as RST President, Rodney M. Bordeaux, RST council representatives, Mike Crow Eagle and Scott Herman and Cindy Young, RST Tribal Education Director.

Delivering a PowerPoint presentation that provided a wealth of information, Rounds noted that the number of young people in the state is going down, while those in the older brackets is slowly increasing. In 1969 the total number of students was 175,654 while in 2006 that figure decreased to 121,558 students for a 31 percent decrease.

Todd County has apparently stayed the same in student enrollment for the last six years, while most other school districts have fewer students. In 2001 it had 2,049 students, while in 2006 there were 2,043 students. In Bennett County Schools there were 607 students in 2001 and in 2006 there were 542 students for a 11 percent decrease. In the White River School District the numbers decreased from 413 to 383 students for the same period representing a 7 percent decrease.



Governor Michael Rounds gave a PowerPoint presentation at the Todd County Middle School on Wednesday in which he provided a wealth of comparative data as to how Todd County Schools measure up compared to state wide achievement averages.

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In projecting the enrollment at TCSD until 2014 the enrollment should be approximately 678 students for the same period representing a 7 percent decrease.

In terms of the state budget, the Governor stated that 50 percent of the budget is earmarked for 'education' while 11 percent goes to the courts and corrections, 33 percent goes to taking care of people and 6 percent is for operating state government. In 2003 per pupil funding

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Big Crow looks forward to her senior year, national tournament

Pine Ridge graduate's strength, tenacity are MVP qualities



By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

MAYVILLE, N.D. - "You cannot quit, you have to hang in there and finish no matter how hard it gets," said Pine Ridge graduate Laura Big Crow who is looking forward to her senior year at Mayville State University in North Dakota, "there were so many times during my first semester at Williston State that I thought about quitting and going back home, I was so homesick but I am so glad that I stuck it out, its been a great experience that's been very rewarding and life enriching."

After an outstanding four years at Pine Ridge High School which included helping to take the Lady Thorpes to the State A championship game in Aberdeen her senior year, Laura Big Crow graduated in the spring of 2004 and enrolled in Williston State College in northwestern North Dakota.

"Over the six years that I've been coaching, she is head and shoulders the most talented player I've had," said Hunter Berg who coached Laura Big Crow for two years at Williston State College, "now that she is gone, we realize how good she was and how she just dominated our conference."

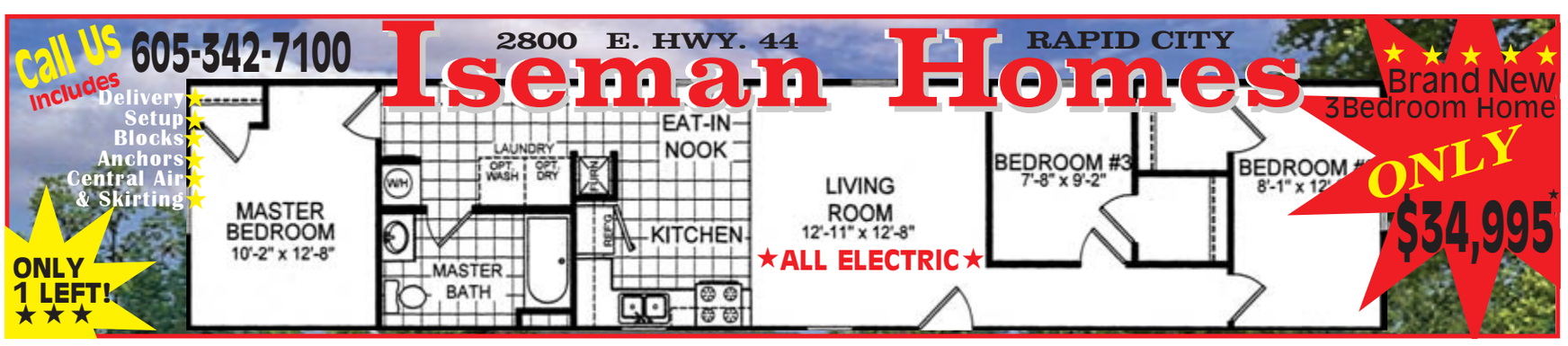
Laura earned conference MVP honors and junior college all America recognition during her two years at Williston. She led her team in scoring and in rebounding.

"There hasn't been a player in our league who could score like Laura, she was so physically talented," added Berg.

Although she had a strong interest in physical therapy, Laura earned two associate degrees at Williston, one in liberal arts and one in science, she changed her major when she moved on to Mayville State and now is majoring in elementary education with minors in coaching and social sciences.

"Elementary education because I love kids, I love teaching kids and being around them, I don't think I'll go higher than second grade though," said Big Crow, "coaching because I don't want basketball to end now, I want to help other kids go out and play college ball."

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and ceremonies of Plains Indians, recorded by people and groups such as Red Scaffold, Cherry Creek, Red Cloud, Little Eagle, Sons of the Oglalas, and Matt and Nellie Two Bulls.

The Flag Song "sung at every powwow … was written and sung for the first time in Grandpa's basement," Dave Emery said.

Emery's son, James W. (Jim) Emery of Custer, said copies of recordings will be made available in the future to other Native colleges and universities. He said he hopes that the recordings will be put to good use in language classes, starting a newer method of teaching Native language.



Four relatives of Jim E. Emery were present Aug. 30 when Oglala Lakota College accepted CDs of interviews, voices and songs. From left to right are Randy and Dave Emery, Emery's grandsons, and Chuck and Jim Emery, Emery's sons.

PHOTO BY VICKY WICKS

Emery was an educator, and after he retired from a career at Black Hills Power and Light in Rapid City, he taught Lakota language at Sinte Gleske College in Rosebud and at University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

"On the day he died, he was teaching language and culture" at USD, his son Jim said.

Emery also hosted two statewide radio shows, Moccasin Time and Oyate.

Emery traveled to reservations throughout South Dakota and various locations out of state, his son Chuck Emery said. Most of the recordings are in Lakota, but some are Dakota and other tribal languages.

Emery made his first recordings on wax cylinders, all of which were lost when they melted in storage at USD, Dave Emery said.

Shortbull said Emery's recordings will be available immediately to OLC students coming in for the fall semester.

Rounds meeting in Mission

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to school districts was $3,497 while in 2008 that figure will increase to $4,365.

Rounds then asked, "How can we continue to attract and retain the best teachers for our students?

There were 66 teaching positions not filled in music and special education with the highest shortages in rural areas."

Todd County SAT scores were then compared to average state scores and almost all grade levels assessed including grades 5, 8 and 11 were 20 to 30 points below the state averages. The same dismal statistics were characteristically the same when looking at reading scores as Todd County lagged behind average state reading scores by the same margin.

Todd County is in level 3 improvement status and Rounds noted that an audit had been completed for TCSD.

The school district has not made adequate yearly progress or AYP for the last four years and it has chosen to use a consultant to oversee their efforts to meet NCLB. He then illustrated the professional development resources that have been made available to the district.

Rounds then asked what could be done to assist Todd County as he opened up the floor for discussion and comment. SD Secretary of Education, Rick Melmer, said, "People are willing to work with us. The NCLB is kind of a controversial program. In Indian Country, it is the best thing that has been done…Todd County is one of two districts in district improvement status and that number is growing. You have a diverse population here, low income, special education needs, limited English proficiency and minority status. You have a tough job when it comes to NCLB."

Keith Moore spoke of the GEAR-UP program and noted, "Indian youth can fill jobs one day as their numbers go up. The Governor understands that." Moore also mentioned the successful funding of a grant program which will enable 20 Native American students with a bachelor's degree to earn their graduate degree. He said he would formally announce it at the South Dakota Summit on Indian Education in Rapid City in a couple of weeks.

Sherry Red Owl of Sinte Gleska University asked how the university could assist TCSD and not to forget about St. Francis Indian School as many students transfer back and forth between the two.

Rounds noted that tribal colleges can play a major role in preparing a work force, while Keith Moore said that a team from the state would be visiting several colleges soon to hold a listening session.

Red Owl noted that about one-third of their students were non-Indian and that something should be done to essentially subsidize their enrollment.

RST President Rodney M. Bordeaux said, "The Governor is working with us.

There is a need for economic development. We met with students at both SFIS and TCHS and they addressed the issue of alcohol in the community and making schools safe. We will continue to meet with students."

Finally, Oyate Guerue a student at SGU said, "We live here, our children live here. There is a big problem with SGU graduating students and Teach For America. The students are closer at SGU and are not going to leave. 10 of us are going to graduate and want jobs." While the Governor praised the Teach For America program which has placed 50 students on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud reservation, Corrine Sully said that Teach For America needs to have more cultural understanding of Lakota people.

Governor Rounds spoke a line that perhaps represented his sentiments in sponsoring the town hall meeting as he said, "I won't accept that any child born here is less capable of learning to read."

Big Crow

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According to Laura, college is about self discipline, about knowing when things need to get done and doing it. You are a lot more on your own, there's lots and lots of papers to write, too many papers - in high school I didn't have that much homework but in college you go to class and take notes and its all homework, it comes down to being responsible, she added.

"When I first went to college, I learned that the pace of the game was a lot faster than high school and more physical and its basketball from August to April," said Big Crow, "this is my last year and I would really like to finish strong, it would be nice to go to the national tournament."

"When we signed up Laura last year, it was a big step for us, she is a huge piece of the puzzle, she is so strong for us and will be even stronger her senior year," said Dennis Hutter, Mayville State coach, "we will rely on her as a senior and for her leadership, for scoring and rebounding and our goal is to surround her with a good supporting cast. We have seven of our top ten players back, we have added a Division I transfer and a point guard from Minnesota so our goal is nationals and we need to keep Laura on the floor to get there, she is such a mismatch for anyone who has to guard her and when they double or triple team her, we will be ready and this year we are going to be more creative in getting the ball into Laura, there is a lot of excitement around our team this year."

Mayville State lost to South Dakota Tech in the conference tournament last year and both the coach and Laura look to Dakota State who is returning all of their players, to SD Tech and Jamestown as providing the competition and roadblocks to the national tournament.

"Last year I made it to 15 of her 30 games, we are all so proud of what she is doing, she is hanging in their and she makes all of us so proud," said Laura's father Jamie Big Crow, "in the beginning it was really hard for her to be away from home but her mom and I talked to her all the time about hanging in there."

"College is so much fun," said Big Crow, "I love having my own place and you meet so many people, I have a friend from Trinidad and one from Tobago, and I now have friends playing ball at University of North Dakota, at Missouri State and even in New York and to think I almost quit when I was a freshman, I just decided that I didn't like failing and I didn't like not finishing what I started."

Mayville State has a tough schedule this year, they open up with Brandon University on October 26 and play the University of Winnepeg the following night. On Nov. 24 they travel to Marshall, Min. to take on Northern State University and on Dec. 11 they are in Grand Forks for a game with University of North Dakota.

"When Laura decided to come to Mayville, I literally started dancing on my desk," she works her tail off, she stays out of trouble, she's a great role model and really if you haven't seen her play and you look at her, she doesn't always seem like a ball player but she surprises you, she just keeps coming back and she just keeps fighting, she's a gamer."

"Laura could have gone to a higher level, many saw her height at 5'10" or 11" and said she is too short to be a post player," said coach Berg, "but anyone who has seen her play knows different, she is so physical, she makes up for her lack of height in a lot of ways."

"Over the years I have had a number of role models, my brother Francis, Doni DeCory, her mom Tiny, my mom and dad and I've had good coaches, Dusty LeBeau, Hunter Berg and Dennis Hutter are alike in that they push, and push and push you to be the best that you can be, they know when to coach and when not to," said Big Crow; "this is my last year and it has gone by so quickly, I've been playing ball since I was five or six at Wolf Creek School and I want to make this last year really count, my goal is to go to the nationals."

Porcupine AA meeting

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Diabetes awareness bike ride Sept. 8

PINE RIDGE - On Saturday, Sept. 8, there will be a "Diabetes is Preventable" bike ride. The ride will be from the Wanblee Clinic ending at Potato Creek. The ride is held in conjunction with the Potato Creek Wacipi. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Riders can ride individually or as a relay team. For more information contact Ron "Beef" Randall at 685-3197 or Janice at 867-5404.

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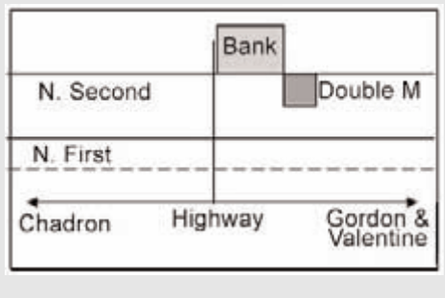
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RST Review Board is sworn in as interim SFIS school board

ST. FRANCIS - Last Tuesday, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Tribal Education Review Board was sworn in at an official public board meeting held at the administration headquarters. The Review Board will serve on an interim basis and will relinquish control of the school board as soon as background investigations are complete on the newly elected SFIS school board members. Dr. Richard Bordeaux, who will serve as board president said that the interim board should be in office no more than a month and perhaps, preside over one additional meeting.

The interim school board will also undergo a background investigation.

The RST council originally passed a resolution installing the Review Board as the school board on an interim basis amid concerns raised by the RST Tribal Education committee. The tribal council made it clear that the role of the Review Board was to oversee new school board elections which occurred on August 23 and to make no personnel changes.

RST council action called for expanding the membership of the school board to five Sicangu Lakota community members selected from reservation wide polling with an additional two representatives originating from SFIS. Additionally, membership on the board requires one to be enrolled in the Rosebud Sioux tribe and which fits the federal definition of Indian self-determination. The five tribal members chosen on August 23 include, Rose Cordier, Hattie Dunham, John Spotted Tail, Byron Wright and Clifford Marshall. Wright and Marshall are incumbents having served in a previous board capacity.

The special meeting on Tuesday was considered an organizational meeting as board officers were chosen, a motion to hire personnel was passed and community member, Ned Metcalf, was given to the floor to air a number of concerns he had about the operation of SFIS.

A legal document in which SFIS had appealed an RST tribal court ruling was provided to the interim school board by way of the RST tribal education department. Superintendent Larry Parker said that the school's legal counsel had been asked to issue a "cease and desist" order to the court which would effectively stop the action which some RST council representatives believed was still in effect. As a chartered entity there was also concern that the legal costs for SFIS to challenge the governing authority of RST was a waste of money and could be channeled for direct academic services for students.

Kyle Oyate Teca Project schedule for September

KYLE - The Oyate Teca Project will be at the following locations for the month of September.

Friday Sept. 14
LaCreek Cap Office
1 to 4:30 p.m.
Monday Sept. 17
Porcupine Cap 1 to 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday Sept. 18
Manderson Cap 1 to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday Sept. 19
Wanblee Cap 1 to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday Sept. 20
Allen Cap 1 to 4:30 p.m.
Friday Sept.21
Wounded Knee Community Center 1 to 4:30 p.m.
Monday Sept. 24
Batesland Community, First body of Jesus Christ Church 2 to 4 p.m., one block south of Post Office

Staff will be taking new enrollments, updating family cards and completing CPRs.

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4. Copy of Immunization Record for children 0-24months old.
5. Completed Family Card (staff will have them available)

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For more information please call 455-2544.

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Sioux San Hospital expansion plan could take years

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) _ The Indian Health Service wants to triple the size of the Sioux San Indian Hospital at Rapid City, but it could be years before the work starts.

It would mean $51 million in new construction, more than doubling staff to about 300, and adding $41.5 million to its annual budget.

At a community meeting Wednesday night, officials said that best-case funding would mean construction in 2012.

IHS associate area director Jon Fogarty said that at the current level of funding for new construction, it would taking nearly 20 years to build a new Sioux San.

Still, Fogarty also said community support for the plan could speed funding.

``You get the public involved like they did at Ellsworth Air Force Base, and this will happen very quickly,'' he said, referring to a successful effort to remove Ellsworth from a military base closure list two years ago.

Fogarty said an expanded Sioux San could have the economic impact of about a quarter the size of the air base, which is one of the region's biggest employers.

There were some opponents to the IHS plan, in part because it would eliminate the few inpatient beds left at Sioux San.

Patient numbers do not justify inpatient services, IHS program analyst Sandy Coulter said, especially with Rapid City Regional Hospital so close. Rather, the IHS proposal would offer expanded hours for clinics, including an urgent-care clinic that would be open nights and weekends.

The IHS plan would add new services such as audiology, physical therapy, podiatry, a nutrition program, and an addiction outpatient program.

The dental clinic would have 24 chairs for adults and 12 for children, and a primary care clinic with nearly 50 exam rooms and offices.

New equipment in the plan would cost $12.5 million.

The expansion plan for Sioux San - 15 years in the making - has been approved in a ``program justification document'' and is fifth in line behind three new projects in Arizona and a clinic in Eagle Butte, Fogarty said.

Fogarty said since the start of the Iraq war, congressional funding to IHS for new construction has decreased from $80 million to $90 million each year to an average of $20 million the past three years.

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White River group plans food pantry

WHITE RIVER - White River's residents are reaching out to their fellow citizens with the establishment of a food pantry. Boasting a population of approximately 600 and a median household income of $27,900 as compared to an overall median income of $40,310 for South Dakota, White River fits the profile of the Horizons Project which is designed to serve low-income, rural communities.

A series of community meetings that began with Talking Circles followed by leadership training residents have undertaken activities that address a very real need in their community. The development of a community action plan has resulted in a goal of getting a food pantry established. Thus far, a house has been donated from the Catholic Church which will be moved and renovated with community members' labor.

"Horizon allows us to dream, to create, to hope, to wonder, "what if we..., and best of all: to actually do something-as creating the food pantry demonstrates." said Mayda Bartlett. Wilma Janis added, "Horizons brought a wonderful diversity of community members together, even the teenagers participated." Avery Thompson, Horizon field staff indicated that the community is excited about this project and have a strong commitment to its success. He said, "this is only the beginning of what this community will do." In addition to the food pantry, future plans for the community include a horse project, a trail for kids for walking to town, a skate park, and an organized sports program such as baseball and/or soccer.

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Rosebud man pleads not guilty to sexually abusing boy

PIERRE (AP) - A Rosebud man pleaded not guilty to charges that he sexually abused a boy on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

Howard Killeaney Jr., 26, is charged in U.S. District Court with two counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a child in February and in March.

If convicted, the punishment ranges from 30 years to life in prison.

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OPINION PAGE

Guest Column

A tribute to my dad Joe Fast Horse Sr.

Cecelia Spotted Bear
Wounded Knee, S.D.

I honor my dad who died on Thanksgiving day in 1979. He had no education so he could not read or write but he had a lot of common sense, because he raised three boys and five girls on what he earned. He worked very hard and when we were able to work we each had a job to do.

Before the BIA stopped all the farmers and ranchers of our people we lived good. But the BIA said the Indians had to sell their livestock and make way for civilization, so our way was stopped. We became seasonal workers, we worked for the white farmers and ranchers t o make a living for ourselves.

When fall came, we picked potatoes, the farmers let us pick some for ourselves, so we would bring about 10 hundred pound sacks of potatoes to store in our cellars for winter use.

My parents bought the food, like beans, macaroni, sugar, salt, coffee, tea in bulk.

I remember the cheese they bought came in a big round wooden container. We ate a lot of rabbit, deer and sometimes beef for the winter months, one time we even ate horse meat. Many of the families went out and worked in fields for the summer months.

When we camped at the camp grounds, we went to work and the farmers would come in the mornings to hire the workers. Sometimes they took us to their place and let us camp on their property.

All us children worked in the fields and dad took care of the money so we each were able to buy what we needed, not what we wanted. We were always late to the boarding schools in the fall because the potato picking harvest was not over by September.

Dad believed in hard work, getting up when the sun came up and going to bed early.

In my teen years when my friends came after me and we went riding around and did not make it home until late, I still had to get up the same as the others. Dad said if I could stay up all hours of the night I could get up in the mornings too. Sometimes when we stayed in one of the border towns, I worked for the motels and hotels or restaurants and even did baby sitting.

Dad would work for the city when they were making the water lines or sidewalks. We lived in tents all summer. My dad used tough love on me many times while I was growing up and wanting to have my own way. He spanked me to teach me responsibility. If he lived now and did that he would probably be in jail for child abuse.

My dad would sit with us in the evenings and talk with us about many things, we lived in a one room house with no table because our house was too small. But, we had a battery radio and listened to the Grand Ole Opry or some other program of stories. My dad loved music and liked to sing.

He even trained one of his saddle horses by band music which he rode in the parades, as soon as the band music would start that horse would perk up his ears, lift up his tail and start dancing to the beat.

My dad loved the animals we had and gave them all names, he even had a badger that would allow only my dad and my sister Arlene to feed him.

Fathers need to give their child something to remember them by, my dad was my hero, he was the strongest and wisest man I ever knew.

When I became a Christian he said, "daughter you have chosen a hard life for yourself but, it is the best life and the best way to live." Now when I go through hard battles by family members, I remember dad telling me that, so I go to my heavenly Father and tell him all about the problems and he takes them and gives me comfort and strength to go through the hard time.

God never promised us an easy life but he said he would be with us when we go through the fire and the floods.

I appreciate each dad who is really trying to raise their children to be law abiding responsible people.

God gave you the responsibility to be the leaders of your home, so lead your family in the right way to be honest and truthful and to work hard.

Remember no one owes us a living, we owe it to ourselves to make a living. My dad use to tell me this.



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Other Views

An ancient true story 'Wanagi Yukanpi'

Editor's NoteBelow is the English translation from last week's issue Lakota story.***

This true story took place when the old ones were still alive. They tell of a visit from a Skeleton Ghost. A war party had been on a march toward enemy territory when it got dark on them on the plains. They were able to find a patch of sticks needed for a wikiup shelter. After extracting the wikiup they settled down for the evening. As it was getting dark they heard a man singing. The sound of the singing was coming closer. As they listened they could figure out the words of the song.

It went something like this- "When the men were chasing Buffalo. I thought I was the greatest. That's who I am."

And he started to cry. By this time the zuya wicasa (warriors) knew it was a wanagi (Ghost).

The supposedly brave men were frightened and scrambling to be on the bottom as they piled on top of each other. This was when the bravest of the brave begin to take control of a bad situation. The wanagi came to the entrance way and said I am hungry so I came. The brave leader said "Hau, come on in." The skeleton came in and sat down with his bones rattling. He gave him some wasnan (pemmican) so as he was eating it fell through his ribs and onto the ground. There was a fire burning in the center of their wikiup. He pulled a walega wognanke (thin piece of fat that covers a Buffalo's stomach) and put two sticks on it so it could cook evenly over the fire.

All of a sudden the brave man threw the thin piece of fat on the skeleton. He screamed and tried to make a fast getaway.

The Blotahunka grabbed his nightstick and chased the ghost. He beat the skeleton all to pieces and said "That's all there is to it." He taunted his companions a bit and they went to sleep. The next morning they all got up and checked on the wanagi. The bones were scattered over a wide area. The leader of the group once again proved himself to be the true Blotahunka. He was the equivalent of probably Audis Murphy or John Wayne. This true story says something about the fact that Ghost are real and hungry at times.

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Sakowin Wicoicage Wicoiye
Words of the Seventh Generation

The façade of religious zeal



Wanblii Ake Glii

I was at a wiwanyang wacipi earlier this summer and it was between one of the later rounds of the third day that the eyapaha asked the people if an elder could speak of the importance of the ceremony taking place. It took awhile but a man eventually came up, and to put it briefly, it was the first time I had ever heard an elder speak so inspiringly about the history and reality that has constantly faced our people. There were two things he said that I'll never forget. "When they came with the Bible we had our land," he said. "Now we have the Bible and they have our land," a proverb I've heard from time to time about the wasicu people, which I have found to hold more and more truth as the years go by. And finally, he reminded us, "the Catholic Church owns the most land on our reservation."

Remember relatives the church will tell you everything you want to hear and profess that their only desire is to help. That probably is true for the most part, but their idea of help is more along the line of the complete conversion of the Oyate! This would probably mean two things for us then; the last submission of us as a once spiritually independent nation; and the final robbing of what little land we have left, which brings me to ask the question: Why do you think the Catholic church owns the most land on our reservation?

Could it be that they wanted to teach or should I say force the people and our youth into their religious ways? It's possible. Well okay then, if they want to share "religious education" why not ask them to start by telling the truth about the entire wicked and ignorant history of the Catholic church? Ask them to talk about the beginnings of Christianity's 2000+ years of murder, intolerance, hate and racism. Tell them to educate everyone about how this mentality came to dominate all of Europe before their "discovery" of the new world; how their mode of thought at that time came to be, and how/why it was rationalized in their thinking to feel it was their god given right to exterminate the Indigenous people of the Americas. And if they were ever to implement a program like this I guarantee you will see the membership of the Church drop, Lakota tradition increase and our peoples "statistics of poverty" improve.

But that is the last thing they want to do and you want to know why? I will tell you in bit, but first when I say "they" I mean the religious organizations and the government, which are virtually one, and I mean most of white America too because the religious slogans "God bless America" and "In God We Trust," are not on American currency for nothing. Now the reason why this open confession will not likely happen is because if it were to, it would cause a shock wave that would be heard around the world. Every religion that was ever spawned from its Christian and Protestant mommy and daddy would have to confront the long ignored and even denied fact that their forefathers are responsible for the genocide of some 150 million of our ancestors and relatives in all of North and South America combined! And "they" the descendants would have to globally face that fact of stolen lands; the attempted cultural annihilation of all Indigenous peoples and the continuing oppression, suppression and repression of the Oyate and our Indigenous relatives. Not to mention they would be subtly

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Finding My Voice

The story behind my 'silver' hair



Dana Badmilk

I have been getting the comment more and more from people, "Wow, look at all your grey hairs!"

Or the hint to dye it "Hair dye is on sale" from people who pretend I have more grey hair than them, but they dye their hair. "Well, being older than you it makes me feel good to see you with grey hair."

Don't worry I cuss you all out in my head silently.

Can I just say right now, my hair is not grey. It is silver.

And I look at it as wisdom. I will perceive it as I want and not how you want. After all, isn't it how we feel about ourselves that matters.

Anyway, so I have this streak I have been talking about for over a year. Saying it will soon look like a chic from X-men. It's getting bigger, or more and more. It started with one when I was 18, which my mom ALWAYS pulled out. Then 2 by the time I was 23.

Then when I was 28 I thought it was about 6 but the lady that cut my hair told me I had a bunch. I left for Minnesota about a month after that so that night in the motel room I sat and looked through my whole head and pulled out about 16.

Now I can't fight it, or I will surely be bald.

But I don't mind it. I mean they ARE silver and not grey.

I am sure each one accounts for something in my life.

The Yankees losing in the post season last year had to be worth about 3 or 4 of them.

Waiting to see how I would be received as a columnist accounted for many.

Waiting in line at the grocery store and hoping I didn't go over my budget.

When I hit max bet at the casino on the penny machine.

When I was sitting at the IHS waiting room and trying not to be mad at waiting and at the IHS.

When I found out I was getting laid off, from the tribe…AGAIN!

The one time my kids were out late and I worried about them.

Worrying about my kids in general.

I am sure that each and every one of my SILVER hairs has a story and a meaning. I am sure I will be fine as they multiply in vast haste.

I am sure it will look okay.

If not, I am dying my hair L'Oreal Feria number 6.66 Double Intensity Auburn Red… and trying my luck at bingo!

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Other Views

Different strokes for different folks!



By Dr. Jim Wilson

I have recently had several people come to visit me and talk about what I have been writing about, ask questions and make some very good suggestions. Although I generally think of myself as self-directed and self-judging, I still got a degree of pleasure from those visits. In retrospect I am reminded that the most important of all human needs is recognition.

Recognition is acknowledgement that a person exists. Without recognition you are nobody; you do not exist! We will do anything for some form of recognition, especially if the recognition corresponds to the way we want to be acknowledged. And, too often, the only recognition we can get is for negative behavior.

When a child is born s/he knows nothing and can do nothing purposefully. IT is a blank slate (tabla rosa), IT cannot walk or talk and does not know if IT is Chinese, French or maybe Sioux Indian. IT is a product of nature. To get a useful product we must nurture what nature gave us.

Immediately the process of teaching begins. The caretaker (Mother?) begins to nurture the child along the long road to independence and self support. We teach them to walk, talk, and take care of themselves and develop the self-esteem necessary to believe in themselves rather than remain dependent and looking to us (or others) for support and acknowledgement as good, productive, self-supporting people. They must learn to recognize their own capabilities. Thus, we are justified in saying that all behavior (good and bad) is learned.

We must understand that no two people can or will be exactly the same; therefore, every one of us reacts to circumstances differently and therefore we can say truthfully, "different strokes for different folks."

Recognizing the necessity of different strokes for different folks is a great accomplishment on our part because that means we have learned every individual is different and is entitled to be treated differently, which in turn means we should really see the individual not only as an individual, but more importantly, as a collection of senses, traits, skills, and other complicated combinations of body and mind offerings and needs.

One persistent topic is the issue of prolonged dependency. We frequently think in terms of the ongoing questioning of American Indian Tribes being dependent on the US Government. For many years I have been pushing the reading and understanding of the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty between the Sioux (and other tribes) and the US Government.

It is of the utmost importance that all people understand that the goods and services provided by Uncle Sam were bought and paid for in that treaty. For the many Americans who ask us why we do not rise up and throw off the yokes of Uncle Sam, we must tell them that we know the alternative would be worse: the ravenous hunger and greed of the state governments!

The relationship of American Indian Tribes to our federal government is built on hundreds of years of interactions and codified laws. The feds 'recognize' the tribes and attempt to deal with them (us) like we hope to deal with individuals in our modern society. Yes, we have a parent-child relationship, but we also know that no matter what age the child might be, s/he is still capable of being a grown and independent son or daughter and remain a member of the family. A great many individual American Indians are good, productive, self-supporting people but do not want to 'terminate' their relationship with Uncle Sam..

Another persistent question I (we) hear is, "when are you Indians going to join (and enjoy) the American mainstream?" This gives me the great opportunity to 'recognize' the questioner and all of my options. After many years of hearing this Q and thinking about it, I have learned that I don't have to choose; I can comfortably and enjoyably live as an American Indian and an American citizen, so there!

Coming to a personal awareness that we can grow and develop into good, productive, self-supporting individuals and still be comfortable members of a family is the greatest security a human being can have. A warm, protective family which gives us recognition as good, productive, self-supporting individuals is almost as secure as the womb we did not want to leave! The Tiospiye serves a great purpose, but its effectiveness demands that we give more than we want to give and take less than we think we need.

Since millions of our citizens are going back to school about now it is appropriate to give a few positive strokes to the many who are part of the process, and that means almost everybody because formal education is a responsibility of all of society. However, it is the student (of whatever age) who must get the first positive strokes for they are the people we ask to delay their rewards until a later date. We ask them to understand that their efforts will be rewarded 'later.'

To help them accept this situation we must do our parts as parents, educators and other community members by doing everything we can to provide them the best platform from which to operate as learners. Tired and/or hungry students do not perform well. Insecure, frightened or depressed students do not perform well. And, we know that every individual must have some form of ongoing recognition. The individual gets that in many different ways, so we must realize that and offer many opportunities for the student to get their fair share of recognition. The prime means by which younger people get recognition is acceptance from their peers.. Team sports, hobbies and other school activities can provide such opportunities. Reading, writing and 'rithmetic is only a part of becoming educated.

Just as individuals must advance progressively through a sequence of socio-psychological development from the family, to the school, to the community they must grow into their citizenship roles and participate in community activities like scouting, independent sports, and clubs. We use organized activities to teach and reinforce knowledge and skills which become permanent parts of each individual's response to their needs as productive members of the community.

The 'working stiffs' of society (who, me?) deserve positive strokes for their consistency, reliability and often unrecognized role as models for the young members of their families and communities. And, of course, I will recognize you for having recognized me. One of the great memories I have is hearing my mother speak of my humble high school football career some forty years after the fact by saying, "he was a pretty good player. He wore uniform number 77." *docjims@aol.com*

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admitting to the world they are doing it all over again in the Middle East.

That is a pretty heavy burden to be riding on the back of the once frequently labeled "most admired country in the history of the world". So, you can count on this confession not happening anytime soon. It is we, the Indigenous people, who will have to bring this about. It is our tribal council's duty to make this happen, but they probably won't, so it will be up to the mentally and revolutionary free minded to make it so.

Some of you may be sincere and devout followers of a European based religion and could be wondering, "what wicked and ignorant history?" Or, "why do we have to bring that up? It's been forgiven and forgotten." Well, the answer is once again really simple. We will only be able to bring about true healing when we know and come to understand what exactly caused this sickness for our people in the first place. That means learning and talking about when it all started thousands of years ago for the wasicu to the present problems we face now as Lakota. And in the current colonized minds of most (but not all) our people, namely our governmentally obedient tribal leaders and our passive tribal members, this is a scary thing for them to think about. No doubt the good citizens of the United States and the government would label us as "militant" and probably even (god forbid) "terrorists." But how else will we ever see through this façade of religious zeal? By continuing on this road of insanity of doing the same things over and over and expect different results? Hmmm, I hope not.

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Anson Black Calf, Sicangu/Navajo, is 27-years old and temporally lives in southern California with his wife and child. Every summer, he comes back to Lakota country to be a part of the renewing ways. Soon his family plans to make South Dakota their home.

Core Four Planning Course

Beginning September 26, 2007 another six week seminar entitled "Core Four Planning Course" will take place at Pejuta Haka College Center in Kyle, SD. Course books are $40 and can be purchased at Piya Wiconi Book Store. For more information go online to www.corefouronline.com or call Lakota Funds at (605) 455-2500 to register. Seminar presented by Oglala Lakota College in conjunction with Wawokiye Business Institute of Lakota Funds.

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Do you want to start a business, buy a home, pay off a debt, or start a savings for Christmas, a car, furniture? Enroll in "Financial Literacy Classes starting 5 pm on Nov. 7, 2007. For Information or to enroll, call 605-455-2500.

Notes From Indian Country

What is the truth about the murder of Anna Mae?



By Tim Giago

(Nanwica Kciji)

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Anna Mae Pictou Aquash, a Mi'kmaq Indian from Canada, was brutally murdered in 1975. Her murder can only be described as a conspiracy and a cover-up by the American Indian Movement.

One man, Arlo Looking Cloud, an Oglala Lakota, and a member of AIM, is serving life in prison for her murder while his accomplice, the man he accused of pulling the trigger, John "Boy" Graham, a native of the Yukon in Canada, is awaiting extradition to the United States to stand trial.

Looking Cloud and Graham, in the parlance of the Mafia, were foot soldiers. They did not make the decisions of life and death but they were merely the tools that carried out the orders of their superiors. After 32 years have passed, who gave the order to kill Ms. Aquash? Who are these conspirators? What did they know and when did they know it?

Anna Mae was murdered on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Her body was discovered on February 24, 1976. The higher ups in AIM immediately placed the blame on the Federal Bureau of Investigation and then set their propaganda machine in motion to shift the focus of the investigation away from themselves. AIM spokesman, John Trudell, said, "My overall view of this thing, I think that agents in the government were behind it. I mean this very seriously, that the government is the main force behind the killing of Annie Mae and the direct link representing the government would be the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

The mainstream media made heroes of the occupiers of Wounded Knee. They became legends in their own minds. Even today there is still talk among the Lakota people of Pine Ridge that some terrible things took place within the AIM camp at Wounded Knee. There is a strong suspicion among some Pine Ridge residents that there are other bodies buried in secret graves at Wounded Knee including the body of an African American man named Perry Ray Robinson who apparently entered the camp at Wounded Knee in 1973 and has not be seen or heard from since.

The FBI does not come away with totally clean hands in its dealings with Native Americans. Too often its agents entered Indian reservations with little or no knowledge of the Native culture, traditions or customs and oftentimes increased tensions between differing factions unnecessarily, if not deliberately.

A power struggle between the Bellecourt brothers, Vernon and Clyde, and AIM leaders Russell Means and Dennis Banks, was boiling over within AIM. Some of the leadership suspected Aquash of being an FBI informant. She was held captive by members of AIM in the Denver home of Troy Lynn Yellowwood for a short time and then in February of 1975 she was tied up, placed in the trunk of a car owned by Theda Clark and transported to the reservation where, it is alleged, several members of AIM, including their attorney Bruce Ellison and a former correspondent for the Rapid City Journal, Candy Hamilton, observed her as a captive at the home of Bill Means shortly before she was taken to a lonely rode near the village of Wanblee and executed. Looking Cloud, Graham and Theda Clark were with her when she died. Clark is now in a nursing home suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

At an AIM conference held in Farmington, N.M. in 1975, Leonard Peltier was assigned the task of confronting Aquash and accusing her of being an FBI informant, according to an interview by Peter Matthiessen. Peltier was later convicted of the murder of FBI Special Agents Jack Coler and Ron Williams near Oglala.

He has maintained his innocence, but in her testimony at the Looking Cloud trial Ka-Mook Banks, the wife of Dennis Banks, and an AIM insider, said she was present when Peltier acknowledged killing the FBI agents by pointing his finger like a gun. She testified that Peltier said, "The 'MF' was begging for his life, but I shot him anyway." The agents were murdered execution style with coup de grace bullets to the head, as they lay wounded near their vehicle. Peltier is now serving two life sentences for the murders.

For every violent death on the Pine Ridge Reservation in the 1970s, AIM has pointed the finger of blame at the FBI, and at the duly elected tribal government of Dick Wilson. Over the years Wilson was mercilessly castigated and vilified by AIM and the mainstream media, and the government of the Oglala Sioux Tribe was labeled as "goons."

Too many movies and too many books have glorified AIM and told only one side of the story. It would be a terrible miscarriage of justice if only the foot soldiers are prosecuted and not those that gave the order to murder Anna Mae or those that knew about it and failed to prevent it or to report it.

(Tim Giago, an Oglala Lakota, was born, raised and educated on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in the Class of 1991 and founder of The Lakota Times and Indian Country Today newspapers. He founded and was the first president of the Native American Journalists Association. He can be reached at najournalist@msn.com)

Northern Perspectives

Stepping in on the education of students



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

It took repeated attempts by several Sicangu tribal members and even my brother, Robin, to try to talk me into running for the school board here.

It didn't really sink in until this past week when I realized the importance of protecting the academic interests of a student body which is predominantly Lakota children.

I realize that I am not getting any younger, but I need to step up during the next school board election and see if I am electable.

Anymore, we hear of horror stories where veterans have to wait for years to qualify for disability benefits and that is disheartening. There are rumors that it is easy to qualify for VA benefits if one can claim exposure to Agent Orange, while others say that it isn't so. Under the social security guidelines as long as one can work, they do not qualify for benefits so what's a guy to do.

Life gets harder each year as tribal societies are bombarded each day from a dismal employment picture to racial politics to health issues to name but a few; no wonder our children are struggling too, to make sense of the world in which we reside.

The No Child Left Behind legislation has not made it any easier for our reservation schools to come into full compliance and that too, is discouraging.

The federal government is spending millions of dollars locally and the key to finding a solution to NCLB continues to elude us. I suspect that if we want to recruit and attract better teachers, we need to increase base salaries and remove South Dakota as one of the lowest in the nation. We greatly need more Lakota teachers and I hope they arrive soon. The teaching profession needs to be regarded as just that, a profession, and teachers need to be respected for the wonderful work they do with our children.

Another solution to making change is making wholesale changes where we completely remove an administrative team and hire another.

That is fairly drastic, but it is another suggestion that takes a bit of soul searching in order to enact.

Some reservation schools have made such wholesale changes and though it does not make for good politics, it may be a solution of last resort that will help a school district.

So, it finally sank in and to those who encouraged me in the past to run for the school board, I can honestly say I am listening. We need to expose our Lakota children to those initiatives, opportunities, and information that is good for them and only the Sicangu Lakota can control that in a school district that is overwhelmingly Lakota.

Dr. Archie Beauvais, (Sicangu) earned his Doctor of Education (Ed.D) degree from Harvard University and currently works as the director of the Lakota language preservation project for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

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Little Wound blanks St. Francis, Red Cloud falls to Bennett County

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

KYLE/MARTIN/PINE RIDGE - Brice Hornbeck, Little Wound senior wide receiver, was efficient in his actions Friday, he caught one five yard pass from Trin In The Woods for a touchdown and his only run from scrimmage was a 70 yard end around for a touchdown to help lead the Mustangs to a 35-0 win over St. Francis.

"We have a young team with a young quarterback," said Darrel Hunter in his third year as Little Wound football coach, "we have a lot of freshman and sophomores in our lineup with only four or five seniors to provide that important leadership - we miss Johnny Cloud who could really air it out but Trin In The Woods had a good start in his first game at quarterback, he just needs to get some experience under his belt."

Kevin Hunter opened the scoring for the Mustangs with a 23 yard touchdown run midway through the first quarter, JC Mesteth kicked the extra point for A 7-0 Little Wound lead. Three minutes later, Michael Pretty Voice Crane blocked a Warrior punt and Mesteth picked the ball up on the two yard line and waltzed over the goal line to give the Mustangs a 13-0 lead after the kick failed. Midway through the second quarter, In The Woods hit Mesteth on a 20 yard TD pass to up the lead to 19-0; Mesteth fumbled on the two point attempt but an opportunistic Arlin Cuny scooped up the ball and lumbered over the line for a two point conversion and a Mustang 21-0 lead.

Hornbeck hustled up the field and caught St. Francis napping when he covered the kickoff in an unintended on-side kick. In the Woods hit his second TD pass, a five yarder to Hornbeck to give Little Wound a 27-0 halftime lead. Hornbeck wrapped up Little Wound's scoring in the third quarter as he took the ball on an end around and went 70 yards for a touchdown. In the Woods fumbled the snap on a two point conversion attempt and calmly reached down, picked it up and scooted straight ahead for the two points and a 35-0 lead.

"We have 32 players out right now for football, we could use some more lineman," said Hunter, "but mostly we need experience and by playoff time, we should be ready to compete, we'll learn to take care of the ball better and take advantage of opportunities that the other team's defense gives us, we'll be there in the end."

Red Cloud's Billy Scott, a senior running back, picked up where he left off last year as he carried the ball 26 times for 153 yards Friday night in Martin against Bennett County; it wasn't enough though as the Warriors broke open a close game in the third quarter to take out Red Cloud 19-6 for their second straight win of the 2007 season.

"We just made too many mistakes, we had nine penalties in the first half for 63 yards and we didn't take care of the ball," said first year Red Cloud head coach, Keith Ferguson, "it was the first game for us with some young players and we had mental mistakes on the field and off, we did not do a good job substituting and keeping 11 players on the field."

Turnovers by both teams told the story in the first half as Red Cloud's Lester Gotheridge recovered a fumble at the eight minute mark of the first quarter, Bennett County blocked a Red Cloud punt, Andrew Twiss recovered a Bennett County fumble and Clint Sasse intercepted Jeremy Blacksmith's pass. Ryan Mclaughlin stopped a Bennett County drive by recovering a fumble in the end zone for a touchback but Blacksmith threw a pass to DJ Toczek who took the interception back 19 yards for a Bennett County score and a 6-0 lead after the kick failed.

In the second half, Red Cloud ended up with 10 men on the field and Toczek rumbled 67 yards deep in Red Cloud territory, Austin Haynes threw a four yard TD pass to Chase Kieffe to bump the led to 12-0. Turnovers struck again as a Red Cloud lateral went off the mark and was recovered by Bennett County inside the five yard line. Haynes scored a touchdown on a two yard quarterback keeper, John Slattery kicked the extra point for a Bennett County 19-0 lead.

After an exchange of possessions, Red Cloud's Art Vitalis recovered a fumble and caught a nine yard TD pass from Blacksmith to put Red Cloud on the board.

"We were able to move the bll on offense And our defense held up overall, we just need to limit the mistakes aNd mental lapses." Said Fergvuson, "we want to keep aZ balanced offense with both the run and the pass.

Red Cloud hosts Pine Ridge Friday while Bennett County hosts St. Francis and Little Wound hosts Cheyenne Eagle Butte.



Kevin Hunter (2) gets out in front to provide the blocking for Brennon Montgomery (20), later Hunter would score Little Wound's first touchdown on a 23 yard run.

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Todd County opens with big win in Pine Ridge

PINE RIDGE - "We wanted to get off to a fast start," said Bob Korneley, starting his eighth year as Todd County head coach, "we were able to score the first three times we had the ball Friday night in Pine Ridge."

Todd County used those quick scores to set the tone for a 34-0 win over the Thorpes Friday night. CJ Spotted Tail, a sophomore quarterback who started last year as a freshman, hit Mike Neiss on a 31 yard scoring drive to open the game. Spotted Tail came right back with a 30 yard strike to Jared Allen and followed it up with a five yard TD pass to Noah Kalonzo for a quick 21-0 led.

Canku One Star scored on a one yard plunge with Gunner Krogman's fourth extra point kick to make it 28-0 early in the second period. Krogman, one of the top runners in the state last year, carried the ball eight times for 100 yards including an 11 yard run for a TD in the second period for a 34-0 lead.

"Our defense held them to minus one yards rushing and an average of 34 yards per play," said Korneley, "we have a junior and senior dominated lineup and Pine Ridge is young, especially at the skill positions; I liked our balance passing and running, we need that during the season."

Spotted Tail finished with four out of five completions for three touchdowns and no interceptions; Todd County ran the ball 31 times for 216 yards while Aaron Stoddard carried it five times for 50 yards, Mike Neiss three times for 23 yards and Kalonzo twice for 32 yards.

The Falcon JV were able to play a good portion of the second half. Todd County hosts Crow Creek on Friday and the Thorpes travel to Red Cloud.



Todd County's Gunner Krogman (24) rolls around the left end on his way to some of his game leading 100 yards rushing in Todd County's 34-0 win over Pine Ridge Friday night.

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Football scores from the second week

Sunshine Bible 33-16 Lower Brule
Clark 52-0 Tiospa Zina
St. Thomas More 48-0 Lead-Deadwood
Bennett County 19-6 Red Cloud
Todd County 34-0 Pine Ridge
Little Wound 35-0 St. Francis
Cheyenne Eagle Butte 51-6 Crow Creek
Faith 14-12 Dupree
Wyoming Indian 16-0 Midwest
Corsica 48-8 Marty Indian

Games this week

Crow Creek at Todd County
Faith at McLaughlin
Cheyenne Eagle Butte at Little Wound
Pine Ridge at Red Cloud
Marty at Lower Brule
Florence-Henry at Tiospa Zina
St. Francis at Bennett County



Todd County High School football cheerleaders Janell Reynolds, Sara Stenburg, Allyssa Sleeping Bear, Shawn Young, Daytona Long, Megan Valandra and Matilda Soldier. Todd County School cheerleading sponsor is Barb Herman.

PHOTO BY JERRY MATTHEWS

Traditional Exhibition Pow wow Sept. 15

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16 presented by United Sioux Tribes as a Lewis and Clark Gathering at new UST Arena Oahe Dam campground #3 North Highway 1806, Fort Pierre with grand entry at 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday, for information call 888 332-5516 or 224-8864.

Todd County girls, Pine Ridge boys take West River Conference run

Falcon girls, Ranger boys take Red Cloud Invitational

RED CLOUD - Todd County's Julie Bernie took individual honors with a time of 19:06 as Todd County won the team competition by placing five girls in the top seven to win the West River Conference cross country run hosted by Red Cloud last Thursday. Todd County's Marc Whirlwind Soldier turned in a 17:16 to win the boys race over James Pine of Red Cloud and Cole Clements of Pine Ridge took third leading the thorpes to the team title.

In addition to Bernie, Todd County saw Lottie Grimshaw take second, Kylie Wilson third, Josie Stone sixth, Arna Two Hawk seventh and Emmy Her Many Horses was ninth. Red Cloud's Desirae Blacksmith was fourth, Saige Pourier was fifth and Lariah High Hawk was 10th. For Pine Ridge, Jessica Tall was eighth and Miriam Lays Bad was 13th. For Little Wound Loreli Lawrence was 11th, Sheila Montileaux was 12th and Summer Christensen was 14th while the lone runner from St. Francis, Lindsey Two Charge, was 15th.

Following Clements, Pine Ridge had Albert Cottier in seventh, Shawn Keith in ninth and Dalton Buckman in 12th. Red Cloud's Wade O'Bryan was fourth, Todd County's Max Grimshaw was fifth and LaBradford Eagle Deer was sixth. Lawrence Two Eagle in sixth, Marcus White Buffalo in 10th and Lorenzo Two Eagle in 13th represented St. Francis.

Eamin Entwisel from Hot Springs won the Red Cloud Invitational boys race with a 16:45, Hill City's Andy Coy took second with a 17:00 and led Hill City to the team title over Hot Springs. Todd County girls defeated Custer 17-29 to win the team title.

Red Cloud is the site of this year's Region 5A state qualifying meet next month.

Tribal Education Department school money available

The Tribal Education Department has money available for school clothing, supplies and essentials, application deadline is Friday, Sept. 7 with checks available Friday, Sept. 14, for information contact Melanie Two Eagle 867-2501.



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Rapid City School new director promotes parent involvement

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Students don't realize that choices they make now can affect the rest of their lives, said Delores Riley, Rapid City School District's new director of Indian Education and Grants.

"When I was 17, I didn't realize decisions I made then set me on a path for the rest of my life."

In conversations with tribal leaders, Riley has concluded that adults need to talk more to young people about their futures so they don't drop out of school hoping to get a job and make money.

"They need to look beyond that first paycheck," she said. "Life isn't just tomorrow."

Riley started her new job Aug. 6, a day that was "a little chaotic," she said. Riley spent her first days gathering what she needs to read, meeting the people she needs to know, and handling the logistics of filling a position that has become vital in a school district with a high American Indian student population.

And the district is happy to have her on board.



Delores Riley, Director of Indian Education prepares for new year.

Dr. Peter Wharton, superintendent of Rapid City school district, said Riley's wide range of education, experience, and training qualify her for the leadership role. "We look forward to great things happening," he said.

"I'm most impressed with her resolve, her passion for the job, and the enthusiasm she brings to it," Wharton said.

Combining the Indian Education program with grants management came about as a result of a district audit done by Technology and Innovations in Education, a nonprofit agency funded with federal money through the South Dakota Department of Education.

The desired result will be an integrated approach to student assistance, Wharton said. Riley will work with the executive team to design programs to help all students, including Native students, and "all kids will benefit," he said.

Riley has ideas for addressing issues such as the high dropout rate among Native and other students, and enlisting the help of school leaders and parents, as well as students themselves, to ask them, "What would help you stay in school? What is it we're not doing?"

Riley wants students to graduate, but she also wants them to look beyond that graduation date and see it as just a step to a lifetime of learning. "We're lifelong

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Violence against women prompts suicides

By Carson Walker
The Associated Press

MISSION -- A suicide epidemic on Rosebud Reservation largely stems from broken relationships and violence against women, according to two victims and the head of a women's shelter who's helping them.

"There were days I just wanted to lay down and die," said one 18-year-old victim who was raped three years ago by a young man sent to prison for it.

"I never thought I would honestly live this long because I wanted so badly to die. I always thought of killing myself but whenever I actually got down to trying to do it, I didn't want to do it because I would leave my dad behind and I'm too close to my father."

The Associated Press has a policy of not naming victims of sexual assault.

Earlier this year, the tribal council declared a state of emergency because of the high rate of suicides on the Rosebud reservation, most of them committed by young people.

The young woman said the support and advocacy she received at the White Buffalo Calf Woman Society shelter in Mission helped her realize the attack didn't have to sentence her to a lifetime of seclusion, though now she picks her friends more carefully

Some of them also have been raped and contemplated suicide, she said.

Another woman who is in her 40s and married to a Rosebud tribal member said she went to the shelter last fall to escape a husband who physically and verbally abused her in front of their three children.

She said she left him only after seeing how the abuse prompted her oldest daughter to attempt suicide.

"I didn't hear the cries. I didn't hear the complaints, the nagging and what was going on. And so I more or less turned my back until it was too late," the woman said.

Tribal respect for women and children was much stronger before the European colonization of America, said Tillie Black Bear, director of the shelter that opened in 1977 and can house up to 45 women and children.

"Consequences were quick

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Horizon group coming together for the community of Kyle

KYLE - The community of Kyle is coming together for the benefit of the community, due to the efforts of Horizons which is a program designed to serve low-income, rural communities. Steve Hernandez, of Oglala Lakota College and works with the group, said there are a number of community groups and individuals who are interested in improving the community and Horizons has brought them all together. "These various groups and individuals are all doing different things and Horizons is working to bring everyone together to coordinate their efforts," he said.

A series of community meetings initiated by Horizons began with Talking Circles followed by leadership training through Leadership Plenty. Through these discussions and training, residents developed a community action plan focused on community enhancement efforts including adding benches to the sidewalk built five years ago by the community, landscaping, planting trees and putting up signs. Connie Whirlwind Horse, Medicine Root District chairperson, said that she has already purchased the paint to cover the graffiti on the houses in the community.

Daphne Richards-Cook, the Horizons field staff member, expressed great excitement about all the different groups coming together to leveraging resources so that by having several organizations pooling funding much more will get done for the benefit of the whole community. She said, "Horizons offers a way to empower our own people by providing tools and forums to began talking to each other and reconnect with each other."

Kyle has a population of 970 and thus fits well with the intent of the Horizons program.

Horizons offers a comprehensive community leadership and capacity building process to benefit small, rural communities that have seen significant decline in population, income and resources. It draws people together with programs and activities to forge the dynamic leadership they need to take on difficult challenges like economic decline, poverty and demographic changes. The Horizons program in Kyle is coordinated by Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates, N.D. and includes reservation communities in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota.

Indian Education Summit set for Sept. 21

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) _ National and local educators plan to talk about student achievement, culture and finding and keeping teachers in Indian Country at a regional Indian education summit this month, state officials say.

The summit, ``Our Voice. Your Voice. One Voice.'', is set for Sept. 19-21 in Rapid City.

``Native American students account for nearly 11 percent of enrollment at the state's public schools,'' said Keith Moore of the state Education Department. ``This conference brings together people involved in educating our native students to share their successes and to talk about strategies for addressing specific challenges.''

Sessions include teaching math in a cultural context, tribal perspectives on American history, online tutoring, addressing racism issues, the Department of Education said in a release.

The event is hosted by the Education Department and by Technology and Innovations in Education.

OST special session Sept. 11

PINE RIDGE - Oglala Sioux Tribal Council Special Session on Tuesday, Sept.11 at Prairie Wind Casino dealing with human resources department and Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Prairie Wind Casino dealing with Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing Charter, for information call Elizabeth at 867-5821 ext. 268.

Community Calendar

POST your event FREE here.
Email to editor@lakotacountrytimes.com
or fax to 605-685-1870.

Rez Happenings

Imprint premiers in South Dakota
A locally produced supernatural thriller is premiering at Carmike 10 theatre in Rapid City on Friday, Sept. 14 and will be shown in Kyle on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at Little Wound School, for information call Carolyn Linn at 348-8675.

Sports Physicals
Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 4, 5 in Pine Ridge from 3:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 6 in Porcupine 4-7 p.m.; for information call 867-3006 in Pine Ridge, 867-5431 in Manderson, 867-1207 in Porcupine and 455-2440 in Allen.

Sicangu Owayawa Oti
Opening Sunday, Aug. 19 with first day of school at Todd County set for Monday, Aug. 20 and at St. Francis Monday, Sept. 10, for information call 856-4486 or 877 742-2648.

Flandreau Indian School deadline
Application deadline is Friday, Aug. 31 with the fall term beginning Thursday, Sept. 6, for information call 1 800 942-1647 or 605 997-3773.

38th United Tribes International Pow wow
Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 6-9 in Bismarck, N. Dak. at the United Tribes Technical College with grand entries set for Thursday at 7 p.m., Friday at 1 and 7 p.m, Saturday 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday 1 and 7 p.m., for information call 701 255-3285.

Methodist Rummage sale
Sept. 6-28 from 9am to 5pm Monday through Saturday at the Legion Hall in Hay Springs

Brainerd Indian School Reunion
Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7 and 8 in Hot Springs at the Mueller Civic Center, for information call Larry Salway 391-6567.

60th Potato Creek Wacipi
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7-9 in Potato Creek with grand entries set for Friday at 7pm, Saturday and Sunday 1 and 7pm with Red Leaf as host drum and Spotted Horse as honor drum, for information 441-1930, 441-9064 or 441-9095.

OST Food Distribution
Commodity issue schedule for September includes Friday, Sept. 7 in Manderson by Post Office and in Wounded Knee in Upper Housing; Tuesday, Sept. 11 in Martin at Sunrise Housing, Thursday, Sept. 13 in Porcupine at Evergreen Housing and at Porcupine CAP Office; Monday, Sept. 17 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni and Tuesday, Sept. 18 in Oglala, for more information call 867-5511.

Free Community Concerts
Friday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Re-Creation center in Oglala with Jonathan Miracle and Broken Walls with special guest Sayani, for information call 620 231-3540.

International Prayer Meeting
Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7and 8 at LTLI Ministry Complex, seven miles northwest of Pine Ridge, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1:30-5 p.m. on Sunday with a prayer walk on Saturday from 10am to 12 noon from Whiteclay to Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge, for information call 867-6335.

Randall Memorial Bike Ride
Diabetes is preventable is the theme for the Joseph Randall Memorial 21 mile Bike Ride on Saturday, Sept. 8 starting at the Wanblee Clinic at 10 a.m. and ending up at the Potato Creek pow wow, registration is at 9 a.m., riders can ride individually or in a team, for information call Beef at 685-3197 or Janice at 867-5404.

"Pops" Arcoren Memorial Rodeo
Saturday, Sept. 8 in St. Francis at 2 p.m., for information call Dean 208-4847.

Potato Creek Horseshoe Tournament
Sunday, Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. on west side of Potato Creek pow wow grounds, for information call Duane at 441-1930 or Virgil at 441-9064.

Paul Bullman Memorial Ride
Sunday, Sept. 9 at 11 a.m. as part of Potato Creek wacipi.

Substitute Orientation
Little Wound School on Monday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m., for information call LWS Human Resources Office 455-6179 or 6178.

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learners," Riley said. "When you stop learning, life becomes pale and repetitious."

Rapid City schools are to be commended for their commitment to helping students maintain their culture, to see it as "an enhancement to life, not a barrier to learning," Riley said.

One program Riley will use in the district is REACH, an acronym for Respect Ethnic and Cultural Heritage, a professional development course for faculty and staff that emphasizes respect for all students' cultural heritage.

Not all solutions are within the school district's grasp, she said, but she wants to try to fix what she can and find out what is happening to the students who drop out.

Riley wants students to "look forward to school with eagerness and excitement." When students enter the school, they should be engaged in meaningful learning, look forward to the school day, and leave knowing more than they did when they arrived, she said.

And they should learn to develop strong relationships and "know there's a give and take."

Riley is particularly interested in getting parents involved in their children's education and making them feel welcome in the school, a key element of getting kids to stay in school. "It's nothing new," Riley said. "We know it works. We just have to make sure we do it."

Riley, a Lower Brule Lakota, grew up on Lower Brule Reservation and was educated at Stephan Indian School (now Crow Creek High School). She earned her undergraduate degree in elementary education at Black Hills State and master's degree in education at Weston State in Colorado.

Riley's first contract job was as a sixth-grade teacher at Robbinsdale Elementary School in Rapid City. After that, she spent 19 years in Salt Lake City school district as a teacher, principal, central office administrator, and assistant superintendent.

Violence against women

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and swift. People knew when they violated a woman, their life was at risk," added Nichole Witt, the shelter's grant manager.

More women now realize they don't have to stay in a bad situation and can get help if they are sexually abused, Black Bear said.

She said the catalyst was the 1994 Violence Against Women Act, which brought better training for police and more funding for prosecution. Rosebud was one of the first tribes to receive a grant under the act.

"It's not unusual for a woman to report that she was sexually violated or beaten. But before 1994, that stayed within the family," Black Bear said.

Still, the Justice Department reported in December that between 1993 and 2004, about 18 out of every 1,000 American Indian and native Alaskan women were victimized -- three times the rate among white women.

Part of that likely is due to substance abuse that's an underlying issue with many reservation families, Black Bear said.

"I think a majority of our youth are unhappy about their parents using alcohol and drugs," Black Bear said. "It steals their youth."

The domestic violence victim agreed.

"How many more kids are going to have to suffer? It's bad enough that the young kids are dying, 15, 14, 13, years old. And they're still babies. And it's got to be a wake up call," she said.

The rape victim said many of her friends confide in her parents because their own families ignore them.

"People come to my mom and dad and talk to them because their mom will just push them aside and pick up a beer and say, 'That's better,'" she said.

"So they turn to their friends and alcohol and drugs and say, 'Oh this is how my mom and dad deal with it and this is how we're going to deal with it.'"

Black Bear agreed much of the suicide problem stems from parents who aren't available to children because of their own alcohol and drug use.

"The suicides happen because people are making a permanent decision about a temporary problem. When a relationship goes bad or sour, what happens is many of these young people feel like there's no way out for them. There's no way to express their feelings, their pain or hurt, and suicide is an answer," she said.

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Kimberlee King, 28.....Kyle

Briar Brown Bull Martinez

KYLE - Briar Brown Bull-Martinez, 8-month-old infant, Kyle, died Monday, Sept. 3, as a result of an auto accident near Allen.

Parents are Laretha Brown Bull and Leonard Martinez.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Carl White Eyes, Sr.

OGLALA - Carl White Eyes, Sr., 71, died Aug. 20 at Pahrump, Nev. of natural causes. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

Survivors include sons Dakota White Eyes, Skiatook, Okla.; Ben White Eyes, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Carl William Whites, Jr., Pahrump, Nev.; Carl "Billy" White Eyes, Pine Ridge; daughters Robin White Eyes, Pahrump, Nev.; Carla Running Hawk, Oglala;

Tinkerbell White Eyes of Pine Ridge; a brother Ted White Eyes, Pahrump, Nev.; sisters Phyllis DeCory of Rapid City; Barbara White Eyes, Houston, Texas and numerous grandchildren.

A one night wake was Wednesday, Sept. 5 at Br. Rene Catholic Hall at Oglala.

Funeral services will be Thursday, at Br. Rene Catholic Hall.

Officiating will be Sr. Connie Schmidt.

Burial will be at the Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Danielle P. Martin

MANDERSON - Danielle P. Martin, 9, died Sept. 3 at her residence in Manderson.

Survivors are her parents Louis Martin, Sr. of Pine Ridge and Leticia Mesteth of Manderson; a step-father Marquis Mesteth, Jr. of Manderson; a sister: Deanna Martin of Manderson; half brothers: Louis Martin, Jr. of Pine Ridge; Jonathan Mesteth, Jordan Mesteth, Bradley Mesteth, and Marquis Mesteth, III of Manderson; half sisters Aspen Martin of Pine Ridge; Monique Mesteth of Manderson.

A first night wake begins Thursday, Sept. 6 at the Wounded Knee District School at Manderson; a second night service begins at 3 p.m. Friday at Billy Mills Hall, Pine Ridge.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 at Billy Mills Hall.

Officiating will be Rev. Leon Matthews.

Internment will be at the Presbyterian Cemetery at Pine Ridge.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jude O. Good Buffalo

OGLALA - Jude O. Good Buffalo, 18 months infant, died Sept. 1 at the Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors are parents Benedict Good Buffalo of Payabya, and Thyra Williams of Porcupine; sisters Rubi Sina Good Buffalo and Victoria Rose Good Buffalo of Porcupine; half brothers Dean Good Buffalo, Shawn Buffalo and Brian Good Buffalo of Payabya; Max Williams and Chad Williams of Porcupine; half sisters Tonia Good Buffalo of Payabya; Stephanie Williams, Scarlett Williams and Michaela Williams of Porcupine.

A one night wake begins, Wednesday, Sept. 4 at the Oglala Recreation Center.

Traditional Lakota funeral services will be Thursday, Sept. 5 Oglala Recreation Center.

Officiating will be Mr. Floyd Hand and Mr. John Red Feather and Sr. Connie Schmidt

Internment will be Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Cemetery, Oglala.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Victoria Charlotte Black Bear

WANBLEE - Victoria Charlotte Black Bear, 80, died Aug. 31 at Northern Colorado Medical Center, Greeley, Colo. of natural causes.

Survivors include sons John Bartlett, Peirre; Joe Bartlett, Kadoka; Berle Wayne Richards, Broken Arrow, Okla.; George Big Head, Greeley, Colo.; sister Twila Dillon, Greeley, Colo. and 15 grandchildren.

One night wake begins Thursday, Sept. 6, at Wanblee CAP Office, Wanblee.

Funeral services will begin at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7 at the Wanblee CAP Office.

Officiating will be Mr. Charles Chipps with internment at Gethsemane Episcopal Cemetery, Wanblee.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tracy Wright

VERMILLION - Tracy Wright, 81, of Vermillion, died Wednesday, Aug. 29 at the Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Tracy Lambert was born Nov. 29, 1925 in Okreek, to Guy and Nancy (Little Money) Lambert. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in Springfield.

Tracy worked for the Paint Brush Corporation in Vermillion as a finisher for many years. She was a member of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Vermillion, The Eagles Club, and a BCU member.

She is survived by two sons; Ben (Amanda) Wright of Lincoln, Neb., and Brian Wright of Vermillion. Seven daughters; Charlotte (Dick) Whipple of Parmelee, Dorothy (Pat) LeBeau of Mission, Paula (Roger Hansen) McBride and Deborah (Norman) Lauck all of Corsica, LouAnn (Richard) Adamson of Centerville, Victoria (Ronald) Brant of Hinckley, Minn., and Rochelle (Clint Hoodie) Miller of Batten Rouge, La. She is also survived by two sisters, her twin Charlotte Lambert and Martha Lambert both of Vermillion, and 24 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, and eight great great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, three sisters, a son Guy, a daughter Winona and two great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, Sept. 3 at the Jones Building in Mission, with burial to follow in the Sts. Phillip and James Cemetery in White River, SD. A wake was held Sept. 2 at the Bishop Harold Jones Building in Mission. Holmes Funeral Home was entrusted with the funeral service and local arrangements.

A prayer service was held Sept. 1 at Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion.

Prudy L. Flying Hawk

MANDERSON - Prudy L. Flying Hawk, 69, Manderson, died Aug. 29 at Hemingford Community Care Center in Hemingford, Neb.

Survivors include three sons, Robert W. Flying Hawk, Sioux Falls, Lester Flying Hawk, Manderson, and Anthony Flying Hawk, Pine Ridge; two daughters, Sandra Mesteth, Denver, and Leia Rae Hendrickson, Spokane, Wash.; four sisters, Geraldine Jarrett, Denver, Verna Hunt, Martin, and Marcella Cottier and Kathryn Richards, both of Pine Ridge; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

A two-night wake was Sept. 3, at St. Agnes Catholic Hall in Manderson.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the church, with the Rev. Rick Abert officiating. Burial will be at St. Peter's Cemetery in Rockyford. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Marta A. Little

RED SHIRT - Marta A. Little, 40, Red Shirt, died Aug. 31 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include a son, Michael Little-Gonzalez, Red Shirt; a daughter, Elena Pardi, Pacifica, Calif.; her mother, Lucy Little, Rapid City; and four brothers, David Little, Timothy Little and Jeffrey Little, all of Red Shirt, and Leo Little, San Pablo, Calif.

A one-night wake was on Thursday, Sept. 6, at Br. Rene Catholic Hall in Oglala. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 7, at the hall, with Connie Schmidt officiating.

Burial will be at St. Bernard's Catholic Cemetery in Red Shirt. Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Harold J. Holy Rock-Dooley Jr.

OGLALA - Harold J. Holy Rock-Dooley Jr., stillborn infant, Oglala, died Aug. 31 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include his father, Harold Dooley Sr., Rapid City; mother, Randee Holy Rock, Oglala; and grandparents, Galen Holy Rock, Shirley Rouillard, and Joseph Dooley, all of Rapid City, and Labrey Beautiful Bald Eagle, Pine Ridge.

A one night wake was Wednesday, Sept. 5, at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge. Services were on Thursday, Sept. 6, at the hall, with the Rev. Abraham Tobacco officiating.

Burial will follow at Jumping Bull Family Cemetery in Oglala. Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

David Eagle

CANNONBALL, N.D. - David Eagle, 28, Cannonball, died Sept. 1 in Cannonball due to injuries from an auto accident.

A wake service will be Friday, Sept. 7, at the A.J. Agard Memorial Building in Fort Yates.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, at the building, with the Rev. Lindsay Dwarf officiating. Burial will be at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church Cemetery in Wakpala. Oster Funeral Home in Mobridge is handling the arrangements.

Kimberlee L. King

KYLE - Kimberlee L. King, 28, has made the journey home to join our sister Kalmarie One Feather in the Spirit World, Aug. 27.

Kim was born on October 12, 1978 in Denver, Colo.

She graduated from Little Wound High School in May of 1997. Kim also attended La Luna Vo-Tech in Las Vegas, New Mexico from 2001-2002; her studies involved mechanics and music. Kimberlee had plans to attend Western Dakota Tech this fall to pursue a career goal as a pharmacy tech. She loved the outdoors, music and dancing.

Kim was an animal lover. She had many dogs, cat and at one time even owned an iguana! MOST of all, Kim loved hanging out with friends, where you would always see her smiling, laughing and joking around with anyone she encountered.

Kim was so full of life and very high spirited! We all love you Kimmy, and you will be missed deeply! Survivors include her significant other, Heath Knox, her two beautiful children, Kalion and Ocean Knox, Okcreek: her father Dennis King, of Kyle: her mother Serena Hatt-King, of Pine Ridge; four sisters, Santana One Feather-Blacksmith, of Rio Rancho, N.M.: Jolene King, of Denver, Colo; Tiffany King, of Rapid City; Stephanie King, of Kyle; two brothers, Shields King and Sheldon King of Kyle and six nephews and three nieces.

A two night wake was Aug. 30 and Friday Aug. 31. Funeral services were Sept. 1. Burial was at St. Stevens Church, Kyle.

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Dear Anna,

I am just inquisitive today and wanted to ask for some of your time and knowledge. I am currently involved with a man who has been a friend for a long time, when I first met him I thought of him to be too egotistical and almost "too" self confident.

We reconnected again this year and he seems to me a different man, he is a sun dancer, singer, sober man, and I admire and respect these qualities about him. He hints around and tells me he adores me, but yet never makes the first move. We have spent time together, and most recently spent some real quality time together which I thoroughly enjoyed. Is this the guy for me? Is he the one I was destined to meet?

He holds a lot of the qualities that I admire and respect in a man and would want in a companion.

One of the problems I see, is that he's never been married or had any children, which he tells me he really doesn't care to do, to bring children into today's world with all its problems.

But I question whether he is serious or if I will keep him from something, like having children of his own?? I hate to give up or lose him because of this. Although we've never been physically intimate, I wonder if he thinks about me like that, or is this just a friendship? Please help with some of your guidance.

Wondering if he is the one

Dear Wondering:

There is a lot going on here. He is interested in you as a person and as a potential lover. Please listen to him, because he is being totally honest when it comes to not having children. You and I could argue all day long about the condition of the world and bringing children into it; but he believes what he says. This points to another view or aspect of his relationship to the world: he believes the world is not a good place.

Not good enough to bring children into. Not good enough to be safe. These views will affect how he treats life and his own expectations of battle with the harder elements of a negative belief system. Remember, we create in our own lives that which we believe in the most. Hard line beliefs will echo out into the world and be reflected back at us by materializing into hard-line battles.

He is a good man. Please do not expect to change his views on children or having them. That is the big rub in this relationship. He is pretty honest in his approach to life and he has been honest with you. He wants to get to know you very well before you two experience intimacy. That is very respectful and healthy. He has a true heart and he has a strong connection to the Creator through his prayer and his pipe.

Allow time to develop the relationship. Also, get pretty clear with yourself about not having future children if you decide to focus on this man as being someone important in your life.

By the way, I see this man as being self-confident. I don't feel that attribute is negative. It is very important in a successful life to understand who you are and to accept and acknowledge what you are good at.

To simplify this idea here is something to consider: Would you want a doctor to work on you who didn't think he was very good? A mechanic to work on your car that didn't think he could fix it? A teacher to teach your children who didn't think he/she was a good teacher?

Please understand it is very healthy, emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually to understand and accept the special qualities of self. I am telling you this because I see within you a lot of doubt as to your worth. Low self esteem destroys far more than potential relationships. It will destroy your life-path and rob you of success. Please accept your beauty and skills. It will enhance your life greatly. It will not place you above others, but help you to accept your equality with everyone in the world. It levels the playing field and allows you to walk beside the man in your future, not ten steps behind him.

Dear Anna,

How is everything going? Hope all is well and you are in good health. I am writing to you today because I think I have a problem and I need to solve it.

The thing is that I think I have a crush on one of my teachers. I know this is wrong and I shouldn't be thinking like this but I need some answers. What do you see happening this year? But the Crush on the teacher thing is what I mainly need help with. God bless you and thank you very much.

Crush and Confused

Dear Crush and Confused:

I am fine. Now, as to how you are: it is very common to develop strong emotional attachment to teachers, doctors, or others that lead us and help us on our life path.

Luckily for you, the crush will pass before you make an absolute fool of yourself.

I am not being cruel, just practical and telling you what I see. Perhaps by the time you read this letter you will begin to let go of the fantasy with this man.

This teacher is a good and kind man with commitments. Do yourself a favor and don't even try to go there. The outcome would be too embarrassing for words.

There is another "crush" coming your way very soon.

This one will be far more successful and fun and much more healthy for you. He is almost two years older than you, runs a lot, plays basketball, has one "soft" knee (it rolls), and he has a wonderful smile and a cutting edge sense of humor.

Good Luck and God Bless!

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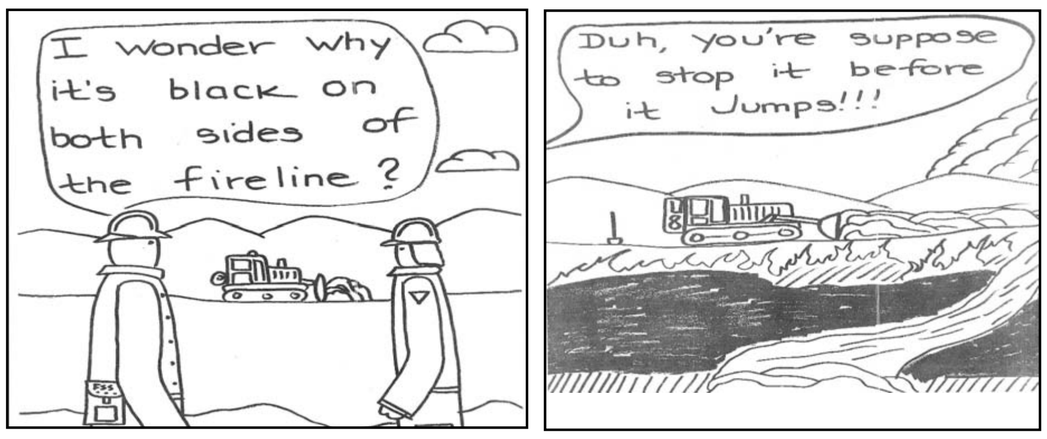
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RED SHIRT - The soup cookoff will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Tatanka Nupa Memorial Park in Red Shirt beginning at 1 p.m. with judging at 4 p.m. in memory of John Swallow a great outdoor soup cooker.

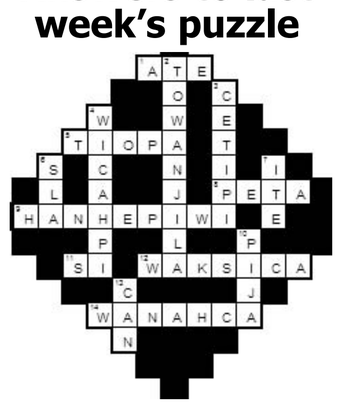
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New Town, ND 58763

BID

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Berthold Agency is planning to conduct an Oil and Gas Sale within the next two (2) months. We will be offering all unleased allotted mineral acreage to the highest bidder through a competitive sealed bid process. We have established the primary terms of the lease as follows:

Minimum bonus per acre $75.00
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The approval of a mineral lease on the Fort Berthold Reservation is based on majority consent, under special authority enacted in 1998 and 1999, and codified under 25 U.S.C. 396. Upon completion of the competitive bid sale, leases will become effective, once the required number of owners have consented to lease and approved by the BIA Superintendent.

This decision is based upon the fact that Fort Berthold Agency has received numberous requests from prospective lessees to lease certain allotted minerals. Several lessees have been acquiring signatures for negotiated oil and gas leases on the Fort Berthold Reservation. While this attempt has been made in good faith, we feel it would be in the best interests of the allotted mineral owners to include their lands in an advertised lease sale in order to receive the optimum bonus consideration through competitive bid. We recommend the allotted mineral owners who are in negotiations for an oil and gas lease to give full consideration to this alternate option.

Those allotted mineral owners who do not wish to have their lands advertised in this competitive bid lease sale, please contact the Fort Berthold Agency in writing within (2) weeks of the date of this notice.

Our mailing address is as follows: Superintendent, PO Box 370, New Town, ND 58763. Our telephone number is (701) 627-4707.
Signed,
Earl Silk,
Superintendent

Little Wound School Board
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Little Wound School Board is seeking a Workmens Compensation bid for the period of October 1, 2007 through October 1, 2008.

Sealed proposals will be opened and acted upon at the Budget meeting on Monday September 17, 2007. Little Wound School B oard reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informality, and to accept the proposal that is to the advantage of and in the best interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed proposals is 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 14, 2007. Please submit proposals in a sealed envelope marked "Work Comp Bid" to the School Business Office or the following address:
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For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178.
www.lws.k12.sd.us

Five (5) Board of Trustees Positions for Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety

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Please request and return your application to the Oglala Sioux Tribal Secretary at:
Oglala Sioux Tribe,
Red Cloud Building,
P.O. Box 2070, Main Street,
Pine Ridge, South Dakota, 57770.

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Office of Oglala Sioux Tribal Secretary Elizabeth Waters
PO Box 2070 - Pine Ridge, SD 57770 Phone: 605-867-5821 Ext. 268

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Rosebud, SD 57570

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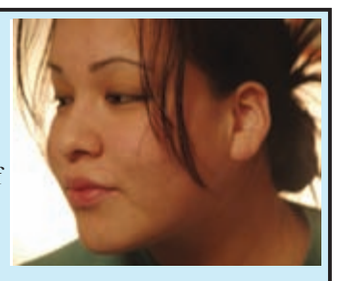
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Allen road proves fatal to infant

Road continues in legal limbo, on schedule to be fixed 2010

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

ALLEN - Briar Brown Bull-Martinez, an eight month old infant died in a one vehicle accident four and a half miles north of Highway 18 on the Allen road on Monday, Sept. 3.

"We were driving on that road and I hit some of those bumps and it just sent the pickup out of control and into the ditch," said Laretha Brown Bull, "when I came to, I found the pickup on top of me and my baby, I almost gave up then, I knew my baby didn't make it but I heard my two other children, Rose and Hans, calling for my help and I fought off everything and decided to live."

Young Briar was laid to rest on Saturday at St. Barnabas Church south of Kyle on Saturday. After hitting the deep ruts in the Allen road that day, the pickup went into the ditch and rolled one and a half times landing on Briar and her mother. Rose is out of the hospital after breaking her hip and ankle, Hands received internal bruises but is alright.

"We've known for quite a while that we need to rebuild the Allen road, right now it is on the state schedule for 2010," said Pat Byrne, Bennett County Road Superintendent, "it is an old road so we had trouble getting money to even fix it temporarily because it is so narrow, to meet standards today it has to be totally rebuilt - when we considered it a couple of years ago it was going to cost $4.8 million, we had only $2 million so we looked at working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Oglala Sioux Tribe."

Bennett County found out that if the BIA or the Tribe was to put money into the project, they would have to assume jurisdiction over the road. Bennett County opted to turn the jurisdiction over to the Bureau.

"We started working together on the road," said Jeff Whelan, OST Transportation director, "we gave some work orders to Pierre for our design group Dakota Engineering and it was going well but then Larry Long, South Dakota attorney general came down with a ruling that stated that Bennett County did not have the authority to give up jurisdiction of the road to the Bureau and the Tribe; that put a halt to any work orders being filled by Pierre."

According to Whelan, the cost today of rebuilding the nine mile Allen road is now about $8 million, the state still has their $2 million, we just need to come up with the rest.

"We really are in a legal limbo over this road," said Whelan, "the recent death of the young infant is a tragic fatality and our leaders, whether with the Bureau, the Tribe or the State need

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The Allen road is about nine miles of broken asphalt, which will cost $8 million to redo the road. The road is well traveled by many.

Lower Brule Iraqi war veteran facing mistreatment by military

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

LOWER BRULE - Ryan LeCompte, 27, Lower Brule Sioux or kul wicasa oyate is facing a level of discrimination and mistreatment that many military veterans nationwide are becoming all too familiar with. Ever since the war resulted in a large number of wounded being shipped home the nation's military hospitals have been struggling to accommodate them.

The public rarely gets a glimpse of the exact struggle of any one soldier, however, LeCompte, is an accomplished soldier by any standard having been on 160 combat missions during two tours in Iraq and having earned the Army Commendation Medal on two occasions.

Tammie LeCompte, Ryan's wife, said, "He should have earned another award for saving his unit from attack.

LeCompte has been diagnosed with traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress disorder and now the military wants to discharge him despite his medical conditions. The military has alleged that LeCompte missed formation and assaulted two soldiers.

"They had a chapter hearing on an administrative separation for Ryan on Sept. 10 and they want to give him a dishonorable discharge. Yesterday we celebrated eight years in the service. We had to meet with an attorney, Major Thompson, who



Ryan LeCompte, is an accomplished soldier and served 160 combat missions during two tours in Iraq.

said that Ryan is "malingering. They just want to get him out without paying for his care. The case is so complicated" said Tammie.

Tammie said she expects the post commander to make a decision in a few days. She said, "I just wished we could all get together and rally. There are others going through the same thing." She was appalled that the chief of staff has a sign which said "Do not delay, get them out, they are deadwood."

Among the Lakota, the military soldier or akicita is greatly honored and given appropriate respect that is in recognition of the warrior tradition that is highly regarded. His family wants him home to be sure so that he can heal.

Tammie has enlisted the help of Sen. Tim Johnson so that her husband will have a chance to avoid being dishonorably discharged from the U. S. Army and lose any claim to his benefits. Meanwhile, at Ft. Carson, Colo. Major General Robert Mixon will make a decision as to whether or not LeCompte should be discharged for misconduct. Tammie said, "He should be leaving on Sept. 14 and a new general will be briefed on Ryan's case."

Tammie apparently had to quit her job in order to care for her husband and also had to sell some of her household goods in order to pay the bills. The family is now eligible for food stamps.

The military is aware of

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Wright: Sicangu student chosen as Miss Indian Nations

BISMARCK, N.D.- Sheri Wright, Sicangu of Rosebud, is the new Miss Indian Nations. She was selected as the fifteenth Miss Indian Nations here on Sept. 8.

"I am honored to be chosen," said Wright after being crowned during the United Tribes International Powwow.

Miss Wright, 26, is the daughter of Lenard and Daisy Wright, Rosebud. She has one brother, Andrew, and one sister Lene, both of Rosebud.

Wright is a student at Sinte Gleska University, Rosebud. She has twice been selected Miss SGU Wikoshkalaka (Young Woman), attending cultural functions, performing Lakota sign language and public speaking.

Wright believed that she would be a good candidate for Miss Indian Nations. In a letter of intent she wrote that she is proud to be Native American. I know the history and culture and I am not afraid to express my feelings in public.

I come from humble surroundings and have empathy for the people and can relate to them, she wrote.

"Everyone says there's such helplessness in Indian County," Wright said tearfully to those attending the coronation. "But the young ladies in this program show that's not true. They inspired me."

Wright is a graduate of Todd County High School, Mission. She is vice president of the He Sapa Wacipi/Black Hills Powwow, and a former runner up in the Miss Indian Nations Program.

Following three days of judging, Miss Wright won the talent competi-

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Shere Lynn Wright, Sicangu Lakota, shares the joy of becoming Miss Indian Nations XV with Little Miss Rosebud Shay Len Guerue, Grass Mountain Community, Rosebud, following a coronation ceremony during the United Tribes International Powwow.
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LeCompte's honored and heroic service to his country, however, they seem inclined to disavow any obligation to provide appropriate medical treatment for the nosebleeds, panic attacks, headaches and memory loss that is characteristic of brain injury and post traumatic stress disorder.

The Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association stepped in and passed a resolution on Sept. 6 in support of LeCompte which expresses outrage at the disrespect and lack of proper treatment of all returning soldiers. The resolution notes LeCompte's outstanding work as a soldier during Operation Iraqi Freedom. A list of demands asks that all soldiers be given complete medical and psychological treatment and benefits as befitting a United States soldier. It also calls upon the U. S. Congress to assure funding for healthcare for wounded soldiers and their families.

The GPTCA resolution also calls for the removal of the post commander at Ft. Carson, Colo. It reads, "Requests the removal of the Commander of Ft. Carson for the misstreatment of the soldiers under his command and calling the wounded soldiers, Dead Wood.

The native media is also called upon to get the word out on the treatment and abuse of returning soldiers, especially those who they label, "The Walking Wounded."

Wright wins Miss Indian Nations

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tion and the Miss Congeniality Award. After the coronation, Miss Wright was presented to the audience attending the powwow.

Competing for the national title were four other candidates from tribes around the country. Named First Runner Up was Tammara Rogers (Navajo/Zuni) Crown Point, NM. Selected Second Runner Up and also winning the Children's Choice Award was Ta Sunke Gli Nanji Win (Standing Rock Lakota) McLaughlin, SD. Third Runner Up and winner of the Presidential Award was Marcella Cruz (White Mountain Apache) White River, AZ. Mary Eagle (Standing Rock Sioux/Chippewa) Fort Yates, ND, received the Tribal Chairman's Award.

Miss Wright was presented with the crown by outgoing Miss Indian Nations Ponka-We Victors (Tohono O'odam) Wichita, Kan.

Participants were judged on traditional skills, public appearance and presentations, communication skill and speaking ability, personal conduct, and answers to general and impromptu questions.

The Miss Indian Nations program is open to single, non-parent American Indian women ages 17 to 26. Miss Wright will serve for one year as a cultural ambassador. United Tribes Technical College coordinates her public appearances. Sponsorships and contributions are accepted to help underwrite the program.

For more information or to schedule an appearance, contact Miss Indian Nations at United Tribes Technical College, 3315 University Drive, Bismarck, ND, 58504, 701-255-3285.

Allen road

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to find a solution so we do not have additional senseless fatalities on the Allen road."

John Baxter, associate administrator for the Federal Lands Highway, an agency under the Federal Highway Administration, and his associate Bob Sparrow were in town on Tuesday to visit Whelan and took the time to visit the Allen road, took pictures and attempted to check out the actual accident site where Brown Bull lost control and went off the road. Baxter and Sparrow were joined by Mark Hoines and John Ross, two federal highway staff members who work in Pierre.

"We are only just now working out our own funding, we have left the 638 world under the tribe and we are just now going to get our 2007 monies directly from the FHA," said Whelan, "I don't know what is available for emergency funding, whether we would be eligible or how long it would take to come down the pipeline, I just know that the need is there."

Currently OST Transportation is finishing up the coordination of the new roads in Sunrise Housing, east of Martin, completing three bridges, two north of Manderson and one by Kyle, constructing the new transit building east of Pine Ridge, getting ready for the golf course housing road and finally Wounded Knee looking at late summer, early fall of 2008 to start that long overdue project.

Storytelling contest at LNI open to Lakota/Dakota students

BROOKINGS - The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at South Dakota State University is helping to add a Lakota/Dakota Storytelling Competition to the 31st annual Lakota Nation Invitational with funding from the South Dakota Humanities Council.

The competition will be held during the LNI on Dec. 19-22 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City.

In September and October, Doris Giago, SDSU associate professor of journalism, will visit schools around the state to distribute teaching materials and promote the contest.

She will also be available to teach a 50-minute lesson on storytelling during her visits.

While basketball is the major focus of LNI, the tournament also includes knowledge and language bowls, an art show, a hand game competition, and wrestling and boxing matches.

"The academic portion of LNI demonstrates to students that there is more to school than sports," said Bryan Brewer, LNI coordinator. "We are adding this competition to the line-up of events because storytelling is an important part of Lakota/Dakota culture that is dying out. This competition is a step in the right direction toward reviving it."

For the storytelling competition, Native American high school students will tell stories in three different categories: traditional stories told in a native language or in English, contemporary stories that blend today's experiences into the traditional storytelling framework and issue-based stories on important topics in Indian Country.

"Holding the event during the LNI in December is particularly appropriate because among Indian tribes throughout America, winter is storytelling time," said Mary Arnold, head of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. "But young people are encouraged to start preparing for the storytelling competition now," she continued.

Jerome Kills Small, Oglala Lakota tribal member from Porcupine on the Pine Ridge Reservation and traditional storyteller will assist with the judging and give a storytelling performance during the LNI.

Kills Small also teaches Lakota language courses at the University of South Dakota.

The competition is free of charge and open to all Native American high school students. The deadline to register for the competition is Dec. 1.

Contest materials were mailed to schools in July. Those wanting additional information should contact Giago at doris.giago@sdstate.edu or 605-688-6236.

John Around Him memorial set for Father's Day

It's only been a year since you left us for the spirit world on Sept. 20. Dad, it's been lonely here without you. We remember all that we did as a family.

But, you have built a strong foundation for us as your children. Everyday, we do our best to carry ourselves with all you taught us. We remember all the funny things we did, cry when we were sad, But most of all we were always there for each other. We continue to help and support each other in hard times and good times.

That is what you taught us as your children. Dad, we arent't the only ones who mourned for you throughout this past year. There are many relatives you made and a lot of lives you touched.

Yes, we all cry and remember all that you have done for each and every one of us. But, most of all like you said "Life must go on". So, we all hold those memories close to our hearts and will never forget you in our lives. Dad, we are glad that we got o share you with many, many people in this world.

Thank you
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Milton, Amaris, Clovia, John and Samuel James Around Him
Grandchildren
Annisa, Alyssa, Ryan, Marissa, Trevor, Frances, Teal, Ethan, Lacey, Chavez, and Haley.

We wish to say "Thank you" to everyone who gave us encouraging words, prayers, and just being there in time of need. You are all greatly appreciated.

The family of the late John Around Him, would like to let everyone know we'll be having the Memorial Dinner, Giveaway, and Unveiling of the Headstone next year on Father's Day 2008.

Homebuyers meeting Sept. 24

WANBLEE - The Lakota Funds will be having a Homebuyer Club meeting on Monday, Sept. 24, at the Eagle Nest College Center. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

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Diabetes prevention bike ride successful

PINE RIDGE -The Pine Ridge I.H.S. Diabetes Prevention Program, "The Diabeter's" held their first annual ride to Porcupine from Pine Ridge Sept. 2. The riders were participants of the Diabetes Prevention Program, their support person's and community members who rode to bring awareness for diabetes prevention on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

The DPP would also like to thank the Oglala Sioux Public Safety officers and O.S.T. ambulance service that patrolled the highway keeping the riders safe. Also special thanks to Howard Bad Milk, Joanna from OST Health Admin, Porcupine Clinic, Beau Black Crow, Taylor Charging Crow, Latonya Ecoffey, Michelle Janis, Timmy Waters, Lyric LeBeau, Sawee Frank, Daverine Elk and Bobette Herman for helping patrol the roads, run the water stations and cook.

The riders that participated were: Valerie Black Elk, Anthony Black Elk, Anne Marie Poor Bear, April Poor Bear, Michelle Keith, Shawn Keith, Arlene Iron Cloud, Darcy Cuny, Duane Big Crow, Jessica Graham, Joe Locust Jr., JoAnn Lehner, Gary Lays Bad, Randy Lays Bad, Shaina Lays Bad, Ranzle Lays bad, Darrel Lays Bad Jr., David Lays Bad, Miriam Lays bad, Jr., Lays Bad, Mike Lays Bad, Napoleon Lays bad, Collins Gay, Charlie Provost, Janice Richards and Beef Randall.

Paul Robertson book presentation Sept. 14

KYLE - On Friday, Sept. 14, Oglala Lakota College's Woksape Tipi will host a "Power of the Land" book presentation by Paul Robertson at 1:30 p.m. The book highlights the resistance of the Oglala Lakota people on Pine Ridge Reservation to the policies of the U.S. government during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The presentation illustrates the conflicts over land that pitted the Bureau of Indian Affairs against the Oglala people during the eras of Allotment and the Indian Reorganization Act.

The title of Robertson's book is Power Of The Land: Identity, Ethnicity, And Class Among The Oglala Lakota.

Please contact Woksape Tipi at 455-6069 for more information.

LWS playground area closed for after-school use

KYLE - Linda Hunter, superintendent at Little Wound School, said notice has been issued to the community that the elementary outside basketball courts and playground area has been closed to public use after school.

The area is in the process of being redone and cleaned. For more information contact the school at 455-6150.

Co-dependency Support

Meets on Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. in the basement of the old hospital coordinated by the OST Employee Assistance Program, for info call 867-1841

Weight watchers class

Large conference room at the Indian Health Service Hospital in Pine Ridge, weigh in at 5pm and meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Open gymnasium

Tuesday nights at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge from 4:30-8 p.m. open to all ages sponsored by the Oyate Blihelya Diabetes Prevention Program.

Elders games promote elder's role, family



Sicangu elder, Genevieve White Wing, of Rosebud provided instructions on the Lakota "Shinney" game during the 21st Annual Sicangu Elder Games held at the old St. Francis Indian School track . White Wing worked for many years for South Dakota Social Services.

ST. FRANCIS - Elders, their families, volunteers and advocates from across surrounding areas turned out for this year's Elder Games, held last week end at the old track field at St.Francis Indian School.

The Elder Games remain a truly inter-generational event with ages of those present, ranging from toddlers to 86 years of age. The Sicangu Elderly Concerns, sponsor of the event continues to highlight the necessity of those positive relationships between various age groups and Elders in all families and communities and that it does not take a grant or any public funding at all to promote such relationships. Sicangu Elderly Concerns notes that those positive relationships and a sense of community, where people look out for each other voluntarily, reinforce those 'Good Hearted Lakota Ways', which comprise the foundation of families and communities.

The results of the 21st Annual Elder Games are listed below. Every elder participant received an Elder Games T-shirt, a certificate, and an Olympic medallion, while volunteers received T-shirts and certificates. Participants are listed by age groups and then alphabetically within that group.

Those placing in the different categories were Harvey Jordan, Richard Standing Bear, Eugene Iron Shell, Leroy Hairy Shirt, Chris Scissons, Roy Spotted War Bonnet, Roy Stone, Sr., Conrad Black Bear, Gary , Don , Ada Gunhammer, Hilda White, Claudette Sabor, Gloria Sitting , Shirley Iron and Dorothy Edwards.

The Elder Games remains a totally volunteer event, sponsored by Sicangu Elderly Concerns and is made possible through the efforts of the following volunteers:

Zack Simmons, Darrell Bear Robe Sr., Darrell Bear Robe Jr., Brenda Sitting Bear, Clayton Standing Bear, Dorothy Edwards, Lester Buddy Edwards, and Theresa Walters.

The primary goal of Sicangu Elderly Concerns has been and remains to promote acknowledgement of and respect for the traditional role of Elder and the relationship of that role to families, communities, and individuals.

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Guest Column

A quiet storm about mining

By Natalie Hand
Special to the Times

A quiet storm is building on the reservation these days. There is a New York-based company called Native American Energy Group that has infiltrated the reservation.

What is N.A.E.G.?

N.A.E.G. is a publicly traded company that bills itself as, "an independent energy resource development and management company". N.A.E.G. was recently bonded in August, 2005 by the Department of the Interior to acquire, develop and produce oil/gas/mining exploration on all federally recognized Indian reservations in the U.S. Their foremost endeavor into Indian Country is presently on and near the Ft. Peck Reservation in Montana, where there are conducting oil and gas exploration/production.

Meeting N.A.E.G.

I received a warm welcome when I visited the N.A.E.G. office located in old I.H.S. housing in Pine Ridge Village. I was met there by Tony Johnson, Senior Geologist & Petroleum Engineer, and Eileen Janis. Ms. Janis informed me that she was no longer a tribal employee and she was working with N.A.E.G. as a favor to Leonard Peltier, political prisoner. According to Ms. Janis, it was Leonard who made first contact with N.A.E.G. and asked them to help the Oglala Lakota get housing.

According to their account, Mr. Johnson stated that initially his company did come to Pine Ridge with the intent to assist with the housing shortage here. They had a heady goal of up to 4,000 homes for needy families. N.A.E.G. stated that they will seek grants and federal funding through the Housing & Urban Development program to get the houses built. Energy-efficient homes are costly to build and maintain and as N.A.E.G. put it, "We need to help the Lakota generate income to maintain these homes."

N.A.E.G.'s webpage states, "…covering more than 50 million acres in the West, Indian Country encompasses large areas of oil and gas and other mineral production regions of current exploration activity and many vast areas yet to be investigated in detail."

In April of this year, N.A.E.G.'s CEO Joseph D'Arrigo and CFO Raj Nanvaan (a.k.a. Tejbir Singh) met with Michael Catches The Enemy, Director of Natural Resources and the point of contact on mining and with other members of the OST Environmental Heath Technical Team. N.A.E.G. indicated that in order to facilitate construction and relocation, they would need to partner with OST to "tap into the Tribe's natural resources" to finance such a plan. According to Mr. Johnson, the language in the initial "Private Placement Presentation For The Project Financing of Exploration and Mining of Uranium on the Tribal Lands of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation" presented to the Tribe was "…just the hook to get the investors on board. We don't actually have plans to mine anything on Pine Ridge…unless that is what the tribal members want."

It's Just A Water & Soil Study

By July, 2007, it had become increasingly apparent to N.A.E.G. that they were losing ground on their long-range "energy resource development" project. On July 13, 2007, under extreme scrutiny from concerned tribal members and unfavorable reports from the OST Environmental Health Technical Team, President Steele wrote a letter to N.A.E.G. executives canceling future meetings and directing them to cease all types of business ventures on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Tribal sources indicated that shortly after receiving the correspondence, N.A.E.G. executives contacted President Steele, at which a July 21-23rd meeting was held.

What plans came out of that meeting remain a mystery, but all involved came away with a new strategy…a "comprehensive water and soil study/education campaign." Mr. Johnson informed me that to create infrastructure on the reservation, we must first conduct a water study and educate the tribal membership on the results and what should be done with the water. The basis of this perspective is a 1992-97 U.S.G.S. water study conducted on Pine Ridge which showed maximum contamination levels in our ground and surface water. N.A.E.G. is utilizing this study to "educate" and win-over tribal members to get them to approve of their plan.

Tribal Perspective

N.A.E.G.'s argument is that there has been no recent comprehensive heavy metals/minerals study conducted and studies done by the OST Environmental Protection Program and OST Rural Water Department are only bacterial tests, a claim that is vigorously disputed by both offices. According to the OST Rural Water Department, the minerals found to be present in their studies of the public water system are "naturally occurring" and do not pose a health threat at this time. However, they stressed the fact that they have no control over private-owned wells.

Bob Pille, Director of OST Environmental Protection Program, stated, "The U.S.G.S. water study was, which is what N.A.E.G. is basing their argument on, is irrelevant. We disproved that report sometime ago by conducting our own study. The contamination levels were significantly lower than what U.S.G.S. was reporting. We believe that their study had inconsistencies because they used a mobile lab which may have been contaminated." While Mr. Pille and his co-workers agree that a comprehensive water study would be welcomed, they believe that N.A.E.G. has ulterior motives, based on their proposed "Master Consulting Agreement". In that initial agreement, N.A.E.G. wanted exclusive rights and first right-of-refusal to "…minimize and ultimately eliminate the health threats to members of the Tribe" and "…remove contaminating minerals to be sold for commercial uses…" (I.e. In-Situ Leach Mining).

According to literature distributed by OST Natural Resources, once in-situ leach mining has ceased at a mine site, it takes decades to restore the water source and "…no aquifer in the United States has ever been returned to it's pre-mined state." Radioactive wastewater from the mine is often stored in an evaporation pond, releasing radon gas (usually associated with lung disease) into the atmosphere.

In a recent education campaign flier distributed by Owe Aku's (Bring Back The Way) Debra White Plume, it is noted that there is in-situ leach mining presently happening within our treaty territory in Crawford, Nebraska. The "Crow Butte Uranium Mine" sits atop the High Plains Aquifer that flows into the Eastern portion of the Pine Ridge Reservation. The report states, "…Crow Butte Uranium Mine has spilled or leaked thousands of gallons of contaminated water into our land, air and ground water." Mrs. White Plume is organizing the "Crying Earth Rise Up! Uranium Summit" to take place on Pine Ridge in October to further educate the Tribe on the irreversible effects of uranium mining. She is hopeful that the OST Environmental Health Technical Team will co-sponsor the summit.

In a recent Red Shirt Village Community Meeting, a known "hot spot" full of uranium and other minerals, residents overwhelming voted to support OST Council Resolution #07-154, which supports the decision to cease business with N.A.E.G. for uranium mining.

N.A.E.G. and Ms. Janis insist that there are no plans to pursue mining on Pine Ridge and that N.A.E.G. is not in the mining business. However, Mr. Johnson stated that once the Tribe sees the result of their water/soil study, N.A.E.G. wishes to have first rights to "clean up the water" (mining). But he concedes, "…a referendum vote would be required to approve that".

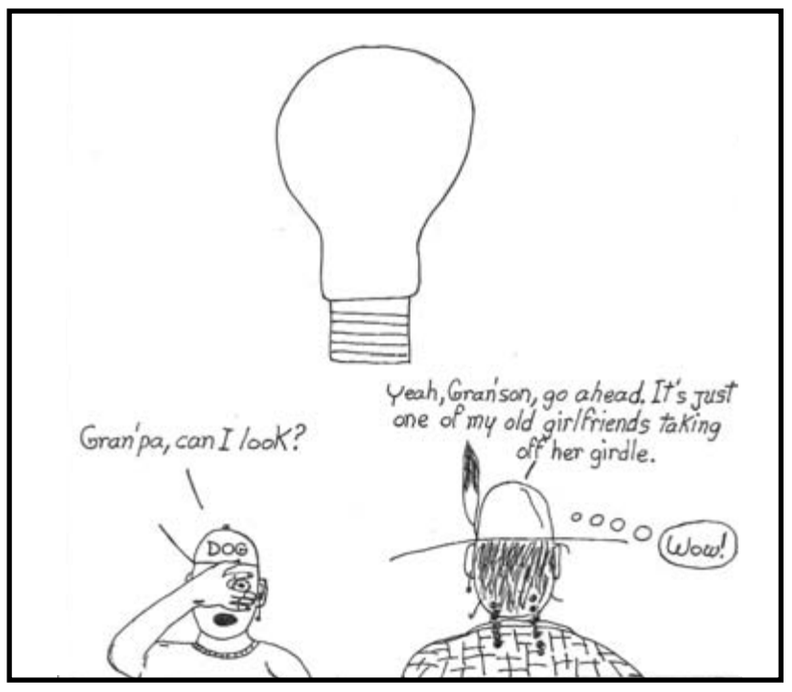
Exercising The Treaty

On Sept. 9, the Oglala Band of the Black Hills Sioux Nation Treaty Council issued a position statement to the Oglala Sioux Tribal Court declaring their opposition to N.A.E.G. and called for their removal from the reservation based on Article 1 of the 1851/1868 Ft. Laramie Treaty. Article 1 states, "If bad men among the whites, or among other people subject to the authority of the United States, shall commit any wrong upon the person or property of the Indians, the United States will, upon proof made to the agent and forwarded to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington City, proceed at once to cause the offender to be arrested and punished according to the laws of the United States, and also re-imburse the injured person for the loss sustained."

OST Chief Judge Lisa Adams held a preliminary hearing later that day and, upon hearing testimony, granted a "show cause hearing" to be scheduled on September 24, 2007. At that time, if they so choose, N.A.E.G. representatives can make their case.

Final Thoughts

If N.A.E.G. was true to their word and only wanted to help the Oglala Lakota Oyate, then there wouldn't be "strings attached" to their partnership.



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Words of the Seventh Generation

Reflecting back on 9/11



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Another remembrance of 9/11 has come and gone again. Who can ever forget that day? After all it made history as America watched those towers burn and fall to the ground.

A few thousand perished and a nation was dumb founded at the sight. With no understanding of why it happened, they glued their eyes to the television like never before. But they were deceived and given only lies disguised as truth. Why? Because little did they know their corporate-media had been sleeping with the government for quite some time, and their questions were answered with only dishonesty.

I myself will never forget that day either because it was a day I began to question the reality of my people and the past and present scheme.. It wasn't until years later, though, that I looked back, made the similarity, and realized that what once happened to my people in terms of genocide had already happened to another people. Only they were from across that very ocean.

I came to realize later that America has a long history of addiction for war, power and colonization that goes back more than a hundred years. It all seemed to begin in the Philippines back in 1899 where the United States Army was employed to help civilize and Christianize the indigenous people, but instead killed them in the tens of thousands, burned their villages, tortured them and in the process laid the foundation for future exploitation of their land and economy. The country eventually fell into the control of the U.S. but not without a fight from the common people. Only they never stood a chance in regaining their self-government because their very own people within their organization of government and society were corrupted and they were puppets for the U.S.

I thought to myself, "Wow! That is the same thing that happened to my people and its still going on!" I also learned this sort of thing happened in many other countries throughout the next hundred years. And most, if not all, of these involvements that the U.S. was concerned with were for crooked reasons, but the people in America were always given the false idea that it was out of goodwill or maintaining freedom and teaching democracy.

In learning all this untold history about America I found out they (Britain and America) have been in the Middle East since the mid-20th century trying to gain control of the largest and richest oil reserves in the world. And I thought to myself again, "That is pretty similar to what happened to our Black Hills and the gold and natural resources that were stolen there from us." But the reason that stuck out plainly for me was that in Aug. 1990 the United Nation's (America and Britain) took illegal action against their puppet Saddam Hussein and it resulted in the deaths of 500,000 innocent Iraqi children under the age of 5. Then I read about Madeline Albright (the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations at that time) and how she was given the figure of half a million innocent deaths and says, "We think it was worth it." And to recall the words of General Norman Schwartzkopf, referring to 100,000 dead Iraqi's as, "collateral damage," gave me the insight to understand why these 9/11 attacks happened and why we don't ever hear the truth on television. Because the media are corporations and they are Uncle Sam's big pocket and he simply puts profit margins before truth.

So, if one is to reflect back on the events of 9/11 and try and make sense of it all, one must also reflect back even further into America's long history of always pushing others around. They don't realize that their government has done the same thing to many other peoples around the world that it once did to our people and all our Indigenous relatives in the founding of the Americas. They failed to notice that sometimes when you push other people they push back and that is precisely what happened in September of 2001.

It is a shame that all those lives were lost on 9/11 and my feelings go out to the families who lost loved ones, but my feelings also go out to the innocent children of the Middle East and the countless other death's that came as a result of our country's greed.

Anson Black Calf, Sicangu/Navajo, is 27-years old and temporally lives in southern California with his wife and child. Every summer, he comes back to Lakota country to be a part of the renewing ways. Soon his family plans to make South Dakota their home.

Other Views

Hundreds of wolves will be killed

Dear Editor:

Hundreds of wolves will be killed in Idaho and Wyoming by barbaric hunting by plane unless legislation is passed by U.S. Rep. George Miller, Democrat, CA. to stop this practice. Already these states are acquiring helicopters and hunters. The Bush Administration has given the green light to the Republican Governors. In fact, Gov. Otto of Idaho has expressed his desire to kill the first wolf. Several hundred, 75 percent of the wolf population, would be hunted to death. Many environmental groups are lobbying to stop this and a petition has been signed by 40,000 wolf supporters (www.savethewolves.org).

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Northern Perspectives

An obligation to learn the language



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

I learn something every time I visit with kola, Francis Whitebird, a fellow Vietnam Veteran and Harvard graduate. Our paths in life have been somewhat parallel as we both worked at Sinte Gleska University in some capacity as well. We find ourselves 30 years later to the day discussing some of the issues we encountered back then, but our sights are tinged with a bit more wisdom and experience.

Francis has become a great advocate for perpetuating the Lakota language, just as I have, and is working on a manuscript in which he illustrates a greater depth of Lakota language analysis and understanding. He says that anyone who uses their blood quantum to qualify for services through the Indian Health Services and Bureau of Indian Affairs has an obligation to learn Lakota and pass it on to the young. That is a refreshing stance to take and, in theory, it would be great if that held true.

One issue that inhibits folks from learning Lakota is that they were influenced to believe that Lakota isn't quite as legitimate as English out in mainstream society and that it might somehow hold people back. I understand that sentiment, but I was fortunate enough to gain a foundation of sorts in Lakota when growing up. Mostly I listened as we are supposed to do and was able to gain enough of a basic understanding to do and was able to gain enough of a basic understanding to know when a new word could be added to my vocabulary.

I think the decision to learn Lakota is a very important choice as we often see officials who prominent, however, they remain in the minority when it comes to language proficiency. I am somewhat guilty of that as I am not promoting that enough with my child and I need to. I would say that at least he is familiar with the sounds of Lakota as he has listened to my commercials on KINI FM enough times. In my professional capacity, we want to increase Lakota language usage in the spring by offering it to people and then, having them turn around and teach some basic lessons to others. I think that is when I will concentrate very hard on working with number two son.

I recall one time in the late 1970's when I interrupted a conversation between Stanley Red Bird, Sr. and Bill Schweigman as I wanted him to translate a Lakota word or lakol wico'iye. Schweigman proceeded to say in Lakota tu'wa Lakota sloliye c'in hantas inila angoptan yankapi waste'. His message was obviously directed at me when he said, "If someone want to know Lakota then have to sit and listen quietly."

It was a valuable lesson for me as I still listen quietly when I am in a setting where Lakota being spoken. When I attended the wake for kola Willie Bad Had, Jim Clairmont spent a lot of time speaking English to the crowd as he noted that many of the younger people do not speak Lakota anymore. When he did speak Lakota, along with Everett "Butch" Felix, I listened for a new word, or two.

As we were having coffee this morning Francis relayed a couple of words that I was unfamiliar with and I was thankful. He noted that the older people used the term anpocuniya to mean "breath in the morning that you can see." A couple of others not in use included cakala which means "liar" and si'ceca which refers to children at the next level beyond wakanyeja.

The richness of learning Lakota lies in one's ability to be patient, to listen and to practice quietly. There are many words that were used by our elders and do not get much use and we need to be still as we discover what those wico'iye just might be.

Dr. Archie Beauvais, (Sicangu) earned his Doctor of Education (Ed.D) degree from Harvard University and currently works as the director of the Lakota language preservation project for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

Protect the wolves *from page A4*

The wolves were introduced in 1995 into Idaho to reestablish the species. With wolves taken off the Endangered Species listing by the Republican Bush Administration, the wolves are once again pitifully fair game to be slaughtered. Trophy sports hunters and ranchers are in favor of the wolf kill.

The wolves need your help and compassion! This is the same type of thinking that killed off the buffalo, forests, and native people. They believe people are superior and that wolves are a disposable commodity. We know better. The cry of wolves is beautiful and soulful. We need to protect them.

You can call me with your questions at 605-685-6823.

Please call Rep. Stephanie Herseth, Dem. SD, and a member of the House Natural Resources Committee and Rep. Miller to voice your objection to the immoral killing. (Rep. Stephanie Herseth, Dem. SD-202-225-2801 or 202-224-3121.

You can also call Rep. George Miller, Dem. CA (sponsor of legislation) at 202-225-2095, or Fax to 202-225-5609; ask for Ben Miller, legislative assistant. (Rep. George Miller has been at Pine Ridge and is a supporter of Native Americans)

Ralph Schlutz
Martin, S.D.

Notes From Indian Country

Bringing a dark chapter in Oglala history to an end



By Tim Giago
(Nanwica Kciji)

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Ordinarily I do not respond to attacks upon my column unless the attacks are laced with untruths. A response to my column about the American Indian Movement and its involvement in the death of Anna Mae Pictou Aquash by Bill Means does deserve a response.

A member of AIM, Arlo Looking Cloud, was convicted as a participant in the death of Anna Mae. This is a fact. Most of the items in my column about events leading up to her death and after are well documented in the court records of the Looking Cloud trial. Anyone wishing to have access to those court documents will find them readily available.

John "Boy" Graham will eventually be extradited from Canada and he will stand trial for Anna Mae's murder. Bill Means will then have the opportunity to defend AIM in a court of law and as he suggests, "AIM will stand before any court and compare our record with the FBI." The trial will determine the righteousness of his comment.

Means also claims, "Over eighty Oglala tribal members were killed by the 'goons' between 1973 and 1976 and no one was ever charged and many of these deaths were not investigated. The only reason these people were killed is because they were identified as AIM members." I have a lot of respect for Bill Means, but this statement is not true and is one of the main focal points of AIM's distortion of the facts.

When I was the editor of the Indian Country Today, we published a list of every member of the Oglala Lakota tribe killed from 1973 to 1976. Only a couple of the deaths were questionable.

Nearly every death was related to domestic violence, suicide, accidents or killings while the perpetrator was intoxicated. Every death was thoroughly investigated by the Oglala Tribal Police and the FBI. In most of the cases the killers were identified, tried and convicted. This information is also readily available to anyone interested in obtaining it.

Although undermanned and under funded, the Oglala Public Safety Commission has done an excellent job in their efforts to maintain law and order on the Pine Ridge Reservation since the occupation of Wounded Knee.

I have no axe to grind with any member of the American Indian Movement. And for the record, I have no envy or jealousy of Russell Means, Dennis Banks, Bill Means, or of Clyde or Vernon Bellecourt. Over the years I have worked with Vernon Bellecourt on the issue of using Indians as mascots. We have worked well together and have even become friends.

Many members of AIM have gone on to establish worthwhile social projects and business enterprises. And when the infighting within AIM became unbearable to some, they simply dropped out of the organization and moved on with their lives.

I believe that the occupation of Wounded Knee by AIM in 1973 was wrong. For some to call it the "Liberation of Wounded Knee" is patently ridiculous. An entire village, trading post and a church were completely destroyed. Nearly 30 families were left homeless. No one, not AIM or the tribal government, has made an effort to rebuild the homes that were destroyed and members of the Wounded Knee community have pleaded and begged for 34 years to get the help so that they can move home.

The occupation of Wounded Knee did nothing to elevate the lives of the people of the Pine Ridge Reservation. In fact, the violence and appearance of lawlessness had just the opposite effect. Many programs earmarked for the reservation were canceled and several businesses wishing to build on the reservation withdrew their applications. Seven years after the occupation the Pine Ridge Reservation earned the dubious distinction by the U. S. Census Bureau of being declared the "Poorest County in America."

The trial of John "Boy" Graham will, in all likelihood, reveal many more moments in the history of AIM that will not be appealing. The trial will probably take place in the federal courthouse in Rapid City, SD in 2008.

I wrote articles questioning the leadership and the tactics of AIM 27 years ago and have written several articles since then. For my efforts my newspaper had its windows blasted out and an attempt was made to burn my building to the ground in 1982 and my life and that of my family was threatened.

My articles questioned the continued violence and confrontations between the different factions on the Pine Ridge Reservation. It took the courage of Oglala tribal president Joe American Horse, standing up on the council floor to defend my newspaper, that finally brought the assaults upon the Lakota Times to an end.

As it was then and it is now, my only purpose in writing about AIM, the Oglala Sioux Tribal Government and the FBI in those days was in an effort to seek out truth and justice.

I hope that the trial of John "Boy" Graham will bring further closure to the family of Anna Mae Pictou Aquash, and that a dark chapter in the history of the Oglala Lakota Nation will come to an end.

(Tim Giago, an Oglala Lakota, was born, raised and educated on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in the Class of 1991 and founder of The Lakota Times and Indian Country Today newspapers. He founded and was the first president of the Native American Journalists Association. He can be reached at najournalist@msn.com)

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Mustangs hold CEB Braves to six points, win third straight in new season

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

KYLE - Kevin Hunter reeled off a 60 yard touchdown run and Trin In The Woods hit Brice Hornbeck on a 22 yard pass play and followed it up with quarterback sneak to give Little Wound a 14-0 lead over Cheyenne Eagle Butte Friday on the way to the Mustangs 22-6 win over the Braves.

"Each game we're getting better, our defense played well to hold CEB down to just six points," said Darrel Hunter, Little Wound coach, "we did a lot better hanging onto the ball, we just need to keep improving each week and we need to work on our passing game."

Kael Whirlwind Horse put Eagle Butte's only points on the board with a two yard run midway through the second. In the Woods threw a pass that bounced off a defender into Hornbeck's arms for his second TD pass of the game and another quarterback sneak for two points in the third quarter to close out the scoring for both teams making it 22-6.

Hunter finished off a good day with 10 carries for 112 yards and a touchdown. In the Woods was four of six passing for 62 yards and two TD's while Hornbeck caught four passes for 97 yards and two scores. Casey Montileaux ran five times for 51 yards, JC Mesteth eight times for 31 yards and Hornbeck three carries for 20 yards. On the other side of the ball, Mesteth led the way with 12 tackles and a sack, Michael Pretty Voice Crane had seven tackles, Corey Young had six tackles and a sack, Arlin Cuny five tackles and Brett Thunder Hawk four tackles. Hornbeck had an interception and a return for 61 yards.

Little Wound is now 3-0 and travels to Crow Creek for a 1:30 p.m. game on Friday.



Kevin Hunter (2) grabs the ball with both hands on the way to a 60 yard touchdown run Friday against Cheyenne Eagle Butte.

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Todd County clubs Crow Creek 53-0 for third win

MISSION - "We challenged the boys to play with the same intensity level whether they were down by a point or up by 20," said Bob Kornely, Todd County Falcons head coach after his team held Crow Creek to just two yards on offense on 21 plays forcing six turnovers on the way to a 53-0 win, "the challenge worked, we had fewer penalties, good balance on offense with 129 through the air and 271 on the ground and improved line play on both offense and defense."

Gunner Krogman opened the scoring by tackling a Crow Creek player in the end zone for a safety, CJ Spotted Tail followed it up with a 21 yard scoring strike to Jaden Allen. Krogman then ran for five yards for the first of his three touchdowns, he followed that up with scores of two yards and 28 yards. Mike Neiss scored twice catching a 32 yard TD pass from Spotted Tail and on a 15 yard run. Aaron Stoddard scored on a 14 yard run and Noah Kalonzo finished up the scoring with a three yard run.

Krogman had 99 yards on nine carries, Spotted Tail was three of five for 129 yards and two touchdowns, Allen had two catches for 66 yards and five tackles on defense. Krogman led the defense with 15 tackles, one sack and a safety.

Todd County is now 3-0 and travels to Custer for a 7 p.m. CT game on Friday night.

Red Cloud shuts down Pine Ridge for first win of the season

PINE RIDGE - Red Cloud and Pine Ridge renewed their long rivalry in football on Friday at the Bob Clifford Memorial field at Red Cloud, both teams came out tentative, both started with turnovers; Red Cloud, though, turned a missed scoring opportunity deep in Pine Ridge territory early in the first period into a two point safety and used that to get some momentum going on to beat the Thorpes for the first time in 10 years 46-0.

Red Cloud dominated the line of scrimmage and used a powerful ground game to churn up yards. Billy Scott dove over the goal line from four yards out to get the Crusaders their first touchdown for an 8-0 lead with less than a minute to go in the first quarter. On the next series, Art Vitalis, a senior Red Cloud cornerback, intercepted a Harley Cortier pass at the Pine Ridge 45 yard line and ran it back 25 yards to the 20. Lester Gotheridge punched it over from the one yard line and Vitalis caught a Jeremy Blacksmith pass on a quick slant route to give Red Cloud a 16-0 lead early in the second.

Roman White calf recovered a Thorpe fumble on the Pine Ridge 15 yard line and Billy Scott ran it over from the 15, Ken Franks caught a two point conversion pass on a nifty look-away from Blacksmith to close out the first half scoring with Red Cloud up 24-0.

"Our offensive and defensive lines stepped up and got the job done," said Keith Ferguson, Red Cloud's coach, "I've told the team regularly that our line play is going to win games for us."

Pine Ridge blocked Dave Giago's punt early in the third period but couldn't take advantage of the good field position. Gotheridge finished off another Red Cloud offensive drive with an eight yard touchdown run, Billy Scott caught the two point pass from Blacksmith and Red Cloud was up 32-0. On the next Thorpe drive, Jacey Twiss intercepted a pass on the Pine Ridge 42 yard line and Vitalis turned an end around that was in trouble behind the line of scrimmage into a twisting, creative 42 yard run for a touchdown, Dustin Brewer bulled his way over the goal line for a two point conversion. The game ended late in the third when Dominic LeBeau, a 130 pound running back sliced his way into the end zone for the Crusaders final score and a 46-0 win over their cross town rival, Pine Ridge.

"Its about confidence and this game helped our confidence immeasurably, said Ferguson, "our running game was solid and we are working on our passing game every day, we will have a balance, Jeremy has it down in practice and he just needs to get used to the speed of a real game, he's young but he has what it takes and he will get better each game."

Red Cloud finished with 31 rushes for 320 yards as Carl Swallow, a sophomore running back and back-up QB carried nine times for 122 yards, Scott didn't have a carry in the second half and finished up with 10 carries for 81 yards and two touchdowns. Gotheridge ran six times for 34 yrds aNd two scores. Blacksmith was four of nine in the air for 19 yards, three two point conversions and two interceptions.

Red Cloud is now 1-1 and travels to St. Francis on Friday for a 7 p.m. CT game.

(RIGHT)

Red Cloud's Carl Swallow (32) dances through the Pine Ridge line Friday for 122 yards on nine carries.

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Native Era nominated for Native American Music Awards

PINE RIDGE - Billy Janis and Hope Brings Plenty of Native Era are justifiably excited as they have been nominated as best Debut Duo or Group of the Year by the ninth annual Native American Music Awards. The Native American hip-hop and R&B group was hoping to be nominated in the hip-hop category; however, receiving the nominations they did is a great honor.

Ever since the group debuted in 2002 on the Pine Ridge reservation, they have been playing at schools, fairs and other venues and their music has served as a positive message to Native youth. Their music apparently avoids the use of profanity and this further enhances their image among their younger listeners and fans.

Brings Plenty is "Lady Hope" and Janis is "The Futuristicmista" and their first production was a video for PBS entitled "We're Still Here" and it was followed by an album, "Tears of the Nation - Our Voice." They also have another entitled, "Where We Are."

Native Era has demonstrated its endurance and viability as a local hip-hop group and as a representative of the Lakota people; they continue to make their presence known on the northern plains and beyond. Readers can go to www.nativeamericanmusicawards.com to see a complete listing of those nominated this year.



Billy Janis and Hope Brings Plenty.

The group is heard regularly on the Rosebud reservation also, as their work is highlighted on KINI FM radio in St. Francis with a short public service announcement. Fans can access their website at www.myspace.com/nativeera or contact them at nativeera@gmail.com. Finally, voters can go to www.votenative.com and vote for Native Era for "Best Duo or Group of the Year." Visitors to the vote native website can click on instructions on how to navigate the site as there are too many categories to list here.

Challenges to the RST primary election continued

ROSEBUD - KINI FM radio broadcast the Rosebud Sioux tribal primary election results all weekend and further announced them as certified with the exception of two challenges which had been filed by the last Friday of the week during which the results were prominently posted in public locations for the tribal membership to view.

According to the RST election code, the procedure for filing a challenge to the election results is clearly outlined. A tribal member must file his or her challenge with a fee by the deadline and is afforded the opportunity to gather evidence, subpoena witnesses, hire counsel and even cross examine witnesses as needed.

The public service announcement made note of the fact that the two challenges which originated from District 3 Antelope and District 7 Grass Mountain and Upper Cut Meat would be heard on Monday morning September 10 in the RST council chambers.

As it turned out, the challenges were continued until Thursday, September 13 in order to afford due process to those individuals who were to be heard from regarding the challenge. The individuals apparently did not receive their notice of a hearing from the RST election committee until last Friday and due process allows them to notify and assemble witnesses and hire counsel and they simply did not have time to accomplish that.

In the challenge from Antelope community member O.J. Semans, alleged that the sergeant at arms for the election committee was involved in the ballot counting process by writing down the votes without verifying the name and number with at least one other election committee member. His complaint also noted that there was no tally board for the public to see. He said that the RST election committee will hear his complaint on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. and has agreed to conduct a recount of the Antelope council representatives contest votes.

The complaint from Grass Mountain and Upper Cut Meat community alleged that one of the candidates on the ballot had his or her name spelled incorrectly.

These two challenges were filed as election irregularities and their disposition will be up to the RST election committee which has a great deal of discretion and authority in resolving the matter.

Cante Wanjil project works with inmates

PINE RIDGE - Cante Wanjila, (One Heart) an OST Offender Re-entry and Support Project is a grass roots, community based organization created to help offenders re-entering the community.

Cante Wanjila believes that re-entry begins while incarcerated. Cante Wanjila commenced to work in August 2006. The project is there to support religious freedom, human rights and serves as a watchdog for legal and civil rights violations for offenders incarcerated. Cante Wanjila's goal is to work for offender prevention and help reduce the recidivism rate, through de-colonization and cultural preservation, presentations.

The office is located at the old Pine Ridge hospital. The project coordinator is Michelle Tyron who is also the Prison Liaison for the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The project is not federally funded nor is it funded by the state. Volunteers do the work that is provided to the offenders.

In the past year Cante Wanjila has made 13 visits to the men and women's correctional facilities across the state and has attended pow wows, and spiritual conferences organized by the Native inmate organizations. Cante Wanjila provides cultural presentations to the Native inmates including de-colonization sessions, assists with letters to the parole board for Parole Hearings, sends supplies to the native organizations like sage, cedar, cansasa, wood to build inipi, and drums. Cante Wanjila's Spiritual Advisor conducts ceremonies. And pours water with Native male and female offenders while housed in the Correctional Facilities, and also offers inicaga when they are released.

We are organizing different projects that benefit and include Native inmates and would appreciate any financial assistance or donations, specifically toiletries, clothing and office supplies including computers, and computer software, and supplies for inmate organizations for their ceremonies like cedar, tobacco, sage, cansasa, (kinicnic).

We are currently working on securing a building for a center for the offenders, and applying for grants everywhere. The work Cante Wanjila does to assist offenders is to benefit the offender and the community. Any information you are seeking, regarding your family members who are incarcerated in the prisons across the state of SD, contact their office at these numbers: 605-867-6060 or Cell: 605-454-4660, Evenings: 605-867-2338. Email igmoofan@yahoo.com or offender@goldenwest.net

Kyle woman sentenced for bootlegging

RAPID CITY- A 42-year-old from Kyle has become the third woman prosecuted in federal court this year for bootlegging on the dry Pine Ridge Reservation.

Judy Lays Hard has been sentenced to eight months in prison. She pleaded guilty to two counts of illegally dispensing intoxicants in Indian Country.

U.S. Attorney Marty Jackley said federal authorities increased enforcement after requests from elders and tribal leaders at Pine Ridge, the only South Dakota reservation where alcohol is banned. That means it's the only reservation where the federal law is enforced.

Family financial literacy classes are free

KYLE - Lakota Funds will be offering free "Financial Literacy Classes" beginning at 5 p.m. on Nov. 7 at the Pejuta Haka College Center, to help community members develop the wise management of financial resources using their own traditional skills.

These classes will assist community members with their own personal goals. These goals could be as varied as starting a business, buying a home, paying off a debt, starting a savings for Christmas, or even buying a car or furniture.

The Course books are absolutely free and for more information or to register for these November classes, call the Lakota Funds at 605-455-2500.

Community Calendar

POST your event FREE here.
Email to editor@lakotacountrytimes.com
or fax to 605-685-1870.

Rez Happenings

Methodist Rummage sale
Sept. 6-28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Legion Hall in Hay Springs.

OST Food Distribution
Commodity issue schedule for September includes Thursday, Sept. 13 in Porcupine at Evergreen Housing and at Porcupine CAP Office; Monday, Sept. 17 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni and Tuesday, Sept. 18 in Oglala, for more information call 867-5511

Imprint premiers in South Dakota
A locally produced supernatural thriller is premiering at Carmike 10 theatre in Rapid City on Friday, Sept. 14 and will be shown in Kyle on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at Little Wound School, for information call Carolyn Linn at 348-8675.

Education Forum
Friday, Sept. 14 from 1-4 p.m. at the Wilmer Mesteth residence to focus on traditional Lakota Warrior Society roles and responsibilities in today's society, for information call Wilmer at 867-5245 or Wayne at 441-6409.

Tribal Education Department school money
The Tribal Education Department has money available for school clothing, supplies and essentials, application deadline was Friday, Sept. 7 with checks available Friday, Sept. 14, for information contact your local CAP office or Melanie Two Eagle at 867-2501.

1851 Treaty Commemoration
Saturday, Sept. 15 at Mother Butler Center in Rapid City at 9 a.m. with a potluck dinner and a supper to be provided with round dance entertainment until 10 p.m., for information call 343-4224.

Traditional Exhibition Pow wow
Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16 presented by United Sioux Tribes as a Lewis and Clark Gathering at new UST Arena Oahe Dam campground #3 North Highway 1806, Fort Pierre with grand entry at 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday, for information call 888 332-5516 or 224-8864.

Coed Tournament
Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16 at the Porcupine ballfield, for info call Donnie 867-2427, 441-6679 or Lanita 867-6014 or 454-6569.

Job Fair
Thursday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Brother Renee Hall in Oglala, for information call Prairie Wind Casino Human Resource Dept. 867-6300, ext. 121

Great Wahanpi Cookoff
The soup cookoff will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Tatanka Nupa Memorial Park in Red Shirt beginning at 1 p.m. with judging at 4 p.m. in memory of John Swallow a great outdoor soup cooker, for information call Amaris 255-5025, cell at 430-0701 or Dan at 430-1329.

PeeWee Football League
The league camp for the OST Child Care PeeWee football league is Saturday, Sept. 22, they are looking for players and coaches, call Pigeon or Rich at 867-5172.

Back to School Wacipi
Red Cloud School, Wednesday, Sept. 26 with supper in Serena Hall at 5 p.m., Wiping of Tears Ceremony 6 p.m. and grand entry at 6:30 p.m,. contest specials, for information contact Bob Brave Heart 867-5888 or Jen Sierra 8675889.

AIRC Pine Ridge Luncheon
Thursday, Sept. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wakpamni Elderly Nutrition Center.

Core Four Planning course begins Sept. 26

KYLE - Oglala Lakota College, in conjunction with Wawokiye Business Institute of the Lakota Funds is presenting a new six week seminar called "Core Four Business Planning Course." This valuable seminar begins Sept. 26 at the Pejuta Haka College Center in Kyle. Course books can be purchased at Piya Wiconi book store for only $40.

Dubbed "The Entrepreneur's Bible" by many of its advocates, the Core Four Business Planning Course is an indispensable learning tool for both novice and experienced entrepreneurs. The seminar will help community members transform their ideas and goals into a successful business or to gain insight on how to successfully grow an existing business.

The course includes learning how to identify and target a business market, understanding how to operate a business under the proper standards and legal requirements, learning how to project a business' cash flow, and planning for business success.

For more information about the curriculum go to www.corefouronline.com or contact Lakota Funds at 605-685-2500 to register for the seminar.

ASK ANNA

Psychic ~ Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I am an 86-year-old wasicu who admires your wisdom and who reads your column every week and I would like you to help me.

It is my second marriage which is now 15 years old and I am having a miserable time of it. I have a spiritual life that is just barely sustaining my serenity in the face of a spouse who has totally negative feelings.

We live in an assisted living residence where I see things as being very good for old people. Did I say she is 88?

Not an incident or an event in our lives passes without her commenting about it. These comments are how bad the thing is, or how it should be better because of what it costs. If it isn't the care service given, it is the food preparation and seasoning that's not to her satisfaction.

I also see signs of childishness. I do not think normal adults compare the sizes of pie, cake and other servings of food at the dinner table. She not only makes comparisons between hers and my servings but with those of people sitting around us. This is little kid stuff. It is embarrassing.

Another example: They built a new housing facility for low-income people where we live. When it was completed she asked me, "Why do these people get the new building and we have to live in the one built in 1942?"

I asked would she have felt better about it if they had built the building for the poor people out of old lumber? She didn't even catch onto my sarcastic remark.

I have to stop my criticism and sarcasm. This does neither of us any good. I know I can't make her over so any change has to come from within me.

I have tried to tell her happiness has to come from the inside. You are only as happy as you wish to be, but she can't see this. Once I threatened divorce but that really isn't an option. We need each other. I ask my Higher Power, our Great Spirit, for help. too.

Anna, what do you see for us in the future and do you have any suggestions?

Signed: Nothing But Negativity.

Dear Nothing But Negativity:

My heart goes out to you. I truly understand the impact of constant companionship with dissatisfaction. Miserable reactions and alignment with the "worst possible outcome" thinkers are very difficult to be around for very long.

Since you cannot see yourself separate from this woman, you have included in your life some very strong challenges to your own balance. Finding and keeping that balance is not impossible even in an imbalanced environment because internal balance is just that: internal.

Detachment from constant depressed statements, whining and comparisons that indicate a real fear-based understanding of the world isn't always easy but can be done. Here is what I recommend:

1. This one is hard: let go of judgment. How do you do that?

Well, I can only give you the tools I know about and use. I remember first that in my heart I have compassion for people that do not understand.

Then I remember in my heart that all people are equal in the eyes of the Creator.

Then I remember we are all related within the Creator by our life force, which is, after all, the Creator within each one of us.

Now, I accept that I have placed myself in the position I am in for my own highest good. This helps change my perspective of why am I here? It must be to learn something and grow stronger in my true representation as a "Spirit" walking in human clothes.

It helps remind me to be better. What do I have to learn from this person being in my life? What do I need to let go of?

Next, I have to let go of outcome. I cannot live within rules that are not in accordance with my soul and my alignment with the highest good. I cannot assume responsibility for someone else's understanding or path. I have to know they are all right within their own understanding, and that I don't have to constantly try to make them understand that life is good. This one is hard for me, because I know that people don't have to be miserable, they just choose to be miserable because it is an addiction to a certain way of thinking. The hard part is that I want to shake them to their very core so that they will quit their constant suffering, and learn to walk and live within a more graceful framework and then they can release the rest of us from their constant negative commentary.

I digress, because I am, in spirit, sitting with you at dinner and I want to shake this woman up too, and help her find a less aggravated way to be, but I can't do that and neither can you. So, barring that, we both have to just let her be and know that she is a loving being and love her in spite of her negative approach to life.

Can you do that? Yes, of course you can. I have had children that don't manage their lives well, dogs and cats that are scrappy, a sister who always knew everyone was against her, a mother who was afraid of her own shadow, a brother who is convinced the CIA is after him and that everything is about government plots, co-workers that constantly hated everything about their jobs, and other family members that constantly project misery. I love them anyway because that is just the way they are.

I can love, and so can you, suspending judgment, by just knowing that it is okay for them to be miserable. It is no reflection on me, and it is the path they enjoy the most. It is the one they feel the most comfort with and the one that motivates them to keep on living. The adrenaline rush from anger and distemprement provides enough aggravated energy to keep their interest and their hearts beating.

Use your humor. Inside of love you can find that. When she comments on the size of her piece of cake confirm that it must be a plot against her. Let her see you smile and you may help jolt her out of complainingville.

Another tool I use that helps in any situation where I find myself surrounded by negative energy is color. I "see" a beautiful green color around people. Sometimes I use blue, gold, or purple. This "seeing" (imaging), does somehow affect them. It mollifies them and even helps them to calm down. I found this out when I was in a grocery store line and the woman in front of me what giving the clerk a terrible time. I surrounded her with green and almost immediately she began to calm down. Try it, it works.

I also use breath. Before I speak and try and rip someones head off for their obvious lack of vision, I breath. In - very slowly, filling my lungs and pushing my stomach out filling up my entire body clear into my stomach with air.

Then I breath out - through my nose, very slowly, collapsing my stomach and pulling it towards my spine.

While I breath I say in my mind, Sat (pronounced saht) Nam (pounced like Viet Nam). This is related to Hindu and it is literally calling on the Truth of the Name or the Truth of God.

Allow this energy to relax you and to take you away from a critical focus.

Finally, remember, you can allow your mate to be negative and it won't affect you. It is okay for her to be that way.

It is okay for her to have that understanding.

It is okay for you to love someone who is that way.

Good Luck! You have quite a challenge for yourself. It is a path to higher understanding, acceptance, losing judgment, and finding compassion.

Aren't you amazed at what you have chosen for your life as another step in self realization? Blessings to you, my friend.

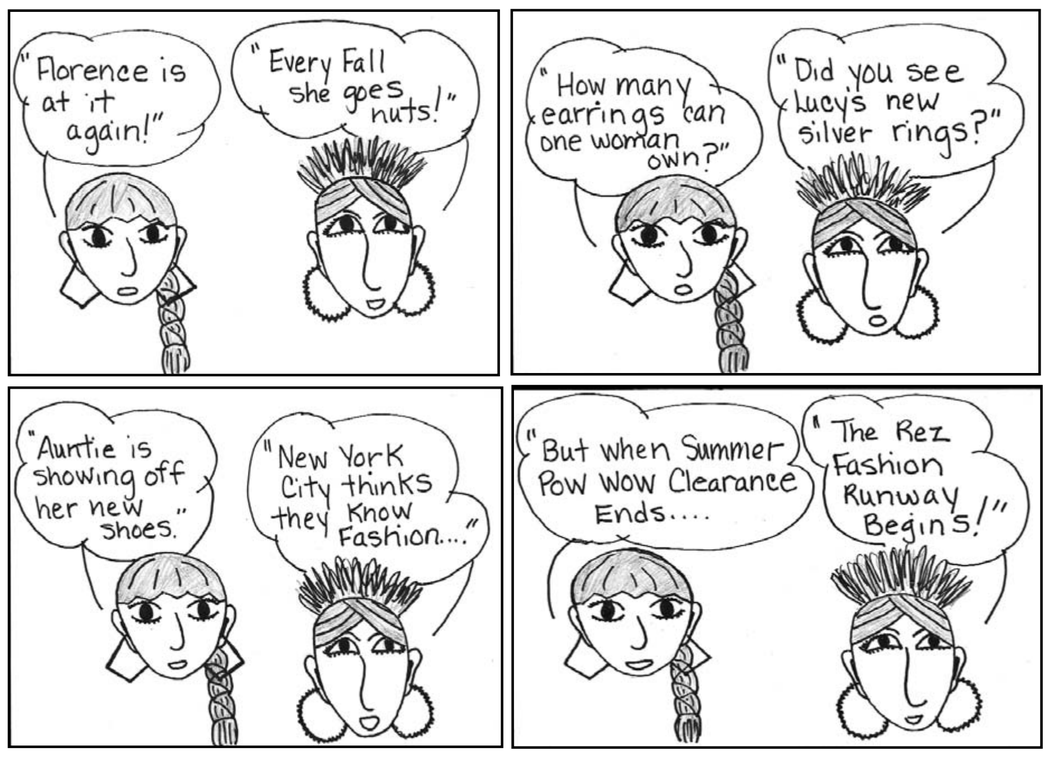
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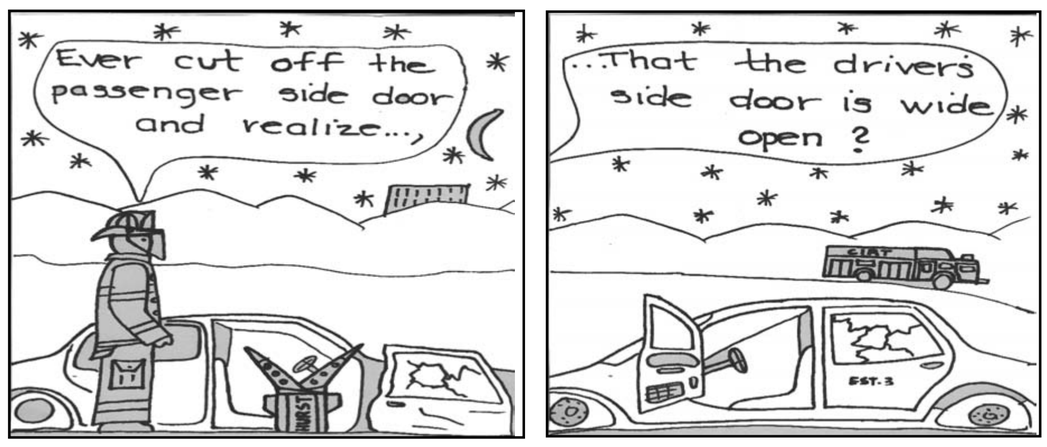
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Betty 'Jane' Rabbit

PINE RIDGE - Betty "Jane" Rabbit, 77, died Sept. 9 at Fall River Hospital in Hot Springs of natural causes.

Survivors include husband Narcisse Rabbit of Pine Ridge; sons Ernie Goings, Tracy "Ben" Smith, Pawnee Smith and Dave Rabbit all of Pine Ridge; daughters Kathy Wilson, Marlys Rabbit, Lessanes "Daus" Rabbit, LeAnn Rabbit and Mary Red Hawk all of Pine Ridge and 16 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A two-night wake was Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Bill Mills Hall at Pine Ridge.

Funeral service is 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14 at Billy Mills Hall.

Officiating is Rev. Craig West with traditional Lakota services by Wilmer Mesteth.

Internment will be at the Holy Cross Episcopal Cemetery, Pine Ridge.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Aloysius 'Al' Blacksmith

OGLALA - Aloysius "Al" Blacksmith, 68, died Thursday, Sept. 6 at his home. Survivors include his wife, Avis Sharpfish-Blacksmith, Oglala; four sons, Ronald Blacksmith, Pierre, Linwood Blacksmith, Rio Rancho, N.M., and Corwin Blacksmith and Tyrel Blacksmith, both of Oglala; five stepsons, Maka Moves, Isaac Lame, J.R. Lame, Dustin Lame and Casey Lame, all of Oglala; two daughters, Teresa Blacksmith, Pine Ridge, and Cheryl Blacksmith-Iron Cloud, Oglala; two stepdaughters, Muriel Lame and Nakina Lame, both of Oglala; four brothers, Tim Bad Heart Bull, Oglala, Tom Bad Heart Bull, Rapid City, Vance Blacksmith, Rockyford, and Basil Brave Heart, Calico; five sisters, Felita Two Bulls, Christine Lajtay, Philomene Lakota, Vestana Red Ear Horse, and Amanda Blacksmith, all of Oglala; 23 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A two night wake was Monday, Sept. 10 at the Loneman School in Oglala.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the school, with the Rev. Asa Wilson and the Rev. Abraham Tobacco officiating.

Burial was at the Makasan Presbyterian Cemetery in Oglala.

Ben White Butterfly

MANDERSON - Ben White Butterfly, 82, died Wednesday, Sept. 5 at the Good Samaritan Care Center in Wagner.

Survivors include a son, Philbert White Butterfly, Rapid City; eight daughters, Karen White Butterfly, Manderson, Bonnie Plenty Arrows and Joyce White Butterfly, both of Pine Ridge, Marianne White Butterfly, Lincoln, Neb., Carol White Butterfly, Sioux Falls, Gloria White Butterfly, Salt Lake City, and Delphine White Butterfly and Rita White Butterfly, both of Rapid City; two stepdaughters, Beverly Running Bear and Phyllis Shott, both of Rapid City; a sister, Victoria Fire Thunder, Manderson; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Wake services were Sept. 10 at St. Agnes Catholic Hall in Manderson and on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Mother Butler Center in Rapid City.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the center, with the Rev. Darrell New officiating.

Burial was at Pine Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Rapid City. Sioux Funeral Home and Serenity Springs Funeral Chapel of Rapid City were in charge of arrangements.

Julia Little Bear

WOUNDED KNEE - Julia Little Bear, 89, died Friday, Sept. 7 in Wounded Knee. Survivors include one son, Paul Little Bear, Wounded Knee; one daughter, Vera Little Bear, Wounded Knee; one stepbrother, Noah No Leaf, Gordon, Neb.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A two night wake service was Tuesday and Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wounded Knee.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13, at the church, with the Rev. Craig West officiating. Burial will follow at Messiah Episcopal Cemetery in Wounded Knee. Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Georgene Esther LaPointe Brewer

TUCSON, ARIZ. - Georgene Esther LaPointe Brewer, 90, died at her home in Tucson on Aug. 26. Born July 9, 1917 in Rapid City to Stella Dora Twiss and James LaPointe.

Esther, as she preferred being called, grew up in South Dakota with a longing for the Southwest. She attended schools in Rocky Ford and Rapid City, and graduated high school from Flandreau Indian School, Flandreau SD. She then attended Haskell Institute in Lawrence Kan. for two years, where she acquired her vocational skills.

Her first employment as a clerk/stenographer was at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Hospital on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Esther also worked at the Pine Ridge Agency Office. During her career in Pine Ridge, she married Clement Robert Brewer and they had seven children together, but suffered the loss of their first-born in infancy. In 1953, Clement and Esther had the opportunity to head southwest, so they packed up their six children and the family dog, Curly and moved to Los Angeles, Calif.

There Esther worked in the accounting dept of Douglas Aircraft in Torrance Calif. Before long she was presented with the chance to work for the U.S. Government again in northwest Arizona at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Truxton Canon Agency.

It seemed to fulfill her dream of settling in the Southwest, so on Feb. 14, 1954, the Brewer family fittingly relocated to Valentine, Ariz. There Esther and Clement lived and worked for 25 years. In 1979, Esther retired from BIA with 38 years of federal service. Clement also retired and they moved to Tucson, Ariz. where they lived out their days.

Esther was preceded in death by a son, Russell Charles in 1939 and her husband Clement in 1993; also both parents, a sister Frances Bell; brother James LaPointe Jr; brother William Bell; and grandson Anthony Mejia. She is survived by her six children, Margaret Mejia of Apple Valley Calif.; Lloyd Brewer of Phoenix Ariz.; Carmen Jacobs of Topeka Kan; Maureen (Jim) Scott of Eureka Calif.; Eileen Wilson and Jim (Ginger) Brewer of Tucson Ariz.; 22 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, 14 great-great-grandchildren; and her loyal feline companions, Roar and Max.

Esther was fiercely proud of her Lakota heritage, and continually strove to instill that pride and knowledge of the culture in her children and grandchildren.

Esther Brewer's life was celebrated by loving family and friends on August 30, 2007, at Desert Sunset Funeral Home with interment at Holy Hope Cemetery in Tucson Ariz.

Briar Brown Bull Martinez

KYLE - Briar Brown Bull-Martinez, 8 months old, of Kyle, died Monday, Sept. 3, near Allen, as a result of an auto accident.

Survivors include her parents, Leonard Martinez Jr. and Laretha Brown Bull, Kyle; four brothers, Evan Brown Bull and Paul Apple, both of Rapid City, and Manny Clifford and Leonard T. Brown Bull-Martinez III, both of Kyle; and one sister, Katelynn "Rose" Clifford, Kyle.

Funeral services were Saturday, Sept. 8, at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Kyle, with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating. Burial was at St. Barnabas Episcopal Cemetery.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Philip J. Richards

MARTIN - Philip J. Richards, 51, Martin, died Thursday, Sept. 6, at Bennett County Health Care Center.

Survivors include one son, Patrick Richards, Minneapolis, Minn.; one daughter, Amber Richards, Rapid City; his father, Delmar Richards, Tuthill; five brothers, Jerry Richards, Martin, Delmar Richards Jr. and David Richards, both of Tuthill, Duane Richards, Wounded Knee, and Robert Running Bear, Pine Ridge; and two sisters, Clara Richards, Illinois, and Priscilla Richards, Rapid City.

Wake services started Monday, Sept. 10, at Martin CAP Office.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Martin CAP Office, with the Rev. Jeff Sisco officiating. Burial was at Tuthill Community Cemetery.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Orlando W. Kills Small

RAPID CITY - Orlando W. Kills Small, 42, Rapid City, died Tuesday, Sept. 4, in Rapid City.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Kills Small, Rapid City; three sons, Brandon Wright, Texas, Orlando Black Eyes, Rapid City, and Daniel Kills Small, Denver; three daughters, Desiree Richards and Megan Kills Small, both of Rapid City, and Linda Shangreaux, Martin; his parents, Jerome Kills Small, Vermillion, and Linda Kills Small, Rapid City; his stepfather, Philip Fly, Rapid City; two brothers, John Quick Bear, Rapid City; Tate' Kills Small, Denver; three sisters, Alicia Kills Small, Rapid City, Winter Kills Small, Georgia, and Tonya Fatt, New Mexico; two stepsisters, Summer Fly and Autumn Fly, both of Rapid City; and two grandchildren.

A first night wake was Sunday, Sept. 9, at Mother Butler Center. A second night wake was Monday, Sept. 10, at Native Voice Ministry Church in Wolf Creek.

Funeral services were. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the church, with Wayne Wasicuna officiating.

Burial was at Wolf Creek Community Cemetery. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy J. Clifford Lafferty

PINE RIDGE - Dorothy J. Clifford Lafferty, 67, died Sept. 3 at the Pine Ridge Hospital of natural causes. She was a veteran of the United States Army.

She was born Feb. 1, 1940 at the IHS Hospital at Pine Ridge to Joseph L. and Thelma M. (Garcia) Clifford, Sr.

Dorothy attended (Holy Rosary Mission) Red Cloud School and graduated on May 23, 1958. After her high-school graduation Dorothy attended the Sisters of Saint Francis School of Nursing in Minot, N.D. and graduated on Sept. 2, 1961. She received her State Board of Nursing on Sept. 14, 1961.

During her last two years of nursing school, Dorothy enlisted into the United States Women's Army Corp and volunteered to go to Vietnam.

Dorothy was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. Dorothy received an honorable discharge as a 1st Lieutenant, from the United States Women's Army Corp on June 22, 1965.

After her discharge from the Army, Dorothy worked at the Persidio Army Hospital in San Francisco, Calif. Dorothy returned home and went to work at the Pine Ridge Indian Hospital in 1969 and retired in 1995.

Dorothy has three children: Sam Clifford, Piedmont; Linda Clifford, Pine Ridge; Vincent Lafferty, Pine Ridge. She has three sisters: Theresa Perkins, Lithia, Ga.; Mary Wilson, Pine Ridge; Anita Ecoffey, Wounded Knee.

She has three brothers Joe Clifford, Jr., Pine Ridge; Patrick Clifford, Manderson; Phillip Clifford, Wounded Knee.

She has Auntie Dorothy Kocer, Pine Ridge. She has four grandchildren Corey Clifford, Thelma Clifford, Jessica Whirlwind Soldier, and Destiny (Dowdy) Clifford. Five great grandchildren Corey Dawn, Nakia, Clarence, Lacey and Julian.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband Donald Lafferty, her parents Joe and Thelma Clifford, her two brothers Mark Clifford, Sr., and Clifton Clifford, Sr., her four sisters Philomena Clifford, Esther Clifford, Darlene (Clifford) Waln, and Gloria (Clifford) Pettigrew.

A one night vigil service was Friday, Sept. 7 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Pine Ridge.

Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, Sept. 8 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Steve Sanford officiating.

Burial was at Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Stephen N. White Face

GORDON, NEB. - Stephen N. White Face, 36, died Sept. 5 at the Gordon Memorial Hospital of natural causes.

Survivors include brothers James White Face and Garould White Face of Gordon; sisters Hope White Face, Dori White Face and Monica Robateau of Gordon; half brother Jesse White Face, Porcupine; half sisters Betty White Face, Nancy White Face and Iris White Face of Porcupine and grandmother Martha American Horse of Gordon.

A two night wake was Monday, Sept. 10 at the St. Julia's Episcopal Church at Porcupine.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Sept. 12 at St. Julia's Episcopal Church Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating.

Internment was at St. Julia's Episcopal Cemetery, Porcupine.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Health Professional

Wants to correspond with Native American Female (19 - 32), Who likes the country side, nature, and is mentally & physically fit, With family values.

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Five (5) Board of Trustees Positions for Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety

The Oglala Sioux Tribal Council is taking applications for five (5) Department of Public Safety ("OST-DPS") Board of Trustee positions because of recent revisions to the OST-DPS charter. The primary responsibility of the five (5) member Board of Trustees is to serve as the head of OST-DPS and shall approve policies for the department. The Board of Trustees shall work in conjunction with the Chief of Police who shall approve policies for the department. The Board of Trustees shall work in conjunction with the Chief of Police who shall oversee the day-to-day operation of OST-DPS consistent with applicable policies. Board stipend payments shall not exceed $1,500.00 per Trustee per year. All Board of Trustees must be:

1. Enrolled members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe who have resided within the original boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for not less than one year;
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Please request and return your application to the Oglala Sioux Tribal Secretary at:
Oglala Sioux Tribe,
Red Cloud Building,
P.O. Box 2070, Main Street,
Pine Ridge, South Dakota, 57770.

No applications will be considered that are submitted later than SEPTEMBER 20, 2007, AT 4:30 P.M.

You may also request a copy of the revised OST-DPS charter from the Office of Tribal Secretary that describes the significant authorities of the OST-DPS Board of Trustees.

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MINUTES

Shannon County School Board Meeting August 27, 2007 Red Shirt School

MINUTES

The Shannon County School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 27, 2007 at Red Shirt School. President Angie Eagle Bull called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

Members present:
Angie Eagle Bull
Todd O'Bryan
Chuck Conroy
Tom Conroy
Barbara Dull Knife

Others present:
Dr.Curt Voight, Superintendent
Maurice Twiss, Special Services Director
MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager
Ted Hanson, Special Education Director
Robert Two Crow, Lakota Studies Director
Dana Christensen, Technology Director
Bob Hall, Rockyford Principal
Monica Whirlwind Horse, Rockyford 5-8 Principal
Barbara Ice, Red Shirt Principal
Connie Kaltenbach, Batesland Principal
Michael Lawrence, Maintenance Supervisor
Darrell Eagle Bull, Director of Student Intervention
Russell Budmayer, Wolf Creek 5-8 Principal
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All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

8046. Approval of Agenda

Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by Dull Knife to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.

8047. Approval of Minutes

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by C. Conroy to approve minutes of the 7/23/07 annual meeting and budget hearing. Motion carried.

8048. Administrators & Directors Reports

The district's administrative team and directors gave verbal reports to the board, along with written reports from the schools. Some members from the Red Shirt Community were also in attendance to discuss concerns with the board.

8049. Executive Session

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by Dull Knife to go into executive session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion carried. President Eagle Bull declared executive session ended at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

8050. Health Insurance Increase

Discussion was held on the fact that Wellmark Blue Cross-Blue Shield will increase their rates this year.

8051. Batesland Water

Discussion was held in regard to water problems the town of Batesland is experiencing. Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Dull Knife to declare an emergency situation, due to this situation and the affect it has on students and community. Motion carried.

8052. September Board Meeting

The September regular board meeting will be held on Monday, September 24, 2007 at Batesland, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

8053. District Bus Routes

Discussion was held in regarding students the school district has lost due to the enforcement of the current bus route schedule. Motion by Dull Knife, seconded by C. Conroy to rescind the current bus route. Motion carried.

8054. Wolf Creek Teaching Position

Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by Dull Knife to table the position of 3rd grade teacher at Wolf Creek and readvertise the position. Motion carried.

8055. Personnel

Motion by Dull Knife, seconded by O'Bryan to approve all other personnel recommendations, pending passing of the drug tests. Motion carried.

8056. Legal Counsel Contract

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Dull Knife to approve the contract for legal counsel for the school district, Abourezk & Zephier, P.C., as presented. Motion carried.

8057. Official Newspaper

Discussion was held in regard to the school district's legal newspaper. Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by Dull Knife to table the issue until the September meeting. Motion carried.

8058. Mileage and Meal Rates

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by Dull Knife to increase the district's mileage and meal rates, in accordance with federal rates, as follows: .48.5 per mile and $46.00 per day for meals. Motion carried.

8059. School Board Per Diem

Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to remain with the state allowance of $75.00 per assignment/meeting for school board per diem. Motion carried.

8060. TCAP Application

Motion by Dull Knife, seconded by T. Conroy to give formal approval to the Teacher Compensation Assistance Plan Application. Motion carried.

8061. Public School Exemption

Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by Dull Knife to approve the application for public school exemption, as listed on file. Motion carried.

8062. Propane Bids

Bids were received for supplying non-bulk propane to the school district for the 2007-08 school year, as follows: Lakota Plains Propane, Pine Ridge, SD, $1.557 per gallon (firm bid). Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Dull Knife to accept the bid which will remain firm and in effect from Sept. 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008. Motion carried.

8063. Fuel Bids

Bids were received for supplying gasoline and diesel fuel to the school district for the 2007-08 school year, as follows: Muddy Creek Oil & Gas, Pine Ridge, SD:
Gasoline: 2.665 gal. #1 Clear Diesel: 2.945 gal. #2 Clear Diesel: 2.775 gal.

Bids will not remain firm, but increase or decrease in price will be substantiated by the supplier. Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by Dull Knife to table and readvertise for reconsideration at the September meeting. Motion carried.

8064. Milk Bids

Bids were received for supplying milk products to the school district for the 2007-08 school year, as follows:
Roberts Dairy: ½ pt. 1%: .19.69 ½ pt. skim: .1958 (per bid sheet)
Land O' Lakes: ½ pt. 5%: .202 ½ pt. skim: .200 (per bid sheet)

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by C. Conroy to accept the low bid from Roberts Dairy Products for the 2007-08 school year, as per bid. Motion carried.

8065. Reorganization of School District

Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to reaffirm the district's commitment to being a state-recognized K-12 school system, effective 2007-08 school year. Motion carried.

8066. Surplus Property

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to declare surplus property, as listed, and direct administration to proceed with preparing for the annual school district auction. School Board members will be provided a list of the final surplus items. Motion carried.

8067. Authorization to Purchase

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Dull Knife to authorize administration to purchase a used mobile home for the Rockyford site. Motion carried.

8068. High School Tuition

Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to approve applications for out-of-district high school tuition, as submitted, pending verification of residency for all and guardianship for one student. Motion carried.

8069. Virtual High School Coordinators

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by Dull Knife to authorize advertising for four Coordinator positions for the Virtual High School. Motion carried.

8070. Disbursements

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Dull Knife to approve disbursements, as listed. Motion carried.

8071. Associates Degree

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by C. Conroy to direct administration to research considerations in regard to aides holding Associate of Arts degrees. Motion carried.

8072. Executive Session

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Dull Knife to go into executive session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion carried. President Eagle Bull declared executive session ended at 10:02 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

8073. Adjournment

President Eagle Bull declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Personnel

Resignations and access fees: Pte Ska Hinapa Win Poor Bear Rockyford Teacher-effective 7-30-07, Chrystal Feather Earring Wolf Creek Special Education Aide - effective 8-7-07, Gary Richards Wolf Creek Teacher-effective 8-16-07, Krista Keiser Batesland Teacher-effective 8-9-07, Paula Holtmier Wolf Creek Teacher-effective 8-10-07, Avis Monroe Wolf Creek School Teacher - declined position verbal, Roberta Barker Rockyford School Teacher-declined position verbal, Lorelle Knight Rockyford School Preschool Aide-verbal.

In-House Transfer-Reassignments Recommendations: Anne Briggs from Wolf Creek Success Maker Lab Teacher to 2nd Grade Teacher, Bonnie Hoyt from Wolf Creek Kindergarten Teacher to 1st Grade Teacher, Ramona Red Shirt from Wolf Creek Permanent Substitute to 4th Grade Teacher, Tyson Mills from Rockyford In School Suspension Aide to Student Advocate, Lois Wellnitz from Wolf Creek Teacher to Red Cloud Title 1 Teacher, Tracy Fortin from Batesland Bilingual Trainee to 8th Grade Teacher (student teacher), Jeanette Emerson from Red Shirt Aide to Rockyford Preschool Teacher (non-certified).

Contract Approvals: Barbara Blaney Wolf Creek Alternative Teacher from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $31,500, Velma Kills Back Wolf Creek Alternative Special Ed Teacher from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $37,500, Shane Clifford Our lady of Lourdes title 1 Aide from 8-22-07 from 5-22-08 $29,-388.45, Amy Huether District Reading coach from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $43,000, Charles Cummings Batesland School Resource Officer from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $17,836, Jeannie Pourier Wolf Creek Custodian from 8-1-07 to 6-30-08 $23,592.72, Phoebe Running Hawk Rockyford Special Ed Aide from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $21,034.65, Luwana Janis Wolf Creek Social Worker from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $31,688.00, Wydene High Pine Wolf Creek Custodian from 81-07 to 6-30-08 $14,184.00, Diana Hart Rockyford Teacher from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $31,500, Marsha Smoker Wolf Creek Speech Therapist from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $43,000.00, Jacob Folstrom Rockyford Counselor from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $43,000.00

Rockyford School Recommendations: Tracy Amos In school Suspension Aide No alternative, Nicole Twiss 2nd Grade Teacher No alternative, Marlene Stout Special Education Teacher No alternative, Ulrike Frie Permanent Substitute No alternative, Anthony Wounded Head School Resource Officer No Alternative.

Batesland School Recommendations: Peggy Link 2nd Grade Teacher No alternative.

Wolf Creek School Recommendations: Regina Has No Horse Wolf Creek Preschool Teacher No alternative, Danette Blankenbiller Kindergarten Teacher No alternative.

Red Shirt School Recommendations: Russell Swartz Physical Education/Technology Teacher.

Disbursements

General Fund

A&B Welding supplies $30.00, ABC School Supply $338.03, ASBSD handbooks $320.00, ASBSD Insurance $104,936.00, AT&T long distance $750.34, Abourezk & Zephier fees $41.78, Advance Business & computing $6,435.00, Alco Store supplies $334.80, All Season sports supplies $500.00, Alltell cell $2,255.05, Apple Computer Inc $2,389.00, Armstrong Extinguisher $149.23, Badlands Enterprises lagoon inspect $2.024.50, Bear Runner Sonia RC $83.10, Bennett County Booster II subsr $337.00, Black Hills Electric $1,912.22, Black Hills Peoples News job ad $150.00, Blacksmith Sandra supplies $22.37, Borders Inc supplies $743.54, BP gasoline $202.65, Butterrouse supplies $36.00, Budmeyr Russell mileage $364.30, Business Office System supplies $31.74, Busines Warehouse supplies $384.00, Chris Supply Co Inc $128.78, Cole Pest control $780, Conroy Charles mileage $11.10, Conroy Tom mileage $3.70, Corporate Card charges $23,207.53, Crescent Electrical Co $1,117.40, Culligan Water conditioning $438.30, Cummings Melvin mileage $54.76, Dakota Supply group $1,340.56, Dakota Land auto glass $241.00, Debbies Cakes and Floral $30.00, Disney Educational productions $5,394.24, Display sales $69.00, Dominoes Pizza trip $69.99, Donavan Mark RC $116.40, Dull Knife Barbara mileage $41.44, Eagle Bull Andrea Mileage $57.72, Eagle Bull Darrel RC $109, Early Childhood support services $9,309.11, Eddies Truck sales inc $1,976.07, Environmental Co $813.83, ETS-Educational testing $120.00, Evergreen Office supplies $646.94, Family Thrift Center $244.55, Farm Plan diesel $5,886.62, First Publisher Billing sub $59.82, Florida Micro LLC $572.26, Foltz-Hall Candance travel $222, Foreman Sales and Service $277.96, French Flowers supplies $25.00, Giago Loretta RC $109.00, Gibbons Terri Jo travel $393.16, Golden West Tech phones $2,093.40, Golden West Telephone $4,915.65, Gordon Superfoods supplies $318.57, Grant Vicki travel $586.08, Great Plain Communication $846.03, Great Western Tire Co $407.74, Gustav A Larsen Co $949.72, Hall Robert RC $83.10, Halverson Marylin Travel $479.92, Hartcourt Assessment Inc $2,967.95, Harmon Law office $682.25, Heartland Paper Co $537.50, Heathershaw Designs inservice $320, Hills Tire and supply $280.00, Hill yard supplies $4,822.57, Hinns Gordon auto supply $69.99, Holiday Inn conference room $522.80, Holiday Vina RC $26.64, Homestead Building supply $696.56, Houghton Mifflin Co supplies $728.41, HSBC-Office max $390.16, Huether Amy travel $138.75, Husker Auto parts $1,843.84, Ice Barbra supplies $411.79, Jeffco Glass $15.33, Jeffco Inn Lodging $506.00, Johnson Machine supplies $116.28, Kalteback Connie travel $259.22, Kaplan Early Learning Co $2,025.50, Lacreek Electric assoc $12,531.73, Lakerteam chemical Inc $2,410.00, Lakeshore learning materials $446.68, Lakota Country Times July $1,258.24, Lakota Prairie Ranch resort $419.00, Lebeau Connie RC $116.40, Little Print Shop supplies $154.80, Marshall Joseph In service $1,500.00, McKie Ford-Lincoln-0Mercury $1,935.43, Menards supplies $7,392.69, Mt Rushmore telephone $578.38, NPC International activities $439.75, National Lab supplies $2,396.40, Newkirks hardware east $329.42, Norm's carquest auto $239.91, North Central supplies $2,080.00, North west pipe fitting $268.32, OST Water & Sewer $110.25, OBrien Carloyn $112.16, OBrien Todd mileage $131.80, Parent Teacher outlet $77.36, Petty Cash Admin office $92.19, Petty Cash Red shirt school $239.02, Prairie Wind Casino mtg $80.00, Ramada Inn airport $279.80, RC Auto Glass $8,153.80, Rapid Chevrolet $499.11, Red Cloud Alfred Bernard $134.00, Reinhart Institutional foods $676.96, Rietz Bernie $1,174.50, Rietz Carol travel $36.05, Richard-Ewing equipment $60.67, Roth Jackie RC $116.40, Solomon Sanitation $3,895.00, Sams Club supplies $2,883.85, Scholastic Inc supplies $86.11, School Nurse Supply $1,109.61, Sears Commercial one $244.55, Servall Towel & linen $2,441.07, Shannon County School Imprest $5,103.50, Shedeed Nancy $59.20, Sherwin-Williams Supplies $592.41, Sioux Nation shopping center $84.96, State Publishing Co $374.55, Steam Cleaning specialist $2,150.00, Stoelting Co supplies $1,290.00, Swallow Mary RC $26.64, Tatonka Capital Corporation lease $839.20, Temperature Tech $1,915.33, Time Equipment rental $642.40, Town of Batesland water sewer $500.00, True Value supplies $454.56, Twiss Maurice travel $559.67, Two Crow Robert RC $116.40, Ultimate office supplies $93.68, University of Virginia $1,040.00, Valetine Office supplies $304.00, Voight Dr Kirk expenses $925.58, Walmart Community $66.77, Warren Chemical Equipment $62.50, Wiesz Phillip Deck repair $1,641.44, West River International $954.56, Westco propane $13,170.10, Whirlwind Horse Monica RC $83.10, Winters Carla travel $232.36, Wohlenburg Ritzman & co audit 06 $3,200.00, Workers Comp fund $80,663.00, Yankton Debbie RC $116.40, Ziegler Mary $28.98, Fund total $381,952.04.

Capital Outlay Fund

All American roofing sales $86,434.78, Best Business products lease $702.78, EMS/Paradiem publishing books $810.58, Evergreen Office furniture $2,518.00, Harcourt School Inc books $2,156.06, Harcourt Achieve books $7,890.54, Hertz Furniture lockers $2,455.48, Hinns Home furnishing $879.90, HInns mobile homes $4,000.00, Quill Corporation desk $440.92, Really Good Stuff $387.55, Tatonka Capital Corp lease $4,186.00,Zanner/Blotzer books $9,375.52, Fund Total $122,238.11.

Special Education Fund

Abilitations supplies $146.90, Black Hills Special services $2,841.46, Brimark Inn travel $46.50, Childrens Care & Rehab development $2,662.00, Childrens Care Hospital & school $8,655.60, Childrens Home Society $3,309.68, Country Inn & Suites travel $216.00, Donovan Mark travel $131.00, Hartcourt Assessment Inc $528.40, Hookandloop.com supplies $141.95, Lakeshore learning material $83.15, LINGUI systems inc $475.90, McDonalds meals $15.82, Pearson NC Assessments 1385.00, Markota Sioux Falls $99.99, Really Good Stuff supplies $381.35, Shannon County school imprest $1,161.88, Sky Ranch For boys $2,945.00, Super Duper Inc $466.93, USD Center for disabilities $1,515.00, Volunteer of America-Dakota $526.93, Fund Total $27,736.44.

Food Service Fund

Food Services of America $3,106.73, Harkers food service $2,536.55, Hillyard food service $1,064.00, Ramkota-watertown travel $246.00, Reinheart Institutional Foods $7,502.19, Reitz Carol $28.86, Roberts Dairy Co $1,220.74, Sioux Nation Shopping cntr $21.85, SNA of SD regist $10.00, Fund tota $15,736.92.

Federal Program Special services

Beautiful Rushmore Cave Inc $39.50, City of Gordon summer acct $147.50, City of Rushville summer act $291.00, Corporate card charges $777.91, Evans plunge summer act $698.40, Family Thrift center $503.34, Golden Coral Family Steakhouse $358.92, Janis Stephanie summer school $19.96, Lakota Golf Association $1,200.00, Pilcher Youth rodeo $400.00, RC Swim Center $112.75, Rushmore Water slides $2,249.50, Sportsman Lanes $65.00, Trueblood Jesse L $50.00, Winters Carla summer school $20.97, Fund Total $6,935.75, Checking Account Total $554,599.26.

Shannon County Commissioners Minutes September 7, 2007

MINUTES

The Shannon Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on September 7th, 2007. Present Connie Whirlwind Horse, Deb Rooks-Cook, Vanessa Roubideaux, and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Absent Inez White Hawk.

Meeting was called to order, time being 10:45 a.m.

Agenda was reviewed for conflicts, none were noted.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve agenda as written. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

The Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer was presented.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to approve the Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as follows. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SHANNON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

I Hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 31st day of August, 2007.

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN BANK OF THE WEST-------
$ 4,037.71

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN WELLS FARGO BANK--------
$ 1,389.22

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN FIRST WESTERN BANK-HS--
$ 5,031.89

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ACTUAL CASH-
$ 4,054.85

TOTAL AMT OF CHECKS IN TREASURER'S POSSESSION NOT EXCEEDING THREE DAYS-
$ 749.35

MONEY MARKET SAVINGS: BANK OF THE WEST-----
$ 2,241.98

WELLS FARGO BANK---$ 1,136.03

FIRST WESTERN-HS-------$535,531.60

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT-FIRST WESTERN-HS-------
$250,000.00

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts which have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:

Sheriff Change fund: 200.00

RETURNED CHECKS:

Atkinson, Jennifer, $40.00; Mesteth, Perry, $63.00; Big Crow, Duane Sr., $39.50; Morrison, Nadine, $15.00; Black Feather, David, $75.00; Old Horse, John, $15.00; Brings Patton, Linda, $55.00; Pourier, Joel, $349.00; Burgess, Jeanee, $45.00; Red Cloud, John, $45.90; Eagle Bull, Annette M., $43.00; Ross, William, $53.00;Feather Earring, Tamera, $41.55; Blethen, Rene, $48.25; Garnett, Aqualyne, $64.00; Broken Nose, Leroy, $44.50; Goings, Tanya L., $71.00; One Feather, Delmar, $187.02; Parton, Joy, $32.00; Janis, Jennifer, $90.50; Puckett, Derek, $24.15; Lone Hill, Trina, $20.70; One Feather, Delmar, $105.00.

TOTAL $805,939.70

DATED THIS 31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2007

SUE GANJE,
COUNTY AUDITOR
OF SHANNON COUNTY.

The above balance reflects County monies, monies held in trust, and monies collected for and to be remitted to other entities: schools, towns and state.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2007 meeting. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to approve the following bills. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

GENERAL

Commissioners Salaries, Aug. Salaries, $420.00; Auditor's Office Salaries, Aug. Salaries, 1,277.20; Treasurer's Office Salaries, Aug. Salaries, 1,275.66;
States Attorney Salary, Aug. Salary, 825.00;
Dir. Of Equal.Office Salaries, Aug. Salaries, 1,267.75; Reg.of Deeds Office Salaries, Aug. Salaries, 1,273.56; Vets Service Office Salary, Aug. Salary, 900.36;
Sheriff Salary, Aug. Salary, 2,826.42; Brown and Saenger, Supplies, 48.64; Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, 661.46; Culligan, Supplies, 15.15; Forney's Standard Service, Gas, 120.00; Lakota Country Times, Publishing, 204.48; McKie Ford, Inc., Service, 943.54;
Minnesota Child Support, Child Support, 130.00; Postmaster, Box Rent, 70.00; South Dakota Retirement, Aug. Retirement, 1,113.60; US Postal Service, postage,271.73; Wells Fargo Bank, Aug/W/H/SS/MDCR Tax,1,602.74; Yellow Birds, Gas, 433.01;
Bennett County Booster Publishing, 475.40;
Best Western Ramkota, Travel, 120.00; BP, Gas, 386.01; Burke, Shawn, Supplies, 260.04; Deborah Rooks Cook, Travel, 41.44; Forney's Standard Service, Gas, 123.00; Lakota Country Times, Publishing, 360.63; Lewis & Clark BHS, MI,,130.00;
Neve's Uniforms Inc., Uniform, 228.98; Parkway Car Wash, Car Wash, 31.00; Rapid City Journal, Publishing, 26.48; Rapid Lube, Repair, 69.14; Roubideaux, Vanessa, Travel, 47.36; Rushmore Office Supply, Supplies, 280.16;
SD State Remittance Ctr, Audit, 5,928.25;
Shannon County Sheriff, Petty Cash, 79.02;
Whirlwind Horse, Connie, Travel, 167.24;
Inez White Hawk, Travel, 66.60; Yankton County, MI, 98.55;
Yellow Birds, Gas, 240.15;

COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE CRBR Construction Salaries, Aug. Salaries, 10,750.39;
Including Overtime for Lynx Bettelyoun, Overtime, 234.00; Lloyd Thompson, Overtime, 135.00;Butler Machinery Co., Repair, 252.04; California Contractors, Supplies, 670.56;
Husker Auto Parts, Supplies, 842.56;
LaCreek Electric Assoc., Utilities, 169.-51; Ponderosa Sportswear, Supplies, 240.00;
South Dakota Retirement, Aug. Retirement, 885.06; Wells Fargo Bank, Aug/W/H/SS/MDCR, 2,632.16; Westco, Fuel, 3,225.51; A & B Welding, Supplies, 31.00; Farm Plan, Repair, 18,523.06; Great Plains Communications, Telephone, 424.94;Husker Auto Parts, Supplies, 1,380.08; LaCreek Electric Assoc, Utilities, 213.95;Opperman, Inc., Gravel, 24,250.00;
Pine Ridge Auto Parts, Repair, 70.71;Pine Ridge Oil Co., Gas, 68.55; Quill Corporation, Supplies, 12.57; Town of Batesland, Water, 140.00;True Value, Supplies, 55.85; Vallette, David R., Supplies, 338.84;Western Communications, Rent, 40.00; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Emergency Management Salary, August Salary, 323.00;SD Retirement System, August Retirement,38.76; Wells Fargo Bank, Aug/W/H/SS/MDCR, 49.42;

The Auditor provided a copy of the South Dakota Codified Law SDCL 31-11-43 regarding private road work for the Board to review.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to abide by SDCL 31-11-43 which allows 6 hours maximum per person, per year, for private road work by the Shannon County Highway Department. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

A letter from Southern Hills Alcohol & Drug responding to the Oglala Sioux Tribe was reviewed. The letter referenced the OST ordering Southern Hills Drug & Alcohol to cease and desist any further work on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to respond to the Oglala Sioux Tribe in reference to the letter written to Southern Hills Drug & Alcohol stating they have no authorization to order them off as the action was done by the Committee and not the full Council and the County appointed all agencies to benefit all of Shannon County.

Lynn Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the board to give updates on highway issues. The loader is running and a flatbed trailer has been constructed from an existing trailer. Also updated the Board on the current road construction project. The removal of phone lines at the construction site was discussed, which will be referred to the States Attorney.

Bettelyoun also discussed the SD Department of Transportation contract for stockpiling sand and ice and voiced objections to the proposal.

Inez White Hawk entered the meeting, time being 11:16 a.m.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to amend the contract for sand and ice stockpiling to require the State Department of Transportation to provide a loader or allow for the charge of $80.00 per hour, which includes for operator and loader. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to garnish the wages of Jeff Not Help Him, Sheriff, for the past due phone charges in the amount of $253.32 if not paid by the 16th of September, 2007. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the issue of hiring Kim Crawford and the Shannon County Nepotism Policy. This discussion will be continued when Lance Russell, States Attorney, is present.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to approve the private road contract with Marie Twiss at SW1/4, Section 22, R4SW, T41N, estimated cost being $225.00. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Quotes for hauling gravel were opened as follows:

Harry Fleming, 5000 ton@.12 mile,33,300;
Ghost Bear Contracting, 5000 ton@.14 mile, 38,250;
Cedar Grove Trucking, 5000 ton@.13 mile, 36,075;
David Hauck, 5000 ton@.24 mile, 66,600;

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to fire David Hauck as weed sprayer as no work has been done in 2007. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to approve Harry Fleming for hauling gravel @.12 mile for 5000 ton totaling $33,300 upon signing and compliance of contract. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Lance Russell, States Attorney, met with the Board to discuss an employee issue and the Nepotism Policy. Discussion was held on the position and requirements.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by White Hawk to have the next Shannon County Commissioner meeting at the Highway Department in Batesland on October 5, 2007 at 10:45 a.m. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Discussion continued on the need for seasonal versus part-time Highway Department help and the Sheriff receiving gas at the Highway Shop.

A motion for hire approval was asked for by the Chairwoman.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by White Hawk to hire Kim Crawford as part-time employee at $12.00/hr. Deb Rooks-Cook abstained from voting, the motion carried.

White Hawk excused herself at this time, time being 12:17.

Fuel quotes were presented as follows:

500 gallons unleaded and 1000 gallons red diesel #2

Westco-Bid $2.685 per gal/unleaded and $2.585 per gal/red diesel.

Muddy Creek-Bid $2.779 per gal/unleaded and $2.659 per gal/red diesel.

Pine Ridge Oil-No bid received.

Motion by White Hawk, seconded by Rooks-Cook to approve Westco bid of $2.685 per gal/unleaded and $2.585 per gal/red diesel. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Sealed bids for surplus equipment were opened as advertised.

Bud Merrill:
1985 International w/1978 Load King w/belly-$2,552.77
1984 Trail Eze Lowboy-$3,443.43
1968 Blue Dodge Truck-$95.95

Huber Contracting Inc:
1984 Trail Eze Lowboy-$2000.00
1985 International w/1978 Load King w/belly-$1,200.00

Rosane Cement Products:
1984 Trail Eze Lowboy-$2,501.00

Ghost Bear Contracting: 1978 Load King belly/bottom Dump-$3,000.00
1985 Semi International-$700.00
1984 Trail Eze Lowboy-$5,300.00

Lessert Trucking:
1984 Trail Eze Lowboy-$2,750.00

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to approve the bids of Bud Merrill for the 1968 blue Dodge truck at $95.95 and Ghost Bear Contracting for the 1985 Semi International $700.00; 1978 Load King belly/bottom dump-$3,000.00; and the 1984 Trail Eze Lowboy at $5,300.00. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Lance Russell, States Attorney, met with the Board to discuss concerns with the Shannon County Law Enforcement and liability on County jurisdiction cases. Russell and the Board discussed writing a letter to James Twiss, OST Chief of Police and the Commissioners meeting with the OST Judiciary Committee.

The 2008 Budget was reviewed. The Board tentatively approved the budget and a special meeting will be held on the 24th of September, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

for final approval.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to appoint Lyla Hutchison as Commissioner for District 5 until the next General Election. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Rooks-Cook, seconded by Roubideaux to adjourn, time being 12:45 p.m. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

ATTEST:
Sue Ganje
County Auditor

Connie Whirlwind Horse, Chairwoman
Board of County Commissioners

NOTICES

Shannon County Proposed Budget Hearing

Adoption of provisional budget for Shannon County, South Dakota for year January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
That the Board of County Commissioners of Shannon County, will meet in the Courthouse at HOT SPRINGS, South Dakota on Monday, September 24th, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of considering the Provisional Budget for the year 2008 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the 24th day of September, 2007. At such time any interested persons may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposed, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts, and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget.

/s/ Sue Ganje
Sue Ganje, County Auditor
Shannon County, South Dakota

SHANNON COUNTY NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Wounded Knee Road (Shannon County Road #4) will be closed for construction beginning Tuesday, September 4th, 2007. This is the stretch of road from 6 miles west of Batesland (Gordon Y) to Wounded Knee. For any further questions please contact Lynn Bettelyoun, Shannon County Highway Superintendent at 605-288-1866 (shop) or 441-6261 (cell).

Dated this 28th day of August, 2007
Sue Ganje
Shannon County
Auditor

Little Wound School Board
PO Box 500
Kyle, SD 57752

INVITATION FOR WORKCOMP BID

Little Wound School Board is seeking a Workmens Compensation bid for the period of October 1, 2007 through October 1, 2008.

Sealed proposals will be opened and acted upon at the Budget meeting on Monday September 17, 2007. Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informality, and to accept the proposal that is to the advantage of and in the best interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed proposals is 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 14, 2007. Please submit proposals in a sealed envelope marked "Work Comp Bid" to the School Business Office or the following address:
Little Wound School, Paula Pourier, Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, 500 Main Street, Kyle, SD 57752-0500.

For more information you may contact Paula Pourier at 605-455-6173.

PRAIRIE WIND CASINO

PRAIRIE WIND CASINO SOLICITING PROPOSALS FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE ACCOUNTING PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

The audit must be conducted in accordance with the National Indian Gaming Minimum Internal Control Standard 542.3 (f), "An independent certified public accountant (CPA) shall be engaged to perform procedures to verify, on a test basis, that the gaming operation is in material compliance with the tribal internal control standards or a tribally approved variance that has received commission concurrence. The procedures may be performed in conjunction with the annual audit.The CPA shall report its finding to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Tribal gaming regulatory authority and management. The tribe shall submit a copy of the report to the Commission wIthin 120 days of the gaming operation's fiscal year end."

The proposal must state your understanding of the work to be done and must include the qualifications and experience of your firm and staff. A copy of your firm's latest quality review letter must be included in your proposal.

If applicable, minority and Indian preference must be requested in the proposal.

Cost will not be the only determining factor in awarding the proposal. The Prairie Wind Casino reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Proposals must be sealed and postmarked by October 31, 2007, at 5:00 PM. Please address to:

ATTN: Comptroller's Office
Audit 2006 Bid,
Prairie Wind Casino
HC 49 Box 10
Pine Ridge, SD 57770

Call 605-867-6300 Extension 134 for more information.



Alice
Faye Goldring's mother



Me, aged 10
1962 (Morning Star)

GOLDRING

Information sought about my mother **FAYE GOLDRING (Summer Sun)** Born 1935 (in Regina or Moosejaw, Saskatchewan, Canada) Or any surviving relatives, especially her son (my half-brother)
FEATHER GOLDRING born approx. 1957. **FAYE** was **CHEROKEE INDIAN FULL BLOOD** of the **DEER CLAN** I believe. Last known living in North Carolina in 1962 (Snowbird Community, Robbinsville, USA)
Died aged 27 in 1962 in USA.

E-Mail Sue Banks
Purplestar535@yahoo.co.uk

Position Available
Lacreek Electric Association

Will be accepting applications for an
Apprentice Lineman.

Applications must be at least a high school graduate or equivalent. A graduate of an accredited lineman school preferred, but will consider all applicants. Must be able to pass a physical exam, possess a valid S.D. drivers license, and pass a CDL certification.

Please contact:
Lacreek Electric
PO Box 220
Martin, SD 57551

or call Wayne Sterkel or Les Byrne at 605-685-6581 or 1-800-655-9324. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Applications accepted until Sept. 14, 2007

**** NOTICE ****

This will serve as notice that effective immediately the OST Human Resource Department will retain applications for employment for one (1) year from the date of submission. It is the responsibility of the applicant to update their application annually to ensure information is correct and up - to - date.

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Classifieds
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Oglala Sioux Tribe

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 439 Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770
Phone: 605-867-6014 **Fax:** 605-867-1922

Opening Date: September 10, 2007

Closing Date: September 21, 2007

The following Vacancy Announcements are now open for Application(s) with the OST Human Resource Department. For further information please contact the OST Human Resource Department at 605-867-6014 or 867-6015.

07-105 Administrative Assistant	Natural Resources Regulatory Agency	Pine Ridge, SD
07-106 Deputy Clerk of Courts(2)	OST Lower Court	1-Kyle, SD / 1-PRSD
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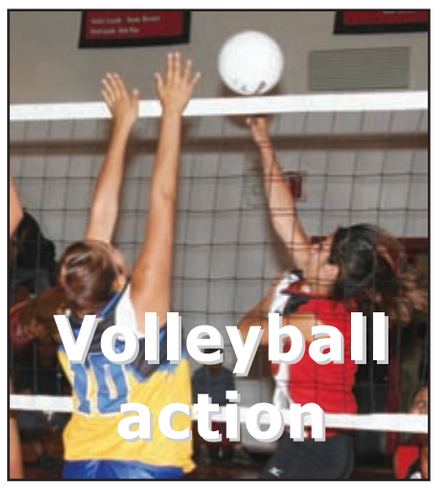
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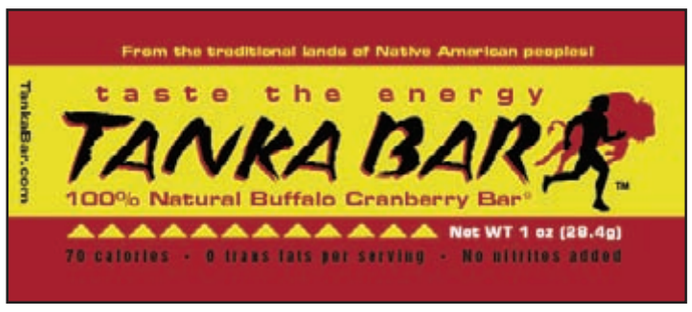
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OST amends OSLH charter, implements 3 member board

New board gives Iron Cloud three year contract

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PRAIRIE WIND - On Wednesday, Sept. 12 at a special session of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council meeting at Prairie Wind Casino, the council voted 11-2 with two not voting to change the charter of the Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing to a three member governing board with staggered terms with a term limit of 12 years.

"We had to make a change or HUD would have suspended the funding for OSLH," said Jake Little, a first term council representative from Oglala/Whiteclay district, "we had too much political interference in housing and the current structure seemed to benefit too few people; as a council we have to look at a structure that will improve the organization of housing and benefit more families all across the reservation, we have such an incredible need for houses and a large responsibility to maintain the ones we have. I'm confident Paul Iron Cloud will succeed and get the job done."

The council first rescinded their earlier actions suspending the board, dropped the charges against the past board members and approved a new charter that was drafted by George Patton, tribal attorney and Jim Wagenlander, OSLH attorney. The new board approved by the council includes Taylor Little White Man (five year term), Emma Pinky Iron Plume Clifford (four year term) and Denise Mesteth (three year term). The board will be self appointing with the staggered terms. The motion for the change was made by Kathy Janis, Health and Human Services committee chair and seconded by Jake Little and those voting for it included Janis, Little, Jim Meeks, Kim Claussen, Cora Whiting, Ron Duke, Sonya Little Hawk Weston, Garfield Little Dog, Floyd Brings Plenty, Tom

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Kyle based Tanka energy bar to be launched at Black Hills pow wow

KYLE - Following two years of intense product development, the young team behind the launch of Native American Natural Foods' new buffalo energy bar is getting a lot of help during the Tanka Bar's upcoming release celebration at the Black Hills Pow Wow, Oct. 5-7.

Native American Natural Foods has partnered with Rapid City's Rushmore Plaza Civic Center and the Black Hills Pow Wow Association to share its milestone with the community that has helped nurture the tiny company's big brand ambitions.

"We've been overwhelmed by everyone's generosity," said sales specialist and launch coordinator Jayson Brave Heart, 29. "Not only has the Black Hills Pow Wow Association endorsed Tanka Bars, they have donated booth space, incorporated the Tanka Bar brand into many of the activities, and have been unbelievably encouraging."

"The Rushmore Plaza Civic Center has been equally supportive," Brave Heart said. "Tanka Bar will be available in all the Civic Center concessions and Tanka Bar banners will be displayed at the Center for a year. We plan to

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BIA agency notifies RST of intent to move agency office to Mission

ROSEBUD - In a regularly scheduled meeting today, Rosebud Sioux tribal President, Rodney M. Bordeaux notified the tribal membership that the Rosebud Bureau of Indian Affairs office in Rosebud recently sent a letter to RST notifying them that they will be moving their office to Mission. The September meeting of the RST council was aired over KINI FM radio.

In a 11 to 0 vote, the RST council passed a motion opposing the planned move. The motion directed the Rosebud BIA agency office to consolidate its services in Rosebud and construct joint office space with the Rosebud Sioux tribe and to seek resources to fund the project.

As the original headquarters of the Spotted Tail agency the town of Rosebud serves as a central location for services to the Sicangu Lakota oyate.

The outcome of this motion remains to be resolved.

Ferguson receives award for work on Mni Wiconi treatment plant

FORT PIERRE - Francis Ferguson, manager of the Mni Wiconi Water Treatment Plant in Fort Pierre, is the South Dakota recipient of the American Water Works Association's Operator's Meritorious Award. The award was presented to him on Sept. 13 at the South Dakota Water and Waste Water Association's annual conference in Watertown.



Ferguson

The award is presented to an individual water system professional for special performance in the following:

Continuous compliance with public health standards in finished water.

Consistent and outstanding contribution to plant maintenance thereby prolonging the useful lives of equipment.

Special efforts in the training of water treatment plant operators.

Consistent and outstanding contribution to operation and/or maintenance of distribution lines, pump stations and reservoirs.

Francis has been the manager of the Mni Wiconi Water Treatment Plant since before it began producing drinking water to its sponsors in 2002. Francis is also a Class III water treatment operator. The Mni Wiconi Water Treatment Plant is owned and operated by the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Construction projects keep OLC moving ahead

PIYA WICONI - "Every time I see it, I get so excited," said Marilyn Kockrow, Oglala Lakota College's applied science department chair when she sees the 30X52 three bedroom, two bathroom house being constructed by OLC students, "we have never been able to build a house from scratch, it makes me feel good that students are involved in every aspect of the construction project."

The applied science department wrote a proposal to South Dakota Governor, Mike Rounds, for funds for a house kit that would provide skill development for students and provide a house for someone on Pine Ridge who needed a home. The governor awarded OLC $100,000 which included

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Women honored with Kahtela ceremony

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY-Eight Dakota and Lakota women were honored at a Kahtela ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 15, reviving a tradition that had been kept hidden for generations.

Honored were Alice Four Horns of Rosebud; Maryjane Tiokasin, Delores Taken Alive, Imogene Taken Alive, and Ardyce Taken Alive of Standing Rock; Stella Pretty Sounding Flute of Crow Creek; and Evelyn Black Moon and Margaret Zephier of Yankton Sioux.

Four Horns, 87, was not able to attend, but the other women were present.

The women, inducted into the War Club Society, were chosen because "they exemplify what it means to be Kahtela," said Charmaine White Face, organizer of the 1851 Treaty Commemoration during which the ceremony was held.

The commemoration was sponsored by Teton Sioux Nation Treaty Council and Defenders of the Black Hills.

The women are all elders except Ardyce Taken Alive, who is under 50, White Face said.

Kahtela women are mothers, grandmothers, and role models; Kahtela tradition hearkens back to the time when Plains Indians were a matriarchal society and "it wasn't demeaning for a headman to go to [women] and say, 'What do you think?'" White Face said.

Receiving the war club gives the Kahtela the status to "go into any meeting, raise the club, and say 'I wish to speak,' and everything must come to a standstill," White Face said.

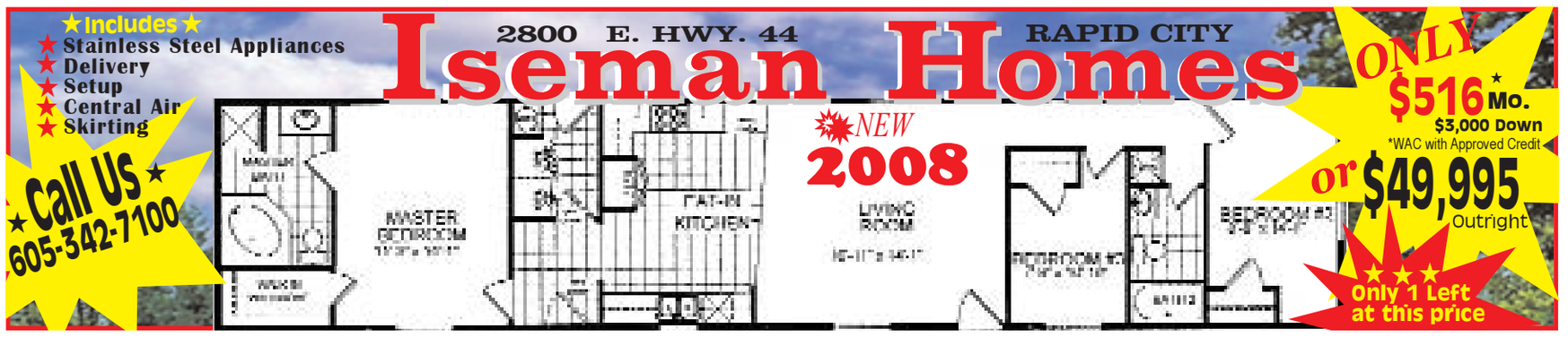


Eight women were inducted into Kahtela, or War Club Society, on Saturday, Sept. 15 in Rapid City. Shown here are Maryjane Tiokasin, Stella Pretty Sounding Flute, Evelyn Black Moon, Margaret Zephier, Delores Taken Alive, Imogene Taken Alive, and Ardyce Taken Alive. Not pictured is Alice Four Horns.

PHOTO BY VICKY WICKS

Most of the women have been active in the Teton Sioux Nation Treaty Council, and in 1999 some of them went together on a bus to Washington, D.C. to try to save the land along the Missouri River, White Face said. They're also very active with Defenders of the Black Hills; White Face said when she sends out a call for people to show up and comment at

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OST housinga action

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Conroy and Ella Jon Carlow; voting against was Don Garnier and Craig Dillon and not voting was Chuck Jacobs and Austin Watkins.

The board was originally suspended during the first week of July and on Friday was replaced by a new three member board; the old board included Sonny Ruff/LaCreek, Eleanor Charging Crow/Eagle Nest, Sandra Old Horse/Medicine root, James Cross/Pass Creek, Eileen Janis/Pine Ridge, Rhonda Two Eagle/Porcupine, Sandra Two Lance/Wakpamni, Valerie Kills Small Janis/Whiteclay and Garfield Apple/Wounded Knee.

On Friday, the new board hired Paul Iron Cloud on a three year contract with an option to extend. Iron Cloud has been serving as the interim director since the first week of July. Paul is a past tribal president and served as executive director of housing from 1992 until August of 2000.

"Getting housing back in shape will be a big job that won't happen overnight," said Iron Cloud from his corner office at the OSLH building in Pine Ridge, "we are going to stress following the policies and procedures that are in place, we are already working hard on a three year audit and currently we are only getting about a third of our rents, we need to improve that figure so we can do renovations on the houses that need it."



Rebecca Three Stars outside of her mutual help log home near Martin. Her original completion date was fall 2006. The roofing wasn't completed and water and snow damaged the inside wood work.

According to Iron Cloud, seven contractors expressed some interest in finishing the 27 units that are the log house home ownership project but only one, First Dakota out of Pierre submitted a bid. Some of the homes are close to being completed, some are only halfway finished and two or three will have to be constructed from the ground up.

FHP, an architectural firm, is looking at a cost analysis to complete the 52 Ellsworth units that have been languishing on jigs at the housing yard in Kyle. About 25 down payments have been received on the units and once a plan is put together, those units will move forward according to Iron Cloud; a partnership between the Empowerment Zone and Rural Development may oversee the remaining 27 units.

"The houses that we currently have and any new ones that we may acquire represent a valuable resource for the Oglala Sioux Tribe,"said Little, "a resource that we need to take better care of and in addition we need to do a much better job of finding new and creative ways of dealing with the huge demand for housing on Pine Ridge Reservation, it has to be a top priority of the tribe."

Samples to be give out

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be taking a very active role in this community for a long time to come."

The Tanka Bar, already a household name on the Pine Ridge Reservation, has also won the endorsement of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association and several nutrition experts around the country. In addition, more than 100 of the nearly 1,500 members of the Tanka Bar's My Space, Bebo and Facebook networking sites have volunteered to work in "street teams" to help hand out product samples and spread the word during the pow wow. They have been dubbed "Team Tanka."

The Tanka Bar, which pairs prairie-raised American buffalo with Wisconsin cranberries, is a modern artisanal take on a traditional Native American recipe for "wasna" or "pemmican," which has been described by many nutritionists as the perfect energy food. The 100 percent natural bar is 70 calories per 1 ounce serving and no trans fats. According to Karlene Hunter, CEO of Native American Natural Foods, the Tanka Bar introduces a new product category: the meat-based energy bar. "Tanka Bars don't taste medicinal or like a candy bar," Hunter said.

"They are tender, flavorful and good for you. We're convinced that once people taste them, they'll choose pure meat protein-based energy over 'enhanced' cereal bars every time."

The choice of Rapid City and the pow wow as a forum for the Tanka Bar's launch was an easy one, according to Hunter. "We really wanted to find a way to celebrate this launch with the people who've supported us during the long, difficult development process," she said. "Creating a new product category has been a real challenge. Now we want to share our success with our community, friends and neighbors who have supported, advised and encouraged us in this journey. "

According to Brave Heart, the Tanka Bar will soon be hard to miss. "We plan to be visible everywhere in the city with seven large street teams during the weekend of our launch," he said. "We're thrilled so many of our friends and the community are stepping up to help us get this off the ground. We can use the support because it's going to be wild."

Native American Natural Foods, LLC, produces a family of nationally branded food products that are delicious and that promote a Native American way of wellness that feeds mind, body, and spirit.

The energy bar is produced at Heckla in the state of South Dakota.

If you'd like more information, or to schedule an interview with Karlene Hunter or Jayson Brave Heart, please call Linda Crider at 214.789.8642 or e-mail Linda at lcrider@lakotaexpress.com.

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hearings, the women are willing to be there.

"All of them keep up on everything" and are active politically as well as spiritually, White Face said. "They're not afraid to speak up for what they believe in," she said, but they do it firmly and gently, not in an aggressive manner that puts people off.

Vincent Brings Plenty, holy man from Pine Ridge, recited prayers and painted the women with red wase' at the corners of their eyes and the top of their heads, and White Face presented them with war clubs.

The ceremony was very emotional for the women, in part because Kahtela Societies were kept secret for generations.

"This society has been suppressed so badly, that most people don't even know about it," White Face said. Saturday's ceremony represented a revival after years of oppression, she said. "We were all crying."

White Face said she went through the Kahtela ceremony a couple of years ago in the Black Hills, but it was not public.

Teton Sioux Nation Treaty Council was established in 1893 by Chief He Dog specifically to keep alive treaty issues and look for resolution, White Face said. The council was formed at a time when it was dangerous for Natives to meet, so they most likely had to meet in secret, she said.

Today the treaty council holds meetings with Dakota and Lakota, still trying to get issues resolved.

White Face said the next meeting will be held Oct 11-12 at Prairie Knights Casino, north of Ft. Yates, N.D.

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$55,000 for the house kit, $35,000 for a pickup, $9,000 for tools and $1,000 for instructor training. Students started building in March and the college is looking at mid October for the completion of the 1,580 square foot home that includes a master bedroom with a private bath and walk-in closet, two additional bedrooms with large closets, a utility room with a walk-in storage space and a kitchen with a walk-in pantry and an eating bar.

At the present time, the college is taking sealed bids for the house with a minimum bid of $55,000 which would cover the construction materials to build a second house. Bids are due by Oct. 15, appointments can be made to see the house by calling 455-6080 and the successful bidder will be responsible for having insurance before it is moved, provide for the moving, cost of foundation or basement materials and labor and plumbing hookup, sewer system, floor coverings and any additional costs after the house is sold. Those bidding need to be a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and a resident of Pine Ridge Reservation.

Between 25-30 students from three vocational training programs at the college worked on the house during the spring and summer terms. Students were assisted by three instructors during the project, Marlin Fineran (electrical), Leonard Ferguson (HVAC) and Ed Haug (general construction). Haug retired in July and Lyle Wilson is the new general construction instructor.

Students who worked on the construction of the new house on the Piya Wiconi campus included: Milton Around Him, Lyle Blue Bird, Calvin and Karlan Crazy Bear, Robert Cordova, Franklin Ferguson, James Fire Thunder, Rocky Fraser, Stacy Garnette, George Hawk Wing, Michael Hernandez, Edwin and Eric Kills In Water, Joseph Little Dog, Beau Little White Man, Jolene Marshall, Frank Milk, Louis Pacer, Patrick Tallman, Adrian Trueblood, John White Dress, Frank Yellow Boy and Dustin Zimiga.

"Apparently the governor likes what we are doing, he funded a new proposal for $77,900 that will help us get a construction telescopic handler ($47,900), a building to store materials and a flatbed trailer to haul supplies," said Kockrow, "we're building a second jig on the yard at Piya Wiconi so if we make enough money from the first house we will be able to have two houses going at the same time."

In addition to the student construction project, the college has been involved in a number of major construction projects.

"With a just completed four classroom expansion in January, the He Sapa Center in Rapid City becomes the largest college center at OLC;" said Tom Shortbull, OLC president who has overseen the construction of a new college center in every district on Pine Ridge Reservation, the center in Rapid City, a new nursing building and new library over the last 10 years, "in June, the college completed the construction of the Veterans Monument that was constructed by OLC's Construction Program utilizing college students and funded by the US Department of Agriculture Tribal College and University Program with a match from OLC."

According to Shortbull, OLC will complete renovation of the Pine Ridge Head Start building, a building that was formerly the Shannon County elementary school and given to the tribe in the late 1960s to be used by the tribe for Headstart classes. The college used $1.2 million of a $1.5 million Title III grant for the renovation of the building that is home to nine headstart clasrooms. The remaining $300,000 will be used for the construction of a new Headstart building in the Wanblee community.

By the end of September, the college will also complete construction on a student dorm for college students in Pine Ridge.

"OLC was very successful this year in obtaining grants for new construction, receiving $1.6 million for a new student dorm in the Kyle community and a $600,000 TCUP-HUD grant for a new bookstore at Piya Wiconi," said Shortbull, "we are very appreciative of the Title III Department of Education and TCUP-Hud facilities grants in providing facility funding for OLC."

USDA Facility funding has allowed the college to complete the renovation, paving, and construction projects including the Veterans Monument, new siding for the Applied Science building; HVAC improvements for the main building at Piya Wiconi and paving at the Piya Wiconi campus including the parking lot for the lab building.

Miss Indian Nations shares insight into pageant success

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times



Shere Wright, Sicangu, was selected Miss Indian Nations. Holding title has been a way to be heard.

ROSEBUD - The Rosebud reservation's very own, Shere Wright, was willing to share her insights as to what it is that motivated her to win the recent title of "Miss Indian Nations" at the annual United Tribes and Technical College powwow in Bismarck a couple of weekends ago.

At a time when many tribal nations are struggling to keep their language, culture and traditions alive, Shere has known the secret of keeping focused on a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle all along.

Her connection to family and community has kept her grounded in a traditional Lakota sense of belonging. "My parents raised me with strong values. They were very strict and had a lot of rules. I was encouraged to have my own opinion and to be able to state that made me strong" she said.

Wright has been in the spotlight for a relatively long time considering her young age as the list of her pageant successes is quite impressive and long. Her journey as royalty representing the Sicangu Lakota and the Rosebud reservation began with her Miss Indian Day title at St. Francis and continued in 1998 when she was chosen as Miss Teen Rosebud.

Later, she successfully competed for the title of Miss Rosebud on two different occasions and then, was chosen at Sinte Gleska University during Founder's Day as Miss Wikoskalaka.

Wright understands her role as an ambassador for Lakota people as she speaks to the youth and travels to different celebrations. She said, "I enjoy speaking because I have done it for so long. If someone wants me to speak it is a compliment."

She also was chosen for the very prestigious Miss He Sapa at the Black Hills powwow as well as holding the title of First Runner-Up in the Miss Indian World pageant in Albuquerque, N.M. several years ago. At the time, she was a student at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo.

Shere returned to the Rosebud and completed an Associate of Arts degree in business at SGU and has plans to complete her Bachelor of Science degree. She is committed to continuing her graduate degree in business and then, perhaps, make application to law school one day.

At a time when many colleges in the nation are looking to admit a diverse student population to learn tolerance and understanding from each other, the future looks very bright and the opportunities are there for Wright.

Her future plans include learning Lakota as well as operating her own school one day. She said, "A goal of mine is to come back here. I hope to one day open a school that is based on the Lakota language and culture."

Her concern about Lakota language survival is very evident as she noted, "I am afraid for the language. There are not many my age who know it. I'm trying to learn Lakota and I am relying on my mom, co-workers and Aunt Lila. Schools need to have a mandatory Lakota language course all the way through high school."

She admitted that holding such prestigious titles has been a way to be heard. "I care about the reservation and Native people. It has allowed me to be a voice for young people. It is hard for young people to be heard and having such title has allowed me to be heard."

Shere's parents are Lenard and Daisy Wright of Rosebud and both are quite active in public service to the community. Lenard previously served as a Rosebud Sioux tribal council representative from Rosebud community and currently serves at the Sergeant-At-Arms in the current RST administration with Rodney M. Bordeaux as Chairman. Daisy is a long time employee of the Rosebud Law Enforcement Services as a dispatcher.

Shere is employed as a secretary in the RST Revenue Department where she enjoys the support of coworkers as she ponders the future. She also said, "My mom and dad are very supportive and give me a lot of strength. There are a handful of young people who are strong advocates of the Lakota language and culture."



Chance "Popover" Chief Eagle, Carl "Baby Face" Garnette and Harry "Hitman" Steele pose for a congratulatory picture after Chief Eagle and Steele won their divisions at Ringwars 17 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City on Saturday. Photo courtesy of Dave Michaud.

Steele, Chief Eagle leads Rez Runblerz in Ringwars 17

Hitman scores fastest knockout in Ringwars history

RAPID CITY - In the last Ringwars until March, undefeated welterweight Harry "The Hitman" Steele responded to a quick straight right to the nose with a vicious seven punch combination that ended with Dellwin Millhouse, a Spearfish fighter, unconscious face down on the canvas. The fight was ruled a knockout at the five second mark, the fastest knockout in the history of Ringwars.

The Pine Ridge Rez Rumblerz traveled to Rapid City to compete in the MMA competition, Ringwars 17, held at the Civic Center on Saturday, September 15. Three Rumblerz competed Saturday including Steele, Carl "Baby Face" Garnette at 140 lbs/featherweight and Chance "Popover" Chief Eagle in the heavyweight division.

Carl "Baby Face" Garnette battled against Chris Fuentes from Spearfish, a first fight for both competitors. Both fighters battled even in the first round but Fuentes took advantage of Garnette's attempted takedown and countered with a front guillotine choke which ended the match at 1:27 of the second round.

Chance "Popover" Chief Eagle was up next and originally matched up with Arlin Richards from Rapid City, he ended up fighting William Hollow Horn of Rapid City. The fight began with Popover landing a solid right cross on the jaw of Hollow Horn who then tried grappling with Popover but the Rez Rumbler applied a standing Guillotine choke which resulted in Hollow Horn tapping out at the 24 second mark of the first round.

The promoter of Ringwars, Matt DeWolfe, is currently looking into putting on a Ringwars on the reservation in the future. The Rez Rumblerz will not compete again until March of 2008. All of the Rez Rumblerz would like to say thanks to all of their sponsors and fans who continue to support them.

Hunter names SD Minority Small Business Person of the Year

KYLE - The United States Small Business Administration has announced that Karlene Hunter, President/CEO of Lakota Express, Inc., Kyle, has been named the 2007 Minority Small Business Person of the Year for South Dakota. This award is part of the 25th National Minority Enterprise Development Week celebrated yearly in Washington, D.C., to highlight the contributions minority small businesses make to the nation's economy.

"The SBA is proud to recognize Karlene Hunter not only for her own business success, but for her assistance to other minority businesses," said John L. Brown II, District Director of SBA's South Dakota Office. "She is a recognized national leader serving on several boards and has been a recipient of numerous awards for entrepreneurial excellence."

Lakota Express, Inc. is a Native American-owned company founded in 1996. The company has experienced solid growth and has on-going contracts with organizations such as the Oglala Lakota College and the Lakota Fund located on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Lakota Express, Inc. is in its seventh year of participating in the Small Business Administration's 8(a) program. This past year, Hunter traveled to China to market the services of the call center and acquire international accounts. In addition, Hunter and her partner, Mark Tilsen, earlier this year started Native American Natural Foods, creators of Tanka Bars, a natural food health bar.

Hunter grew up in Kyle and Denver, where her Italian immigrant father and Oglala Lakota mother ran a number of businesses. As a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, she is dedicated to improving the economic and social conditions in Indian Country.

Hunter was presented with her award in Kyle on Monday and will be honored statewide during SBA's Small Business Week recognition next spring.



L-R: Mary Under Baggage, Gina Sitting Bear, Karlene Hunter, Chuck Hughes from SBA, and Karlene Janis. Hughes traveled to Kyle to award Hunter the trophy plaque, featuring an eagle. Hunter gives credit for the award to her staff, Lakota Express currently employees 19 staff located in various areas.

Lakota Language Immersion Class

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OPINION PAGE

Our Views

Information sharing is a vital link

With the autumn season on our door step, the cooler temperatures bring sounds of high school football in the area and a change of color in the countryside. We finally get some relief from the summer heat.

For parents, students and the community this is an opportunity for professional development or conferences, a lot of which take place during the HeSapa Wacipi in early October and again during Lakota Nation Invitational in December.

Many of those meetings could be held locally in our own communities in order to keep the relatively large expense to a minimum and spent at home. For example, the Rosebud Casino and the Prairie Winds Casino, and Lakota Prairie Resort are able to accommodate a good number of people.

We understand, however, that many of the gatherings such as the South Dakota Association of Bi-lingual and Bi-Cultural Education and the Lakota Nation Invitational tournament have such a rich history of originating their purposes and goals in the hills and have focused their energy in bringing a large number of people together at once.

The companion side to that, however, is a desire for some schools to hold their trip expenses down and this might mean having to hold more locally sponsored meetings. After all, there are many who enjoy visiting the reservation as it is a place that holds the foundations of our belief and the memories of our ancestors. It is a place that is rich in cultural understanding.

Regardless, there is a responsibility attached to budgeting expenses to such annual meetings and it needs to be examined. If the level of expenditure cannot be held to a minimum, then maybe there needs to be a greater effort devoted to bringing home that information and sharing with those who did not attend.

Information sharing is such a vital link between people, tribes, communities and agencies and sometimes the only way to get the word out on important initiatives is through word of mouth or by actually debriefing others on our experience and that means people to people contact.

In other words, we need to share information we learn or put it to use when we go out and attend the workshops, conferences and meetings, it could strengthen our nation.



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Words of the Seventh Generation

Alcoholics Anonymous: my story



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"My name is Anson and I am an Alcoholic," is the phrase I have been saying since I was about 17. Now that I am sober almost four years, I can look back on my life and see I have always lived in fear and confusion. I realize now only when I was ready to look at my self and begin to understand my feelings, would I ever stop drinking. It took me eight years to finally get honest and admit to myself and everyone else I was powerless over alcohol and I couldn't control my life.

This is my story put in word form or as they say in the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous, "This is how it was, what it was like and how it is now."

I have broken pieces of memory being a little kid in a small reservation town. It was a forgotten town to the white world, but it was the home of my people. It was a town of poverty and alcoholism was in almost every family.

Violence and abuse happened often and dysfunction was seen in the children because I remember many of the kids chewed tobacco and talked about sex a lot in elementary school and a few would huff gasoline after school was out.

I still remember the first time I smelled the sweet and bitter stink of alcohol. There are also some memories my mind suppressed and I have never been able to recall them. But I know they had an effect on me for a long time.

My family eventually moved away and I never did know why. We moved to a white town and that is when things started to change for me. Growing up I always felt different and less than the other white kids.

I didn't know why at the time and I couldn't have guessed either. All I knew was I had memories of another place where I didn't feel so different, but now I did. And I didn't know who I was or where I came from and this left me feeling empty.

Looking back now it seems I was destined to be an alcoholic because I remember this constant feeling of self hate and insecurity through all my years. I didn't know it, but I was searching for the answer to the question that was always inside me. Who am I? A question I didn't know how to ask, but the desire to know who I was, in time, led me to alcohol. And alcohol gave me the greatest feelings I had ever known. They are feelings I won't try and describe for you because if you've ever been drunk you know what I am talking about.

But I remember telling myself," This is all I need and all I ever want to do."

It was only a matter of time before my addiction brought me thousands of dollars in fines and hundreds of hours of community service. I experienced the authorities always having control of me from putting me on standard probation to house arrest. And in my unending thirst for alcohol and my resistive behavior they threw me from county jails to state prisons. I hurt my mom, dad, brother and sister in ways I will never know. I faced death quite a few times and almost lost my mind too.

It was eight years of a sick cycle telling my self and others I'm never going to drink again, then either happy or sad I drank again. And all those feelings of self pity and negativity came flooding back and it was enough to make me lose hope.

Towards the end of my drinking I never had so many bad and twisted dreams, dreams of a dark way filled with everything negative imaginable. I don't know what finally helped me to stop drinking.

Maybe it was all the prayers my mom and dad said for me when I was out running around crazy; or all the ceremonies where I prayed for pity and asked to be shown a better way; or one of my prayers being answered from the countless times I had prayed alone in the night crying for help.

Maybe it was all of them, whatever the case, I was sick and tired of being sick and tired, and I finally got it in the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous.

When I was younger I used to go with my dad to A.A. sometimes because he got sober there long ago too, so I knew about the program. I remember telling myself when I first started drinking that if things got too bad for me I would just go to A.A. and I would stop.

I found out it's not that easy, but it doesn't have to take a person eight years to get sober, how long is really up to you. A person can find sobriety the first time they walk into the rooms of A.A. if they want. It all depends if he/she is truly ready to give up drinking, if there is any doubt left in a person that he/she still wants to drink one day they may not stay sober.

And I say "may not stay sober" because I have known people who had the desire and craving to drink for years, but they never drank and they stayed sober because they wanted to. It is a spiritual program that is based on your relationship with your higher power, and who you choose to call your creator is your choice to make.

If a person believes in a higher power; truly wants to get sober; is ready to be 100 percent honest with themselves and others; and is willing to go to any lengths for sobriety, they will find it.

I tried to get sober by walking the traditional way through prayer and all kinds of ceremony hoping to get sober instantly, but instead those powers led me to the rooms of A.A.

When I first started trying to get sober I remember thinking, "If I can't find sobriety here I will look for it in the traditional way." And in all my searching to quit drinking I came across a Native author who said something like, "Alcohol is a white mans disease, you need to fix yourself how he would do it." I later came to understand that our traditional ways can help our people for a lot of different sicknesses, but when it comes to alcohol and drugs or other diseases like diabetes (which the traditional way never dealt with before the Europeans came) it might be best to take a different approach to the

Please turn to A.A.: A5

Other Views

Lakota Nation has prevailed before and we can do it again

Dear Editor:

I am writing to the local indigenous people that live on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. A reserved area of limited conditions for whom individuals were chosen to lead, create and develop a better life style for the members designated to live here.

So far our better life style has become a multimillion dollar debt that only a handful of people received profit from. Conditions in the communities continue to worsen as they have become invisible to our so called leaders.

The reservations were created by a non Indian government so that the Lakota people would become genocidal and that we would eventually disappear.

Well my belief is we are now at that point. Our children have no shame, respect for each other as well as themselves. The unemployed sell drugs so that they and their families can live halfway decent. Our sacred children are being exposed to all the drugs that are being handled by the adults. Drug inhaled by our sacred children will effect them in their adult years. The tribe will become a village of idiots that are unable to learn. The few that are able to learn will not care because they have already been taught to think as the non Indian.

Our sacred children don't even know that the Lakota Nation was the only Nation to have defeated the United States Army. They have not been taught the Lakota Culture, so the think they are wasi'su a culture the Indian worship. In the Riggs Dakota-English Dictionary it says "It is said that this word is nearly synonymous with "wakan" (The English translation for Wakan is God). The Indian Language does not teach the Lakota Culture. As a matter of fact when I was in elementary, we were taught the Indians were savages, wagon burners, prairie nigers, things not to be proud of. It is my opinion that the culture has vanished and the Lakota people are now Indians without a culture trying to be of a different nationality, a black, white, mexican or possibly an outsider.

The Constitution and By Laws that we live by on the Cheyenne River Reservation are of dual standard. Tribal Officials, Police Officers, Prosecutors, Public Defends, Court Clerks and other persons with authority select ordinances and policies they chose to enforce according to who you are and how they are feeling at that moment.

Nepotism is visible in all aspects of our government, in the Judicial Department alone there is a judge, public defender, clerk of courts and police officer all of the same family.

Tribal official use government money obligated to be used to better reservation life to invest and buy private real estate that is eventually sold back to the tribe at two to three times the amount initially invested.

Convicted felons are hired to serve the public as if they are being praised for violating someone or something or could have it been the law? I've heard children announce in public places "my dad, mom, uncle, aunt, sister or brother " are in jail or prison not knowing that situation is nothing to be proud of. Persons seen destroying property that does not belong to them are not being punished or made to replace ruined items. Children that see this kind of adult behavior learn they also can do this without penalty of any kind.

Public Officials do not publish their phone numbers and the ones that do answer their phones hang up before greeting the caller. I was not aware our elected tribal officials were only available to serve the people a limited amount of hours per week for council and committee meetings. Can it be that self advancement is the main political motive of our tribal politicians?

I'm treated as if I had walked into someone private home whenever I enter any office and backs are turned as if to say "This is my place leave me alone". Tribal employees need to realize that they are getting paid to help those of us that are not so fortunate to have an income and give us the respect that we deserve. Sure I'm rude, but one can be mistreated for only so long before striking back.

Last week the BIA Education Department had a workshop for their faculty on "Poverty". After decades of having lived a poor quality of life, we are being taught how to live with deprivation? Or is it the wealthy that are learning how to deal with the underprivileged?

Perhaps the answer to our problem would be to abolish our tribal government, close the offices and let Federal Headquarters distribute an equal per capita to individuals of this federally recognized tribe.

I do not have a solution for our situation, but more concerned members need to become involved so that maybe the Lakota people can overcome these existing conditions and survive.

The Lakota Nation has prevailed before and we can do it again.

I am a Lakota member.

Mary Moran
Eagle Butte, S.D.

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Northern Perspectives

The language that is not used for profanity or in anger



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

There are many platforms upon which many of us will stand throughout our journey and it is has been especially admirable when Lakota people step up and put forth their knowledge of Lakota. Local Sicangu people like Lionel Bordeaux, Webster Two Hawk, Sr. and Albert White Hat, to name a few have been very articulate when utilizing Lakota to speak to the people. The late John Around Him and Calvin Jumping Bull were wonderful speakers and are missed today when public gatherings take place.

It is especially difficult for one to be able to switch back and forth from English to Lakota and vice-versa and researchers say that that ability is the indicator of someone who is a good problem-solver.

I recall being at the SGU multipurpose building last year when Sen. Tim Johnson visited and Lionel was asked rather spontaneously to speak to the people about the upcoming election. He did a great job in explaining in Lakota the need to vote and what it would mean to Sicangu people and to the senator.

I remember a meeting of the Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce when John Around Him was the emcee. I was just getting to know about John and I was tickled when he chose to tell so many Rosebud jokes. I vowed that we might get him back when he came to Sicangu country, but we never did. I think it was enough that we enjoyed experiencing the humor along with him as he was well respected over here.

I was quite impressed as it is a skill that I am hoping to perfect very soon. At this point, I will occasionally write down a short speech and read it in Lakota and that works fine for now. In the future, however, there will be a need to be more explanatory and descriptive and that is where more work is needed.

I understand that unease and anxiety many people experience when it comes to using Lakota in formal and informal settings as I have been through them. As I have used Lakota to the extent that I know how, I am continually checking the reaction that I get from those listening. I suspect that most people also do that. I will also examine the interpersonal dynamics of the people involved in the conversation and who might be listening.

Using any form of speech involves paying attention to those kinds of dynamics so that our efforts to perfect Lakota are always moving toward a positive end. Many times I hear people who say that they are afraid of being chastised if they make a mistake and I fully comprehend that fear as I have been quietly teased if I happen to make a mistake.

I like to monitor the reaction of people when they might hear a Lakota person of mixed descent speak Lakota. Most people are of mixed heritage anyway these days so the important issue here is whether or not they support the maintenance of Lakota as a viable indicator of a very unique and enduring culture that is fighting to stay intact. I know that I have felt a certain bias in my emotional response when hearing a white man speaking Lakota. Understanding that response within myself, then, I understand that a full-blood Lakota might react with the same disdain upon hearing me.

All of the those considerations contribute to making Lakota language preservation and acquisition an even more difficult task and all of us that contribute to that end need to continue to work together. Our children also face the same issues that we face when learning Lakota and as teachers, we need to pay attention to those issues.

I recall a couple of years ago when Ron His Horse Is Thunder at Standing Rock said that he would make a concerted effort to learn basic Lakota during his administration. I thought that was a very good way to draw attention to the importance of Lakota and give recognition that it is something that can be accomplished in a given time frame.

The platform we stand on is often more important than we realize and for those who promote Lakota language learning among their other interests is someone who cares about the survival of the Lakota nation. I need to give recognition to Archie Little, Jesse Bear, Francis White Bird and others who have taught me in their own individual way about Lakota. I appreciate Jesse as he will talk Lakota to me and never interject an English word as a way of teaching me and it is fun.

I know that when Lakota is spoken, those who might be listening become kinder and gentler as they say it is a language that is not used for profanity or in anger.

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Notes From Indian Country

Whatever happened to the so-called Goons?



By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji)

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Last year I attended the funeral of my cousin and classmate Frederick "Budger" Brewer on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Like so many citizens of the reservation, Budger was labeled as a Goon by the members of the American Indian Movement although, again like so many, his feelings were pretty neutral.

But that is the way it was in 1973. If you weren't for AIM you were a Goon because the organization allowed no room for neutrality. This is the way it was during the 1970s and I recall wearing both labels at one time. While hosting a television show for KEVN-TV in Rapid City I had members of AIM on my weekly show and I was labeled as a member of AIM. Shortly thereafter I had people from the office of the President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Dick Wilson, on my show and I was labeled as a Goon.

Budger Brewer went on to build the first cable television system on the Pine Ridge Reservation. When I lived at Pine Ridge in the 1970s we renewed our friendship and often had a cup of coffee and conversation at my newspaper the Lakota Times. Budger said something that I have heard many times over the years. He said, "When I first heard about AIM and the things they were doing in Minneapolis, you know things like following the police around at night to make sure they weren't harassing Indians, I had a lot of respect for them."

I have heard that same comment from my fellow Lakota many times over the years. I am led to believe that it was when AIM invaded the sovereign nation of the Pine Ridge Reservation at Wounded Knee and turned on their fellow Indian brothers and sisters that many Lakota backed away from them. And when they occupied the Fairchild Plant on the Navajo Nation causing that company to close the plant costing the Navajo people nearly 400 badly needed jobs, that further caused disillusionment.

Some members of AIM also have the tendency to say outlandish things with no regard for the truth. Still on the Internet is a letter by Leonard Peltier attacking me that is filled with untruths, but it will be there forever. Peltier said that when I ran for the vice presidency of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in 1983 that I barely received a few votes.

The truth is I was the top vote getter in the primary election against current OST President John Steele (he was the incumbent vice president in 1983) and I lost to him in the General Election by only 90 votes out of the several thousand that were cast. That information was readily available if it was the truth Peltier was seeking.

There were only about 21 Lakota that occupied Wounded Knee. The rest were Indians from other tribes or non-Indians. When the occupation ended most of them left the reservation and scattered in all directions many ending up in jail or prison.

It has bothered me for many years that the mainstream media labeled too many people of Pine Ridge as Goons. Those so-called Goons lived and died on the reservation they loved. They stayed and helped to rebuild the bridge between AIM and themselves. They were carpenters, plumbers, electricians, teachers, school superintendents, members of the tribal council, tribal presidents, social workers, alcohol and drug counselors, and business owners, but most of all they were decent human beings given an unfair label by the MSM simply because it was colorful.

One day several years ago as I was working at my newspaper Indian Country Today, I got a call from a member of the Dick Wilson family. When I answered the call I was told that Dick was at the Rapid City Regional Hospital and was near death. The caller said Dick wanted to see me.

I rushed to the hospital. His family was gathered around him. Dick saw me and motioned me to come closer. He was very weak and near death and he spoke so softly that I had to lean down very close in order to hear him. He said, "Tim, when you write about me in your newspaper just say that everything I did in my life was for my people. I did what I thought was right."

Dick Wilson died that day and I wrote his final words to me in his obituary. He was caught in a time and place in history that will forever disparage him, but I have never met a friend of his or a member of his family that did not defend him and did not continue to love him.

When the true story of the occupation of Wounded Knee is finally told, there will be villains and heroes on both sides of the spectrum.

There will be some good and some bad that comes from it, and I hope that the Lakota attribute of forgiveness helps to heal the wounds that have haunted the people of the Pine Ridge Reservation for far too many years.

(Tim Giago, an Oglala Lakota, was born, raised and educated on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in the Class of 1991 and founder of The Lakota Times and Indian Country Today newspapers. He founded and was the first president of the Native American Journalists Association. He can be reached at najournalist@msn.com)

Finding My Voice

I wish we had our own memorial for Crazy Horse



Dana Badmilk

On September 5th, 1877, that Chief Crazy Horse was murdered at Fort Robinson, Nebraska.

I went to the site where they killed him when the Brits were here.

It was my idea really to go there because of the fact that he died there and I hadn't been there since I went on a field trip in the 4th grade and all I remember from that field trip was trying to ditch our teacher.

I was disappointed when we arrived. Really, I don't know why.

I guess because when you go into this land, about an hour out there is a big, huge sign outside of Chadron that says Land Of Crazy Horse and they advertise on this billboard-a fur museum, the state park and Fort Robinson park. Then you get there and there are signs for ho downs, chuck wagon suppers, and kayaking, and little cabins for corny families to rent and feel like they live in the old west.

Then there is an old general store with penny candy, tobacco in pouches, lemonade and everything else there is to make the Smith's, the Roger's, and the Hockenbock's feel like they are real pioneers.

So that is why I was disappointed. I just tried to imagine if anywhere else in America, where someone that was such a great leader to their people, had been murdered, if it was a tourist trap…anywhere else? I don't know.

Then there are reconstructed barracks of the actual soldiers and the reconstructed jail where they kept the hostile Indians who really were not hostile.

Okay, they were, but they were fighting for their land. They wanted to live in the days where they were rich in natural resources and were free to roam and speak their language. They were fighting for a life they loved.

Crazy Horse was one of them. Crazy Horse fought for this way of life until he was killed and stabbed in the back.

This is why he is iconic to us.

This is why we don't forget him. He is our hero.

So in a way I was disappointed when I seen the pile of rocks with the plaque on it, in the middle of the hoopla that depicted the spot he died. I offered tobacco to this spot.

I felt humbled to walk on the ground he once also walked on. I am thankful he is not buried there and nobody can make money on his grave. I am thankful nobody knows where his final resting spot is. I am thankful to be of his people.

I wish we had our own memorial for this great leader.

Like he said..."When you see the Black Hills remember me. "

Well I can't see the Black Hills from the reservation that he fought to keep us off of, but on the day of his death, I remembered our great leader.

Dana Badmilk is a 35 year old self employed artist who recently moved back to the Pine Ridge Reservation. She lives there with her husband and four children.

Lakota Wicoiye

Wo'awanglake

By Francis Apple

Kyle, S.D.

Lakota hoksila wana leca tunpila ca he wicoti el wakan wicasa wan un ca he el kaipi keye. Wakan wicasa ki le hoksila ki.

Tunkasila etkiya hoyekiciciyin na glawaste na wamaka skanla wan awankin ktc ca he hunku ki okiyaka keye yunkan manstincala ca hetan tokataki awankin kta ca he akiciyatinza keye.

Hoksila ki wanna eciyapa hehanl caje was kupi yunkan he Akicita Cikala eciya pi keye. Hoksila ki tanyan icagin na wana koskalaka ihunni. Yunkan zuya ayin kta wicoigluwinye ca hel opa. Cante tinza iglutin kta ca hankasit'ku ki hanpa kicayapi na awiwi okiyaypi keye.

Toka tipi ecet'kiya amanipi yunkan wanna wicoti wan wayankapi ca ehakehci lila tanyan wo'igluwinyyeya hena kcagapi na anpo lila tanyan wicoistime wahehanl Tokaktepi na sunk manupi kta ca a'inila igluwinyeyapi keye.

Leyala tukas. Toka tunweya wicasa ya ehanni hci awangwicakuwapi eyas slolkiya pi sni ca ungnanhela wicayapi na wicapa okiyutapi eyas ob kici'is hinglapi na nankipapi keye. Yunkan Akicita Cikala iskahu el iyeyapi ca akiyuha nanpapi keye.

yunkan, Akicita Cikala heya keye toktu eyas enan amayustanpi na ic'iye wacinpo eya ca gluhaha ceyapi na ena ayustanpi.

Tiyata tanya omayakapo eye keye. Ho le wanna t'in kta ca ici'lowan wahehanl mastinla wan tokiyatan taninsni el hi na wokiyaka keye. Emayaktunja hwo? eyakeye. Mankte na ha manyuzin na maha ki he yusleslecin na iskahu el iyak'pehan yo, toska takunl wanlakin kte lo eya keye.

Ca ecehci ecun yunkan iskahuki ataya ecel iyayin na tate kahwoke ki lecehci nanslog kigla keye. Anpo hanl takolakupi ki wanji o'ikpahicin na uma ki wicayuhicin na tuwa iyang u welo eya keye. Yunkan iyekiya pi, Akicita Cikala eyelo eyapi na cizaheheya aki s'api na Tunkasila etkiya wocekiye kcagapi na itohe kiye keye. Le ake itesniya wico'oyake heca.

Hoka hey
As'a Kuwapi

Editor's note* ***Next week, the English version of the article will be published.***

Alcoholics Anonymous: my story

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healing process.

I am not saying it is impossible for anyone to find healing from a European caused disease in the traditional way, because I believe all things are possible through Wakan Tanka. This was just my road that I was shown to sobriety and the traditional way.

What it's like now for me is I can look back and see I was a little boy wandering in a white world.

A world that had pushed my people to the outside of their cities and never told me why my people were living the way they were, a world that had done it's best to forget my people and has made me to be who I am today. I can look back now and see I was blinded all my life.

I was a pitiful person who wasn't living, but was instead slowly dying because I was killing myself a little bit at a time. I was lost in the illusions of the dominant society trying to find myself in their world and all it ever brought me was confusion and fear.

Now today, just this one day, I am no longer a slave to alcohol and I am doing my best to be a servant for my people.

Anson Black Calf, Sicangu/Navajo, is 27-years old and temporally lives in southern California with his wife and child. Every summer, he comes back to Lakota country to be a part of the renewing ways. Soon his family plans to make South Dakota their home.

Season Frank seeks Miss South Dakota Teen title



Season Frank

PORCUPINE - Season Marellen Frank, a 17 year old senior at Red Cloud High School will be completing in the Miss South Dakota Teen Pageant in Watertown on Nov. 10 and 11.

Season's Lakota name is Mahpiya Canku Win and is the daughter of Susan Two Eagle. Her maternal grandparents are Eleanor Weston nad the late Theodore Two Eagle. Her paternal grandparents are the late Albert Frank Jr. and Marilyn Phillips.

Season plans on attending South Dakota State University and pursue a degree in nursing.

"I want to return to the reservation and work in the health field," she said.

"I am seeking sponsorship to help make this a reality for me," she said.

Season is Lakota / Dakota / Tlingit / Haida descent. You can make contributions to Season at Security Bank or call Susan @454-2368 during the day or @867-5446 at home.

Pine Ridge continues to roll, downs Little Wound

Red Cloud squeaks by Edgemont, Todd County grills Lady Gorillas

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent



Pine Ridge's Keisha Brewer goes for a kill against Little Wound's Kirsten Clifford (8) and Jhacie Long Soldier (10) Tuesday night in Pine Ridge as the Lady Thorpes defeated Little Wound 25-12, 25-15 and 29-27.

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PINE RIDGE - Pine Ridge continues to build momentum with their 2007 girl's volleyball team as they shut out Little Wound last night in Pine Ridge 25-12, 25-15 and 29-27. For the season, Pine Ridge is 7-1 in matches and 19-2 in games.

"We now have the services of both Keisha Brewer and Shaina Lays Bad, so we are stronger now and deeper," said Nellie Long, Pine Ridge volleyball coach, "we are playing well together as a team and looking forward to the upcoming Lakota Nation Invitational in Rapid City."

Pine Ridge's only loss in a match was the championship match against Red Cloud in the Custer Invitational at the end of August. The Lady Thorpes travel to Red Cloud on Saturday and play both Red Cloud and Cheyenne Eagle Butte.

The Lady Crusaders beat Edgemont in five games last night 21-25, 25-18, 19-25, 25-22 and 17-15 to move their season record to 10-4 winning 27 games and losing 18. Red Cloud beat St. Francis on Thursday 25-12, 25-11 and 25-14 and host Cheyenne Eagle Butte and Pine Ridge in a triangular on Saturday at 1pm.

On Saturday in Kadoka, Little Wound beat Rapid City Christian 9-15, 25-22 and 25-15, lost to New Underwood 25-9 and 25-23 and beat Oelrichs 25-19, 24-26 and 25-20. The Lady Mustangs are at Takini on Saturday and travel to the Lakota Nation on Sept. 28 and 29.

Todd County shut out Gregory Tuesday night 25-6, 25-16, 25-21. the Lady Falcons knocked off Winner in ft. Pierre 20-25, 25-19 and 25-22 on Saturday, beat Cheyenne Eagle Butte 25-19 and 25-22 before losing to Miller 16-25 and 16-25. Their season record is 4-6 in matches and 12-18 in games.

Todd county is at Jones County on Thursday and hosts Winner on Tuesday before going to the LNI on Sept. 28, 29.

A.A. Meeting

Every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Kateri Hall at the St. Agnes Church in Manderson, Everyone Welcome, call 867-2267 for information.

Grief Support Group

Meeting the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:30pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Kyle, for information call 455-2888.

Mission woman sentenced to prison

PIERRE - A Mission woman has been sentenced to just over three years in federal prison for involuntary manslaughter.

Lori Little Bear, 37, was driving while intoxicated Feb. 6 in Todd County and caused an accident that killed Colleen Oliver, also known as Colleen Stone, according to court documents.

Little Bear pleaded guilty and was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Pierre to 37 months in custody and three years of supervised release.

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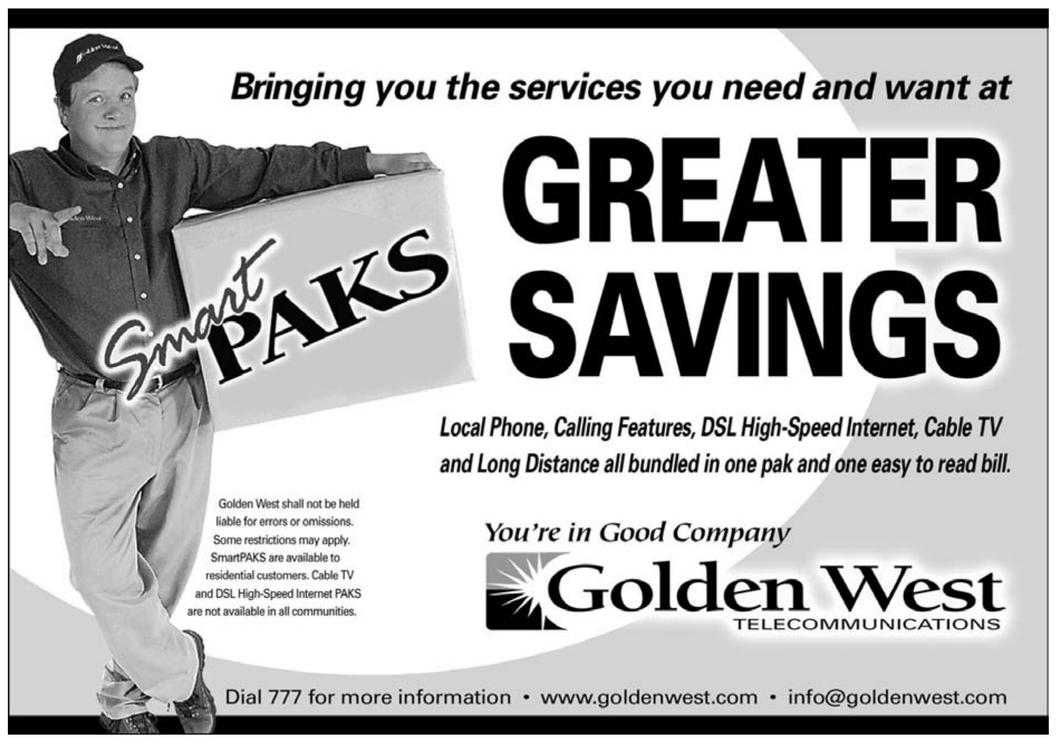
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Mousseau, Twiss, top local finishers in Region 4A golf

Red Cloud takes 6th in team competition, Little Wound 7th, Pine Ridge 8th

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

HOT SPRINGS - Little Wound's Josh Mousseau, a senior, finished Monday's Region 4A at the Southern Hills Golf Course in Hot Springs with an 81, good for second place and a trip to State for the fourth straight year. Red Cloud's Mike Twiss scored an 82 and a tie for fourth for his second straight trip to the State A golf tournament.

This year the top 24 individuals qualified for State out of the 43 golfers participating on the nine teams entered in the Region 4A tournament. Kyle Lewis, Hot Springs, took first with an 80, Tyler Burr of Belle Fourche was third with an 81 and Casey Whitney of Custer was fifth with an 82. Other local qualifiers included: Joe Keith/Pine Ridge 21st with a 94, Montana Sierra/Red Cloud 22nd with 96 and Eric Long/Pine Ridge in 24th with 97.

Belle Fourche took the Region 4A team title with a 343, Hot Springs was one stroke back with 344 while Custer was third with 348 and Lead-Deadwood was fourth with 369. Red Cloud was sixth with 401, Little Wound was seventh 444 and Pine Ridge was eighth with 460.



Josh Mousseau, finished with an 81 at the Southern Hills Golf Course. Josh was a part of the International Space School in Houston this summer and participated in NASA related activities.

Red Cloud's team included Twiss 82, Sierra 96, Geoffrey Black Feather 100 and Lyle Jack 123; Little Wound included Mousseau 81, Michael Lays Bad 99, Jeremy White and D. Whirlwind Horse 132 and Pine Ridge's team Keith 94, Long 97, Orie Brown 111, Bruce Jacobs 158 and Stephen Ross 181.

As a sophomore, Mousseau took 90th in State with a 97, 98 and 195 and as a junior, he finished in a tie for 44th with a 91, 92 for 183. Twiss was the top local finisher at state last year as a sophomore finishing with an 84, 88 for 172 and a tie for 22nd. As a freshman, Sierra tied for 71st with a 99, 98 for a 197. Another freshman, Alex Prue from Todd County finished in a tie for 64th with 96, 96 and a 192.

The Region 3A tourney with Todd County, Crow Creek, Cheyenne Eagle Butte and St. Francis is Sept 24 in Pierre. The State A golf tournament is set for Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2 at the Pine Hills Golf Course in Milbank.

Little Wound rides Hornbeck to Crow Creek win

STEPHAN - Kevin Hunter was recuperating from a spider bite and the line was missing Enoch Yellow Hawk and Anthony Tall Man but Little Wound's senior wide receiver and defensive back, Brice Hornbeck stepped it up in the pinch, hustling over the goal line from five yards out for the Mustangs first score then pulling down a Vilas Fallis pass for an interception and following that up with a 78 yard pass reception for a touchdown from Jeremy Red Cloud to fire up his Little Wound teammates in their 24-6 win over Crow Creek Friday in Stephan.

"We just came out so flat at Crow Creek, said Darrel Hunter, Little Wound head coach, "I don't know what it was, whether they went in there and thought they would blow them out or what; I did have a chance to play everyone and in the second half I kept running subs in to give everyone a chance to play."

Little Wound and Crow Creek both sputtered through the first quarter, neither team putting any points on the board. The Mustangs scored all of their points in the second quarter; in addition to Hornbeck's productivity, Little Wound used a Brett Thunder Hawk four yard run to give them an 18-0 lead and followed it up with a seven yard TD run by Jacey Mesteth to wrap up their scoring, every two point conversion failed.

Larry Gayton's second interception of the game set up Crow Creek's only score as Fallis raced over from the six for the touchdown, the run for two failed.

For the Mustangs, Hornbeck finished with three receptions for 110 yards and a TD, three rushes for four yards and a TD and an interception on defense, Mesteth ran nine times for 56 yards and a TD, Brennon Montgomery carried the ball five times for 28 yards with one 34 yard catch and Jeremy Red Cloud was four for eight passing for 144 yards, one TD and one interception. Gayton had five catches for 70 yards and two interceptions on defense, Fallis was eight of 22 for 121 yards and one rushing touchdown while Kelvin Kirkie ran six times for 18 yards.

"We have to do better on offense and if we get down, we cannot quit," said Hunter looking ahead to Friday's game with Todd County in Mission, "we need to do a better job of getting the ball to Brice, using his experience and competitive nature and the defense is going to have to be ready to play to deal with the Falcons balanced offense behind Gunner Krogman and CJ Spotted Tail."

Little Wound is 3-0 and travels to Todd County on Friday, Crow Creek is 0-3 and hosts Miller Area on Friday.

Falcons grounded by Custer Wildcats

CUSTER - "We just couldn't get the job done deep in Custer territory," said Bob Kornely, Todd County Falcons head coach after his team's first loss of the season 20-6 to Custer Friday night in Custer. "we had three drives into their red zone and scored only once, we're a better team than that and we need to learn from this game."

Custer went up 14-0 in the first half but the Falcons came out storming in the second half and drove to the Wildcat six yard line before stalling and turning the ball over on downs. After forcing a Custer punt, Todd County drove 63 yards for their only score of the game, a four yard pass from CJ Spotted Tail to Jaden Allen that closed the gap between the two teams to 14-6 with 7:48 to go in the fourth quarter.

After Custer's Matt Kostalecky missed a 40 yard field goal, Todd County had two minutes to drive down the field for a chance to tie it up. Darin Smith, a junior linebacker for Custer, picked off a Spotted Tail pass at the Wildcat 47 yard line and ran it back for a touchdown that sealed the win for Custer.

Gunner Krogman carried the ball 19 times for 99 yards, Mike Neiss had eight carries for 37 yards while Spotted Tail was 12 of 19 for 99 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. Todd County hosts Little Wound Friday night while Custer hosts Hot Springs for their 2007 Homecoming.

Red Cloud runs over St. Francis 48-6

Scott runs for 113 yards, scores 24 points

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

ST. FRANCIS - Red Cloud's Billy Scott, a 175 pound senior running back, rumbled down the field for a 41 yard touchdown score, followed it with a 63 yard punt return for a touchdown that showed a great sense of timing and creative use of his blockers and eased over the goal line from four yards out to help the Crusaders to a 24-0 lead just four seconds into the second quarter on the way to Red Cloud's 48-6 win over the Warriors Friday night in St. Francis.

"We put together a solid game and had a chance to play a lot of players," said Keith Ferguson, first year Red Cloud football coach, "our ground game rolled up and down the field but we still need to work on a balanced attack, mixing in passes with our strong running game."

Following Scott's hot start which included a 78 yard TD run from the line of scrimmage called back by a penalty, Carl Swallow, a sophomore tailback, scored on runs of one and four yards and Mike Cuny sandwiched a five yard TD pass from Jeremy Blacksmith between Swallow's TD's. Red Cloud scored six touchdowns and made good on each of the two point conversion attempts; Dustin Brewer ran the first two in, Scott ran two in and caught a Blacksmith pass for the third conversion and Swallow ran one conversion in after his second score.

Red Cloud used the bench throughout the second half. Earl Peneaux hit Michael Farmer on a 31 yard scoring strike late in the fourth quarter to get St. Francis on the board. Peneaux finished with eight completions out of 16 passes attempted with one TD, Kotey Arcoren ran eight times for 45 yards.

"We have won two in a row but we have to work at improving some each game," said Ferguson, "we have homecoming this week against Eagle Butte - they run and pass well and our defense needs to be up to the task."

Scott finished with 10 carries for 113 yards and two touchdowns with three two point conversions and a punt return for a TD; Swallow had five carries for 43 yards and two scores and a two point conversion; Dominic LeBeau, a freshman had nine carries for 56 yards while Blacksmith was four of five in the air for 42 yards and one touchdown and one two point conversion.

Red Cloud is now 2-1 and hosts Cheyenne Eagle Butte on Friday for their 2007 Homecoming while St. Francis is 0-3 and hosts Hill City Friday night.

Football scores from week

Highmore 37-16 Lower Brule
Chey. Eagle Butte 41-0Pine Ridge
Custer 20-6 Todd County
Red Cloud 48-6 St. Francis
Little Wound 24-6 Crow Creek
Bennett County 55-12 Hill City
Waverly-S Shore 52-0 Tiospa Zina
Selby Area 62-0 McLaughlin
Lemmon-McIntosh 27-0 Dupree
Gayville-Volin 44-0 Marty

Games this week:

Chey Eagle Butte at Red Cloud
Little Wound at Todd County
Hill City at St. Francis
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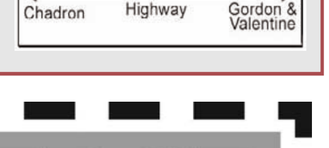


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AHS Wiconi Waste' after school program to strengthen student skill levels





American Horse School's annual back to school wacipi was Sept. 12. Grand entry included staff, students and school board members. Donita Little Whiteman and Dayna Brave Eagle inform parents of new the after school program called Wiconi Waste.

PHOTO BY CONNIE BLANCO

ALLEN - American Horse School held their school powwow on Wednesday, Sept. 12 in the AHS gym. A meal was provided for families, students and community members. Grand entry included dancers from the Lakota Studies program and dance group, AHS school board members, teachers and staff for the 2007-2008 school year and several community members.

Gloria Coats-Kitsopoulos, school principal, welcomed everyone , introduced the AHS school board and staff and addressed the expectations for the upcoming school year.

The school used the powwow as an opportunity to introduce their new 'Wiconi Waste' Program, which is their new after-school program.

The goal of the program is to increase reading and math abilities by implementing games and fun activities which will strengthen AHS student skill levels. The new program is funded through the 21st Century Community Learning Grant Program.

Dayna Brave Eagle is the coordinator and heads the Wiconi Waste' Staff and Donita Little Whiteman is her assistant. They both manned a booth during the evening and handed out information brochures explaining the program's mission and special activities.

Parents were also given the Wiconi Waste' September schedule which outlined important dates for participating students. Kindergarten through third grade will begin their program on Monday, Sept. 17 at 3 p.m. Grades four though eight will launch their program on Monday Sept. 19 at 4 p.m.

Fantastic Fridays will be held once each month for participants based on attendance in the after-school program. Fantastic Fridays will be held on the second Friday of the month for the K-3 and on the fourth Friday for grades 4-6. The first Fantastic Friday for grades 4-8 is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 20. The first K-3 Fantastic Friday will be Friday, Oct. 7.

Wednesday, Sept. 26 will be the first Parent Night. These parent nights will be held monthly and include activities that parents and students can do together or separately. Some of the activities will include wellness activities, academic/cultural presentations, homework help and reading/math tutoring as well as an activity off-campus such as movies, bowling, etc.

Dayna and Donita answered questions and made referral forms available for students wishing to enroll in the program as well as interested parents. Referrals are accepted from regular Education Staff, Special Education Staff and Parents and Guardians.

For questions or more information , parents can call Dayna or Donita at 455-1209 or 455-2644.

Porcupine School September events include free vision screening

PORCUPINE - Porcupine School has several activities planned for the month of September to involve parents, students, and staff.

An "I Care" program or "Family Literacy Night" is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. Parent interaction during this literacy night is welcomed.

Free Vision Screening will be conducted on Thursday, Sept. 20 by the Pine Ridge Vision Center. This is the first time they have provided vision screening at the school.

September football games scheduled are:

Sept. 18, Home, 4 p.m., Porcupine vs. American Horse; Sept. 27, Home 3:30 p.m -Porcupine vs. Oelrichs; Oct. 2, Away, 3:30 p.m., Porcupine vs. Rockyford.

September volleyball games scheduled are: Sept. 18, Home, 3:30 p.m., Porcupine vs. American Horse; Sept. 19, Home, 3:30 p.m., Porcupine vs. Wounded Knee; Sept. 24, Away, 3:30 p.m., Porcupine vs. Red Cloud; Sept. 25, Away, 3:30 p.m., Porcupine vs. Loneman; Sept. 27, Home, 3:30 p.m., Porcupine vs. Oelrichs.

Cross country events scheduled for September are: Sept. 19, 3:30 p.m. at American Horse School; Sept. 26, 3:30 p.m. at Porcupine, and finals on Oct. 3, 3:30 p.m. at Pine Ridge.

Parents are also invited to begin thinking about taking part in Porcupine School's visit to the Pumpkin Patch, scheduled for October.

Volunteers are needed and should contact Shanna at 867-5588.

Wounded Knee District School plan for restructuring, public meeting to be held

WOUNDED KNEE - The Wounded Knee District School will be holding a public meeting at 4 p.m. Sept. 20, at Manderson in the Wounded Knee District School Gym to seek input and help to decide upon a restructuring option best suited for the students.

Parents were sent a letter on Sept. 4, 2007 by Marnee White Wolf, the principal of Wounded Knee School, informing them the school must complete a restructuring plan for the 2007-2008 school year, as it has been in restructuring status for a number of years. This occurs when a school fails to make Adequate Yearly Progress as a result of low standardized test scores in language arts/reading and mathematics; low student attendance in grades K-8; low graduation rates in grades 9-12.

Adequate Yearly Progress is the progress needed each year to have all children proficient and advanced by the year 2014 according to Public Law 107-110, the No Child Left Behind Act. Parents, students, staff, school board members, community entities are invited as well as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to work together to create this plan.

There are five options available for consideration in the restructuring plan, two of which are most practical:

(i) Reopening the school as a public charter school. (*not an option)*

(ii) Replacing all or most of the school staff (which may include the principal) who are relevant to the failure to make adequate yearly progress.

(iii) Entering in a contract with an entity, such as a private management company, with demonstrated record of effectiveness, to operate the public school. (*not an option)*

(iv) Turning the operation of the school over to the State education agency, if permitted under state law and agreed to by the State. (*not an option)* and

(v) Any other major restructuring of the school's governance arrangement that makes fundamental reforms, such as significant changes in the school's staffing or governance, to improve student academic achievement in the school and that has substantial promise of enabling the school to make adequate yearly progress as defined in the state plan..

Anyone with questions or concerns regarding the proposed restructuring plan may contact the principal, Marnee White Wolf at 605-455-6350.

ACLU honors Duffy for advocacy

RAPID CITY - Rapid City lawyer Patrick Duffy has been named the 2007 South Dakota Champion of Liberty by the Dakotas Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Duffy was selected for his efforts to promote voting rights for American Indians in South Dakota and nationwide, said Jennifer Ring of Bismarck, N.D., executive director of the Dakotas Chapter.

``His work in this area has changed forever the political landscape by assisting Native Americans to assert their voices in the public debate,'' Ring said.

Honoring Veterans Wacipi

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19 and 20 at the W.H. Lyons Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls with an exhibition on Friday at 1 p.m. and grand entries on Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., for information call 334-4060 or 800 658-4797.

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Rez Happenings

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Sept. 6-28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Legion Hall in Hay Springs .

Virtual High School Registration
Thursday, Sept. 20 from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. at Red Shirt Community School and on Friday, Sept. 21 at Wolf Creek School and Rockyford School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for interested students who are not going to school but would like to enroll for high school and work for a high school diploma at the new Shannon County Virtual High School, for information call Vicki Grant at 288-1921.

Job Fair
Thursday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Brother Renee Hall in Oglala, for information call Prairie Wind Casino Human Resource Dept. 867-6300, ext. 121.

Candlelight Service and Supper
Thursday, Sept. 20 at 5 p.m. at the Wakpamni CAP Office in memory of John Around Him, for information call 867-2475 or 867-1577.

Great Wahanpi Cookoff
The soup cookoff will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Tatanka Nupa Memorial Park in Red Shirt beginning at 1 p.m. with judging at 4 p.m. in memory of John Swallow a great outdoor soup cooker, for information call Amaris 255-5025, cell at 430-0701 or Dan at 430-1329.

PeeWee Football League
The league camp for the OST Child Care PeeWee football league is Saturday, Sept. 22, they are looking for players and coaches, call Pigeon or Rich at 867-5172.

Kikta Field Day
Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Suanne Big Crow Boy's and Girl's Club east of Pine Ridge with field day starting at 11 a.m., triathlon sign up at 9 a.m. with race at 10 a.m., 3 on 3 basketball, skateboard at 1 p.m. and a free noon meal, for information call 867-1011.

Asanpi Bleza Memorial Ride
Sunday, Sept. 23 beginning at Tatanka Nupa Memorial Park at 9:30 a.m. with memorial dinner at 2 p.m., for information call Victor At 342-6310 or Rev. Robert Two Bulls at 255-4914.

Back to School Wacipi
Red Cloud School, Wednesday, Sept. 26 with supper in Serena Hall at 5 p.m., Wiping of Tears Ceremony 6 p.m. and grand entry at 6:30 p.m., contest specials, for information contact Bob Brave Heart 867-5888 or Jen Sierra 8675889.

Lakota Harvest 2007
The Oglala Lakota College Agriculture and Natural Resource department is inviting interested gardeners to a "Showcase of Lakota Gardens on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at OLC's Piya Wiconi Math and Science building with presenting displays from 9-11 a.m., judging from 11 a.m.to 12 noon and open to the public from 12 noon to 2 p.m., for information call 455-6121.

AIRC Pine Ridge Luncheon
Thursday, Sept. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wakpamni Elderly Nutrition Center.

OST Council Special Session
Thursday, Sept. 27 at Prairie Wind Casino dealing with FEMA trailers bond and Tribal Supreme Court, for information call 867-5821.

Harlem Ambassadors are coming
Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Ben Reifel Auditorium in Mission with all proceeds going to support the local Habitat for Humanity and Boy's and Girl's Club of Rosebud, for information call 856-2665 or 856-4114.

21st HeSapa Wacipi Na Oskate
Black Hills Pow wow celebration Friday-Sunday, Oct. 5-7 in Rapid City at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center with grand entries at 7 p.m. on Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Bus Driver In-service
A DDN bus driver in-service is set for Wolf Creek School on Wednesday, Oct. 10 from 5-9 p.m. with Dan Duenwald which meets state's requirement for all bus drivers to attend a four hour in-service program, for information call Ann Red Owl at 288-1921.

Government and tribes to discuss modernization

WATERTOWN\ (AP) - A Sept. 28 meeting at Watertown will examine how the federal government can modernize its operations to better serve American Indian tribes.

It's the last of 12 meetings the U.S. Interior Department is holding around the nation in September on its Indian Affairs Modernization Initiative.

The department said it's an opportunity to work with tribes in preparing for projected personnel retirements and increased operating costs, and discussing how to use technology to improve efficiency between the government and tribes.

The meeting will be held at Dakota Sioux Casino near Watertown.

Indian health care bill advances

WASHINGTON (AP) - Legislation that would boost Indian health care has been approved by two Senate panels.

The Senate Finance Committee approved legislation Wednesday that would provide an additional $52 million for American Indians who use programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

The bill would simplify how those programs pay Indian health providers. The legislation also aims to boost outreach and enrollment in some of those programs and protect Indian health providers from discrimination.

Democratic Senator Max Baucus of Montana, chairman of the finance panel, says Indians ``shouldn't have to fight for what's rightfully theirs.''







Alice
Faye Goldring's mother



Me, aged 10
1962 (Morning Star)

GOLDRING

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Rosebud Sioux Tribe receives $4 million in Senate defense bill

ROSEBUD (AP) - The Rosebud Sioux Tribe announced last Thursday that $4 million was included for the Advanced Electronics Rosebud Integration Center in the U.S. Senate's Fiscal Year 2008 Defense Appropriations bill.

The bill was passed by the full Senate Sept. 12, 2007.

"These funds will be used to advance the effort to establish a Native American advanced electronics technology center that will further state-of-the-art space and missile system electronics," said Rosebud Sioux Tribe's President Rodney M. Bordeaux.

Rosebud Economic Development Corporation, a Rosebud Sioux Tribal- owned business, is conducting this effort jointly with Radiance Technologies.

The U.S. Army's Space and Missile Defense Technical Center's office is providing oversight for the Center.

The primary focus of this program continues to advance the state-of-the-art in space and missile defense system electronics by reducing the size, weight, and cost of electronic circuit cards and components, wire harnesses, and electronic cabling with special emphasis to reducing hazardous substances and materials to include employing lead-free components in micro-electronic products.

"We are pleased the Senate included these critical funds in its bill and we applaud Senator Johnson for his work in securing $4 million in a very challenging fiscal environment," Bordeaux added. "The Tribe will continue to work closely with our delegation to ensure this funding level is maintained throughout conference negotiations." Senator Thune also supported the funding request.

Bordeaux also congratulated Sen. Johnson on his return to the Senate after months of therapy to recover from a life-threatening brain hemorrhage and offered the Tribe's best wishes as he continues the recovery process.

The House of Representatives passed its bill August 5, 2007. Although Rep., Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, D-S.D., submitted a similar funding request, the House bill does not contain funding for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's project. The two bills will be reconciled, and a final one will be considered by each chamber.

State high court rules tribe has no jurisdiction over father, child

ICWA doesn't apply in the case, justices ruled

By Joe Kafka
Associated Press

PIERRE - The South Dakota Supreme Court ruled Thursday that the Sisseton-Wahpeton tribal court has no jurisdiction over a non-Native American father or his daughter, reversing an earlier ruling by a state judge who said the tribe could remove the girl from her father's custody.

The tribal court issued the order for enforcement in state court against Daniel John Carlson of Sisseton after he forgot a younger daughter all day in a parked car, and she died of overheating on Aug. 17, 2005.

A state prosecutor, deciding that Carlson did not intentionally leave Tehya, who was 14 months old, in his car when he went to his job as vice president of a telemarketing firm in Browns Valley, Minn., refused to charge him. Carlson had left his then-6-year-old daughter, Jacinda, at his mother's home in Sisseton but forgot to drop Tehya off at her day-care provider

Carlson's ex-wife, Barbara Baldwin, is a Native American and an enrolled member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribe. She filed an abuse and neglect complaint in tribal court to gain protective custody of their older daughter; both girls also were enrolled tribal members.

After gaining the tribal court order, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Child Protection Program went to state circuit court for enforcement against Carlson. Carlson argued that the tribal court had no jurisdiction to issue the removal order, but Circuit Judge Scott Myren disagreed with him.

Myren said the Indian Child Welfare Act gave the tribe jurisdiction. ICWA was passed by Congress in 1978 to regulate the placement of Native American children, with the goal of strengthening Native American families and culture.

Overturning Myren 4-1, the state Supreme Court said the tribal court lacked jurisdiction because ICWA does not apply to Carlson or his oldest daughter. Jacinda is not a ward of the tribal court because she did not live on the reservation, and Sisseton is not on the reservation, either, the justices said.

The former Lake Traverse Reservation was diminished in 1975, resulting in a checkerboard of jurisdiction and giving state courts jurisdiction over nontribal lands within the 1867 reservation borders, the high court noted. Sisseton is not within tribal jurisdiction, the justices added.

One of the attorneys representing Carlson was Bill Janklow, the former governor and congressman who temporarily lost his law license after a 2003 conviction of second-degree manslaughter for causing a fatal traffic crash in Moody County. The case marked Janklow's return to the legal profession, and his appearance before the Supreme Court on behalf of Carlson a year ago drew intense media interest.



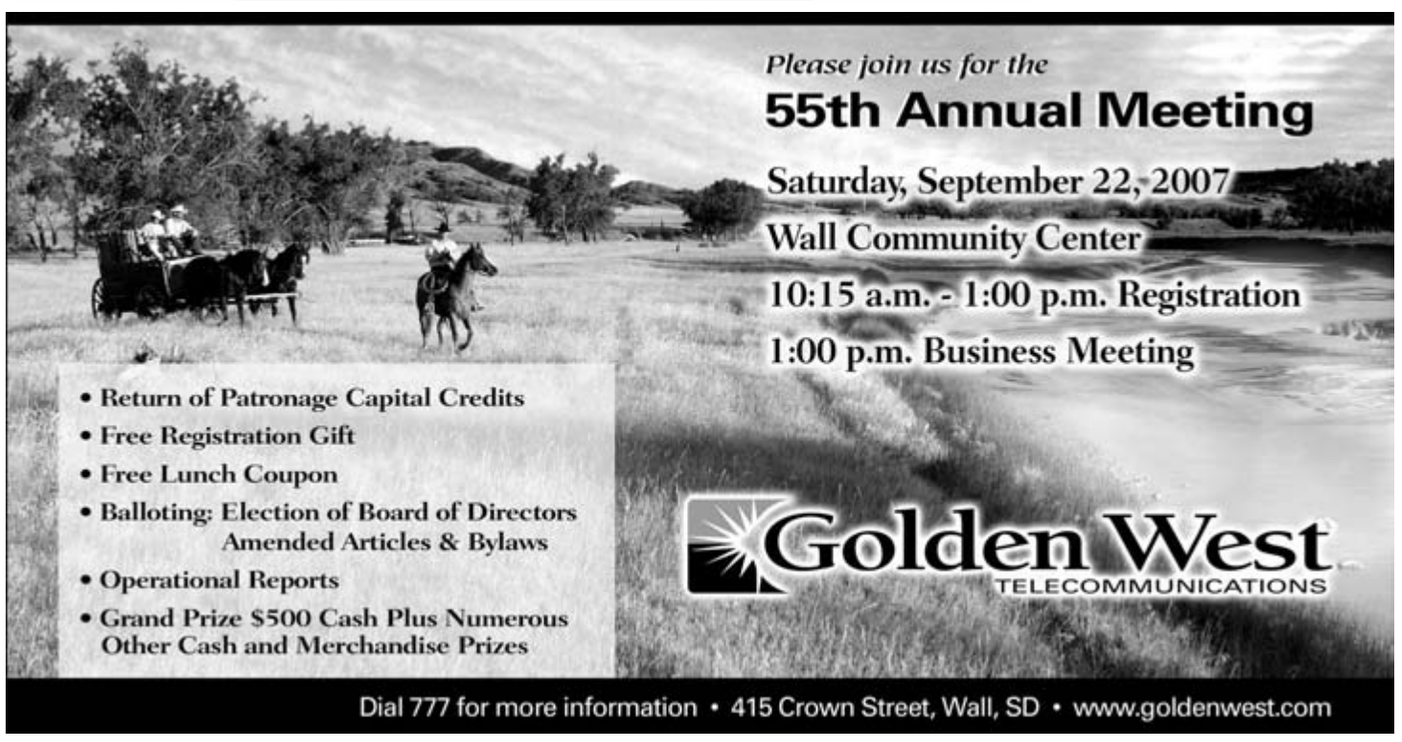


Mission woman sentenced to prison for involuntary manslaughter

PIERRE - A Mission woman has been sentenced to just over three years in federal prison for involuntary manslaughter.

Lori Little Bear, 37, was driving while intoxicated Feb. 6 in Todd County and caused an accident that killed Colleen Oliver, also known as Colleen Stone, according to court documents.

Little Bear pleaded guilty and was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Pierre to 37 months in custody and three years of supervised release.



Movie *Imprint* brings familiar environment to screen

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY- Audiences at the Friday, Sept. 14 premiere of *Imprint* laughed when they recognized local faces and places, and because the movie was filmed entirely in western South Dakota, there was much in the movie that was familiar.

One image that drew a laugh was the Pennington County Courthouse, with the legend "Denver, Colorado" on the screen. That exterior scene and interior scenes shot inside the old courthouse in Custer were used to depict a courthouse in Denver, where a murder trial was wrapping up.

Audiences saw the grassy prairie and Badlands of the Pine Ridge Reservation, filmed when the sun was low on the horizon and long, golden light washed over the land. And they saw most of the action take place in a house located on the 777 Ranch, south of Rapid City.

Audiences saw faces of people who live here. Some were extras in group scenes such as the trial in "Denver" or the birthday party for Sam Stonefeather; some had starring roles, such as Charlie White Buffalo, an Oglala Lakota College instructor living at Manderson, who played the role of Sam.

What was unfamiliar to local audiences was the premiere itself, with stretch limos pulling up to the curb and actors and production people climbing out and walking the red carpet.

The premiere was held in Rapid City on Friday and in Kyle on Saturday because the movie was filmed near those locations and was created by Linn Productions, a Rapid City business, and produced by Chris Eyre, a Black Hills resident.

The movie was shown in three theaters at Carmike Cinemas, and afterward ticket holders were invited to a party at the Ramkota. Eyre said each theater held about 400 people, so close to 1,200 people attended.

Imprint is billed as a supernatural thriller, and according to Carolyn Linn of Linn Productions, it was originally written about a white family living on the prairie. But Eyre had previously worked with a Native actress who asked why there aren't more contemporary roles for Native actors, and so Michael Linn and Keith Davenport changed course and wrote the screenplay about a Native family living on Pine Ridge.

The story involves a family that is like any other family, except that strange things start to happen in their home, Carolyn Linn said. "There are Native American elements because they were a Native American family, so the mother calls in the medicine man. But had it been a Catholic family she would have called in a priest."

Scott Means of Rapid City had a small role in the film-a tribal police officer who responds to the Stonefeather house when trouble starts happening-and he attended the premiere in Rapid City and the party afterward.

Means appreciated that the movie starred Native actors but had a mainstream theme.

"I love it. It shows us as regular people," Means said. "We're not always dancing and singing and doing Indian stuff, you know. We have lives like everybody else, and that's what I liked about it."

The movie was scary, using loud music and sounds to startle the audience, and afterward, when people talked about it, they almost all mentioned "the twist" at the end. But the content of the movie was fairly tame, and if it had been rated most likely would have earned a PG, Carolyn Linn said.



Chief Dave Bald Eagle (center) arrives by Hummer limousine and walks the red carpet into the premiere showing of the movie Imprint. Bald Eagle played the part of the medicine man, Martin Two Moons.

PHOTO BY VICKY WICKS

The movie starred Tonantzin Carmelo as Shayla Stonefeather; Carla-Rae Holland as Shayla's mother, Rebecca Stonefeather; Charlie White Buffalo as Shayla's father, Sam Stonefeather; Michael Spears as tribal police Chief Tom Grey Horse; Cory Brusseau as Shayla's boyfriend, Jonathan Freeman; Chief Dave Bald Eagle as medicine man Martin Two Moons; Tokala Clifford as Shayla's brother, Nathaniel Stonefeather; Russell Chewey as Frank Whiteshirt; and Joseph Medicine Blanket as Robbie Whiteshirt.

Michael Linn directed.

Carolyn Linn said the movie will be released initially on 17 screens in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Colorado.

The movie will play at Carmike for a week after the premiere and longer if it does well, she said.

VA holds PTSD women's retreat Oct. 19

HOT SPRINGS - The specialized Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Outpatient Treatment Program of the Department of Veteran's Affairs Black Hills Health Care System is hosting a women's retreat Oct. 19-21 at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center.

The semi-annual weekend retreat, beginning at 12 p.m. on Oct. 19, is for women veterans of all eras and family members (wives, significant others, mothers, adult daughters, etc) of male combat veterans. The major objectives of the retreat are to help provide participants a better understanding of PTSD and provide an opportunity to develop new perspectives in relationships with their Higher Power, family, friends and the broader world in which they live.

"The Women's Retreat in its 13th year, seeks to help participants look at some of the basic questions in their lives," said Cathy Edler, Addiction Therapist for the Substance Use/ Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Program and Retreat Coordinator.

The Disabled American Veterans organization provides a yearly grant to cover meals and lodging for all eligible participants.

Participants must be screened and pre-register by phoning the SUPT Program at 720-7449 or 1-800-743-1070, extension 7449.

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ASK ANNA

Psychic ~ Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. As the summer ends, I finally have the opportunity to write to you.

I was very reluctant, I have been reading your columns for quite some time now and have always wanted to write in and have some of my questions answered. Right now, I have come to a point that I have just the questions that I absolutely want the answers to. I believe in your gift and know that you can provide me with insight.

First of all, I am a stay-at-home mom, I do enjoy it but sometimes I feel useless. Especially when my family members think that staying home, cooking, cleaning, and taking care of kids isn't work.

I graduated high school almost a decade ago and I had a lot of dreams when I did. I put all of that on the back burner for my kids and my husband....or so I thought. Do you see me finally digging up the courage to go out and find a part-time job or start taking classes again? I've been wanting to go into education, is that the field I eventually work in?

How long will it take, will I stick it out? My whole life has always revolved around education and what it means in a persons life but my life has been sidetracked, I want to know if it's not too late and how much older I will be when I finally have my own career.

About my marriage. My husband has been having problems and our relationship has changed so much, I do believe that it is spiritual.

Will we work out our problems and be best friends again? I do love him soo much but at times he does not believe me, I have to try so hard to make him happy sometimes.

Will I ever make him happy enough to have faith in me? I want to know if our marriage is truly "it"....that it will last until "death do us part". Will we have any more children? Will it be a boy? Please let me know about that one.

The next thing is about myself. Just myself. I have been having weird thoughts. I often wonder if I should seek professional help to help me work things out. I feel like most often times, I have to put on a mask, a temporary personality for people. I do feel like a fake. I am happy but I wanted sooo much in my life, I had goals, dreams of becoming successful. I do understand that I have a family and that I can do whatever I want but I hold myself back.

I feel stupid sometimes with the way my life turned out....I would never take back my children though. Will I ever be a mature woman with the thoughts of a person who is happy and content with what they have?

The last thing is about my relatives who have passed on. I lost two dear relatives in the past three years that have been huge blows to my whole family. My aunt, who was like a mother to me passed and I loved her so much, I miss her so much, there's a void in our lives without her. Is she happy where she is? I believe I will see her again but I don't want to spend the rest of my life wondering if she suffered too much and if she was angry at me for not being around when she passed....please let me know.

My uncle passed not even a year ago and he passed in a way that has left me confused. Did he suffer? What was he doing in the place that he was found? I have to know. We all miss him and talk about him all the time, there was so much I loved about him, I feel his life was cut short.

I believe that you have the answers that I seek, Anna. You have given advice for so many others that I admire your insight and your gift. You understand human nature like nobody I have ever met!

Thank you so much, have a blessed day!

SAH mom who seeks answers

Dear SAH Mom:

You have just reached a time in your life that every woman and man comes to. A time of change and challenge. Many people work their lives to go to school, work, and then have children.

Many other people work it the other way around. There are advantages and disadvantages to either choice.

I do see you going back to school in January, 2008. You can change that if you want, but you are getting older anyway, and you might as well spend your time preparing yourself to begin a new journey. You will do fine in school.

I see you taking just two classes to begin with. After the first semester, I see you taking more and more classes each time until you carry a full load. It will take you a little over five years to get your degree. You are going to be five years older anyway, so you might as well begin now.

Your husband's happiness? Boy, you actually think that you are responsible for his happiness? How about my happiness? Are you responsible for that? Are you responsible for your parents happiness? Your children's?

My point is simple: If you could make someone else happy you would. But, you see, you can't make anyone else happy. That would mean you would have complete control over every aspect of them. We could equate that assumption to a control issue. Got those going on in your life?

Your husband determines his own happiness just like you determine yours.

He is just preoccupied in his life with his work, his family, and monetary issues. To be his friend, first find your equality. Then remember that he loves you. Try that.

Will your marriage work? There are no guarantees that any marriage will work. It depends on your commitment to each other's dream.

Are you committed to his path and enhancing him on his path, and is he committed to your path and enhancing you on that path, and are you both committed to the "us" path, and to enhancing that? That is day-to-day living stuff.

Right now you are headed towards an eventual separation. If you want to change that then do that.

Another child? I think you are bored and feel that a child will fill that. There is no immediate pregnancy that I see, or not one for several years anyway.

You are young. Women usually realize their full potential of self somewhere in their fifties. You have some time left yet, so just relax. The mask you feel you wear is just a representation of your understanding that you are not yet complete or done yet. You haven't finished evolving. That is fine and normal. You know you are more, that there is more, and you are not yet sure who you are. That is youth and the realization that there is more to you than you know about. There is still more of you "hidden" inside your mask of fear than you know.

Let go of being afraid that you haven't done anything in your life yet that you wanted to do, and be grateful because you know you will continue to grow in a good way and a new way, everyday. The dream is for your life-time, and does not expire in your late twenties and early thirties.

Your auntie is fine. She did not focus on disappointment when she was making her transition. She did not focus on anger or resentment. She was, in this world, a beautiful love-filled, generous spirit. It isn't her moment of death that was the most impactful thing about her life; it was her living. She loved you then and she loves you now.

Let go of your fear - it is just guilt turned inwards leading to more grief than you need. We love people. It is most important that we share that with them during their life than to worry if we will be with them when they pass. The thing is, everyone makes that journey - essentially on the physical level, alone. We are born alone, and we die without physical company. We are truly not alone because we have the power of the Love of the Creator, the Spirits, and our family members who have lived before us to help us during that transition.

On the physical plane, however, it is a solo journey. Your aunt is fine and watches out for her many loves ones left behind.

Your uncle seems to have left his body suddenly. One moment he was there and the next he was gone. No suffering involved. He was where he was because he had some questionable friends that he enjoyed. If you want more information see me in person. Let the questions go. He wasn't a saint, he was a man. He was a good man, and for the most part lived in a good way. He loved his family and he loved his friends. That is all that matters. He is fine and also checks in on his family members a lot - particularly four children.

Blessings to you. Your life is open for business. Have a good time creating out of your time the dream you want to own.

Dear Anna,

I hope all is well and good. Today I find myself in a difficult position. This last month has been a challenging one for me but I try my hardest to stay strong and to keep my mind set on what I need to do. My relationship has been going totally down hill and I don't know whether to believe the allegations I have been hearing. I don't want to believe they are true.

Can you tell me if what everyone is saying is true? Did these things really happen? And am I fighting a losing battle or will things get better for us. I have been thinking about moving. Do you think we can make it if he came with me? Thank you for all the past information I have received from you.

Lost

Dear Lost:

It isn't what they say that scares you it is the feeling that they are telling you the truth. Your own intuition is not arguing with them but within yourself. You are very afraid that you have been told the truth.

What if it is the truth? Can you live with it? Can you live with him in a good way without torturing him with your mistrust?

Give yourself a break. I see separation from him as a good thing while you think about things.

I do see you moving and it looks like a good thing. Good Luck and God Bless.

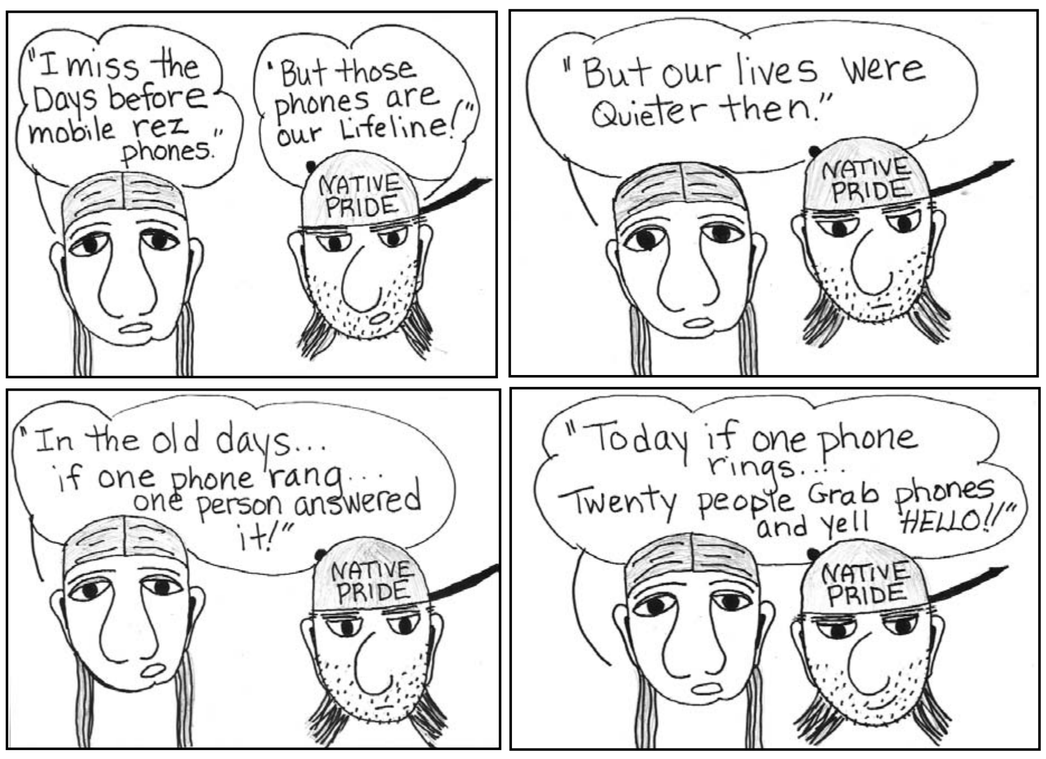
You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

All requests may be subject to publication.

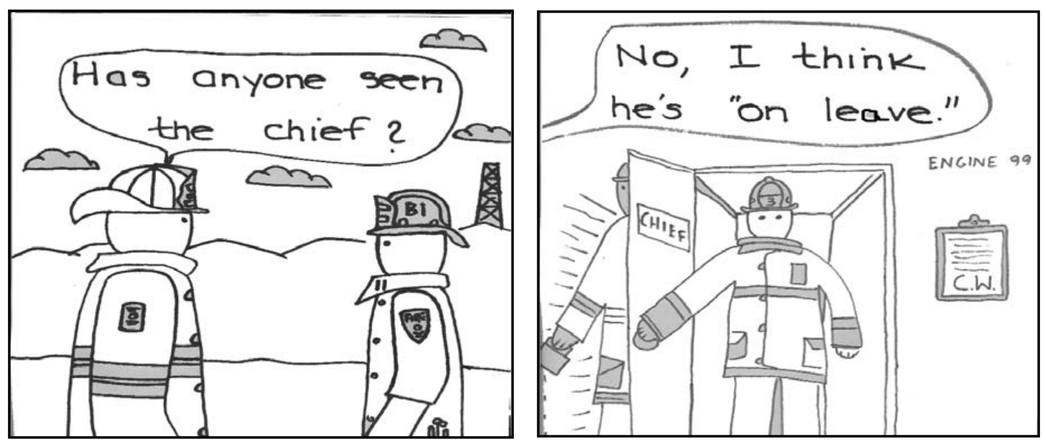
Clearly mark Ask Anna on your request. This column is meant for entertainment purposes only.

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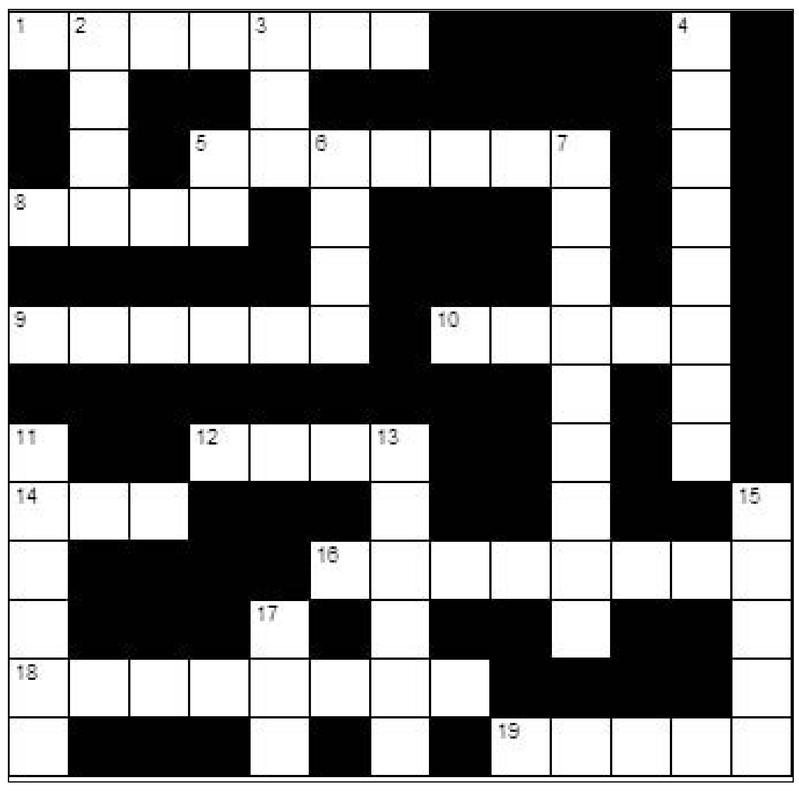
Lakota Words Crossword Puzzle

(answers in next week's issue)

CLUES

Across
1. prairie dog
5. pout
8. cane
9. tall
10. forehead
12. arms
14. father
16. prayer
18. thunder
19. wet, to moisten

Down
2. eyes
3. lips
4. near me
5. blood
6. to cry, sob
7. brave
11. why?
13. song
15. navel
17. water





Wesley D. High Elk Sr., 79.....Eagle Butte
Joan Frances Redfox, 63.....Mobridge
Frances M. 'Sissy Bug' Clifford, 88.....Kyle
Veronica Rattler, 21.....Kyle
Alan Brown Bull-Clifford,infant.Manderson
Raymond Howe, 91.....Martin
Della M. Starr, 61.....Oglala
Sidney Hunter, 75.....Kyle
Merrill Ashmore, 41 .....Kyle
Velma G. Lame, 77.....Oglala



Wesley Delmar High Elk Sr.

HeHaka Wankatiya

EAGLE BUTTE - Wesley Delmar High Elk Sr., 79, Hot Springs, died Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Hot Springs Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

He married Imogene Rose Clown (Raymond and Sarah (Marrowbone) on March 6, 1962 at Gettysburg.

They were married for 41 years and had three children: one daughter Leslie, and two sons Eugene and Wesley, Jr. (J.J.), also one adopted daughter Raylene (Sandy) LeCompte and one adopted granddaughter Justine Rae High Elk.

During their marriage they lived in many places including Fort Thompson, Eagle Butte, Thunder Butte, Dupree and back to Eagle Butte where he spent the remainder of his life.

Wesley attended the Thunder Butte Day School, the Cheyenne Agency Boarding School, BYU-Provo, Utah (Special Officer and US Marshall Training), and Police Academy in Artesia, N.M. to further his Law Enforcement Career. He served in the Army from 1945 to 1954 and during this time he took on active duty in the Korean War.

He was awarded The Korean Service Medal with 2 bronze service stars, the United Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal and was then honorably discharged in 1954.

In his lifetime, he worked as a ranch hand for various individuals such as: Elmer Butler, Bob Clark, Sam Tidball, Dale Briscoe, Dutch Perret, Roy Veit, Wally Brahms and Earl Main.

He worked as foreman for the railroad company, dismantling the railroad from Faith, to Eagle Butte.

He was Chief of Police for both Crow Creek and Cheyenne River Agencies, a special officer for the Cheyenne River BIA Agency. He then retired as the Director of the CRST Game, Fish & Parks Department. He served on various Boards for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe: Police Commission, the Personnel Hiring Board and on the Board of Directors for the Pte Hca Ka, Inc. - Buffalo Program.

He survived by daughter Raylene (Sandy) LeCompte of Selfridge, N.D., son Wesley, Jr. (J.J.) of Huron, daughter Justine R. High Elk of Eagle Butte, two brothers Paul (Clara) of Thunder Butte and Floyd (Lucille) of Eagle Butte, one sister Corrine (Earl Red Bird) High Elk of Eagle Butte. Three grandsons Jacob West (Randi Peacock) of Eagle Butte, Duane (Deanne of Eagle Butte) West of Englewood, Colo. and David West, Jr. of Leavenworth, Kan., two great-granddaughters Madisyn Elayne Dubray and McKenzie Rose West of Eagle Butte, and one great-grandson Davyn M. West of Eagle Butte. Along with numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Sept. 18, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Eagle Butte, with Mother Marion Rechtenwald and the Rev. Richard Charging Eagle officiating.

Burial will be held at a later date at St. Peter's Episcopal Cemetery in Thunder Butte. Luce Funeral Chapel of Eagle Butte was in charge of arrangements.

Velma G. Lame

WOUNDED KNEE - Velma G. Lame, 77, died Sept. 17 at the Crestview Nursing Home, Chadron, Neb. of natural causes.

Survivors include sons Floyd White Eyes, and Russell White Eyes of Porcupine; Roger Lame of Oglala; adopted son Robert McEwen, Chadron, Neb.; daughters Linda "Sandy" White Eyes, Rapid City; Stella White Eyes, Franklin, Ind.; Patricia Craven, Lincoln, Neb.; Rose Marie White Eyes, Mesa, Ariz.; Jill Lame and Sybil Yellow Horse both of Chadon, Neb.; sisters Bernice Brown Eyes, Chadron, Neb.; Pearl Yellow Horse of Hot Springs and 35 grandchildren and number great grandchildren.

A two night wake begins Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Church of God at Wounded Knee.

Funeral will be Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Church of God with Rev. Stanley Hollow Horn officiating.

Burial will be at Fast Horse Creek Cemetery, Wounded Knee.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Frances M. Clifford "Sissy Bug"

KYLE - Frances M. "Sissy Bug" Clifford, 88, died Sept. 12 at the Rapid City Regional Hospital of natural causes.

Frances was born at home, at the White River north of Kyle, on July 11, 1919 to James and Ellen (Wilson) Clifford. She was the youngest of seven children.

She attended Cain Creek Grade School and graduated valedictorian of her class, from Oglala Boarding School in Pine Ridge in 1937.

Frances moved to Everett Washington in 1943 to help her mother raise her two nieces. Frances' winters were spent in Washington State raising her two nieces, and caring for her mother. While in Washington, she worked at various jobs, including the Shipyard in Everett and the Mount Vernon Poultry CO-OP. Frances' summers were spent at the Ranch with her nieces and mother in South Dakota, assisting her brothers. After her mother passed and her nieces were raised, she returned to her home north of Kyle.

She always made herself available to help whoever was in need. Hers was a life of service and giving. Her generosity touched everybody. She was a devout Catholic and an active member of Our Lady of Sorrows.

She was preceded in death by her parents: James and Ellen Clifford; Brothers: Herbert Clifford, James Clifford Jr., and Fred Clifford; Sisters: Alice Ferguson, Sybil Davidson, and Edith Martinez.

She is survived by her nieces that she raised, Nettie Quinn (Richards), Lenora Hudson (Darrell) and their families of Washington and Alaska. Sister-law-law May Clifford of Pine Ridge.

She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Nettie and Lenora give special thanks for the loving care provided by her caregivers: Tanya Hunter, Jacey Mesteth, Donna Heathershaw, and Marilyn and John Puckett.

A one night wake was Sunday, Sept. 16 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall at Kyle. Funeral services were Monday, Sept. 17 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall.

Officiating was Fr. Rick Abert, SJ. With burial at St. Barbara's Catholic Cemetery, Kyle.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Veronica Rattler

KYLE - Veronica Rattler, 21, Kyle, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, in an auto accident.

She was born on Feb. 14, 1986 in Lake Tahoe, Calif. to Harold Rattler and Denise King.

Her grandmother is a member of the Washoe Tribe gave her the Indian name Palo'lo' (Butterfly).

She was a graduate of Little Wound High School class of 2003. She was on the cheerleading squad that won the Dakota Oyate challenge in 2003, along with various other awards at the Lakota Invitationals. She was a full time student and the President of the Student Organization at the Oglala Lakota College in Kyle, SD. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include a son Shaun Janis of Kyle and Pine Ridge; her parents Denise Red Owl of Kyle Harold Rattler of Cherokee, N.C.; brothers Presley Red Owl and Archie Red Owl, III of Kyle; eight surviving half-brothers on her father's side living in North Carolina and a sister Wiyaka Red Owl of Kyle.

A two night wake service begins Thursday, Sept. 20 at Little Wound School, Kyle.

Traditonal Lakota Funeral Services will be at 1 p.m., Saturday at Little Wound School

Officiating will be Mr. Roger Byrd and Mr. Jerome LeBeau with burial at St. Stephen's Catholic Cemetery, Kyle.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Alan L. Brown Bull-Clifford

MANDERSON - Alan L. Brown Bull-Clifford, stillborn infant, Manderson, died Friday, Sept. 14 at Pine Ridge Hospital.

Survivors include his parents, Karen Brown Bull, Manderson, and Tony Clifford, Pine Ridge; three brothers, Jay Shoulders, Jeffrey Shoulders and Jamie Shoulders, all of Sharps Corner; and two sisters, Jennifer Shoulders, Sharps Corner, and Angela Brown Bull, Sioux Falls.

Funeral services were Sept. 18 at St. Agnes Catholic Hall in Manderson, with the Rev. Chris Collins officiating. Burial was at St. Agnes Catholic Cemetery.

Joan Frances Redfox Sr.

MOBRIDGE - Sr. Catechist Joan Frances Redfox, 63, Mobridge and formerly of Little Eagle, died Thursday, Sept. 13 at Golden Livingcenter in Mobridge.

A wake will be held Friday, Sept. 21, at the Blue Gym in Little Eagle.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the gym, with the Rev. Leslie Campbell, the Rev. Leroy Bobtail Bear, the Rev. Phil Allen, Deacon Beatrice Skinner, the Rev. Webster Two Hawk, the Rev. Lyle Noisy Hawk and the Standing Rock Lay Readers officiating.

Burial will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Cemetery in Little Eagle.

Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond Howe

MARTIN - Raymond Howe, 91, died Sept. 17 at Martin.

He was born Sept. 3, 1916, in Martin, to John and Angelique Howe of Martin.

He is survived by his sisters Irene Iverson of Sioux Falls and Velma Sasse of Martin.

He is also survived by his three children, Donald Howe of Los Lunas, N.M., Joan and Jerry Smola of Sweetwater, Texas and John and Julie Howe of Windsor, Colo. as well as his grandchildren Jeremy Smola, Sheri Wolkins, James Smola, Richard Smola, Raymond Smola, Cyndee Ababon, Renee Smola, Jenika Howe and Jared Howe. As well, Ray is survived by many beloved nephews, nieces, cousins, and great-grand children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Angelique (Ross) Howe, and his brothers, Marvin Howe and Ross Howe. Ray attended Bishop Hare School and Mission High School and attended Southern State College in Springfield, on a basketball scholarship arranged by his principal.

He completed his Bachelors degree at Yankton College where he also played basketball.

He earned his masters at the University of South Dakota and his Specialist Degree at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

He married Joanna DeJong of Springfield and they raised their their children in Merriman, Nebraska, Bellflower California, and Martin.

He worked as a teacher at Gann Valley, and in Nevada, served as superintendent, principal and basketball coach in Merriman Nebraska, and went on to work in a family hardware business in Bellflower, California.

He operated Martin Drug prior to returning to the education profession. "Education is the people's greatest hope," was the belief that directed his professional life.

He found satisfaction in his work with Native American studies at Black Hill State University and bilingual education with the University of Oklahoma.

He was deeply honored by recognition for his efforts to preserve and teach the Lakota language by the National Association for Bilingual Education and by the Board of Trustees of Oglala Lakota College for his work as a founder and the first president of the college.

Ray also served as principal of Martin Elementary School as well as several schools in Shannon County.

He was fond of young people and he always hoped that his educational leadership directly and indirectly affected many lives.

Funeral services will be held at St. Katherine's Episcopal Church in Martin on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 10 a.m.

There will be a reception following the service. Private inurnment will be at Inestimatible Gift Episcopal Church at Allen.

Della Mae Starr

OGLALA - Della Mae Starr, 61, died Sept. 18 of natural causes.

Survivors include sons Brian Starr, Pine Ridge; Frank Starr, Jr. Rapid City; Shilo Long Visitor and Chet Crow of Oglala; Curtis Crow of Mobridge; daughters Sheila Pickett, Danelle Two Bulls, Roberta Starr, Juanita Starr and Jennifer Starr all of Oglala, mother Ida Tobacco, Oglala; brothers Tim He Crow and Gary Tobacco of Oglala; sisters Alvina Pickett, Crow Agency, MT; Phyllis Tobacco of Oglala and 23 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

A one-night wake begins at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept.21 at Loneman School, Oglala.

Funeral services are 10 a.m., Saturday, at Loneman School Rev. Agnes Tyon officiating and traditional Lakota services by Mr. Ivis Long Visitor, Sr.

Burial will be at the Jumping Bull Family Cemetery, Oglala.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sidney Hunter

KYLE - Sidney Hunter, 75, Kyle, died Monday, Sept. 17 at the Custer Regional Senior Care. Arrangements are pending with Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge.

Merrill Ashmore

KYLE - Merrill Ashmore, 41, died Wednesday, Sept. 19 at Rapid City. He is the son of Ramona (Apple) Ashmore.

Arrangements are pending with Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge.

Velma G. Lame

OGLALA - Velma G. Lame, 77, Oglala, died Monday, Sept. 17, at Crestview Nursing Home in Chadron, Neb.

Survivors include three sons, Floyd White Eyes and Russell White Eyes, both of Porcupine, and Roger Lame, Oglala; one adopted son, Robert McEwen, Chadron; six daughters, Linda "Sandy" White Eyes, Rapid City, Stella White Eyes, Franklin, Ind., Patricia Craven, Lincoln, Neb., Rose Marie White Eyes, Mesa, Ariz., and Jill Lame and Sybil Yellow Horse, both of Chadron; two sisters, Bernice Brown Eyes, Chadron, and Pearl Yellow Horse, Hot Springs; 35 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

A two-night wake begins Thursday, Sept. 20, at Church of God in Wounded Knee.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the church, with the Rev. Stanley Hollow Horn officiating. Burial will be at Fast Horse Creek Cemetery in Wounded Knee.

Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

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THANK YOU

The family of Kimberlee L. King would like to thank everyone who brought flowers, cards, cakes and gifts. At this time we would like to thank the following for their part in the procession during her return from the funeral home: Darrel Mesteth and other officers who escorted her from the funeral home and back to Kyle. MJ the DJ Melanie and Kili Radio for playing songs for Kim while in procession. Kini radio in St. Francis during her services held in Mission. Her friend and DJ in Denver, Colorado who remembered her and played songs in her memory. Thanks to Sioux Funeral Home, to the Our Lady of Sorrows Church, to Little Wound School, to those who signed her guest book in the Rapid City Journal, to her classmates @LWS, to all her friends she associated with and their kind words to our family. Thanks to President John Yellowbird-Steele and family. To all the Elders and your comforting words and your embrace. To the newspapers who posted the obituary, to all the families who came home from afar and to Jamie & Jen Big Crow who dedicated the Mud Bog Race the day of her funeral. Thanks to Jamie & Jen for running the track in Kim's memory, she would have loved to be there. Also to her adopted sisters Janelle N.H. and Denise wright. To all her extended families and friends, thanks for all your support in making our loss much easier. Her aunts who assisted at the wake and after the funeral; Dorothy, Phyllis, Amanda, Susan and also to Jim Ch ristensen. All cousins, who assisted furing this time, and the Pall Bearers, thank you so much for your support and strength. We appreciate all the things you have all done for us during this great loss of ours, we will always remember you all for your kindness, caring and all the virtues of the Lakota culture. If I have forgotten to mention anyone, please forgive me.
From her families:
Dennis King, Serena (Hatt) King, Jolene, Shields, Sheldon, Tiffany and family, Stephanie and family, Santanna Blacksmith and family, Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews and Kim's daughter Kalion and son Ocean.

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Bids

Notice to Bidders

Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Shannon County School Board in the administrative office building, Batesland, South Dakota, until 12:00 noon Sept. 24, 2007, for gasoline and #1 & #2 grade diesel fuel to be supplied and delivered for a one-year period, to public schools which are located at Batesland, Rockyford, Red Shirt and Wolf Creek Schools, as designated by the school board. Bids will be opened thereafter, and made public at the regular board meeting on Monday, Sept 24, 2007 at Batesland, SD, at 5:00 p.m.

The successful bidder shall have the responsibility of:

1) Supplying necessary gasoline and/or diesel fuel for school buses and school vehicles operated by the Shannon County School District. Delivery of unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel to Wolf Creek, Rockyford, Batesland and Red Shirt Schools storage facilities. The supply period is to be from Oct. 1, 2007 through Aug. 31, 2008.

The bids should be based on pricing for the date of Sept. 19, 2007 and should specify pricing details (i.e.) tank wagon price, discount and taxes which may apply. Bids should be detailed so that the cost to the district from all bidders can be readily compared. Bidder should include documentation of current cost to them from their supplier at the time the bid is submitted. Bidder should also include whether their bid price is firm throughout the year, or a statement that any increase or decrease in the price of gasoline or diesel fuel to the school district after the bid letting on Sept. 24, 2007 will be substantiated by a letter from the bidder's supplier stating that the price has increased by the amount that the bidder is passing on to the school district.

Bids must be sealed and marked "gasoline bid" or "diesel fuel bid" in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope and be addressed to the Shannon County School Board, Attn: Patti Nelson, P.O. Box 109, Batesland, South Dakota, 57716.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any irregularities therein.

Notice

Oglala Lakota College Education Department PO B ox 490 Kyle, SD 57752-0490 Education Department Teacher Training Program

Public Announcement of the NCATE Review

Oglala Lakota College's Education and Graduate Studies Departments is scheduled to be reviewed by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The site visit is scheduled for March 8-12, 2008. Federal regulations require that accrediting agencies allow for public comment on the qualifications of institutions or programs under consideration for first accreditation.

Both NCATE and Oglala Lakota College recognize graduates, parents, schools, and community organizations have valuable perspectives on the quality of the programs that prepare teachers and other school personnel. We invite interested parties to submit written testimony on the School of Education to:

Board of Examiners
NCATE
2010 Massachusetts Avenue NW,
Suite 500
Washington, DC 20036-1023

Or Email by email to callforcomments@ncate.org

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered at Oglala Lakota College, and should specify the respondent's relationship, if any, to the institution (i.e., graduate, present or former faculty member, employer of graduates). Copies of all correspondence received will be sent to Oglala Lakota College for comment prior to the review. No anonymous testimony will be considered. Letters of comment should be received no later than Sunday, December 31, 2007 for institutions with visits in Spring 2008.

SHANNON COUNTY NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Wounded Knee Road (Shannon County Road #4) will be closed for construction beginning Tuesday, September 4th, 2007. This is the stretch of road from 6 miles west of Batesland (Gordon Y) to Wounded Knee. For any further questions please contact Lynn Bettelyoun, Shannon County Highway Superintendent at 605-288-1866 (shop) or 441-6261 (cell).

Dated this 28th day of August, 2007
Sue Ganje
Shannon County
Auditor

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PRAIRIE WIND CASINO AUDIT PROPOSALS

PRAIRIE WIND CASINO SOLICITING PROPOSALS FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE ACCOUNTING PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

The audit must be conducted in accordance with the National Indian Gaming Minimum Internal Control Standard 542.3 (f), "An independent certified public accountant (CPA) shall be engaged to perform procedures to verify, on a test basis, that the gaming operation is in material compliance with the tribal internal control standards or a tribally approved variance that has received commission concurrence. The procedures may be performed in conjunction with the annual audit.The CPA shall report its finding to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Tribal gaming regulatory authority and management. The tribe shall submit a copy of the report to the Commission wlthin 120 days of the gaming operation's fiscal year end."

The proposal must state your understanding of the work to be done and must include the qualifications and experience of your firm and staff. A copy of your firm's latest quality review letter must be included in your proposal.

If applicable, minority and Indian preference must be requested in the proposal.

Cost will not be the only determining factor in awarding the proposal. The Prairie Wind Casino reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Proposals must be sealed and postmarked by October 31, 2007, at 5:00 PM. Please address to:

ATTN: Comptroller's Office
Audit 2006 Bid,
Prairie Wind Casino
HC 49 Box 10
Pine Ridge, SD 57770

Call 605-867-6300 Extension 134 for more information.

Shannon County School District Vacancy
Updated: September 10, 2007

The Shannon County School District 65-1 is accepting applications for the following non-certified and certified positions

All positions are OPEN TILL FILLED unless indicated

Red Shirt School

1-Lakota Studies Coach/Aide (48 College credits with Lakota Fluent Speaker preferred position would include the dance and drum group activities).
1-Student Advocate/School Resource Officer-(Experience in law enforcement and related education preferred)
1-Title 1 Aide (48 college credits or pass the Para test prior to employment
1-Grade K-1 Teacher (K-8 South Dakota Teacher Certification required)
1-Part-time School Nurse (LPN or RN license preferred, will work 2 days a week)

Rockyford School

1-Custodian (experience preferred)
1-Bus Mechanic (Experience preferred) -Open till filled
1-CDL Bus driver-(South Dakota CDL License require)
1-In School Suspension Teacher- (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)
1-Lakota Studies Coach (Will recognize an AA degree if it is in Lakota Studies with Lakota Fluent Speaker preferred)
1-Librarian Teacher or Librarian Aide (South Dakota K-8 Teacher certification with Librarian endorsement preferred or 48 college credits or para professional certification prior to employment)
3-One on One Preschool Special Education Aides (48 college credits or pass the Para professional test prior to employment)

Wolf Creek School

1-Kindergarten Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification with endorsement required)
1-Special Education Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification with endorsement required)
1-Permanent Substitute (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)
1-Grade 3 Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)
1-Grade 4 Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)
1-Counselor- (South Dakota K-8 Certification with School Counseling endorsement preferred)
3-CDL Bus drivers-(South Dakota CDL License required)
4-Non-CDL Bus drivers-(South Dakota Drivers License required)
1-Special Education Aide (48 college credits or pass the Para professional test prior to employment)
1-Resource Room Special Education Aide (48 college credits or pass the Para professional test prior to employment)
1-One on One Special Education Aide (48 college credits or pass the Para professional test prior to employment)
1-Part-time Cook (experience preferred)

Batesland School

2-Bus Monitors (AM Wakpamni/Batesland bus route from 7:00am-8:00am, AM Wounded Knee Route from 6:45am-8:00am, PM bus monitoring from 3:00pm-5:00pm) Am and Pm monitoring pay is $20.00 a day.

For more information contact: Ann Red Owl
Human Resources Facilitator
Phone: 605-288-1921 Fax: 605-288-1814

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Contact: Dr. Archie Beauvais at 605-747-2833 or by email: abeaux@post.harvard.edu

Little Wound School
Kyle, South Dakota
JOB VACANCIES
Updated 9-13-07

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school term:

The following positions are open until filled:

High School Dept.	Middle School Dept.	Elementary Dept.
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Elementary: 24)Hand Game Sponsor

HOW TO APPLY:

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Director of OST Water and Sewer Co.
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(OOWEZ)

Position Title: Office Manager
Location: OOWEZ, HCR 49, Box 65, Porcupine SD
Supervision: Executive Director, OOWEZ
Salary: Per Annual Administration Budget
Closing date: October 5, 2007

Summary of Duties
The Office Manager is responsible for daily management of the office i.e. answering phones, managing incoming and outgoing facsimiles, managing incoming and out going mail , managing cuff accounts, preparing payroll, accounts receivable, preparing and reconciling Board travel, and other duties as assigned by the OOWEZ Executive Director.

Example of Duties
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Maintain office supplies and related inventory
Performs general office duties as directed by the Executive Director.
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" Keep phone records

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" Envelopes
" Labels
" Other documents requested by staff

Filing:
" Alphabetically file all correspondence and maintain filing systems

Copying/Faxing:
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" Fax documents as requested

Computer/Internet
" Must have knowledge of Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel for preparing and typing a variety of documents
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Happy Birthday
Marques Skye Eagle
7 years old on 9-14-07
Love your family in
South Dakota

**Happy "20" Birthday Roxie
Almost 21 and you'll legal.
Have a cool B-day
We love you!
Mom, Glenn, Antone
Corey**

Happy 9th B-Day to
Lil' Miss Oglala Nation
Elaina Rose Red Shirt
On Sept. 21st. We love
You and are very, very proud
Of you!
Love : Dad, Mom and Brad

Happy Birthday to
Byron Kills Ree Sept 15th
William Ghost Bear Jr. Sept 26th
Rodney Jealous Jr. Sept. 26th
Tlana Jealous Sept 10th
Frances Black Bear Sept 10th
And many more to come.
Love: William, Goast Bear, Kills Ree Families & relativis in Ethete, Wyoming & relatives in Wapato, White Swan & Toppenish, Washington

**Happy Belated Birthday
Inez No Neck
Hope you had a good one
Fr: the Crew on the hill**

I love you Junebug
So much with all my heart.
Every morning I get up, I'm
So happy your in my life and
I'm Happy that we are going
to have A baby together! I
love you Baby boy!
Love ur girl Kelly.

**Happy Birthday
Sept. 10th to
Sandi May
Vanessa Zephier
&
Carol Ferguson
From: Shell Dawn, Dale
Terri & Billi**

**To: Cody Alan
Have a good day.
Hope you recover quick!
Love Mom & Dad**

**I would like to wish
my Daughter
Holly Jo
A happy Birthday
Sept. 20th
Love Dad**

Happy Birthday
Marty and Martin One Horn
Hey boys we sure hope you
enjoy your special day we
love you both very much
have a good one
Love grandma Beta, Papa
Rod and the rest of the family
on the hill

**Happy B-day to
Robert Shangreaux
From Adair & Kacena**

Happy Birthday to my
beautiful Daughter
Amanda Cliffer
" Wichape Waste Win"
We love you very much.
Have a great day.
Your Ina & Hunka Ate
Dorothy T.B & Tuffy

**Happy Ninth Birthday
Kay
Have fun and smile!
Love, your dad Lon, Tina, your brothers Kevin, Jaden and Leon Jr. from Bismarck**

**Get well soon
Sandra Sitting Bear
From Jack NCJ**

**I would like to wish
My son "Eddie Clay"
Happy Birthday on
Sept. 26th Love Dad**

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9-16-05
Happy Birthday to you.
Love: Grandma Juanita
Grandpa Duane
Uncles Eddy, Shane,
Auntie Leslie, Kellie,
Rooks**

**To: Dawson Dane Eugene
9-13-03
Happy 4th Birthday
Happy Birthday to you.
Love: Grandma Juanita
Grandpa Duane
Uncles Eddy, Shane,
Auntie Leslie, Kellie,
Rooks**

**Happy Birthday to
Wesley Smith
In Orgen
From little sister Sydney**

**I would like to say
Happy Birthday to
Tyler White Face
On Sept. 10th
Love Dezi & Brittany**

Happy 15th Birthday to
Rose Chamberlain
From her niece
Kelly Canby and her boyfriend

**Happy Birthday
Jonnie Winters - Brown
Don't have to much fun.
Toyer & Joe, Ray**

**To: Jason & Nanette
Whirlwind Horse
&Cody
Hope you guys are fine
A friend MZ**

**Happy Birthday to my
Cousins Marguita &
Mariah
Sepy. 10 & 11th
Love your Cousin Dezi. B**



**Happy 2nd Birthday
My Cekpa(9-22)
Kiah Kae & Kiley Mae Conroy.
I remember the day
I brought U home, U were so Beautiful. I love you 2 with all my heart.
Hope you have fun with Gramma Shirley and uncle Aca. Be good.
Love U always & 4 ever ur Mommy Melinda S.
Michael & Daniel**

**Happy Birthday
Jesse Kills Back
Enjoy your day
From:
The Crew at No Flesh**

Happy Birthday
Vanessa Good Voice Elk
Hope you enjoy your day
From your other mother
Carmelita and the rest of the family

Happy Birthday to my
first born
Benjamin High Horse
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Love your mother
Carmelita Mesteth

HAPPY BELATED
BIRTHDAY TO:
TAYTEN RAY GARNETTE
ON 9/5!
WE HOPE YOU HAD A
GREAT DAY!
FROM: GRANDMA
AQUALYNNE GARNETTE
& FAMILY

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**HAPPY BELATED
BIRTHDAY TO:
TAYLEN CHASE GARNETTE IN AUGUST!
SORRY THIS IS SOOO LATE BUT ANYWAYS WE HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD DAY!
LOVE YOU LOTS YOU LIL COWBOY! FROM:
UNCLE TREVOR &
GRANDMA AQUALYNNE.**

Happy Belated birthday to my sister and auntie Diandra Brave Heart coming from your big sis Antoinette,brother in law Tommy and your neices Talanna and Tiara Janis

We would like to say Happy birthday to Big Shortz and Moose coming from your cousins

Happy Birthday,
Kay Takes War Bonnett
Sept. 21
You are the sweetest and most beautiful granddaughter and niece a grandma and auntie can have. I love you very much.
Have fun on your birthday.

From Grandma Amanda and Auntie Vanessa, Uncle Roby and Taela Jade.



**Happy Birthday to
Kieran Takes War Bonnett
September 21, 2007
You are going to be 9 years old, Baby Kay. We love you very much and hope you have a wonderful birthday. Have fun in Rapid City
Baby Kay.
Love always, Daddy Jason, Mommy Jenn and your crazy cousins Jason, Brittany, Wakinyan and sister Miya.**

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Marnee White Wolf-Principal

School Wide
David Spencer-Counselor Tech.
Barbara Huska-4Direction Room
Gregory Ross-8th Gr. Level Teahcer
Maxine Clifford-Human Resources
Angie Clifford-Receptionist
Ruth Ridgeway-5th Gr. Level Teacher

Basic Instruction
Beverly Red Willow-K-2 Pr. Teacher
Patricia May -1st G-K-2 Pr. Teacher
Avis Monroe-2nd Gr-K-2 Pr. Teacher
Linda Guinn-3rd Gr-3-5 Level Teacher
Joan Woods-4th Gr-3-5 Level Teacher
Helen Gerken-6th Gr.6-8 Level Teacher
Kim Hicks-7th Gr. 6-8 Level Teacher
Lisa Steele-Attendance Clerk
Cynthia Plenty Arrows-School Liaison
Janice Afraid of Hawk-School Nurse
Patrick Folds-Science Teacher

Wookiye-Part A
Georgia Pourier-Teacher
Ruth Steele-Speech Therapist Associate
Theresa Bad Milk-1-1 Paraprofessional

Wookiye-Part B
Jocelyn Colhoff-Teacher/Counselor

Wookiye-Part B One Time
CatherineClifford-Paraprofessional aide
Jacinda King- Paraprofessional aide
Robert Larvie-Paraprofessional aide

Wopika
Ronald Woods-Teacher
Sharon Guenther-Art Teacher

Wopika
Randi Gibbons-Treaties Teacher
Joey Dorer-Music Teacher

Language Development
Wade Broken Nose-Teacher
Lillian White Face-Teacher

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Eldwin Little Dog-Cook

Business Office
Michael Brooks-Act. Head Accountant
Cleo Gates-Payroll Clerk
Becki Cedar Face-Garrett-Acct. Payable

Transportation
David Gibbons-Transportation Super.
Ron Little Dog-Bus Driver/Custodian
Carlos Romero-Bus Driver/Custodian

Facilities/Maintainance
Floyd Afraid of Hawk-Custodian
Tony Black Bear-Custodian
Lavern Yankton-Grounds Keeper

Facilities/Operations
Fred Colhoff-Facilities Manager
Robert Kills Enemy-Security/Custodian

Quarters
Robert Martin-Quarters Maintenance

Special Projects
Robert "Buck" Spencer-Maintenance

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North Run
Evergreen Housing 7:10 am
Lonesome Valley 7:25 am
Grass Creek 7:45 am

White Horse Creek Run
White Horse Creek area 7:15-7:25 am
College area 7:30-7:45 am
Lower Housing area 7:45-7:50 am
Upper Housing area 7:45-8:00 am

Wounded Knee area
Bus begins picking up students at 7:25 am

Pine Ridge area
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ATHLETICS 2007

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SEPTEMBER

11TH	TUESDAY	LWMS	AWAY 3:30PM
12TH	WEDNESDAY	OELRICH'S	AWAY 4:00PM
19TH	WEDNESDAY	PORCUPINE	AWAY 3:30PM
25TH	TUESDAY	RED CLOUD	AWAY 3:30PM
27TH	THURSDAY	LONEMAN	AWAY 3:30PM

OCTOBER

2ND	**TUESDAY**	**PINE RIDGE**	**HOME 3:30PM**
4TH	THURSDAY	WOLF CREEK	AWAY 3:30PM

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SEPTEMBER

13TH	THURSDAY	PORCUPINE	AWAY 3:30PM
20TH	**THURSDAY**	**LWMS**	**HOME 3:30PM**
24TH	**MONDAY**	**RED CLOUD**	**HOME 3:30PM**

OCTOBER

2ND	TUESDAY	LONEMAN	AWAY 3:30PM
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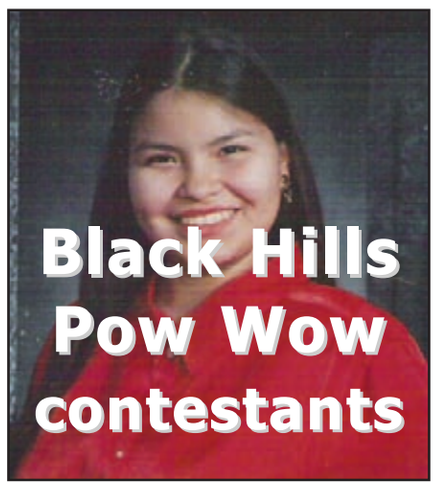
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12TH	**WEDNESDAY**	**WKDS**	**HOME 3:30PM**
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Todd County's Michael Neiss (22) stops Little Wound's Michael Pretty Voice Crane after Pretty Voice Crane intercepted one of CJ Spotted Tail's passes in a game won by Todd County 36-0 Friday night in Mission.

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Todd County corrals Mustangs 36-0 as Krogman finishes with 305 yards

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

MISSION - Little Wound brought their undefeated, 3-0 record and number five ranking in the 11A poll to Mission Friday night only to find a Todd County team that paid no attention to the advanced billing of the Mustangs while they mixed a strong running game with a good passing attack to knock Little Wound from the undefeated ranks with a 36-0 win.

"We wanted to key on Brice Hornbeck and force their younger players to step up," said Bob Kornely, Todd County coach, "plus it was our Homecoming and that provided some extra motivation for a good game and then there is Gunner Krogman, he had a super all around game."

CJ Spotted Tail opened the scoring for the Falcons on their first play from scrimmage with a 26 yard pass for a touchdown to Jaden Allen after Todd County blocked Little Wound's punt. After stopping Little Wound again, Krogman ran it over from the three yard line for Todd County's second TD and CJ hit Lawyer Claymore for the two point conversion pass and a 14-0 Todd County lead after the first quarter.

Spotted Tail found Mike Neiss in the end zone for his second TD pass and Little Wound was called for a hold in the end zone forcing a safety and Todd County had a 22-0 halftime lead.

"We just couldn't get anything going," said Darrell Hunter, Little Wound coach, "and when we did, like Hornbeck's 90 kick-off return for a touchdown, it was called back because of a block in the back."

In the fourth quarter, Spotted Tail scored on a two yard quarterback keeper and Krogman ran for the two point conversion and Krogman closed out the scoring with a a seven yard run for a TD, the kick failed.

Krogman finished with 23 carries for 155 yards and two touchdowns, four catches for 55 yards and one pass for 50 yards. Spotted Tail was 12 of 16 for 199 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. Aaron Stoddard rushed eight times for 36 yards while mike Neiss carried the ball eight times for 30 yards and caught four passes for 95 yards and one touchdown. Allen caught two passes for 30 yards and a TD and Lawyer Claymore grabbed two passes for 19 yards. Krogman led the defense with 14 tackles, Allen had eight, Noah Kalonzo finished with seven, Stoddard had five and Neiss had four tackles and two interceptions.

For Little Wound, Kevin Hunter carried the ball 16 times for 46 yards, JC Mesteth had four carries for 21 yards. Trin In The Woods completed four of ten passes for 31 yards and one interception, Jeremy Red Cloud was one of 14 for 16 yards and Hunter was one of two for 32 yards. Hornbeck had three catches for 48 yards, Michael Pretty Voice Crane caught one for 13 yards and Casey Montileaux grabbed two for 18 yards. Cory Youong led the defense with 11 tackles, one sack and one forces fumble; Pretty Voice Crane had ten tackles, one forced fumble and one interception and Hornbeck added eight tackles, one forced fumble and one interception.

"I'm proud of the boys, they never quit, they didn't get mad and all of us are looking forward to Pine Ridge and our Homecoming game on Friday," said Hunter.

Both teams are 3-1 now, Little Wound will host Pine Ridge in their Homecoming game at 1 p.m. on Friday (Little Wound was trying to rent temporary lights and have their Homecoming game under the lights on Friday night, Pine Ridge wanted to follow the contract by having the game at 1 p.m as the contract stated). Todd County hosts St. Francis on Thursday night because of the Lakota Nation volleyball tournament on Friday and Saturday in Rapid City.

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TWO SECTIONS

Prevention walk brings awareness to suicide problem

Ten deaths in one year attributed to suicide

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

ROSEBUD - With a great sense of urgency a four directions suicide prevention walk was held at 7 p.m. on Sunday with the Rosebud Sioux tribal building as the point of convergence by walkers from the sacred tatuya topa or four directions.

For many Rosebud residents the epidemic is rather unsettling for at least ten people have lost their lives to suicide since the beginning of the year. It is a phenomenon which professionals, politicians and community members alike are struggling to address through such walks, task force meetings and other public awareness campaigns.

Tillie Black Bear and her staff of the White Buffalo Calf Woman's Society hosted the event which saw approximately 150, mostly Sicangu tribal members, while Duane Martin, Sr. of the Strong Hearts Society was also present representing the Oglala.

The event was supposed to be a candle light walk as everyone was given a candle, however, the south wind, itokakatakiya blew strong all day long and no one could light their candles until they finished their walk. Black Bear started the event by saying, "There have been a lot of suicide attempts. As Sicangu oyate we need to bring together the legislative people and the medicine people. I hope you brought pictures to give to the legislative body."

Martin explained to the gathering that he had been invited and would be singing a special song after the walk that he had learned in Hill City where he lives. He said, "A nephew almost took his life and so I took the opportunity to involve myself in Rapid City and Hill City. I went on the hill. I will share that song I learned from the wind people."



Joanne Crow Dog gives children attending the event a drink of water as a source of strength and healing at the candle light suicide prevention walk sponsored by the White Buffalo Calf Woman's Society in Rosebud last Sunday evening.

He also presented tee shirts to Black Bear, Crow Dog, Burdette Clifford of Sinte Gleska University and Dr. Dan Foster of the Indian Health Service who worked tirelessly to address the suicide issue on the Rosebud.

Sicangu medicine men, Leonard Crow Dog and Roy Stone, Sr. prayed for those who journeyed to the spirit world because of suicide. Crow Dog said, "Why is it happening? We, the parents are solely responsible for our kids…We've been abused by the federal government and its constitution."

RST President, Rodney M. Bordeaux also spoke prior to the walk. He said,

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OLC establishes Frank Fools Crow scholarship

KYLE - Oglala Lakota College announces that it has established the Frank Fools Crow Scholarship. This scholarship will be given to students who are continuing in the path of tribal leadership and culture.

"Fools Crow was the nephew of Black Elk of the famous Black Elk Speaks. He also had books written about him by historians Thomas Mails and James Welch. When the federal government outlawed cultural and religious practices, he was part of a group who kept the sacred Lakota rites alive on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Much of what OLC teaches in Lakota history, language, and culture classes was the result of his and other elders' brave efforts to keep the culture alive. Fools Crow died in 1989.

In 1988, Fools Crow spoke these words to the OLC graduates, "Our grandfathers told us that life is a never ending circle and our circle was broken when we were put on this reservation. Oglala Lakota College is helping our people to come back full circle through education."

"Fools Crow was one of the most respected and influential spiritual leaders on our reservation," stated OLC President Thomas Shortbull. "He was the inspiration for many of the spiritual leaders who came forward from the 1960s until today."

For those wishing to contribute to the Frank Fools Crow Scholarship, contributions can be sent to Thomas Shortbull, OLC President, PO Box 490, Kyle, SD 57752.

For information, contact Thomas Shortbull at 605-455-6020 or Marilyn Pourier, OLC Development Director, at 605-455-6045.



Virtual high school enrolls students across the reservation

BATESLAND - Using Friday, Sept. 28 as a deadline for this first push to enroll students in the new Shannon County Virtual High school, school district personnel were in Red Shirt, Rockyford and Wolf Creek last Thursday and Friday and back in those three sites plus Batesland on Wednesday looking to enroll as many new high school students as possible. As of noon on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 39 students had registered, 19 freshman, 16 sophomores, one junior and three seniors.

"We ask that interested students bring a copy of any high school transcript, basically a record of any high school credits they already may have and then to take an assessment to help us determine what level of class each student would best fit," said Dr. Curt Voight, new Shannon County Schools superintendent, "we were shooting for about 100 students in this first fall session and currently we're advertising for a virtual high school coordinator for each of our major attendance centers of Wolf Creek, Batesland, Red Shirt and Rockyford."

The Shannon County Virtual high school is not your traditional high school, added Voight; the school will not be a high school with a physical setting but will use computers and the internet to complete classwork using the current attendance centers already in existence - schools in Batesland, Wolf Creek, Rockyford and Red Shirt to earn credits for a high school diploma.

"We are not talking about creating this high school from scratch, currently the state has about 108 classes that are established and are offered on the internet and authorizing Shannon County for a high school allows us to register students for those classes and to grant credit towards a high school degree," said Voight, "our goal is to find a space at our current schools, fill the room with notebook computers with internet access and stay open from noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and maybe 9a.m.-12 noon or 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday to provide students with an opportunity to enroll and work on their high school classes on the computer."

Over the past year, before I came to work for Shannon County, I was involved in a study looking at tracking the eighth grade graduates from Batesland, Wolf Creek, Rockyford and Red Shirt," said Dr. Curt Voight, new superintendent of Shannon County schools, "we found that less than 30 percent of the eighth graduates finished high school; that is a terrible situation for both the student and the health of the community."

Interested students or parents may contact the principal of any of the schools that make up Shannon County schools or call Vicki Grant, Shannon County Schools curriculum developer and now high school principal at the Shannon County schools main office in Batesland or calling 605-288-1921.

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Rosebud: awareness walk

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"It's good that we see a lot of people here. We need spiritual help, both Christian and Lakota. Let's get together, join forces and support each other…we need to come together to support one another. We want something for our young to do. Restore pride in our culture…we have to stop it (suicide) I can't do it myself."

After all walkers had completed their walk it began to rain and everyone moved inside where all of the wakanyeja or children were asked to sit in the middle. The children were asked to line up and Joan Crow Dog gave each one a drink of water. Black Bear then asked all of the other young people to stand up and there were many in attendance. She asked the children to look around as one day they would also be teens and then older people.

The encouragement and emotional support that was extended to the gathering of children in the circle was one of the positive highlights of the evening. Those in attendance felt the connection to them and shared a common hope that suicide would touch their lives directly.

Two Strike community member, Ned Metcalf who helped to coordinate the event explained to the children and other visitors that everyone should know the four directions song and that everyone would sing it together as a way of honoring the need for Lakota to be spoken everywhere.

Metcalf said he would like to see Lakota spoken in the schools, menus items listed in Lakota and given some attention by the tribal council.

Some of the servers were Marcida Eagle Bear of the RST Alcohol Treatment Program, Hattie Dunham of the RST Tribal Education truancy program and daughter, Brianne.

Toward the end of the program Black Bear informed everyone that a monthly suicide prevention walk would be held as RST president Bordeaux quickly announced his support for such a regularly scheduled walk.

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New OST Public Safety Charter waits for seating of board of trustees

PINE RIDGE - The deadline for interested applicants for the new five member board of trustees for the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Department of Public Safety was Sept. 20 and out of 25 applications either picked up or mailed out, 14 were returned to the OST Secretary's office.

Originally, the council was hoping to be able to select the five member board at a special session of the council on Friday, Sept. 28 but because of the extensive background check required, the list will not be ready for review and selection of the council until their regular council meeting in October, according to staff at the OST Secretary's office in Pine Ridge.

The structure of the new board requires that each individual have no felonies on their record at all, that they have no family member working in public safety and not serve on other boards that would represent a conflict of interest with public safety including the council and executive board.

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CEB's Wohlleber, Takini's Mendoza cruise to LNI cross country titles

Cheyenne Eagle Butte, McLaughlin win team titles

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

MISSION - This year's Lakota Nation Invitational cross country run was hosted by Todd County in Mission in conjunction with the Todd County Invitational run, the results were very similar to last year as Jordan Wohlleber/Cheyenne Eagle Butte ran the 4,000 meter course in 15:48 with her teammate Ashley Iron Moccassin in second with a 15:57 and Todd County's seventh grader Lottie Grimshaw in third with a 16:06. The Eagle Butte girls finished with a 32 to outdistance Todd County's 38 and Chamberlain's 45.

Kiko Mendoza/Takini, a junior this year and two time defending State B champion has been battling Todd County's Marc Whirlwind Soldier all year and Tuesday won the skirmish by finishing the 5,000 meter course in 15:51, Whirlwind Soldier was second with 16:06 and Robin Iron Shield/Solen was third in 16:19. McLaughlin boys are the defending State A champs and took first with a 23, Todd County took second in State last year and was second at LNI with 46 while Cheyenne Eagle Butte was third in 69.

In the LNI girl's run, other top ten finishers included: 4)Kylie Wilson/Todd County 17:00, 5)Jessica Tall/Pine Ridge 17:01, 6) Adriana Iron Shield/Solen 17:05, 7)Desiree Blacksmith/Red Cloud 17:18, 8)Julie Bernie/TC 17:18, 9)Jordan Heideman/CEB 17:31 and 10)Erica High Bear/CEB 17:42.

In the boy's LNI additional top ten finishers included: 4)Ian Wiest/McLaughlin 16:52, 5)Cory Yellow Earring/McL 17:29, 6)Anthony Iron Thunder/McL 17:47, 7)Wes Running/Todd County 17:47, 8)Chato Wiest/McL 17:49, 9)Gerald Running Hawk/McL 17:53 and 10)Cordray White Dog/CEB 17:56.

Wohlleber won the State A girl's title last year as a freshman and helped to lead her team to the girl's team championship as well. Ian Wiest took 14th as a freshman and led his McLaughlin boy's team to the State championship over Todd County.

This year the regional meets coming up include: Region 4A in Chamberlain at 2 p.m. on Oct. 11, Region 5A in Pine Ridge at Red Cloud at noon on Oct. 12, Region 4B in Gettysburg at 1pm on Oct. 10 and Region 5B Philip at noon on Oct. 10. The State Cross Country meet is at the Broadland Golf Course in Huron on Saturday, Oct 20 for all three classes.

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Crusaders crush Eagle Butte 52-6

Scott adds 125 yards, three scores to season totals

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - Up only 22-6 at the half, Red Cloud's defense stepped up again Friday to seal the deal as Billy Scott intercepted a Chase Pay Pay pass and zipped 80 yards for a touchdown and Andrew Twiss grabbed another of Pay Pay's passes and ran it back 30 yards for a touchdown, both in the third quarter, to put the icing on the cake of Red Cloud's 52-6 homecoming win over Cheyenne Eagle Butte on Friday.

Scott, a 176 pound senior running back, added touchdown runs of eight and two yards while Jeremy Blacksmith hit Dave Giago on short passes in the end zone for two point conversions on both and helped even more with a 25 yard touchdown pass to Mike Cuny and a 44 yarder to Giago for another TD. Carl Swallow ran for three two point conversions including one after his own 28 yard TD run that wrapped up the scoring for both teams.

"We had a nice mix of run and pass today," said Keith Ferguson, Red Cloud coach, "and on defense, we gave up a long pass for a TD early on after a missed assignment in the defensive backfield but after that we seemed to shut down both Eagle Butte's running game and passing game finishing up with six interceptions, two for touchdowns, and recovering two Brave fumbles."

Scott opened the scoring for the Crusaders with an eight yard plunge for a touchdown late in the first quarter, blacksmith hit Giago for the two points and quickly Red Cloud was up 8-0 but Eagle Butte came right back with their only score of the game as Charlie Marshall got behind Red Cloud's defense and Pay Pay led him with a perfect strike for an 82 yard pass for a touchdown. Red Cloud owned the end zone for the rest of the game as the contest was called with 2:54 left in the fourth quarter.

"This week, we had our best week of practice, it was a great prep week," said Ferguson, "and it showed on the field during the game, our line is really coming together on both offense and defense."

Scott finished with 17 carries for 125 yards and two touchdowns; he added a third TD on an interception return and is one of the top scorers in the state with 56 points after four games and a ranked rusher with 53 carries for 472 yards. Swallow totaled 64 yards on seven carries with one touchdown and three two point conversions.

Blacksmith was five for ten in passing for 89 yards and two touchdowns and two two point conversions; Giago caught four for 64 yards including the 44 yard TD catch and both conversions and Cuny caught one for a 25 yard TD. Twiss led the defense with 18 tackles, recovered a fumble and ran an interception back for 30 yards and a touchdown while Art Vitalis grabbed two interceptions, Scott had two and Cuny had one.

Homecoming activities included a parade in the morning, a pep rally, a talent show and the crowning of Casey Zimiga and Ida Clark as 2007 Homecoming royalty.

Red Cloud is now 3-1 and travels to Hill City on Friday while Cheyenne Eagle Butte is 2-2 and visits Belle Fourche Friday night.

Football scores from week

Colome 50-6 Lower Brule
Bennett County 41-0 Pine Ridge
Todd County 36-0 Little Wound/CH
Red Cloud 52-6 Chey Eagle Butte
Miller Area 44-0 Crow Creek
Hill City 46-8 St. Francis
Wilmot 54-16 Tiospa Zina
Eureka/Bowdle 55-0 McLaughlin
Edgemont 26-8 Dupree
Viborg 70-20 Marty
Lyman 64-14 White River

Games this week:

Red Cloud at Hill City
Cheyenne Eagle Butte at Belle Fourche
St. Francis at Todd County
Newell at Dupree
Pine Ridge at Little Wound/Crazy Horse
Sanborn Central at Lower Brule
Marty at Sunshine Bible Academy
Waubay/Summit at Tiospa Zina
McLaughlin at Sully Buttes
Mobridge at Crow Creek
White River at Phillip

Lady Thorpes avenge earlier loss, rip Red Cloud in five

Lakota Nation volleyball set for Friday, Saturday at Civic Center in Rapid City

PINE RIDGE - Pine Ridge earned some revenge on Saturday as they knocked off Red Cloud in five games 20-25, 25-16, 25-16, 19-25 and 17-15. The Lady Thorpes are 12-2 on the season, their first loss this year came at the hands of the Lady Crusaders during the championship match of the Custer Invitational in late August.

Both Red Cloud and Pine Ridge defeated Cheyenne Eagle Butte in the triangular hosted by Red Cloud. Red Cloud downed the Lady Braves 25-12, 23-25, 25-21 and 25-15 while Pine Ridge beat Cheyenne Eagle Butte in three straight games 25-18, 25-18 and 25-20.

Pine Ridge won their 12th match of the year with three straight wins over Edgemont on Tuesday 25-21, 25-16 and 25-21. It took five games but Little Wound got by Takini 12-25, 25-20, 22-25, 25-20 and 15-8. Tiospa Zina beat Waverly South Shore 25-19, 12-25 and 25-18 then lost to Wilmot 25-14 and 25-23. Cheyenne Eagle Butte defeated McLaughlin 25-13, 25-20, 23-25 and 25-21 then lost to Mobridge in five 25-5, 18-25, 25-20, 18-25 and 15-7.

The Lakota Nation Invitational volleyball tournament is set for the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28 and 29 with pool play getting underway for the 13 teams entered at 9 a.m. on Friday morning. Pool play continues on Saturday morning at 9am with the top two teams from each pool entering the championship round Saturday afternoon.

Pool A includes Pine Ridge, Little Wound, St. Francis, Crow Creek, Todd County and Standing Rock while Pool B includes Custer, Hill City, Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Red Cloud, Takini, Marty and Crazy Horse.

St. Thomas More defeated Todd County in last year's championship match and Standing Rock beat Pine Ridge in the third place match. .The Lady cavaliers have dropped out of the Lakota Nation Invitational.

Activists seek help from Budweiser to alcoholism

By Carson Walker
Associated Press Writer

SIOUX FALLS (AP) - Organizers of an effort to keep booze off South Dakota's Pine Ridge Reservation where alcohol is banned, but alcoholism is rampant, plan to take their case to the nation's largest beer company.

Anheuser-Busch is the latest target of activists upset that four stores in tiny Whiteclay, Neb. just yards from the reservation border - sell about 4 million cans of alcohol a year, mostly to American Indians who live on the 16,500-member reservation.

Some Oglala Sioux tribal members and those affiliated with the activist group Nebraskans for Peace have twice tried to set up roadblocks to stop vehicles entering the reservation and confiscate any alcohol.

They also protested last month outside the Scottsbluff, Neb., Budweiser distributor and now are trying to land a meeting with Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis.

Budweiser products account for 86 percent of alcohol sales in Whiteclay: 356,283 wholesale gallons in 2006, compared to 38,559 gallons from the Pabst distributor and 17,298 from Coors, according to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

Duane Martin Sr., one of six tribal members arrested in June during the last failed blockade, said Anheuser-Busch has the right to sell its beverages but also has a responsibility to help quell chronic alcoholism among Indians.

``They're not taking a serious look at what it's doing to people in Whiteclay,'' he said.

Anheuser-Busch officials wouldn't say if they would meet with Martin and others but did issue a statement from Carol Clark, vice president of corporate social responsibility.

``At Anheuser-Busch, we brew our beers to be enjoyed responsibly by adults. No company benefits when its products are misused. That's why, since 1982, Anheuser-Busch and our 600 wholesalers nationwide, including the wholesaler serving this area, have invested more than $675 million to promote responsibility and fight alcohol abuse,'' Clark's statement read.

``While we are certain these individuals are well-intentioned, we do not believe asking our company or our wholesaler to stop selling our products is the way to address these problems. Eliminating sales would affect responsible adult consumers and harm retailers throughout the area.''

But Mark Vasina, president of Nebraskans for Peace, said beer companies need to be more of a player and could do more, short of pulling their products off the shelves.

``Nobody has ever said Anheuser-Busch is the sole agent or that the beer companies are the sole agents responsible for what's going on in Whiteclay or on the reservation,'' he said. ``We're all responsible. We all need to work on solutions.''

Vasina plans to accompany Martin to St. Louis and encourage Budweiser to consider funding an alcohol treatment program or detoxification center, for example.

``What about returning some of those profits to the community?'' Vasina said.

Demand for alcohol has led to sales to minors, bootlegging, selling on credit, and exchanging alcohol for sexual favors, Vasina said. It has also contributed to accidents, violence, sexual abuse and suicide, according to the alcohol and drug program for the reservation.

The reservation's youth suicide rate is the highest in the nation, and most involve alcohol.

Shannon County, where most Pine Ridge residents live, is home to less than 2 percent of South Dakota's population but had 19 percent of the fatalities caused by drunken driving in 2005, 14 of the 74 deaths statewide, according to the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.

Whiteclay is one of several so-called drinking hubs where nearby residents of the nation's roughly 500 dry communities congregate to drink.

Malt liquor is the beverage of choice, and one of the popular products is Hurricane Malt Liquor, a Budwesier product with 6 percent alcohol.

``I could almost guarantee if you went into a poor, low-income neighborhood, you're going to find a lot more malt liquor beer,'' said Ricky Bluthenthal, senior social scientist with the RAND Corp.

He led a 2005 study in South Los Angeles, Calif., that found malt liquor drinkers differed from people who drink regular beer or hard liquor.

The research, funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, concluded that malt liquor drinkers were more apt to be homeless, unemployed and live in public housing.

Malt liquor users also reported drinking daily or nearly every day and consuming more alcohol than other drinkers, the study found.

Compared to regular beer, malt liquor has a higher alcohol content, usually is sold in larger containers and is cheaper, Bluthenthal said.

``If it had the same alcohol content as regular beer, it would probably be less harmful to the people who drink it,'' he said. ``They're drinking 40 to 50 percent more alcohol than if they drank a regular beer.''

Some Internet reviews rate Hurricane OK on taste and great for a cheap buzz and also allude to its popularity on reservations.

Car show Oct. 13

Pejuta Haka College Center Student Organization will be Sponsoring a Back to School/Car and Bike Show Celebration in Kyle So.Dak.on Oct. 13, starting time will be at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Words of the Seventh Generation

Racist stereotypes in the land of the free



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I never thought much about the sport teams and schools with offensive names referring to Native's before.

I knew about them and realized they were definitely a problem that had to be fixed. But I never really understood how wrong they were until I moved to California. The town I live in is called Fallbrook.

It's a small town of about 30,000 people. If you were to drive through on the main road you would pass right by the one and only high school. Close to the road there is a building about 50 feet high, and painted on the side is the school's logo, a huge traditional looking northern Indian war bonnet with 26 eagle feathers.

Below is a smaller sign with a painted red man wearing a headdress. And beneath the mural it says, "Home of the Warriors." Until then I had never in person come across a school, sports team or mascot that represented my people in such a humiliating way. It was a slap in the face.

I later went to the schools website and read about the history of the name. It says it was chosen in 1934 to "honor" the Native American students who also went to school there.

I thought about that and did the math. "Honor" and 73 years ago, that was in a time before the civil rights movement of African Americans began. Racial segregation was still in effect against Africans, and Indians and Mexicans were treated the same if not worse. It was at a time when the majority of the nation believed people of a darker color where less than the "white American."

Although, African Americans do have their civil rights recognized today, it did take them 200 hundred years of slavery, and another 100 or so putting up with racism.

And we Native's are still fighting just to be acknowledged as equal human beings.

Last time I read there were some 2,000 high schools and colleges throughout America with names offensive to Native people, 181 being in California, which ranks number 2 in the U.S. for use of offensive mascots against Native Americans.

Of course, professional sport teams also have names and mascots that stereotype us as well. In football, there are the Kansas City Chiefs and the Washington Red Skins; in baseball, the Cleveland Indians and the Atlanta Braves; in hockey, the Chicago Black Hawks; and in basketball, the Golden State Warriors.

And in the atmosphere of these "games" it creates attitudes that mock and belittle our religion, beliefs, and culture, and it keeps American's blinded from seeing the real world of Natives. These attitudes make it easy to dehumanize us, and it maintains the ignorance of the people who contribute to this point of view.

The effects of centuries of forced change against Native people and the continuing cruelty of the government go unnoticed to the majority of America. But the country's treatment of Native people that is seen by America is viewed by most as acceptable.

It has given them the mind-set that nothing is wrong with "honoring Indians" by naming sport teams and schools after them. Because many people are convinced there is nothing wrong with these actions they will do everything they can not to change their team or school name all for the sake of a "game."

They either don't know or don't care about what it must feel like to Native people to see their resemblance in the form of a disrespectful mascot of either a school of sports team.

The psychological effect this has on our Native youth has been documented, and it does have a negative effect on them by lowering their self-esteem, and slowing down their learning ability. And you may be surprised to know that studies were also done on European American students who were exposed to these stereotyped images of Native Americans.

The results showed that while Native youth felt lowered self esteem, the European students who viewed these images experienced a heightened self esteem compared to the European students who didn't see these images.

That tells me people who join in supporting these negative images do so because it makes them feel good about themselves. How wrong and disturbing is that?

School's are for educating the future people of this world. I would hope that truth, integrity, and equality are a schools main focus in education. I would hope all people involved in education would be willing to put a stop to discrimination.

We as human beings have come far this last century in understanding our world and our universe, but we still have so much more to learn about being human.

And as long as educational institutions, sport teams, and the American people fail to recognize this racial disregard of Native people this nation will always be stuck in its progress for betterment and it will only worsen.

When are these false beliefs and ill attitudes of Native Americans going to stop and be understood?

What is it going to take for Americans to finally realize as a whole that racism has been bleeding their nation for too long now?

Today, if these similar attitudes and actions were done against African Americans it would not be tolerated. So why are these signs of discrimination still here against Native Americans?

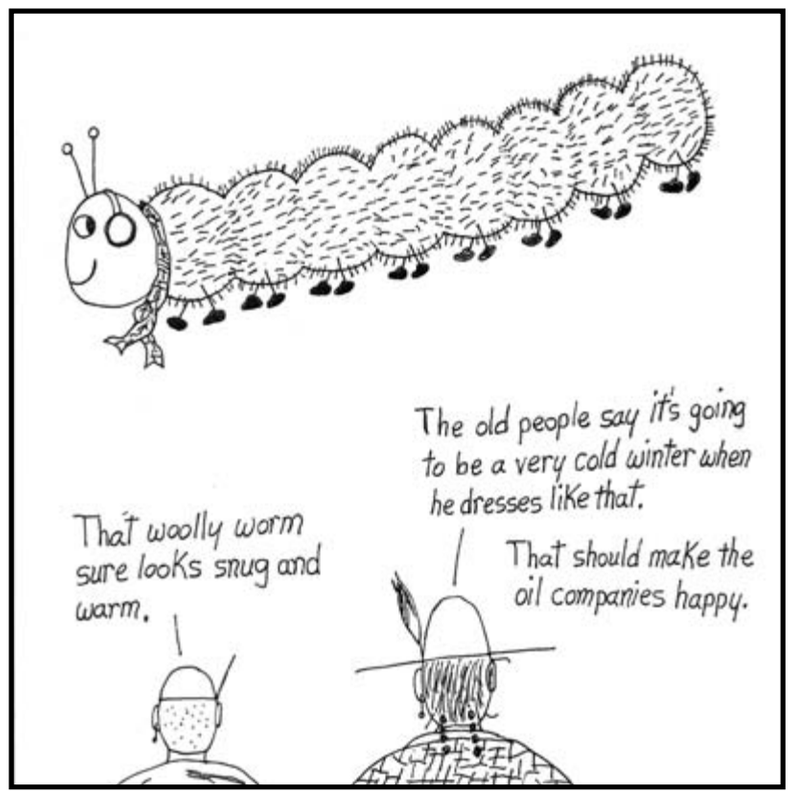
A person could probably come up with quite a few correct answers to that last question.

But I feel the underlying reason why America thinks there is nothing wrong with portraying us the way they do, is because our true history has never been taught in their grade/high school systems.

It's why generations of Americans have disrespected us for so long; they do so because they don't know better. It's not their fault, but rather the ones who have distorted our history and hid it from their people out of fear that their people might know the truth behind their blessed nation.

They are the forefathers of America and the leaders of today who have been guiding their people in their "Land of the Free" while the country's true owners and first people watch from separated boundaries, and do not share in their dream.

Anson Black Calf, Sicangu/Navajo, is 27-years old and temporally lives in southern California with his wife Angelina and child. Every summer, he comes back to Lakota country to be a part of the renewing ways. Soon his family plans to make South Dakota their home.



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Other Views

Inmates need to stand up for themselves

Dear Editor:

These words go out to all indigenous prisoners who are doing time in prisons where our sacred Pipe, sacred objects, ceremonies, pow wows, meetings, access to our spiritual leaders, and other ways of our own rehabilitation are being denied by wardens and prison administrations.

Remain strong in your struggles and endeavors. Some of you are starting to understand these battles and some of you exhausted all of your remedies. A majority of you are tired and don't want anything to do with these denials and discriminatory practices of not letting our prayers happen. Some of you may not care.

We have a right to smoke our sacred Pipes and burn our ceremonial herbs.

We have a right to build our Inipi (Rite of Purification or Sweatlodge) and participate in this ceremony. We have a right to unify in our pow wows, meetings, ceremonies, and have access to our Spiritual Leaders. We have a right to share in our own forms of rehabilitation. We have a right to legally challenge our wardens and prison administrations.

The Supreme Court unanimously overturned a Sixth Circuit decision that barred most prisoners from asserting our constitutional rights.

We can now file lawsuits directly in federal court. Contact Elizabeth Alexander, Director of the ACLU National Prison Project, and request a copy of Jones v. Beck. Also, look at Cutter v. Wilkinson. There are things we can do legally to defend ourselves.

We know there are wardens and prison administrations who do not understand the laws and our way of life. They use their own legal theories and violate our spiritual and cultural rights. Maybe they don't know or realize they are violating our rights. Federal law precedes state law. Federal law protects us.

We must always remember this, especially, in prisons where federal monies are used for our rehabilitation.

Stand up for yourself and those who are with you. We no longer have to file grievances in order to bring a lawsuit against anyone who continually denies us the right to pray. Study our laws. Be patient. Find a lawyer or a law firm who will help you get into court.

The Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA) or 1996 is no longer a law.

Find outside Spiritual Leaders and people who will support your causes and the purposes of your work.

These people will be very effective if they can speak our native languages and believe in our traditional lifeways. In most cases, these people can talk directly with the wardens and prison officials, and build a consensus of trust and respect. These communications usually open the door for our way of life to be brought in without a lawsuit and other legal action.

Open diplomacy doesn't always work. Some wardens and prison administrations, and their predecessors, have not and will not recognize anything that relates to our way of life.

This is where we have to file lawsuits and get ourselves before a judge.

In the prisons of South Dakota open diplomacy has worked because we have a large number of Lakota, Dakota and Nakota prisoners.

We have a powerful system of working with our Spiritual Leaders and people who sincerely believe in our way of life. We haven't filed a lawsuit in many years.

The Main Prison and the Jameson Annex in Sioux Falls doesn't allow immediate family members in for our pow wows, we cannot have full-time language and indigenous classes, our tribal prisoners are not allowed to teach our way of life in the schools, we cannot return home to our families for funerals, and we cannot have eagle claws in our possession at anytime. We have a long list of growing problems.

Write to Rick Two Dogs, Charles White Elk, Sydney Has No Horse, and Michael Cross. These men are powerful Lakota spiritual people who speak our Lakota language and believe in all areas of our spiritual and cultural lifeways.

Our people depend on these men. Rick Two Dogs, P.O. Box 325, Porcupine, SD, 57772. Charles White Elk, P.O. Box 188, Kyle, SD, 57752. Sydney Has No Horse, Wakpamni District, Batesland, SD 57716. Michael Cross, Pejuta Haka (Medicine Root) District, Kyle, SD, 57752.

Contact Michelle Tyon, Mattie High Pipe, Myrna Thompson, and Belinda Joe for further help. These women work for us as tribal/prison liaisons on behalf of every tribal prisoner incarcerated in the prisons of South Dakota. Each of these women are very wise and respectful. They support us with honor and traditional compassion.

These women mean a lot to us. Michelle Tyon, PO Box 1838, Pine Ridge, SD, 57770.

Her emails are: igmoofan@yahoo.com and offender@goldenwest.net . Mattie High Pipe, PO Box 286, Parmelee, SD, 57566.. Her email is: mcgerman@sbtc.net. Belinda Joe, PO Box 345, Fort Thompson, SD 57339. Her email is: bfjoe@hotmail.com.

We ask for letters to be written to David Jensen, Roger Martin, and our tribal prisoners who are

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Other Views

A message from a father

Jaimie,

My daughter, so many times I've tried writing the right words. None comes more clearer each time I start, education. I cannot turn back time and undo the words I said at the bench.

We both know you were already set, the hardest part was for how long. now that we learned how to get by this far.

Visits from 212 miles 1 p.m- 4p.m. Saturday to 300 miles 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. Sundays.

Leads me to ask how big that one quarter is? 30 on your 19 won't break even.

Life is beautiful! I've learned this short time apart will not be forever, to respect those words that came from around that bench and prepare for the next.

Love, your father
Verdell Jake Yellow Horse
Oglala, S.D.

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Northern Perspectives

It's up to us to provide the leadership



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

Beautiful autumn weather has now arrived and I was able to see the Todd County and Little Wound School homecoming game last Friday.

That kind of extra-curricular activity and social interaction among students that it promotes is a very good thing.

Competition in any form makes us better and I hear a number of people commenting that that kind of competitiveness should also spill over to the academic side of our children's education.

Some also question whether or not there is too much emphasis placed upon being a good athlete and I know that one can be good at both.

Many universities call their students who play sports "student-athletes" and it is their way of emphasizing the need to be both.

In fact, some athletic conferences will publish a list of their athletes who have attained an excellent grade point average while also succeeding on the playing field.

I loved playing basketball, baseball and football when growing up, but I was a bit sub-par on all accounts.

I was also an average student and I think I would have benefited from being challenged a bit more.

I think I would have enjoyed interactive educational programs like the kids have now.

We never had tutors or access to the many resources that children have available to them now and I think I would have been a much better student.

Another peripheral issue as they say, is that we need to elevate those youngsters who are working hard to achieve academically and who will never step on the playing field because they are not good enough or because they simply want to plan for their academic future.

As Lakota people, we do not like to celebrate the academic accomplishments of others until they have left for other parts of the universe and that sends a poor message to our children.

We should be proud of our own who have made the effort to show the world that academic achievement is possible.

On the Rosebud alone, we have physicians like Dr. Sophie Two Hawk and Dr. Lucy Riefel to name a couple.

We should be talking about their dedicated efforts to bring preventative medicine to the people.

Lucy has also spent endless hours promoting literacy in the schools and that kind of work is admirable.

It's kind of like learning math.

One of the best ways that I can learn it is if you show me a good model that I can follow step by step and learn the process on my own.

If I did, I likely would not forget the procedure and all would be well.

If we show our children a positive role model who has achieved academically, they can see the process in action for themselves and know that they are equally as capable of modeling such an exercise.

I have seen many of our children in action on the playing field, in the classroom and on the streets and I know that many have the right stuff to succeed in life.

We adults simply need to continue to give them the right tools, motivation, purpose and positive example of what is possible when you work hard.

We were put here to provide leadership for our families and to keep them focused on the ultimate goal of providing for themselves and their families and from where I sit I know that we can do that with much more dedicated effort.

Dr. Archie Beauvais, (Sicangu) earned his Doctor of Education (Ed.D) degree from Harvard University and currently works as the director of the Lakota language preservation project for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

Notes From Indian Country

I remember Kyle



By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji)

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While researching on the Internet today I ran across the announcement that a 75-year-old man from Kyle, on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, had passed away. His name was Sidney Hunter.

I remember Sid as a young boy swimming and playing at Kyle Dam.

You see, Kyle was my hometown and it was a place where everybody felt safe. It was a place where all of the kids could go to Kyle Dam and spend the entire day and our folks wouldn't worry one bit.

Sid was two years older than me and was already a veteran of the Holy Rosary Indian Mission Boarding School. After I started school there I remember him as a really tough kid that nobody wanted to mess with.

He was good on a horse and in the cowboy language of today he would be called a "real hand."

I had a lot of friends at Kyle. There was my immediate family as playmates, my brother Tony and my sisters Mary Jane, Sophie, Ethel, Lillian and the baby Shirley. Mary Jane would join the WACS in 1941 and report to San Antonio, Texas for basic training.

Billy and Johnny Bear lived down the hill from me and "Dutch" Apple and Albert Janis, plus the Garnette boys, "Heavy" and "Frosty," and their sister Elizabeth, always stopped to visit and stay awhile when they were in town. We spent most of that summer fishing and swimming in Kyle Dam.

At other times my dad would take us out to Three-Mile-Creek to visit his sister, my Aunt Lucy Vocu, and we would ride horses with my cousins Leo, Bobby, Melvin, Donna Mae, and Rosie. Leo would join the Navy as World War II started and Bobby and Melvin, we called Melvin "Buzzy," would join the Marines. The Lakota people are very patriotic.

My father stood up as the godfather to Shirley Apple Murphy and she became my Lakota sister. Her little sister Cecelia would be the first woman ever elected as president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

There was an elderly priest named Father Sialm who was from the German-speaking area of Switzerland who had come to the reservation to save souls.

He had a console radio and would play it very loudly with his front door wide open. We children would get a special kick out of him as he listened to the ranting of Adolph Hitler because he would shout back at Hitler in German at the top of his lungs.

Of course we didn't know what Der Fuhrer was saying and we didn't know there was a war raging in Europe.

This was before Pearl Harbor.

It's funny how the death of a friend can bring back long forgotten memories.

The Pine Ridge Reservation was in the news this week because some of the tribal members had asked Budweiser Beer to stop selling their product at the liquor outlets in the community of White Clay, Nebraska, a town that is just across the border from Pine Ridge.

Many years ago there was a drive on to legalize the sale of alcohol on the reservation. I remember one of the alcohol counselors named Melvin "Dickie" Brewer speaking out in favor of legalizing it.

He felt that anyone that wanted booze could get it from the bootleggers or just drive across the border to Nebraska.

He thought that if it were legal the Tribe would have some control over it. And his alcoholism program would be able to raise money on liquor taxes to help alleviate the problem.

Dickie used to say, "When I was drinking nobody ever put a gun to my head and told me to drink that booze or they'd shoot me."

Another drug and alcohol counselor, Glen Three Stars, told me that when men and women from Pine Ridge went to the border towns to get alcohol they tried to drink it up before they got back to the reservation and that made the highways pretty dangerous.

He called it "gulping and binging."

Of course, none of this has anything to do with Sidney Hunter or my family, but there are a lot of mixed feelings on the reservation about legalizing the sale of alcohol and since it in the news today, I thought it was important to get a couple points of view on the subject.

I was lucky to have lived in Kyle. In the summer of 1941 the annual Kyle Wacipi (dance or pow wow) was held across the street from my house.

It was held next to the Kyle Day School, the school where I attended kindergarten before I left home for the boarding school. One elder told me many years later that this was the last pow wow before so many of the young men and women joined the armed forces and went off to fight in World War II.

Many of them never came home to Kyle.

Many of the people in mentioned in this column have since departed this world.

My sisters Mary Jane, Sophie and Shirley, and my brother Tony have all passed on. And "Buzzy" is the only child of my Aunt Lucy still alive.

Billy Bear and Dutchy Apple have made that trip to the Spirit World. Perhaps they'll meet up with their old classmate Sydney Hunter as he rides that horse across the morning sky.

(Tim Giago, an Oglala Lakota, was born, raised and educated on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in the Class of 1991 and founder of The Lakota Times and Indian Country Today newspapers. He founded and was the first president of the Native American Journalists Association. He can be reached at najournalist@msn.com)

Inmates

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locked away in the Administrative Segregation Units of Sioux Falls. These men have spent years here. Some of these prisoners will not be getting out.

They cannot smoke our Sacred Pipes, burn our Ceremonial herbs, participate in our Ceremonies, and are being denied access to our indigenous lifeways. Their address is: South Dakota State Penitentiary, PO Box 5911, Sioux Falls, SD, 57117-5911.

A new day is coming and we have to work for it through our thought processes, prayers, songs, meditations, decisions, writings, and ambitions.

A unified spirit of intelligence and power will bring us closer to the center of all of our hopes and dreams.

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Pine Ridge Thorpes throttled by Bennett County in delayed game

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - Bennett County upped their record on Monday with a 44-0 win over Pine Ridge in a game originally scheduled for Friday night but postponed until Monday at 2 p.m. because of the inability of getting the lights on after lightening hit a transformer in the area earlier on Friday.

Clint Sasse opened the scoring with a 14 yard touchdown run with 2:59 left in the first quarter, the pass for two failed; Nathan Novak reeled off a 37 yard TD run and John Slattery kicked the point after to give Bennett a 13-0 lead early in the second quarter.

Austin Haynes hit Orin Three Stars on a three yard slant for a TD and Slattery kicked the PAT. Sasse then hit Novak on an eight yard TD pass.

Slattery hit a 30 yard field goal as the first half wound down giving the Warriors a 29-0 lead at the half.

Haynes opened the third with his second TD pass to Three Stars, this time for 39 yards, Slattery kicked the PAT. Novak came right back and hit Novak for 14 yards and a touchdown and Slattery passed to Sasse for the two point conversion.

Sasse had 14 carries for 998 yards, Dylan Murrufo carried the ball eight times for 67 yards and Novak rushed five times for 59 yards and a touchdown and had two catches for 22 yards and two touchdowns.

Bennett County is 5-0 now and has an open date this week before hosting St. Thomas More on Oct. 5 in Martin.

Pine Ridge is 0-4 and travels to Kyle to play Little Wound on Friday at 1 p.m.

Prue sixth in Region 3A, qualifies for State golf meet for second year in a row

PIERRE - Todd County's Alex Prue, a sophomore, shot an 88 to tie for sixth in the Region 3A golf tourney on Monday in Pierre. Prue's finish earns the Todd County golfer his second straight trip to the State A Golf tournament.

Coleman Caldwell, a seventh grader at Chamberlain earned top individual honors in the region with a 75. Mitchell Christian's Deryk Thompson and Parkston's Spencer Freudenthal tied for second at 82, Cody Schreiber/Chamberlain was fourth with an 83 and Adam Calkins/ Stanley County was fifth with 87. Jordan Wunder of Wagner tied Prue for sixth with the 88.

Chamberlain took team honors with a 342, Stanley County was second with 355, Mitchell Christian third with 371 and Winner was fourth with 376.

As a freshman last year, Prue qualified for his first state golf tournament and tied for 64th with a 96, 96 and 180.

This year's State A golf tournament is set for Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 1 and 2 in Milbank at the Pine Hills Golf Course.

Flights have been set for the two day state meet with Josh Mousseau/Little Wound and Mike Twiss/Red Cloud set to tee off on Monday at 10:24 a.m. on the first hole, Prue/Todd County is scheduled for 11:20, also on the first hole while Pine Ridge's Joe Keith tees off on number 10 at 10:40 a.m., Montana Sierra/Red Cloud on number 10 at 10:56 a.m. and Eric Long/Pine Ridge at 11:04 on number 10.

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Four to compete for HeSapa Pow Wow Princess

RAPID CITY - Four women are in the running for the 2007 HeSapa Powwow princiess. The competition takes place on Friday, Oct. 5, 2007 at the Civic Center in Rapid City. The winner will be crowned after the 7 p.m. grand entry Friday night.

Clementine Bordeaux, 23, (whose Lakota name is Teh'ilapi Win which means Everyone Dotes On Her, is a 2002 graduate of Red Cloud High School in Pine Ridge.

She is the daughter of Chris Bordeaux, Sicangu Lakota, and Deborah Bordeaux, Oglala Lakota, grandaughter of Mary Louise and Cleveland James Bordeaux, and Eva and Nathanial Witt. Clementine is a lineal descendant in both Sicangu and Oglala Lakota tribes, and is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, but grew up on Pine Ridge reservation. Minnie (aka Clementine) is also a 2006 graduate of Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisconsin with a bachelor of arts degree in theatre, with a minor in religion. She presently works for Red Cloud Indian School as Youth Ministry Coordinator in Pine Ridge. Minnie's platform is "Making Positive Choices by Embracing Education and the Creative Arts." Her talent for the competition is "poetry reading.

Shawn Little Thunder, 19, (whose Lakota name is Zuya Win, which means Warrior Woman, is a 2006 Cheyenne-Eagle Butte High School graduate. She is the daughter of Della Scares The Hawk and Harry Little Thunder, granddaughter of Eunice Little Thunder and the late Gilbert Little Thunder, and Violet Good Bear and the late Henry Good Bear. Shawn is a lineal descendant in both Oglala and Sicangu tribes, and is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

She is employed at Taco Johns. Shawn's platform is Language Preservation. Her talent is Lakota flute playing.

Kara Condon, 23, whose Lakota name is Wacante Ognaka Win, which means Good Hearted Woman), is a 2002 graduate of Stephan High School (Crow Creek). She is the daughter of Harold and Geraldine Condon, granddaughter of the late Steve and Lorraine Charging Eagle and the late Bud Condon and Ester (Between Lodges) Condon Buck Elk Thunder. Kara is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. She is a sophomore at Oglala Lakota College majoring in Business Administration. Kara's platform is Education and Promoting the Values of the Lakota People". Her talent is "Teaching and Singing Hand Games Songs".

Mary Eagle, 25 , whose Lakota name is Wambli Luta Winyan, which means Red Eagle Woman, is a 2000 graduate of Standing Rock Community High School. She is the daughter of Theophil and Genelle (Gayton) Eagle of Fort Yates, N.D.; the granddaughter of the late Felix and Alvena (Richards) Eagle and Arlene (Whitesell) Gayton and the late Ronald B. Gayton, Sr. and the late Henry Livermont. Mary is the great, great, great grandaughter of Gall, John Grass, Sitting Bull, White Horse and War Eagle.

Mary is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. She is a lineal descendant in both the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. She is a senior at Sitting Bull College majoring in Business Administration and Information Technology. Mary is employed with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe as a Choice Game Educator. Mary's platform is Suicide Prevention and Intervention and her talent is "Singing Country."

Elder files suit against Public Safety for assault

SIOUX FALLS (AP) - Frank Sioux Bob, 70, claims tribal law enforcement officers on the Pine Ridge wrongfully roughed him up and arrested him, according to a lawsuit he filed in federal court.

Frank Sioux Bob of Pine Ridge said in the civil complaint that between 11 p.m. and midnight on July 21, 2005, he was at home with his grandchildren when officers entered the house and indicated they were responding to a call about a gun.

There was no weapon in the house, no one in the place had made such a report and the officers entered without a warrant or consent, the lawsuit states.

The six or more officers bullied Sioux Bob, broke down a bedroom door, twisted his arm and assaulted him, even though he told them he was not well and had a bad shoulder and knee, it states.

``They continued to twist his arm behind his back, slammed him against the wall, cut his head, broke his glasses, threw him on the floor, and poked him in the back,'' the complaint states.

As a result, Sioux Bob claims in the lawsuit that he suffered temporary and permanent damage, including physical and psychological injury, medical bills, damage to his property, and it aggravated previous physical conditions.

The officers were employed by the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Public Safety Commission, so the defendant in the case is the United States government.

In March 2006, Sioux Bob filed a claim for a $350,000 settlement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs but no action has been taken, so he took the case to court to seek damages.

Sioux Bob's lawyer, Terry Pechota, did not want to comment for the story and U.S. Attorney Marty Jackley is prohibited from discussing pending litigation.

20 year old arrested for stabbing of Richard Standing Bear

RAPID CITY - Chari Miranda, 20, Rapid City resident was arrested Thursday, Sept. 20 and charged with the stabbing death of Richard Standing Bear.

Standing Bear, 24, is from Martin. Police responded to a call of a stabbing on Elm Avenue. Officiers found the body of Standing Bear in the house and Miranda and a weapon in another room.

She is being held at Pennington County Jail on a charge of second-degree murder. Second-degree murder carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole upon conviction.

The death remains under investigation.

Natural History museum returning Sitting Bull artifacts

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mementoes of Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull are being returned to his descendants, the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History announced Monday.

The return of the lock of hair and leggings belonging to Sitting Bull was requested by Ernie LaPointe, great-grandson of the Hunkpapa Lakota chief who became famous for defeating Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer at the battle of Little Bighorn.

Sitting Bull was killed while being arrested by tribal police in 1890 and the lock of hair and leggings were obtained by an Army doctor, who later donated them to the museum.

``It has been an honor to meet the descendants of Sitting Bull, and to work together toward the return of these important items to the family,'' Bill Billeck, director of the National Museum of Natural History's Repatriation Office, said in a statement.

Community Calendar

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AIRC Pine Ridge Luncheon
Thursday, Sept. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wakpamni Elderly Nutrition Center.

OST Council Special Session
Thursday, Sept. 27 at Prairie Wind Casino dealing with FEMA trailers bond and Tribal Supreme Court, for information call 867-5821.

Protect Bear Butte
A special evening to raise awareness and funds to protect Mato Paha with Winona LaDuke and Anne White Hat, Saturday, Sept. 29 at Prairie Edge Book and Music Store in Rapid City at 6pm with Native foods and music and silent art auction, for information go to prairieedge.com or matopaha.org.

Roping
Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Martin Fair Grounds with entries at 9 a.m. and roping at 10 a.m. with Rough Stuff Roping Cattle, for information call Sonny at 685-6902/441-2234 or Myron at 685-6072/441-7682.

OST Education Committee meeting
Monday, Oct. 1 in the Council Chambers of Red Cloud building in Pine Ridge at 10 a.m., for information call Carol at 441-6640.

SD State A Golf Tourney
Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 1 and 2 in Milbank at the Pine Hills Golf Course.

Harlem Ambassadors are coming
Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Ben Reifel Auditorium in Mission with all proceeds going to support the local Habitat for Humanity and Boy's and Girl's Club of Rosebud, for information call 856-2665 or 856-4114.

OST Commodity Distribution
Friday, Oct. 5 in Kyle by CAP Office, Wednesday, Oct. 10 in Manderson by Post Office and in Wounded Knee in upper housing, Friday, Oct. 12 in Martin at Sunrise Housing, Tues. Oct. 16 in Porcupine at Evergreen housing and in Porcupine at CAP Office, Thursday, Oct. 18 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni Lake and Friday, Oct. 19 in Oglala at old store site.

21st HeSapa Wacipi Na Oskate
Black Hills Pow wow celebration Friday-Sunday, Oct. 5-7 in Rapid City at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center with grand entries at 7 p.m. on Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1pm on Sunday.

Bus Driver In-service
A DDN bus driver in-service is set for Wolf Creek School on Wednesday, Oct. 10 from 5-9 p.m. with Dan Duenwald which meets state's requirement for all bus drivers to attend a four hour in-service program, for information call Ann Red Owl at 288-1921.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
Friday, Oct. 19 at Red Cloud School sponsored by Red Cloud and Our Lady of Lourdes with grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9 at Loneman School in Oglala, Saturday, Dec. 1 at Batesland School sponsored by Rockyford and Batesland from Shannon County Schools and Friday, Dec. 21 in Rapid City sponsored by Wolf Creek School and Shannon County Schools; for information call 867-5174.

Honoring Veterans Wacipi
Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19 and 20 at the W.H. Lyons Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls with an exhibition on Friday at 1 p.m. and grand entries on Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., for information call 334-4060 or 800 658-4797.

ASK ANNA

Psychic ~ Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

My boyfriend has recently reunited with his kids. He has only met them a few times before. The mother of the kids is saying they are not his now.

I just wanted to know if they are really his? And if so, is this going to affect the relationship we built?

A question

Dear Question:

I see two children as being his. I see that you feel that there is a very strong physical resemblance to their dad. I see your boyfriend as being serious in wanting to connect with and maintain a relationship with these children.

I see the mother as not being sure who the father is; but in the light of child-support she gave her "best guess" for information to social services. In time, I see this situation being resolved with DNA testing.

The kids really like your boyfriend and want to connect. That alone will rule his heart. Good Luck!

Dear Anna,

Hau! I recently ran across The Lakota Country Times over lunch when I ran a Google search for Lakota Times. In perusing the website I happened to open up your advice column and wanted to get your thoughts regarding my situation if I may.

Currently I live in a metropolitan area in the mid-west. I left home in 1991 to attend school out of state and in doing so have not returned since then, except for holidays and family gatherings.

The educational experience opened my eyes to the world, in a societal enriching way, in as much as my traveling around the country while growing up. After finishing school I moved to the city and found employment in the I.T. world, in which I am gainfully employed. I have an avid social life, plenty of things to do and enjoy the rat race of it all!

My dilemma now is that I've been out on my own for 16 years now and in my heart do long for the plains of South Dakota. (Most notably for the Black Hills since in my heart it is "home" and have known that since I was knee high to a grasshopper. Meaning that I feel the most at ease and centered there of all the places I've been or foresee going to.)

With that said; I also know that the job market isn't the same in South Dakota as it is here and that there would be a significant pay difference along with all the other facets that drew me to the city life as well. On the other hand I know that the old ones are leaving us at an alarming rate and it is imperative to learn as much as we can from them before they do, specifically the Lakota language. I can sit and listen to everyone talk Lakota at family holiday gatherings, but cannot form a cohesive sentence to reply with on my own. Albeit I'll use the words that I know to mish mash with English in order to try and convey my thoughts/feelings/insights/humor etc. It's just not the same overall though. It's like I am walking a path that borders between technology and tradition, white culture vs. Indian culture or however you would like to deem it. I just want to make sure that I am doing the right thing overall.

I have talked with my Unci about this on numerous occasions and she has always stated that I am doing a good thing. Ultimately, I know she wants me to be happy, but as a Lakota man I need to make sure and give back to the people some how as well.

Any thoughts or insights into my issue would be greatly appreciated.

Living Between Two Worlds

Dear Living Between Two Worlds:

Time. It all in time. What you are feeling and seeing is a true heart opening - yours. Right now, you are exactly where you need to be. Don't overlook your value to the community; working in a "white world" yet holding your Lakota Cante as a true representation of a contemporary Lakota man.

You are learning, growing and teaching. When the time is right, however, you will move home. I see this in terms of a few years; but the future is not written in stone and it could be sooner. I see you preparing for your return by becoming involved in helping from where you are. From where I sit it seems prudent for you to contact The Lakota Fund in Kyle, South Dakota and begin your journey in your field.

You can utilize your skills, still earn a good living (researching and finding grants) and begin a successful enterprise at home. It is all there and here for you. Time, that's all, time. Use some of that to begin self-study of Lakota. Call Oglala Lakota College for help.

Tunkshila and the Spirits are patient. You are watched over, and you are doing your work; and that is exactly the way it should be. It is all, so to speak, sort of pre-ordained.and in Divine Order. That is the best language I can find to explain you to you.

God Bless.

Dear Anna,

I have had some strange events going on. I don't know what it is, or who it is. There is also something going on in my house. Can you shed some light on these strange happenings?

Strange Things

Dear Strange Things:

I see keys moving around and lights going on and jittering; I see thumpings and shadowy areas where the light doesn't seem to quite light the area. I see short phone rings with no one there; I see a sort of buzz of voices in the electricity wires and in the hum of the refrigerator, fan, or air conditioner. Yes, more than one thing is going on.

First of all, somehow your house and then even you and your family members are a little bit super-charged with static electricity. I think your house is in the direct line with some powerful electrical stimuli. Do you live near power lines? Are you in the direct path of a lot of radio frequency waves?

Now, the thing is, "charged" areas and people are attractors for spirits. Somehow, the excited or elevated electrical charge of an environment will tend to allow the spirits more powerful communication ability and the receivers (the people in the environment) more ability to ascertain presences (they are more sensitive).

I presume you are saging your house and your cars regularly; and telling these visitors to leave. Also, try and modify your environment with more absorbing or insulating materials. Try and avoid rayon, nylon and other manufactured polymer fabrics. They are great sources of friction (just run across the carpet and touch the light switch - especially when the environment is dry. Keep the area humid.)

And...of course, don't forget to pray. There is a grand-pa spirit present around you. He is watching out for you. He wasn't as nice of a man in his life as his spirit is now. Most of the activity around you is not the friendly visit of relatives. It is a cross-road or a doorway for communication because of its particular physical presentation.

You can also call a priest, a medicine man, or any clergy to bless the house. That will create a better environment in one way, but until the physical aspects are changed you are living in an interesting place.

Dear Anna,

I have a question for you. Do you see any spirits in my house? I always feel something when I go downstairs and I've heard stories about my family hearing things and sometimes I get a little spooky when I go down there by myself. I can feel something but I don't know what it is. Also, do you see anything wrong with me? Why sometimes my dreams that I have come true? Could you tell me if I'm having a boy or a girl?

Thanks.

Concerned for Well Being

Dear Concerned

Do you think you're having a girl? Because I see a boy but feel a girl. I'll say a boy.

The dreams you have do sometimes come true. So do mine. as do everyones. It is the Spirits way (that highest part of you - your life force, or in my terms, "the Spark of God") of allowing you to prepare for the future. It is normal.

What is wrong with you? You're tired and stressed out, and oh yeah, pregnant. Take naps. Rest. It's okay. You are pretty much okay. You are developing very strong intuition or psychic ability. Here is a warning: the easiest information to "hear, see, or feel" is negative. It is not always true, and most times is not true at all. It comes from the astral plane of existence, and I tend to think of it as a bunch of ethereal gossip and fear. It is a reality; but not necessarily the truth.

Any good information, given from a high source or loving beings is never given in a critical or negative way. It always is given with love.

I think you are frightened by your newest sensitivities and that you are interpreting this feeling as disease; or a slightly uneasy feeling. Relax and be okay. Don't worry. You are safe. You will become more sensitive to "knowing things" as time goes on. In the meantime, don't get caught up in chaos - either friends and family, or etheric.

Yes. I do see at least two spirits in your house. They have been there a long time - from when your house was a different house. It is kind of a time bleed-through. The intensity of the emotion that happened in that previous left such a strong chemical imprint in the environment that it sort of transcends time. It is now, 2007 in your environment, and sometimes you feel them. It is about 1867 in their environment and sometimes they see and feel you. Interesting, isn't it?

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

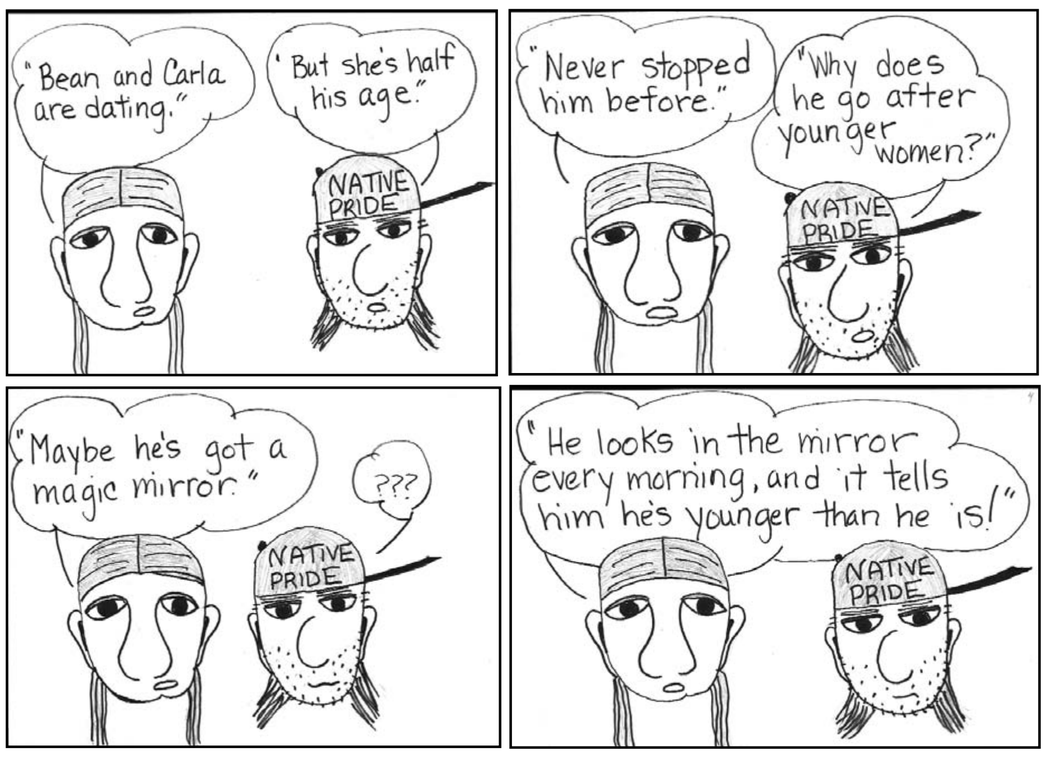
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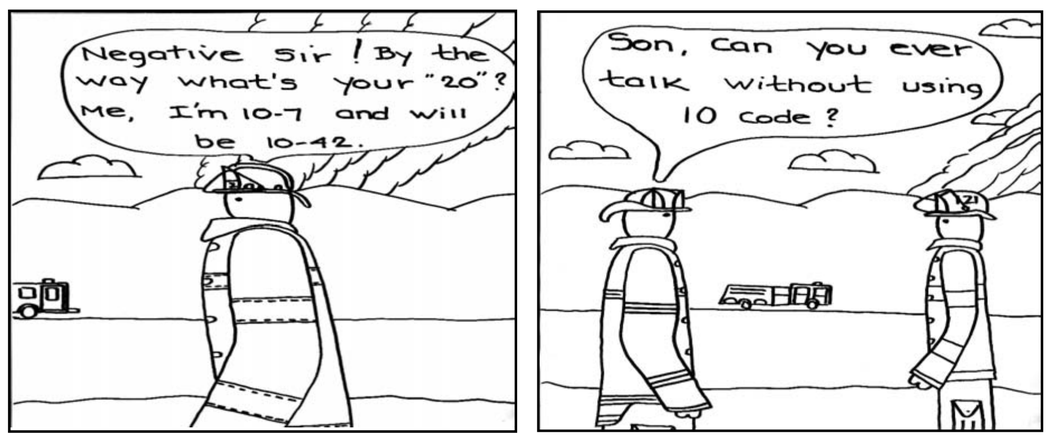
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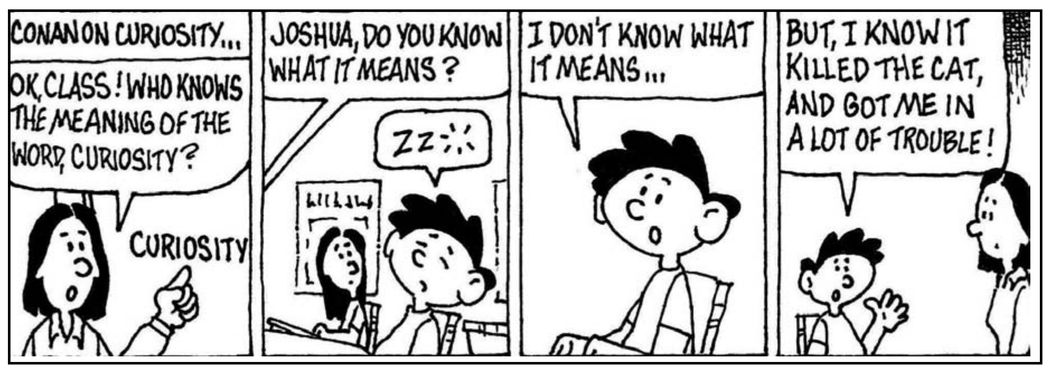
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Richard M. Standing Bear, 24.....Martin
Darlene Between Lodges, 53.....Wanblee
Mary Jane Black Burn, 3 mos..Manderson
Sidney Hunter, 75, ...Kyle
Christine Patterson Swan, 100.....Pierre

Merle A. Ashmore Sr.

KYLE - Merle A. Ashmore Sr., 41, died Tuesday, Sept. 18 at the Rapid City Regional Hospital.



Survivors include three sons, Merle Anthongy Ashmore Jr. and Gene Rowland of Salt Lake City, and Troy Lee Ashmore of Arizona; four daughters, Bobbi Jo Ashmore, Emily Ashmore and Arna C. Ashmore, all of of Kyle, and Sherie Rowland, Price, Utah; his parents, James Ashmore Sr. of Denver and Ramona "Tiny Babe" Ashmore of Salt Lake City; two brothers, James (Jackie) Ashmore Jr. of Salt Lake City, and Renzel (Kim) Ashmore of Rapid City; three sisters, Frances Ashmore, Eloise (Randy) Richmond and Arna (Shane) Ashmore, all of Salt Lake City; and one granddaughter.

A one night wake was Tuesday, Sept. 25, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall in Kyle.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the hall, with Deacon Gerald Bush officiating.

Burial was at St. Barnabas Episcopal Cemetery in Kyle. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Walter Means

ALLEN - Walter Means, 77, died Sept. 21 at Winner Regional Nursing Home in Winner of natural causes.

Survivors include sisters Martha DuBray, Allen; Josephine White Crane, Potato Creek, and Lavina Glade, New Underwood.

A two night wake was Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the Inestimable Gift Episcopal Church at Allen.

Funeral Services will be 10 a.m. Friday at the Inestimable Gift Episcopal Church.

Rev. Daniel Makes Good will be officiating with burial at Trinity Episcopal Church in Allen.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Richard R. Standing Bear

MARTIN - Richard R. Standing Bear, 24, died Sept. 20 at Rapid City. The cause of his death is under investigation.

Survivors include his parents Duane Richards of Wounded Knee and Robin Standing Bear of Martin; brothers Frankie Joe Standing Bear and Willie Standing Bear both of Martin.

Sisters Barbara Standing Bear and Cheryl Standing Bear of Denver, Colo.; Paha Standing Bear and Maria Standing Bear of Allen and Misty Standing Bear of Rapid City.

A two night wake was Tuesday, Sept. 25 at the Martin CAP Office.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Martin CAP Office.

Rev. John Bush will be officiating with burial at the Black Eyes Community Cemetery, Wanblee.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Darlene J. Between Lodges-Mesteth

WANBLEE - Darlene J. Between Lodges-Mesteth, 53, Wanblee, died Wednesday, Sept. 19 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Nelson Mesteth Sr., Wanblee; two sons, Nelson Mesteth Jr. and Chadwick Mesteth, both of Wanblee; three daughters, Joanie Mesteth, Waynette Mesteth and Lisa Mesteth, all of Wanblee; one brother, Wilbur Between Lodges, Pine Ridge, one sister, Matilda Little Killer, Wanblee; and one grandchild.

A first night wake was Sunday, Sept. 23, at the Nelson and Darlene Mesteth residence in Wanblee, and a second night wake began at noon Monday, Sept. 24, at the Wanblee CAP Office.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the CAP office, with Deacon Gerald Bush officiating.

Burial was at Gethsemane Episcopal Cemetery in Wanblee. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Mary Jane Black Burn

MANDERSON - Mary Jane Black Burn, three months, Manderson, died Wednesday, Aug. 19 in Manderson.

Survivors include her parents, Myka Black Burn and Justine White Hawk, Manderson; two sisters, Miaa Stars Black Burn and Mayla Rose Black Burn, Manderson; maternal grandparents, Andrew and Ruby Black Burn, Riverton, Wyo.; and paternal grandparents, Eugenio and Denise White Hawk, Manderson.

A first night wake service was Saturday, Sept. 22, at St. Agnes Catholic Hall in Manderson; second night wake was Sunday, Sept. 23, at the Eugenio White Hawk residence in Manderson.

Funeral services were Monday, Sept. 24, at the White Hawk residence. Burial was at White Hawk Family Cemetery in Manderson.

Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Sidney L. Hunter

KYLE - Sidney L. Hunter, 75, died Sept. 17 at the Custer Care Center in Custer of natural causes.

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Survivors include his spouse Carolyn Hunter, Kyle; sons Ward Hunter, Pine Hill, N.M.; Harold Hunter, Casper, Wyom.; daughter Tamera Hunter, Sterling, Colo.; brother John Hunter Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.; sisters Colleen Zephier, Kyle and Patricia Jackson, Rapid City.

A two night wake was Saturday, Sept. 22 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall, Kyle.

Funeral services were Monday, Sept. 24 at Our Lady of Sorrows Rev. Rick Abert officiating.

Internment was at the Hunter Family Cemetery, Kyle.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Christine Patterson Swan

PIERRE - Christine Patterson Swan, age 100, died peacefully with her son Aaron at her side on Monday Sept. 24 at Maryhouse in Pierre.

She was born Dec. 8, 1906 on Ash Creek near Cherry Creek to Daniel and Louise Patterson.

In 1923 she married Thomas Slow and to this union a son Gaylord was born.

In 1934 she married David Swan and in 1937 they adopted her nephew Aaron at Dupree.

The family lived in Cherry Creek, Dupree and Cheyenne Agency until 1948 when she moved with her family to Pierre where she lived the remainder of her life.

Survivors include her son Aaron Swan of Pierre, her two faithful pets Ska Ska and Tony of Pierre, nieces - Virginia White Feather of Dupree, and Laverne Counting of Eagle Butte, nephews - Ronnie Eagle Chasing and Patrick Eagle Chasing of Eagle Butte, grandchildren - Robin Claymore of Aberdeen, Mick White Feather of Eagle Butte, SD, Jeff White Feather, Gail White Feather, EvAnn White Feather of Dupree, Donna Straighthead of Cherry Creek, Troy Straighthead of Eagle Butte and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A one night wake service was Thursday, Sept.27. Funeral services were Friday, Sep. 28 at the Episcopal Rectory in Cherry Creek.

Burial was at Black Hills National Cemetery at Sturgis.

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Any person with questions may contact the County Auditor's Office at 605-745-3996.

Sue Ganje
County Auditor
Shannon County

Oglala Sioux Tribal Court
Oglala Sioux Tribe
Pine Ridge, S.D.

Notice of Hearing by Publication

In the Matter of : D.B.
D.O.B. 07-26-1998
To: Whom it May Concern

Please take notice that the 5th day of November, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. is set for hearing concerning the above-name minor child, this matter has been scheduled based on a Petition filed with this Court to Terminate the Parental Rights/Petition for Adoption of the Respondents named above.

You are hereby summoned to answer the Petition in the action which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court. A copy is available from the clerk, PO Box 280, Oglala Sioux Tribal Court, Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770 (605-867-5151)

You must file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Petitioner within (30) thirty days from the next day following such date of last publication and in the case of your failure to appear or answer, a judgment will be entered against you by default for the relief demanded in the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights/Petition for Adoption to the above name child.

Said Notice of Hearing shall be for a period of (4) four consecutive weeks from the date of this Notice.

Date this 24th day of September, 2007.
Judge, Oglala Sioux Tribe
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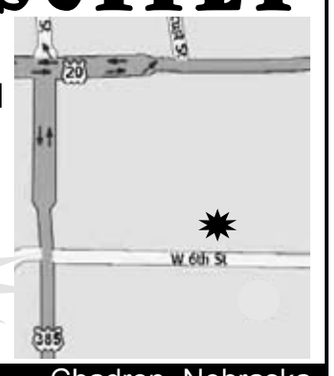
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Position Title: Office Manager
Location: OOWEZ, HCR 49, Box 65, Porcupine SD
Supervision: Executive Director, OOWEZ
Salary: Per Annual Administration Budget
Closing date: October 5, 2007

Summary of Duties
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Example of Duties
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Education and Experience
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Minimum 50 Undergraduate Hours

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P.O. Box 439 Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770
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Opening Date: September 24, 2007
Closing Date: October 9, 2007

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07-122 EMS Field Supervisor	OST Ambulance Services	Pine Ridge, SD
07-123Supervisor-Van Drivers/GSA Contact	OST Ambulance Services	Pine Ridge, SD
07-124 Billing Clerk	OST Ambulance Services	Pine Ridge,SD
07-125 Data Entry Clerk	OST Ambulance Services	Pine Ridge,SD
07-126 Vehicle Maintenance	OST Ambulance Services	Pine Ridge, SD
07-127 Dispatcher/Communication(6)	OST Ambulance Services	Pine Ridge, SD
07-128 Referral Van Driver(2)	OST Ambulance Services	Pine Ridge, SD
06-129 Emergency Medical Technician-Basic(4)	OST Ambulance Services	Wanblee, SD
07-130 Referral Van Driver(2)	OST Ambulance Services	Wanblee, SD
07-131 Emergency Medical Technician-Basic(1)	OST Ambulance Services	Kyle, SD
07-132 Emergency Medical Technician-Basic(3)	OST Ambulance Services	Oglala, SD
07-133 Emergency Medical Technician-Basic(3) (PR1)	OST Ambulance Services	Pine Ridge, SD
07-134 Emergency Medical Technician-Basic(3) (PR8)	OST Ambulance Services	Pine Ridge, SD
07-135 Provider Supervisor Learning Center	OST Child Care & Development	Manderson, SD
07-136 Provider Supervisor Learning Center	OST Child Care & Development	Allen, SD
07-137 Provider Supervisor Learning Center	OST Child Care & Development	Kyle, SD
07-138 Provider Supervisor Learning Center	OST Child Care & Development	Wanblee, SD
07-139 Construction Compliance Specialist	OST Contracts Office	Pine Ridge, SD
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07-064 Equipment Operator Apprentice(3)	OST Transportation Department	Pine Ridge, SD
07-066 Tribal Roads Project Foreman	OST Transportation Department	Pine Ridge, SD

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PO Box 40 Rosebud, SD 57570

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From the family of Orville F. Salway Sr., or "Paha Ska" for the letters, cards, phone calls and flowers sent in his memory for the 2007 SD Hall of Fame recognition.

Our father would have been deeply honored to be acknowledged as a contributor to the Native American heritage of South Dakota. He loved greeting visitors from around the world on the streets of Keystone and he appreciated the part he played in the tourism industry of this state for 50 years. His photos and artwork that exist with South Dakotans and travelers that have visited this great state are reflective of his pride in the Lakota people and his pride in calling the Black Hills "home" all of his adult life.



First and foremost Thank you to:

Susan Salway and Bev Pechan
for their love, dedication and respect, for submitting the nomination and for representing him in a dignified manner.

Roger and Yolanda Herrald
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for making the long trip from their homes to be present for the recognition. Also a note of thanks to those who could not make the trip but kept our family in their thoughts.

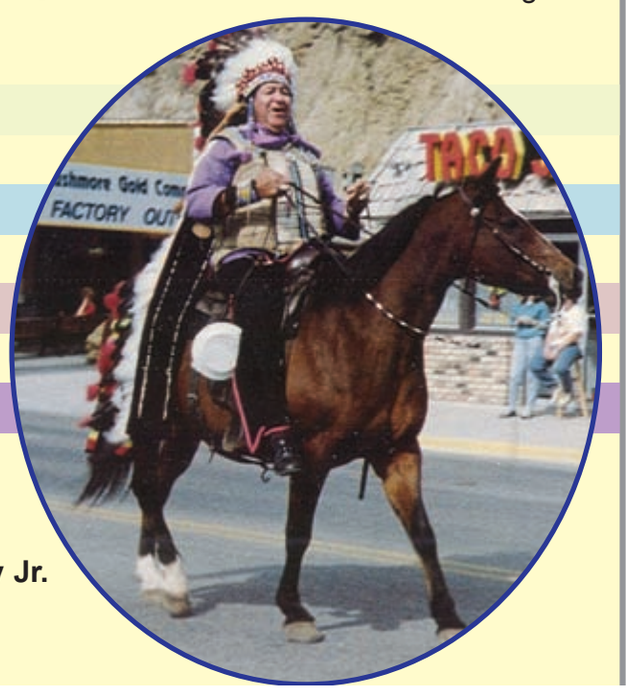
An appreciative thank you to:

Kelsey Jensen
the youngest grand-daughter of Paha Ska, for speaking on behalf of the Salway family at the Governor's Honors Banquet.

Ron Salway: Crazy Horse Frame and Gifts
For providing a beautiful painting of Paha Ska in his headdress and contributing a Paha Ska painting to the silent auction.

A very special thank you to:

BJ Braveheart
Amery Braveheart
Brandon Braveheart
grandsons of Basil Braveheart and sons of Robert Braveheart Sr., for accepting Terry's invitation, making the trip, and sharing in our pride with their beautiful voices in a traditional Lakota honoring song.



A final and deeply appreciative thank you to:

those of you who spoke with the grandchildren of Paha Ska at the end of the banquet and shared your stories and memories, to the South Dakota Hall of Fame and those who made it successful, Cedar Shores Resort, and the town of Chamberlain and Oacoma.

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To my mom
R. Moussaux
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Crow whats up?
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Nanette
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Love Will

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To my husband
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Good job to
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From: Alanna Brown Bull

I would like to say what's up and hello to my son Anfernee David Twiss down in Pine Ridge, I want him to know that I love and miss him a lot, and to all my family members in Manderson, SD. What's up to my sister's in Chadron NE. I would like to say hello to my mother Roylene Looks Twice, to my older bother Thomas Twiss, say hi to Bobby Running Bear Jr. and Cody Grass…I love and miss them all a lot, and if I forgot anybody important what's up, and to all the Lakota people on the Pine Ridge Rez keep you heads up" God Bless" and rest in Peace "Jigg"From : Joey D. Twiss F.C.D.C, Lander, WY

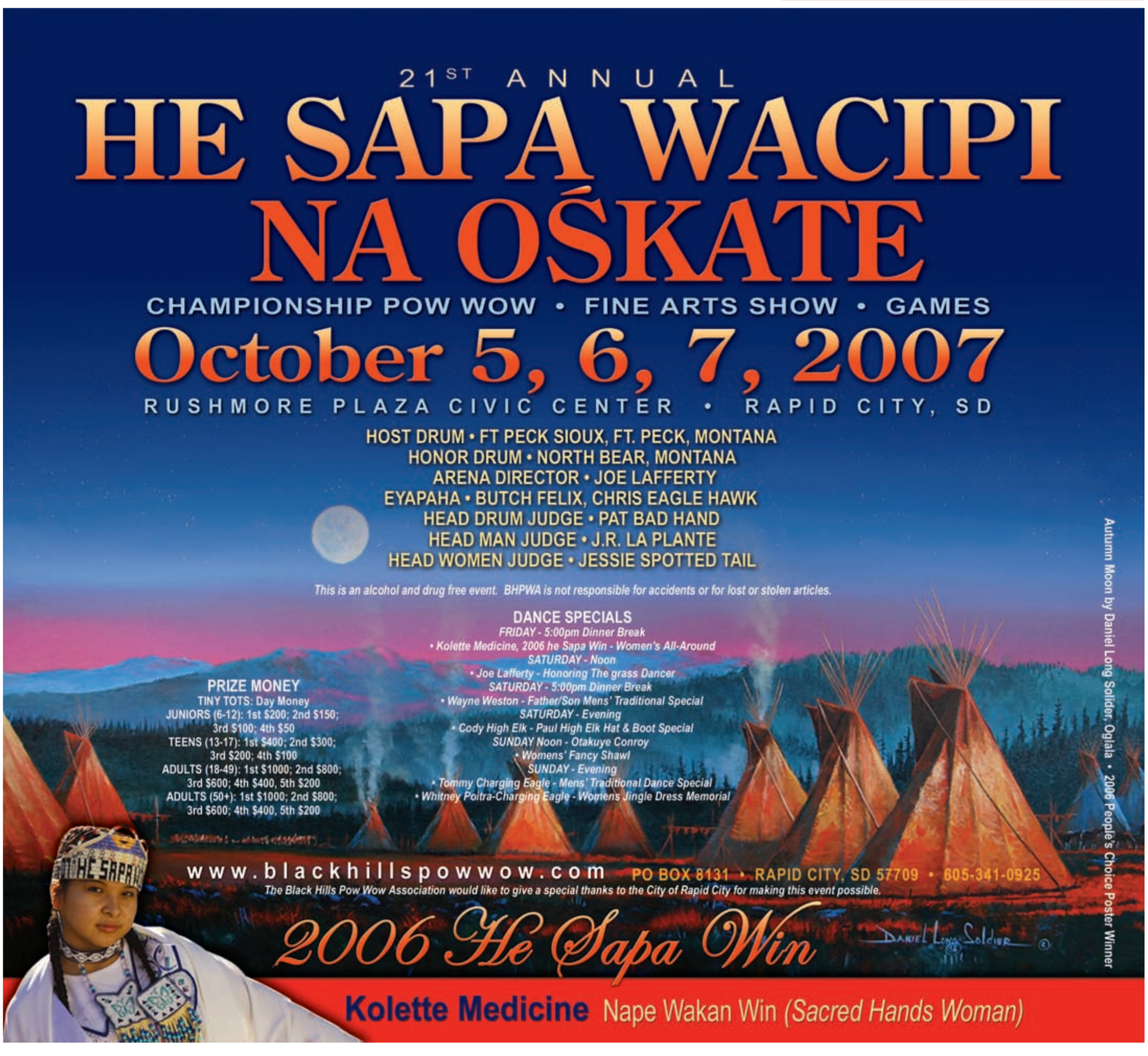
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The new St. Francis Indian School expansion project which accommodates the high school classrooms, administration and several other programs will be dedicated during a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, Oct. 12.

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BIA assistant secretary no show at tribal chairmen's meeting

ABERDEEN - On Sept. 27 there was a meeting held of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association. Elected leaders from Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota representing 13 tribal nations expected to meet with the Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Carl Altman, however he was a "no show." In a statement issued by Ron His Horse Is Thunder, the GPTC Association expressed its disappointment at the fact that Altman and the federal government should have sent their decision makers.

His Horse Is Thunder is chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux and Chairman of the GPTCA.

His Horse Is Thunder said, "Because of this disregard for sovereign tribes and the disrespect shown the elected tribal leadership and tribal governments who have signed the treaties with the United States, the tribal leaders will not stay here today. We will vote with our feet, we will walk."

Chairman Mike Jandreau of the Lower Brule Sioux also expressed his disappointment. He said, "Today, the BIA has acted disrespectfully toward tribally elected leaders and at the very minimum they should have sent the assistant secretary to meet with tribal leaders."

The GPTCA statement as issued by Chairman His Horse Is Thunder proposed to meet with Altman. He wrote, "We will in turn, put forth this proposal. We are willing to meet with Carl Altman on an Indian reservation. We will give you a time and place. The Standing Rock Sioux reservation is chosen as the location for Oct. 31."

SFIS completed, ribbon cutting ceremony planned

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

ST. FRANCIS - St. Francis Indian School is inviting guests to a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new school expansion building project which began in 1999 when the school submitted an application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for school replacement funds.

James Hogan, the school expansion liaison has worked closely and effectively with current superintendent, Larry Parker, to coordinate a long process that involved many individuals. The school cultural team, planning team, school administrators, SFIS board of education and community members were involved in the project which is not fully complete.

The list of dignitaries invited for the ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. include the South Dakota congressional delegation, Rosebud Sioux tribal president, Rodney M. Bordeaux, Cheryl Crazy Bull, SFIS alumni, representatives from the BIA office in Albuquerque, N.M. and Gordon Rosby, inspector for the BIA.

Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. and the former SFIS school board, the RST Tribal Education Interim Board and the newly elected school board are also invited to the ceremony.

The construction company and educational consultants which are involved in the construction will be invited and include Puetz Corporation of Mitchell who are project managers, DLR Educational Consultants of Omaha, Neb. which is the architectural firm and Kurtz Construction of Rapid City who are the general contractors.

The expansion building houses high school classrooms, the high school administration, special education department, the bilingual program, library and commons area. The 60,044 square foot structure accommodates approximately 23 high school classrooms.

According to Hogan, the expansion project is experiencing a substantial shortfall amounting to $8.5 million and this has resulted in several planned features to be eliminated including kitchen facilities, gymnasium, administration building, bus maintenance and bus storage building.

Supreme court asked to see if boarding school abuse lawsuits to continue

SPEARFISH (AP) - Former students who allege they were sexually abused decades ago at two Native American boarding schools waited too long to sue the religious organizations that ran the schools, lawyers for the organizations told the South Dakota Supreme Court on Monday.



The students have failed to provide evidence that would entitle them to more time to file the lawsuits, lawyers for the Catholic organizations said as the high court heard arguments in two similar cases.

But the lawyer representing the former students said the lawsuits should be allowed to continue.

"When in doubt, all doubt should be resolved in favor of the victim," Gregory Yates of Encino, Calif., told the Supreme Court.The high court will decide the two cases in written opinions that will be issued later.

The two appeals involve conflicting rulings issued by two circuit judges.

At issue is a state law that requires a lawsuit seeking damages for childhood sexual abuse to be filed within three years of the alleged abuse or within three years of the time the victim discovered or should have discovered that an injury was caused by the abuse.

The legal battle started in 2003 when former students at Native American boarding schools filed a federal lawsuit seeking $25 billion from the federal government for the alleged mental, physical and sexual abuse of students at the schools. The boarding schools were run by religious organizations from the late 1800s or early 1900s until the 1970s, when most were closed or transferred to tribal control.

The federal lawsuit was dismissed, and the former students then filed two similar lawsuits in state court. The lawsuits allege that the religious organizations were negligent in hiring, retaining and supervising staff and failed to protect students.

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Re-member board takes on KILI Radio as a project

Volunteer program looks to move into home renovations

PORCUPINE BUTTE - "This has been a lot of fun," said Greg Slenk, president of the Board of Directors of Re-member, a volunteer organization that has been coming to Pine Ridge reservation for the last 10 years, "It's been a great three days, we've worked on weatherproofing KILI's roof, put on new gutters, replaced a water damaged ceiling, put in a new door, upgraded the deck and steps and solved the station's troublesome water pump problems."

Bright and early Monday morning, Slenk and five other board members, one wife and an intern showed up at Porcupine Butte to roll up their sleeves and take on some of the building and maintenance problems that had been piling up at the radio station located on the side of Porcupine Butte.

"Representatives from Re-member have been coming by the station for tours and to get information out over the last few years and a couple of years ago we volunteered to help with a poor run-off situation that allowed rainwater to leak into the station," said Slenk, "the board will choose a project that they would like to do and this past winter we decided to come to KILI and its been great."

Keith and Ginny Titus and Mike and Kathy Alles put together a non-denominational volunteer organization ten years ago to help coordinate volunteer crews coming to Pine Ridge to work on a variety of projects throughout the summer. Six years ago, using a three year commitment from 10 large churches, the organization purchased the old Lakota Studio east of Pine Ridge to be used as a lodging for volunteers and a bunk bed factory.

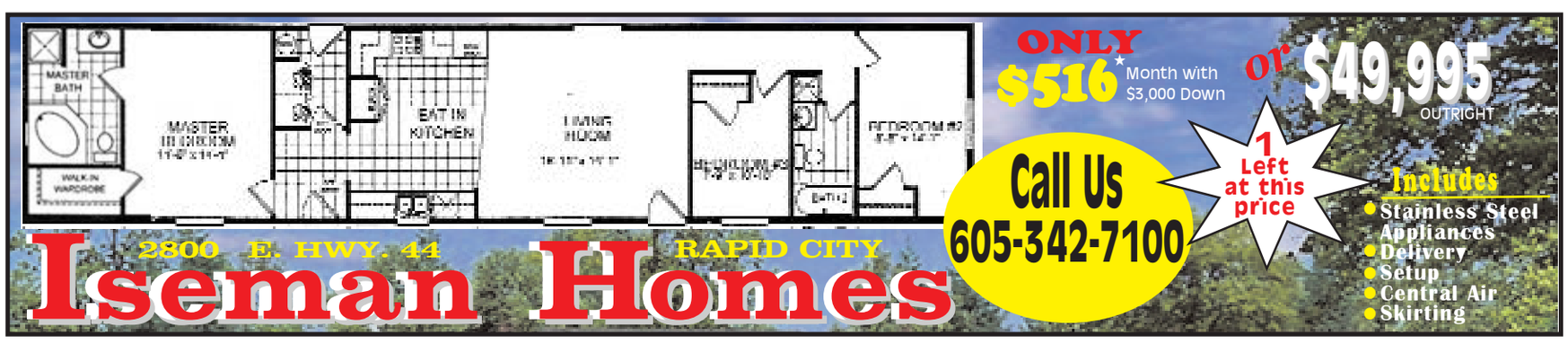
"Keith taught me about the word faith," said Greg, "for a long time it was just a word to me but today it is very real, we may have an important project but no money or human resources and then they are there, you have people stepping up to the plate, just like the commitment of ten churches to help us buy the building here. After building over a thousand bunk beds, we are now looking at moving into home renovation and repair, there is a lot of need here."

Board members and volunteers from the Holland, Mich. area helping on the KILI project included Slenk, Jim Robbert and his wife Millie, Phil Pratt, Ted Scantze, Barry Karlson, CJ Perkins and Dave Smith. Re-member donated the labor and the materials.

"They were just great," said Melanie Janis, station manager, I couldn't believe that this was the board of directors donating their time and expertise to help KILI, it was fantastic."

"Greg owns a lumber yard in Holland and he kept us focused and on task over the three days, it was a fun project," said Millie Robbert.

Another volunteer group, Honor the Earth, is getting ready to build a foundation for a 65KW wind turbine, the foundation is to be prepared and poured on Oct. 18 and 19 with the wind turbine set for installation on Nov. 8 and 9.



Boarding school lawsuits

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The lawsuit involving St. Paul's School in Marty was filed in Sioux Falls. It seeks damages from the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls; Blue Cloud Abbey of northeastern South Dakota; Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, based in Pennsylvania; and Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament of Marty.

The second lawsuit, involving the St. Francis Mission School on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation, was filed in Rapid City. It seeks damages from the Catholic Diocese of Rapid City; the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus; and the Sisters of St. Francis, based in Denver.

In the Rapid City case, the Sisters of St. Francis argued that two former students waited too long to sue. Circuit Judge A.P. Fuller refused to dismiss the lawsuit, and the Sisters of St. Francis asked the Supreme Court to overturn the circuit judge's ruling.

But Circuit Judge Bradley Zell of Sioux Falls dismissed the St. Paul's School lawsuit, ruling that former students had waited too long to sue. Nine former students have asked the Supreme Court to reinstate their lawsuit.

Zell said the nine former students failed to present sufficient evidence to overcome the time limitations on filing such lawsuits. He said the nine had not demonstrated when, how and where they discovered a connection between the alleged abuse and their psychological and other injuries.

Sheila Woodward, a lawyer for the Sisters of St. Francis, told the Supreme Court on Monday that the Rapid City case should be dismissed because the two former students involved in the appeal knew about their alleged injuries more than three years before they filed their lawsuit.

Lloyd One Star wrote a letter in May 2001, more than three years before the lawsuit was filed, describing the alleged abuse and how that led to later problems with drinking and getting along with relatives, Woodward said.

"Mr. One Star, in that letter explicitly ties that abuse to his psychological injuries as an adult," she said.

Marian Sorace also discovered or should have discovered any connection between the alleged abuse and psychological problems during counseling in 1995, she said.

A reasonable balance must be struck between protecting the rights of alleged victims and those accused in lawsuits because it's difficult to determine what happened decades after alleged abuse, Woodward said. The lawsuit mentions two sisters at St. Francis, but one is dead and the other is about 80 years old, she said.

"Memories fade. People die. Documents are lost," she said.

Yates said evidence shows that neither One Star nor Sorace made a firm connection between the abuse and their psychological problems until later, which means they filed the lawsuit on time.

The filing of the federal lawsuit also gave them more time to file the lawsuit in state court, he said.

The former students also should get more time to go to court because the religious organizations concealed the abuse, Yates said.

However, Woodward said the students knew who worked at the St. Francis school and which organizations ran it. The students have never made specific allegations that Sisters of St. Francis threatened the students that God would punish them if they reported the alleged abuse, she said.

Yates said the Sioux Falls case should be reinstated because religious organizations involved with the St. Paul's School in Marty never raised the question of when the former students made a connection between the childhood abuse and their problems as adults.

Yates said the students never got a chance to argue the issue in circuit court because the issue was raised by the judge, not by the religious organizations.

"The way the plaintiffs look at this is this is a dismissal basically by ambush," Yates said.

But lawyers for the religious organizations said the issue of when the students made the connection between the abuse and their injuries was raised in circuit court. The students, however, did not file evidence to show they made the connection only within three years of going to court, they said.

Jeremiah Murphy of Sioux Falls, representing the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls, said St. Paul's School was run by Benedictine fathers, not by the diocese.

"The Diocese of Sioux Falls has never owned, operated or controlled St. Paul's," Murphy said.

Yates said the diocese should remain in the lawsuit because its bishop could approve or disapprove the teachers and other workers at the school.

Yates said the lawsuits should be allowed to continue so the former students are treated fairly. "There's no limitation on suffering the horrors of childhood sexual abuse."



Jerome LeBeaux selected as Red Cloud girl's coach

PINE RIDGE - Jerome LeBeaux has been named the 2007-08 girl's basketball coach at Red Cloud High School, school officials announced today. LeBeaux, is the son of well known basketball coach Dusty LeBeaux.

"I am very excited about joining the ranks of coaching," said LeBeaux. "The people at Red Cloud made the difference for me. The most exiting part is the positive vibe I received from the student-athletes about their desire to build something special together at Red Cloud, something we can be proud of. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to represent Red Cloud, the girl's basketball program, and the community."

LeBeaux resides in the Thunder Valley Community near Rockyford, SD and assisted in the founding of the Thunder Valley Tiospaye, a Community Development Corporation that works with youth on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The Thunder Valley Community House is a place for youth and young Lakota families to strengthen their cultural identity.

"Jerome is a proven winner who has a remarkable passion for and knowledge of the game," said Bob Brave Heart, Superintendent of Red Cloud Schools. "He is committed to the development of players away from the court as well as their improvement on it, which fits the Red Cloud's belief that our athletic program plays an important role in educating students for meaningful personal and professional lives. His enthusiasm is contagious, and we're thrilled that Jerome will lead our girl's basketball program."

LeBeaux credits his father as being one of the major influences in his pursuit of a career in coaching. LeBeaux, a 1995 Red Cloud High School Graduate, played on the 1995 Red Cloud High School Boys State Championship team, and was selected South Dakota's 1st All-State Team 1995 and was a finalist for the 1995 South Dakota's Mr. Basketball award.

"My desire to coach came from the many years of attending my father's practices and games," said LeBeaux. "I admired the relationships my father developed with his players and his discipline. I learned how to be successful the right way. It takes hard work and discipline."

Secretary of the Interior approves Rosebud Sioux secretarial election

ROSEBUD - Rosebud Sioux tribal president, Rodney M. Bordeaux, issued a recent press release announcing that the Secretary of the Interior had followed suit and approved of the same 23 RST constitutional amendments that Sicangu voters had approved of in July. Four of the proposed amendments were turned down by voters. Bordeaux said, "This is the first time that our Tribe has gone through the Constitutional Convention process and the amendments proposed came directly from individual tribal members."

RST voters went to the polls on July 26 and history was made as it was the first time that the Sicangu oyate were able to draft their own proposed amendments. There was some controversy surrounding the process as some tribal members noted that some of the amendments were poorly written and redundant. A couple of amendments were vague and were supposed to have been clarified for tribal voters, however, that did not occur.

The Lakota Women for Change were instrumental in registering tribal members for the secretarial election and presenting a petition to the RST council that would ultimately make the constitutional convention a reality.

The LWC is comprised of attorney Vi Burnette, Lois Antoine, Marcella Prue, Pansy Schmidt, Dorothy Marshall and other Sicangu tribal members.

Bordeaux notes that the next step in the process will be for RST to amend the appropriate tribal law to reflect the approved amendments to the constitution.

Some of the more interesting approved amendments to the RST constitution are indicated.

Amendment A which proposed changing the name Rosebud Sioux to the Sicangu Nation failed by a modest margin, while amendment C which proposed changing the blood quantum for enrollment to three generations of lineal descent was approved by voters by a wide margin of 508 to 281 and with 17 spoiled ballots.

Amendment F proposed to change the length of term for the secretary and treasurer to two years, the length for council representative to three terms and limit the term for president and vice-president to two terms was approved by a margin of 459 to 339.

Meanwhile, amendment G proposed to change tribal council representation to one per community to be elected at large. The measure was approved by a margin of 538 to 258. At present some smaller communities are joined with other small communities and share a council representative.

Amendment I modified the qualifications for candidates and requires them to be of one-fourth or more Sicangu blood degree, at least 25 years old, not found guilty of any major crimes by any jurisdiction, etc. The amendment passed by a margin of 584 to 212 with 10 spoiled ballots.

Finally, amendment X changes the constitution to include a statement that "tribal employees or tribal members shall not be subject to unfair and political repercussions and/or retaliation by the President or any of his/her representatives in any matter."

President Bordeaux concluded his press release by saying, "I want to thank each of you tribal members who took this opportunity to vote on these amendments. Even though I may not agree with some of the amendments, I cannot change them, because it is the People's vote and choice, and I respect that."

Oglala Sioux councilman was detained in New Mexico on bust

RATON, N.M. - Don Garnier, an Oglala Sioux council representative from the Pine Ridge district was detained during a routine traffic stop on Interstate 25 in New Mexico a couple of weeks ago. He apparently was riding in a vehicle driven by Anthony Leo Vocu also of Pine Ridge according to a news article in the Rapid City Journal.

According to a search warrant affidavit, the vehicle's trunk allegedly contained a bag of marijuana and the FBI took over the case after the men had spent time in the Raton jail.

Norm Cairns of the U. S. Attorney's office in Albuquerque, N.M. said that no charges had been filed as of the Wednesday two days after they were detained. Garnier had been in New Mexico on official business to attend the opening of a casino.

The two men were arrested on the interstate highway on Sept. 19 when state troopers proceeded to check their registration, proof of insurance and licenses.

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Todd County's rally falls short, Red Cloud's perfect record wins LNI volleyball championship

Custer gets by Standing Rock for third

By Tom Crash
Sports Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Red Cloud girls went through the pool play undefeated, knocked off Standing Rock 25-18 and 25-16 in the semis and faced Todd County in the championship; the Lady Falcons lost the first game to Red Cloud 25-16 but after being tied in the second game 5-5, the Falcons won seven straight points to go up 12-5 only to see a game Crusader team tie up the game at 15 and go on to a hard fought 28-26 win to keep an undefeated tournament record and win the LNI Championship Saturday in Rapid City.

Red Cloud moved into bracket play by going undefeated in pool play getting by Hill city 25-20, 25-21, Marty 25-16, 25-11, Custer 27-25 25-22, Cheyenne Eagle Butte 25-9 25-13, Takini 25-19 25-15 and Crazy Horse 25-13 and 25-16.

"We had really good team play," said Robin Johnson, "we needed everyone to play as a member of the team, supporting one another, encouraging their teammates and stepping up, they played at the level I knew they were able to play, this will help us to prepare for the post season."

Todd County earned their championship berth by taking on all comers beating St. Francis 25-13, 25-12, Little Wound 25-14, 25-14, Standing Rock 25-13, 25-17, Crow Creek 25-10, 25-6 and Pine Ridge 25-10, 22-25, 25-13. The Lady Falcons defeated Custer 25-15 and 26-24 in the semi-finals.

Complete pool play results included Cheyenne Eagle Butte 25-21, 25-17 Takini, Pine Ridge 25-9 25-16 Little Wound, Standing Rock 25-3, 25-10 Crow Creek, Custer 25-3 25-6 Crazy Horse, Standing Rock 25-16, 25-11 St. Francis, Takini 25-23, 25-22 Crazy Horse, Pine Ridge 25-13, 25-16 Crow Creek, Custer 25-13, 12-25, 25-13 Hill City, Cheyenne Eagle Butte 25-19, 25-15 Crazy Horse, Little Wound 23-25, 25-22, 25-20 Crow Creek, Custer 25-18, 25-7 Marty, Pine Ridge 25-134, 25-20 St. Francis, Hill City 25-21, 25-14 Takini, Standing Rock 25-20, 25-27, 25-20 Pine Ridge, Custer 25-15, 25-13 Takini, Marty 25-18, 20-25, 25-15 Crazy Horse, Hill City 25-16, 25-13 Cheyenne Eagle Eagle Butte, Little Wound 19-25, 25-21, 29-27 St. Francis, Takini 25-9, 22-25, 25-15 Marty, Hill City 25-6, 25-8 Crazy Horse, Standing Rock 25-16, 25-20 Crow Creek, Standing Rock 25-17, 25-12 Little Wound, Cheyenne Eagle Butte 25-16, 22-25, 25-12 Marty, Custer 25-11, 25-23 Cheyenne Eagle Butte.

Custer defeated Standing Rock for third 25-14, 25-21.

Red Cloud's Marque Lunderman was named the MVP.



Red Cloud's Marque Lunderman, tournament MVP, places the ball between Todd County's Jordan Rahn(2) and Christine Crow Eagle(5) during the LNI championship match.
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A new cadre of Lakota administrators on the Rosebud

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

MISSION - Todd County High School principal, Victoria Sherman, is in her third year as the administrator at the school. She arrived on the Rosebud reservation by way of Oglala Lakota College in Kyle. As the community may recall, the 2006-2007 school year was a very challenging experience as two "lockdowns", suicides and bomb threats threatened the academic environment at the school. Sherman has likely gained some very valuable experience, the kind that is not taught in the college classroom, and with a little patience, this year promises to be a positive improvement over last.

For Lakota people who believe in self-determination, additional help has arrived on the Rosebud, also by way of Oglala Lakota College in the form of Lyle Iron Horn who has been hired by the school district as the assistant high school principal. Iron Horn calls Little Eagle home which is on the Standing Rock Reservation and was previously employed at Little Wound High School. He taught world history, geography, art, PE and health over the course of nine years. He earned his Master of Arts degree in educational administration in June at commencement exercises held at the Piya Wiconi center in Kyle.

Iron Horn, as assistant high principal at TCHS, is charged with the responsibility over the discipline concerns of students. He explained a new approach that the school is taking. He said, "We're getting away from punishment and going back to our roots; Punishment does not work. If one breaks a rule having to do with values, then it is re-taught to the student. We have identified the areas of disrespect, being AWOL, insubordination and detention."

Furthermore, Iron Horn says that when students are punished learning stops and they go into a resentment mode and their behavior gets worse. Catholic Social Services has also offered their services in the areas of anger management, self-esteem issues, conflict resolution and personal growth. He said, "We have school expectations for them. TCHS stands for Think responsibly, Come prepared, Have respect and Show self-control. The values they must follow are, respect others, follow directions, be on time, be polite and helpful, keep hands, feet, objects to yourself."



Barry Mann



Lyle Iron Horn

Being able to re-teach proper behavior and explain school expectations to students is at the center of the new approach which allows students time to become more cooperative and redeem their own bad behavior. For those who continue to face problems, they are sent for "tutoring" not detention sessions after school which can be anywhere from 15 to 60 minutes according to Iron Horn.

At St. Francis Indian School, Barry Mann, a 2005 graduate also of Oglala Lakota College has been employed as the high school principal since June. Mann, from the Marksville community on the Cheyenne River Sioux reservation in Eagle Butte was formerly the Dean of Academic Affairs at Si Tanka University. He said, "I would like to help make change for the kids and the community. Change attitudes of the some of the people about education. It is a key to being competitive and to retaining Lakota culture."

He also earned his Master of Arts degree in educational administration by attending OLC classes that were offered at the Si Tanka University campus. More recently he also taught a couple of graduate classes for OLC at the Eagle Butte campus.

Arriving in June allowed Mann to adjust to the demands of his new job and assist in moving into the new school building. In addition he said, "St. Francis has given me the opportunity to advocate for learning Lakota language and culture in a high school setting. Students have to have an identity. We're implementing Lakota values through all subjects. Both Indian and non-Indian teachers will show me how they are assessing that. If our children can make a connection with education they will come to school."

Previously, Mann also taught at the high school level in the Bureau of Indian Affairs for 16 years

All three administrators are fully certified by the state of South Dakota as education administrators.

Together, the three secondary administrators, along with Spring Creek elementary principal, Eustace Night Shield, represent a new cadre of Lakota education leaders on the Rosebud who will serve as positive role models. At a time when both school districts are striving to make positive gains in meeting the demands of the No Child Left Behind Act, most Lakota youngsters who see these education professionals in action will see the possibilities that exist when one is dedicated to earning their credentials.

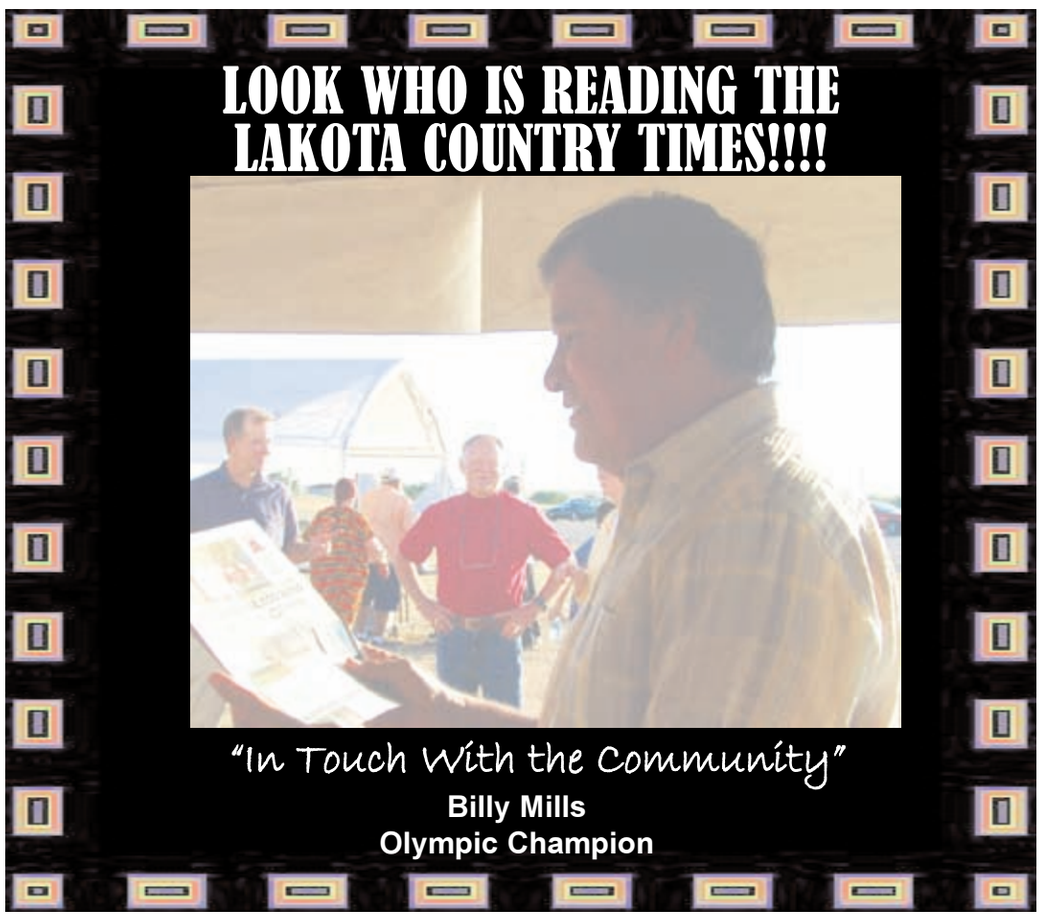
In the education field at all levels it is well known that few males enter the teaching profession and that is especially true among Lakota people. At a time when a host of social issues are plaguing the community from declining Lakota language use, suicides, and high unemployment rates increasing the number of Lakota professionals to serve in such visible leadership positions will hopefully create some reflection about the need and relevancy of a quality education.



Red Cloud LNI champs

The Red Cloud Indian School team: Desirae Blacksmith, Charlee Running Eagle, Ida Clarke, Lisa Bear Robe, Marque Lunderman, Shelby McGhee, Stephanie Clifford, Chelsea Rodriquez, Amber Steele, CeNedra Morrison, Amber Blacksmith and Coach Robin Johnson and Assistant Coaches, Leah Peterson and JeBeth Swallow.

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Lakota Country Times

3 years of promoting Lakota spirit

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We are "where" we are because of our loyal writers, speakers, readers, clients, advertisers, friends, family, etc. etc. Without your support and generous natures we could not have withstood the past pages our history. Without them we could not have passed this third milestone. Without them we could not have mustered up the energy we need on a daily basis to remain the most well-read Lakota newspaper on both Pine Ridge and Rosebud and online.

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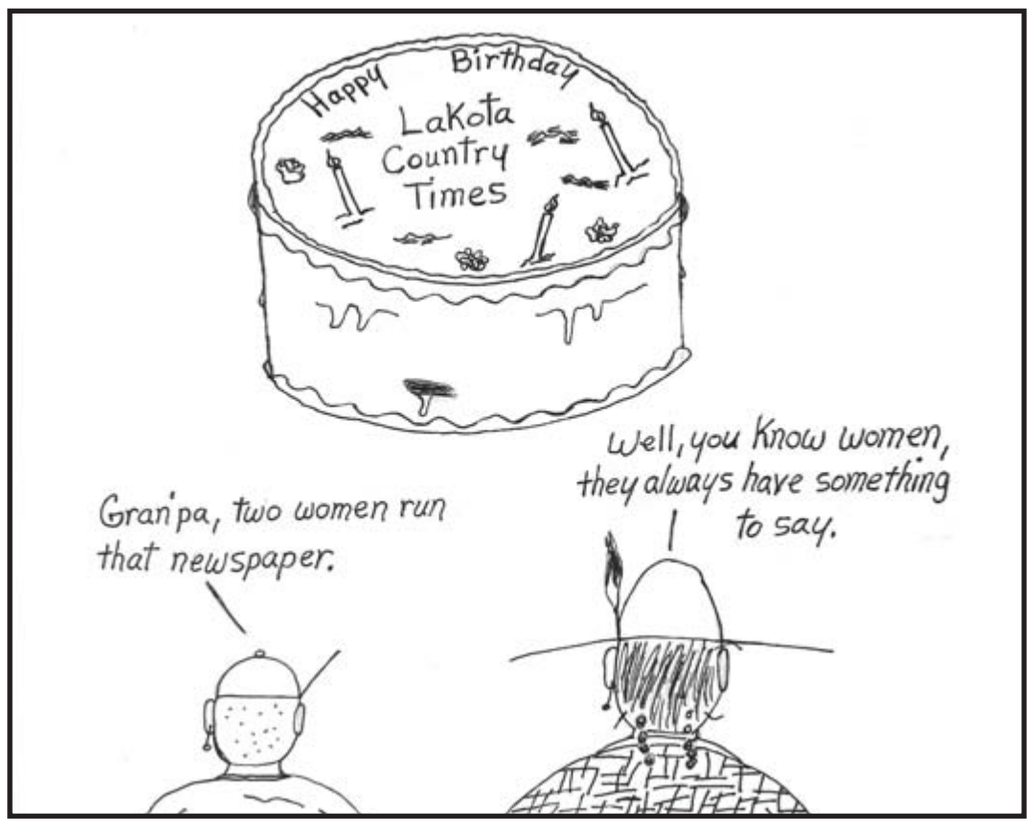
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We want to be here for not just another three years, but hopefully another 30 years. So thank you everyone, all our readers and our advertisers who have made it the *Lakota Country Times* successful these past three years.

And we say that from the bottoms of our well worn shoes!



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Letters to the Editor

The Lakota way of faith and belief is presented as a way of wo okahnige and wo wahwala

Dear Editor:

In its far-ranging expressions, the Lakota Way to mean also culture, philosophy and so on will now be communicated in the new standard of bilingual-biliterate speaking and writing in both English and Lakota. This will add breadth and depth in commenting about materials Lakota as heretofore Native American subject areas have been covered by English-only speakers and writers. To illustrate, I will bring out later a few sample errors in two books that I have reviewed just now. One is F*ools Crow, Wisdom and Power* by Thomas E. Mails and the other book is *Red Earth, White Lies* by Vine Deloria, Jr.

But now, a quick scan of a few areas of Lakota cultural manifestations will give you an impression of the complex culture which Lakota is and is yet to be.

In the area of numbers, arithmetic in base-10 is what the Lakota has in its abstract terms, the same as Hindu-Arabic numerals. Because settled agriculture was not developed to produce surpluses so that some persons could devote their time and energy to the study of numbers fulltime, mathematics is not developed but implied in Lakota numbers. I*yawapi, yuheyabicu, kiyukse, tonakigle* are the four operations addition, substraction, division and multiplication.

Going further into Lakota numbers development, algebra is the next step in using letters, for instance, in equations. Thus, the equation LS > ba very concisely and potently brings home the message that the Lakota Spirit is greater than beverage alcohol. When you nurture your spiritual being properly, it will give you strength to overcome any addiction, and you will find that alcohol and any other drug addiction is not the problem anymore. Alcohol and drug abuse represent weaknesses whereas the Lakota Spiritual Path epitomizes strength. The ceremonies and rituals of the vision quest, the sundance, and the purification lodge teach self discipline. But the most important thing which underlies and overflies all ritual and ceremony is your fluent Lakota language prayers for understanding, in thanksgiving to the *Wakantanka Tunkasila* in the sacred language.

The scientific 41-letter Titunwun Lakota alphabet since 1982 must be cited here as it is a pat of the total cultural embodiment of Lakota *wicohan* or ways. In the speaking and study of the Lakota, you will find four levels of understanding: the *ognahca,* the *wiyacinipi,* the *ohanowotanla,* and the *waken* which are translated roughly into English as literal, allegorical, moral and the anagoge. Most important in the 41 letters of Lakota is the scientific rule of one sound = one letter which is the phonemic system no other major alphabet in the world possesses.

But to go back and to point out why bilingual-biliterate expression is more efficient than monolingual writing, two by the two well-known authors mentioned. In both books are the misnomers uncounted but too many which are the indicators of monolingual writing. The cover for Mr. Mails book features the biggest misnomers of all-referring to Fools Crow as the "Ceremonial Chief of the Teton Sioux' and as "…the great Sioux Holy Man." Here, chief, teton, Sioux are not Lakota words at all. However, Fools Crow is not diminished in the native world by this type of fraud if redone in the new standard of bilingual biliteracy. The author is simply proselytizing as he is trained to do, as immature error of trying to convert others in faith and belief as it is in most of the so-called major religions.

This is nonolingual writing at its most inadequate tone as also made clearest Deloria's book P.3, "Much of Western science must go, all of Western religion should go…" Lakota would restate this way: even though narrowly focused on the physical away from the wholistic thus far, science as the imperfect quest for knowledge is here to stay. And in contrast to Deloria the Lakota language world view respects all religions on Unci Maka, Grandmother Earth and beyond. The Lakota spiritual religion is not interested in the socalled "missionary" work as practiced by others in great waste of time and energy. Other religions fail to understand the Lakota Way.

Thus, their arguments, debates and even religious wars have happened in history. The Lakota Way in matters of faith and belief is presented as a way of *wo-okahnige* and *wo-wahwala* -understanding and peace.

Leroy C. Curley
Eagle Butte, S.D.

Lakota Wicoiye

By Frances Apple

Wo'awanglake

Lakota hoksila wana leca tunpila ca he wicoti el wakan wicasa wan un ca he el kaipi keye. Wakan wicasa ki le hoksila ki.

Tunkasila etkiya hoyekiciciyin na glawaste na wamaka skanla wan awankin ktc ca he hunku ki okiyaka keye yunkan manstincala ca hetan tokataki awankin kta ca he akiciyatinza keye.

Hoksila ki wanna eciyapa hehanl caje was kupi yunkan he Akicita Cikala eciya pi keye. Hoksila ki tanyan icagin na wana koskalaka ihunni. Yunkan zuya ayin kta wicoigluwinye ca hel opa.

Cante tinza iglutin kta ca hankasit'ku ki hanpa kicayapi na awiwi okiyaypi keye.

Toka tipi ecet'kiya amanipi yunkan wanna wicoti wan wayankapi ca ehakehci lila tanyan wo'igluwinyyeya hena kcagapi na anpo lila tanyan wicoistime wahehanl Tokaktepi na sunk manupi kta ca a'inila igluwinyeyapi keye.

Leyala tukas. Toka tunweya wicasa ya ehanni hci awangwicakuwapi eyas slolkiya pi sni ca ungnanhela wicayapi na wicapa okiyutapi eyas ob kici'is hinglapi na nankipapi keye. Yunkan Akicita Cikala iskahu el iyeyapi ca akiyuha nanpapi keye. yunkan, Akicita Cikala heya keye toktu eyas enan amayustanpi na ic'iye wacinpo eya ca gluhaha ceyapi na ena ayustanpi.

Tiyata tanya omayakapo eye keye. Ho le wanna t'in kta ca ici'lowan wahehanl mastinla wan tokiyatan taninsni el hi na wokiyaka keye.

Emayaktunja hwo? eyakeye. Mankte na ha manyuzin na maha ki he yusleslecin na iskahu el iyak'pehan yo, toska takunl wanlakin kte lo eya keye.

Ca ecehci ecun yunkan iskahuki ataya ecel iyayin na tate kahwoke ki lecehci nanslog kigla keye.

Anpo hanl takolakupi ki wanji o'ikpahicin na uma ki wicayuhicin na tuwa iyang u welo eya keye. Yunkan iyekiya pi, Akicita Cikala eyelo eyapi na cizaheheya aki s'api na Tunkasila etkiya wocekiye kcagapi na itohe kiye keye. Le ake itesniya wico'oyake heca.

Hoka hey
As'a Kuwapi

Lakota Version of a Guardian Angel

(Transalation of the above article.)

A Lakota Baby Boy was born and soon after he was taken to the Holy Man to be blessed and assigned to an animal to watch over him. This boy's name was Akicita Cikala (Little Soldier).

This little boy was instructed to be always aware that a Rabbit would be his guardian. The boy grew up to be a strong young man but never was in real danger. One day he decided to join a war party to prove his manhood. A few days into looking for the enemy to count coup and and steal some horses, they encountered their enemy. Before they had a chance to surprise their enemy they were attacked and heavily outnumbered. They decided to retreat. The enemy chased them and wounded Little Soldier.

He was shot and one side of his ankle was badly shattered. Two of his friends practically carried him but the enemy was closing in on them. Little Soldier was causing them to be in real danger of them all being killed.

So he made a courageous decision to be left behind. He said tell the folks back home I did bravely. They shook hands and left him.

By this time it was getting daybreak and a rabbit appeared out of nowhere then started talking to him.

The rabbit said, "Did you forget about me?" He then told the young warrior to kill him, skin the hide and cut it into strips and wrap it around his shattered ankle then see what happens. He followed the rabbits instructions and his ankle healed so he started jumping up and down on it and soon after he ran.

The warrior left behind to die at the hand of the enemy ran swiftly and in time caught up with his war party. This was a Lakota miracle by a guardian Angel.

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A'sa Kuwapi

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Redskins and Rednecks



By Dr. Jim Wilson

Did that Headline get your attention? Good, because I have some information to share which could be very important to you, your children and your grandchildren. A world-wide social transformation has come to Siouxland and we all need to recognize and make our own respective plans and decisions on how we deal with it. As individuals we cannot change or stop it, but collectively we can influence it.

Have you noticed that there has been a dramatic shift in the weather? Seems like we just had the hottest summer ever here in Siouxland. The weather reminds me of the need to keep a broad-scale perspective. It was not our hottest summer ever, but coming after several hot (and dry) summers it is easy to forget the past (if we are old enough to have many notches on our belts).

Most of us are so involved in the daily affairs of our personal lives that we forget to stand back and look at the big picture.

Many of us leave the big picture stuff to others and as we read the newspaper or watch the evening news we mumble about "them or they." But it takes all of "us" to make up them and they.

Social Scientists have carefully documented cycles (called eras, waves, epochs, etc.) of social transformation such as the Stone Age, the Agriculture age and the Steel Age. We study mass movements and hope to anticipate the outcomes by looking for trends which, in turn, reflect similarities of actions by individuals. Some who specialize in this are called Futurists, like John Naisbitt (Megatrends), Marshall McLuhan (Understanding Media: The Extension of Man), Frank Feather (G Forces) and others. These eras are both sequential and progressive, meaning they come in sequences built on the technical foundations of the past and are progressive in that they reflect the social progress of mankind toward better living conditions. The time periods between changes are getting shorter and the range of differences between the least and most advanced is getting greater (like the newborn in Central Africa with nothing and Bill Gates with $60 billion).

McLuhan introduced the idea of the Global Village and many people laughed at him, yet today we casually participate in the Global Market. Look at your clothing and your appliances; nothing is made "at home." Of course you know that Europe has a 'Common Market' and uses a common money (the Euro). And, everybody, everywhere is learning English as the Common Language and struggling to earn the Common Money: the US Dollar.

Now, let's talk Redskins and Rednecks. A recent Rapid City Public Schools report tells us that 16 percent of its 13,000 student population is American Indian (2,080); only 1 in 6 will graduate.

An October 2003 survey of 343 families in three communities on Pine Ridge Reservation told us the average family had 4.18 members and a median age of 20.6 (3.6 and 34.5 respectively for South Dakota). Rapid City has about 18,000 households and a population of about 65,000 and figure 6 percent (3,900) are in college.

A *Rapid City Journal* article estimated the American Indian population of the city at 8 percent (5,200) with three percent in college (156), so at 4.18 per family we might have 1,244 American Indian families in Rapid City. Or, if you subtract 2080 students from the 5,200 you get 3,120 adults; at 2 adults per family you get 1,560 families. Now you have some numbers to work with.

Since we do not have any specifics to identify Rednecks, we'll just think of them as the 'Old Guard' who raised lots of kids who quit school in the 5th grade to hoe cotton and tobacco and raise more kids.

As the Rednecks moved to the cities they took the menial and entry-level jobs, lived in the low-rent and slum areas, and gathered on weekends in beer joints to argue about hunting, fishing, baseball and their pick-up trucks, hunting dogs and shotguns.

But, you know what?

Most of those Rednecks also served in the military, traveled far and wide and came home changed. While they were gone the city started to grow up also.

The Great Flood was the beginning of The Transformation. The Great Flood got rid of the slums and the beer joints (anybody remember Coney Island or The Cowboy Bar?). After the Great Flood came the Regional Hospital, the Civic Center, the Parkway, the Rushmore Mall and the Regional Airport.

The attempt to close Ellsworth Air Force base triggered a new spurt for Siouxland to join the Global Village.

The local effort brought eyes from around the globe to our region, and the people who came, heard and saw very much liked what they heard and saw. Plans and or action are underway for three new malls, a downtown high-rise and another Wal-mart Superstore.

Meanwhile back at the Rez (Pine Ridge) we have been busy robbing the tribal till, peddling dope, fencing the schools but not our prison, selling fireworks and starting fires, starving our sacred buffalo and wild horses, lining our highways with artifacts (wine bottles and beer cans), quitting school and revising our Charters, our Tribal Constitution (but electing and appointing the same people) and driving in caravans to Rapid City every weekend.

Are we Redskins trading places with the Rednecks? Am I ready to abandon my heritage?

No way!

What I am pointing out is that there is a natural human mass transformation taking place and it is coming to our homeland right now and we had better pay attention.

With the economic boom coming to our region we are also undergoing a mass social transformation; the "new" society is made up of Global Village people who do not focus on race, color or nationality.

The Global Village people are focused on making their lives better, healthier, freer and they want to live, work and play with other people who want the same things.

There will be over 10,000 new jobs in Rapid City, and thousands in nearby areas, in the next two years and they will go to people who are willing to start at their level of preparation and grow with the new businesses. The wise person will decide at which level they want to join and prepare for that level and walk in the front doors, or they will forever go to the back doors to carry out the trash or dig in the dumpsters.

The message is clear and I see American Indians in businesses all over town.

We have lawyers, accountants, business owners, teachers, politicians and many well-employed American Indians in the area and not one of them is complaining that somebody has taken away their culture.

As a matter of fact, it is evident that as we now see, productive, self-supporting people are actually better able to support and maintain their cultural interests.

So what do I see for the Rez? I see a giant park-like, eco-island in the upper Great Plains with the cluster housing converted to villages with trees, flowers, playgrounds, meeting halls, greenhouses, solar and wind farms scattered discreetly among man-made tree farms, community gardens, fish farms and small scale tourist centers where cultural events can be shared with the public.

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A Sicangu Perspective

By Lydia Whirlwind Soldier

We must find ways to give hope and faith to our people



By Lydia Whirlwind Soldier

Today as I thought about the 32 deaths by suicide on our reservation I wondered if there was some way in which we could help those who are thinking of taking their own lives. I certainly am not an expert when it comes to analyzing and giving advice to those who need help. I know there are many concerned people who have formed support groups to find solutions. As tribal people we are attempting to work together to try to help those who are in a desperate and despondent state.

In times past, Lakota kinship laws kept our children safe and secure and it was the obligations of adults to work together to make sure that support was available to those in need. I have heard people say, "Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem." This may be true in some instances but as we all know in some instances it is not a temporary problem. This situation has been a long time coming with family breakdown and the loss of Lakota kinship laws. Some of these family problems have come down for several generations. In times past, children, teens or whoever needed support and advice had their grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles and cousins to rely on. It is harsh reality that many of us have lost our grandparents, and some parents are unavailable because of addictions.

It is shameful to say some aunts and uncles are not the disciplinarians as they once were, instead they are contributing to the problems by drinking with their nieces and nephews.

Many families have lost their kinship knowledge and many children do not even know their own relatives. I remember once a wasicu saying to me, "You Lakota are related to everyone!"

A statement that was intended to put me down instead it made me very proud. I wonder how many parents are actually teaching their children about relatives and are promoting good relationships with relatives. These are important support system that the Lakota recognized to make life meaningful. These are not harsh criticisms, Mitakuyepi but they are Lakota teaching that I learned as a child.

There are other Lakota teachings such as fortitude that we are not passing on to our children. Many of us would not be here if the value of fortitude was not instilled in our ancestors.

We as a people have traveled a difficult and perilous journey. There have been many losses for us, such as starvation, massacres, loss of land, losses too numerous to count yet our ancestors continued on with the prayer, "Oyate ki nipi kta ca le camu." "I do this so our nation will live." Fortitude was instilled in teachings to every child, every child was told, "Remember you are Lakota, you must have courage, strength and endurance in difficult and pain filled situations. You must never give up." Because of this teaching many foreigners meeting the Lakota for the first time thought of them as being arrogant but in reality the Lakota knew that they had come through difficult times and were strong enough to take on more. The Lakota saying, "Nake nula waun." showed the pride that the Lakota were ready for any tribulations placed in their path.

Grief is a normal and natural response to death. We are ill equipped to help those who struggle with grief and struggle for reasons to live. Yet, we exacerbate reasons for people to be depressed and contribute to the fixation or preoccupation with death. We began to wonder why our relatives who have gone on are being called back over and over to see the grief and misery their death has caused. Every morning the airways are filled with song requests and dedications on KINI for those who may have been gone for many years. We see names of the dead written on car windows, weeks and even months after they died. There is a time and place for everything. These behaviors are understandable with a recent death. There is nothing wrong with the tradition of honoring our dead but when we hear over and over, monthly, yearly, dedications we began to wonder if these people who have gone on had this much attention when they were alive. When we think of relatives who have gone on we all wish we had done things differently, or better or even more.

Our Lakota traditions teach us that when we lose a loved one it is a time for personal spiritual development and strength. I feel that some people have lost that tradition. I know what grief is. I experienced it when my 13-year-old daughter died in a car accident, I thought I would die. I couldn't eat or sleep or even get out of bed at times. My mother brought a medicine man who talked to me about the Lakota way of dealing with death.

He told me to think of my daughter and what she would want for me. He told me I was keeping her here. She was alone with my grief. I had to let her go. I know that I didn't want her to be alone; I wanted her to join her relatives who loved her and who were waiting for me to let her go. He told me to think of all the good she could teach me. What were her best qualities that I needed to develop in myself? And sure enough I thought about her humor and her patience - two things that I needed to develop in myself. It was a difficult time. It took me a long time but I knew I could no longer wallow in my own grief and in my own loss. Instead I had to think of her spirit and be grateful for what she contributed to my life. I think of her in my prayers and at Sun dances. I think of her when I see her friends and I wish them well. I am grateful for their friendship and the happiness they brought to my daughter.

I am grateful for all the happiness she brought to my life but I needed the reminder that I had to let her join her relatives in the spirit world.

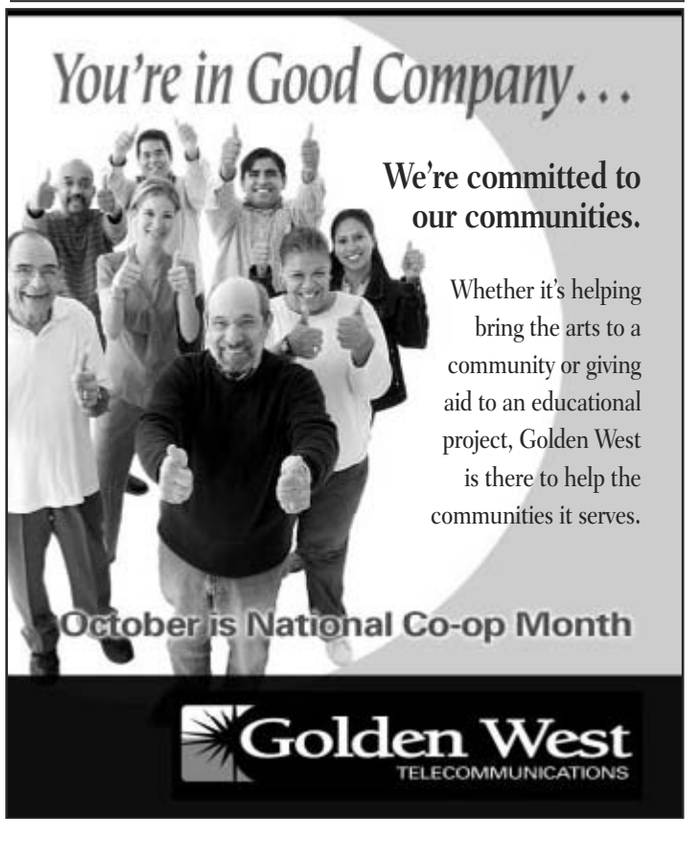
Mitakuyepi, tehicilapi. My words are not to hurt anyone. I am hoping that we find some ways to help those who struggle with life. These are difficult times. There are too many unnecessary deaths.

Let your relatives find reasons to live and let go of those who are not here. Let them join the relatives who love them and who are waiting for them. Appreciate those living and treat them with honor and respect while they are still with us.

Do good things in their name, encourage them and be there for them when they need you. I am sad that people think that life is not worth living. There are reasons for us to be here, it may even be just to learn patience, humor and appreciation for life - we are here for a reason. Family and the support we receive from friends are some of the greatest gifts we can give to each other. We must find ways to give hope and faith to our people.

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Words of the 7th Generation
By Anson Black Calf

Dead men on paper and metal



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As a cashier at a gas station, I deal with thousands of dollars a day. Selling everything from snacks and drinks to cigarettes and gas, it's a never ending cycle of passing wads of sweaty cash and sticky coins back and forth. The pay isn't that great, minimum wage, but it is a job. I've worked at a couple other gas stations throughout my life so starting my third stint at another one was like making a fire. It's just simple adding and subtracting, $1s, $5s, $10s, $20s, and, pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters and that's when it hit me. I was handling pictures of dead men on pieces of green paper and metal.

I don't know about all the presidents in history, but I do know about most of the ones that are on the common coin and dollar. And I do know what they did to our ancestors, and how they viewed them. Two of the founding fathers, Washington and Jefferson, and three later presidents, Jackson, Lincoln and Roosevelt all have their faces on American money. Their individual terms in office placed throughout presidential history may serve as a hint to the opinions of the other not so known presidents and their thought of Indians. It's something America does not like talking about.

On the one dollar bill and quarter, the so called father of this country and the first president of the United States was a slave trader and owned almost 500 slaves. Many a time he bought and sold Indian land without their permission because he thought it was his right. He later came to be president by gaining recognition from the nation as he rode through Indian communities butchering men, women and children in the thousands. Thomas Jefferson pictured on the nickel and the two dollar bill is another slave holding forefather and also known as a great philosopher for freedom. He more than a few times talked and wrote about the complete extermination of Indians to purify the Americas. Jefferson, who also wrote the Declaration of Independence, refers to us as "merciless Indian savages" saying Indians kill white people of all ages and both sexes without regard.

Andrew Jackson, on the twenty dollar bill, is probably one of the sickest presidents to run the country in his time, after the massacre of Horse Shoe Bend in 1814 he and some of his troops peeled the skin off the backs of slain Indians. The skin was to be cut in strips, dried and later made into bridle reins for horses. He also saw to it that anything able to be cut from a corpse was to be given "to the ladies of Tennessee" as battle field trophies.

Abraham Lincoln, on the penny and five dollar bill, was not that bad of a guy considering he fought against slavery, but just two days before he was to end slavery he thought nothing about signing an order to hang 38 Indians for the Dakota War of 1862 (also known as the Great Sioux Uprising). He never looked into the fact that agents for the U.S. were stealing the money the Government had promised to pay the Indians for the land they took. It resulted in the guilty pointing the finger at the innocent to be executed. Had Lincoln looked into the situation he would've known the Sioux were starving, but this was at a time when Indians were lesser than animals to the white man.

Lastly and certainly not least, is Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president who is immortalized on the ten cent dime. Teddy was a firm believer in Manifest Destiny, a belief that god had given all of the Americas to the white man, and it was up to him to clear the way. He burned more Indian treaties than any other president in American history, by turning Indian lands that were once agreed on between the United States and the Indian nations, into National Parks and Forests. He believed Indians didn't know how to use land in a useful way, so it should be given to the white man instead.

Not only are the faces of these men on money, four of them are also engraved in stone at Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota. One ironic thing about this presidential memorial is it's said to represent the first 150 years of U.S. history. I think they got that right. Another ironic factor is that the man, who chose and sculpted these four presidents, was a member of the Ku Klux Klan. But what is the most ironic, if not tragic, is that while these dead presidents on paper and metal are responsible for the genocide of our people, we could not survive in this world without them. Or could we?

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Notes From Indian Country
By Tim Giago

Native American Day came without a shot fired



By Tim Giago

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When Columbus Day comes around each year there is consternation in the Native American community across America. Columbus Day parades, particularly the one held in Denver, CO., are disrupted by militant American Indians. On some Indian reservations black armbands are worn to recognize what the indigenous people consider a "day of infamy."

But who would have "thunk" that in a state Indian activists called "The Mississippi of the North" in the 1970s, would be the only state in the Union that does not celebrate Columbus Day, but instead celebrates "Native American Day."

How could such a state, condemned by activists for years, have risen above the fray and distinguished itself as a leader in white/Indian relations? The credit must go to the power of the Indian press.

Let me explain. In 1990 a young man named Birgil Kills Straight (that's right, Birgil with a B) decided to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Massacre at Wounded Knee by leading a contingent of Lakota riders on the trail that Sitanka (Big Foot) and his followers took on their way from the Cheyenne River Reservation to the Pine Ridge Reservation after hearing of the murder of Sitting Bull. The 7th Cavalry, George Armstrong Custer's old outfit, caught up with them at Wounded Knee Creek and on December 29, 1890, they opened fire on the mostly unarmed Lakota men, women and children, murdering nearly 300 innocent civilians.

Kills Straight, a highly educated Lakota man, felt that this would be an opportune time to commemorate and honor the victims of the massacre. But he took it one step further and decided to hold a Lakota ceremony called, "Wiping away the tears." After the riders reached the sacred burial grounds of the victims at Wounded Knee the ceremony would be held to reach across the barriers of racial intolerance and in essence, extend a hand of peace and forgiveness to the white race.

I saw this as an opportunity to extend that message in a column I wrote directed at then Governor George Mickelson (R-SD). I challenged him to use this commemoration to not only proclaim 1990 as a Year of Reconciliation between Indians and whites, but to also use it as a time to set aside Columbus Day and to rename that day Native American Day. My editorial also asked the governor to honor Martin Luther King Jr. by making his birthday a state holiday.

Gov. Mickelson accepted my challenge in a letter to my newspaper, The Lakota Times. Lynn Hart, a Lakota/African American, read my editorial on the floor of the South Dakota Legislature.

Hart was making an effort to have the state declare the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., a state holiday. Well, we ended up getting all three. The state legislature voted unanimously to make1990 a Year of Reconciliation, to replace Columbus Day with Native American Day, and to make Martin Luther King's birthday a state holiday.

All of these things were accomplished without a single shot being fired, without a single arrest being made, and without the occupation of a single building. They were accomplished because of the truth of an old adage, "The pen is mightier than the sword."

But it took a courageous governor and a strong and determined legislative body to stand behind the proclamation of Gov. Mickelson and make 1990 a Year of Reconciliation, and to support the legislation replacing Columbus Day with Native American Day and of making the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., a state holiday.

The Lakota Times was a free and independent weekly newspaper that was born on the Pine Ridge Reservation a few years after the occupation of Wounded Knee. It stood alone in its efforts to bring truth and unbiased reporting of the news to the reservation. In its formative years it withstood firebombs, it withstood having its windows blasted out with shotguns three times, and it withstood assaults upon my family and me. And in the end, my editorial in the *Lakota Times* helped to create a new state holiday and to set aside the holiday most Native Americans found distasteful. South Dakota is the only state out of 50 that has moved to create a Native American Day to honor its largest minority.

On Nov. 10, 2007 I will be the first Native American ever inducted into the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame and I hope it will open the door for the many other hard-working Indian newspaper editors and journalists to follow.

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Northern Perspectives
By Dr. Archie Beauvais

Taking a risk with the language



By Dr. Archie B. Beauvais

A recent story revealed that there are approximately 7,500 languages worldwide and about every two weeks one is being lost. Some of those listed as endangered include Native languages in Oklahoma and in California.

That is a sad and startling statistic as language is the one unique cultural gift that distinguishes a society from all of the ethnic societies of the world. I heard a tribal member from the Kul Wicasa Oyate in Lower Brule say that the numbers that speak Lakota are but a handful and that is equally as regrettable. I hope that it is an issue that is being addressed by those in the community and schools as the time has arrived to reclaim and preserve that which is very complex and beautiful.

On the Rosebud, we are fortunate that there are many middle aged to the elderly who can carry on a conversation or present an issue to the tribal council and do it all in Lakota. I have heard a number of people do that during the secretarial election and I was duly impressed. It is at times like that that I pay attention to new words that I might hear that are not regularly heard. What I do is write the word out phonetically and then, practice saying the word. I might even see if it is a dictionary somewhere, but most of the time I trust my own intuition and am able to gauge the context from which the word came.

I have a sense of the number of speakers we have who are engaged in preserving Lakota and we want them to continue their efforts so that we can continue to keep our youngsters familiar with the sound of Lakota. I enjoy Everett "Butch" Felix and Jim Clairmont each year as they emcee the annual Rosebud Fair and invariably I learn something new. Last year, Jim used the word ihank ehan and I quickly picked up on it and asked around and found out what it meant.

Another word which I have heard lately is iyuha kani and I gather that it simply means 'all of you.' I had not heard the ending very often and having heard it more lately I got to thinking about the word and its proper use in a sentence.

I think that in order to learn Lakota, it takes that kind of quiet reflection and word study when we hear a new word or one that is not used very often. Yet, another issue that I face is that I can read Lakota wonderfully and I have the KINI radio commercials I have recorded for the Lakota Country Times to prove it. However, I am not very spontaneous when it comes to speaking in public, although I can chit chat with people like Jesse Clairmont on a private basis.

I'm working at fluency, however, and am fortunate to have some wonderful intact Lakota speakers all around me yet. I often talk to Roy Spotted War Bonnett or Phil Two Eagle and if I don't switch to Lakota like I do quite often, they will continue to address me in Lakota and that practice is so very valuable to me.

There are numerous Lakota people my age who can understand Lakota very well, but will not take the risk of speaking it in a public setting and I hope we can all work to promote such speaking and overcome the shyness or whatever it is that we feel when we are self-conscious.

I enjoy studying the dynamics of language interaction and what it is exactly that occurs when two or more people share language. I have this theory that Lakota language transmission is dependent upon what we look like and who we are. As educators and language teachers we need to pay attention to those dynamics. Such things are important as we work to teach youngsters Lakota as they are very sophisticated themselves and are able to pickup on any skepticism, racism or class differences as we strive to work with them.

Another words, as we transmit Lakota to young people, we need to leave our prejudices and biases behind as they may show through when we are attempting to build a rapport and show them the value of Lakota language acquisition and maintenance.

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Mustangs bounce back in second half to put down Thorpes 26-6

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

KYLE - The Pine Ridge Thorpes came to town and threatened to rain on Little Wound's Homecoming Parade leading 6-0 at the half; Little Wound finally started to jell in the third and fourth quarter outscoring the Thorpes 26-0 to win their fourth game of the year 26-6 over Pine Ridge.

Pine Ridge scored their first touchdown of the year as Harley Cortier scored from the three yard line on a quarterback sneak midway through the first quarter, the run for two failed but the Thorpes had taken advantage of a botched snap on a punt to recover the ball on the Little Wound four yard line and even though it took four downs to hit pay dirt in the end zone, Pine Ridge had their first score of the year and the only score of the game by either team in the first half to lead 6-0 at the half. Both teams combined for a total of 11 turnovers, six in the first half as Little Wound struggled to get anything going.

Jacey Mesteth, a 6'1" 170 pound junior fullback finally got things rolling for the Mustangs early in the third quarter with a four yard run for a touchdown, the two point run failed but Little Wound was on the board and had tied up the score. Trin In The Woods, junior quarterback, hit Brett Thunder Hawk on a 19 yard strike early in the fourth and the Mustangs were up 12-6. In the Woods scored on a one yard quarterback keeper and gave the Mustangs an 18-6 lead. Brice Hornbeck pulled down a 32 yard In The Woods pass for a touchdown and Skyler Hunter ran for the two point conversion to finish up the scoring and polish off a 26-6 win over Pine Ridge.

Once Little Wound got rolling, they showed some balance as Kevin Hunter carried the ball 17 times for 101 yards, Brice Hornback caught four passes for 103 yards and a TD and In The Woods completed five of 11 passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns. For Pine ridge, Cortier finished with four completions out of 11 attempts for 28 yards and three interceptions. Joe Bissonette carried the ball seven times for 27 yards.

"We struggled in the first half, we just couldn't put anything together," said Darrell Hunter, Little Wound coach, "but the strength of this young team is they don't hang their head or get down on themselves, they just keep working hard."

Brice Hornbeck and Melissa White Eyes were named 2007 Homecoming Royalty. Winners of the Little Wound Homecoming Parade included: Most Humorous-1) Isaiah Little White Man, 2) Susan Big Crow, 3) Sophomore Class, 4) The Goats; Most Traditional-1) Francine Poor Bear, 2) Bull Bears, 3) Middle School Lakota class; Most Spirited-1) Medicine Root District, 2) LWS Football Team, 3) Junior Class and Most Beautiful-1) Senior Class.

Little Wound is now 4-1 and travels to Hot Springs on Friday; Pine Ridge is 0-5 and travels to St. Francis on Friday night.



Brice Hornbeck runs back a punt against Pine Ridge on Friday with Emerson Bob Tail Bear (22) and Mike Wilson (42) giving chase. Casey Montileaux (42) pulls down a Harley Cortier interception as the ball just went over the top of Ezra Zephier's (84) outstretched hands during Friday's Little Wound Homecoming win over Pine Ridge.
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KYLE - 2007 Little Wound High School homecoming royalty selected are Brice Hornbeck and Melissa White Eyes. Hornbeck is a senior and the son of Billi and Bob Hornbeck. White Eyes is a senior, she is the daugther of Donna Hornbeck and John White Eyes.
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Twiss top local finisher in State A golf

MILBANK - For the second straight year, Mike Twiss, a Red Cloud junior, was the top local finisher in the State A golf tournament. This year Twiss shot an 88 and 86 on Monday and Tuesday at the Pine Hills Golf Course in Milbank to finish in 28th in the state tourney.

Little Wound's Josh Mousseau, a senior, finished the two day State A competition with a 90 and 92 for a 182 total and a tie for 47th. Montana Sierra, a Red Cloud sophomore scored a 100 and an 88 for 188 and a tie for 57th, Joe Keith, Pine Ridge had a 100 and 99 for 199 and a tie for 86th; Alex Prue, a sophomore at Todd County shot 103 and 102 and his 205 was good for a tie for 93rd and Eric Long, Pine Ridge, shot 106 and 111 for a 217 and a tie for 100th.

Rainey Reynolds, Sioux Falls Christian, Ben Heller, Aberdeen Roncalli and Alex Schaack, Vermillion all tied for low scores with 156. Sioux Falls Christian's Mike Rozenboom was fourth at 160 and five were tied for fifth.

Vermillion defeated Aberdeen Roncalli 643-659 for the team title, SF Christian's 675 was good for third, West Central at 689 was fourth and Harrisburg with 690 was fifth.

A total of 14 teams and 106 golfers competed in this year's State A golf tournament in Milbank. Golfers from Red Cloud, Little Wound and Pine Ridge did not have the luxury of having a golf course in their town and had to drive 40-60 miles a day to practice on courses located in communities off the reservation.

Falcons pounce on St. Francis 50-0

MISSION - Todd County overcame an early injury to Gunner Krogman, their senior team leader on offense and defense, to score 37 first quarter points and roll over St. Francis 50-0 Friday night in Mission.

Aaron Stoddard, a 6'1" senior linebacker, rumbled 42 yards down the field for a touchdown after intercepting Earl Peneaux's pass early in the first quarter; Gunner Krogman's kick made it a quick 7-0. Noah Kilonzo pulled down a 59 yard pass from CJ Spotted Tail for another quick Falcon touchdown, Krogman's kick made it 14-0. Krogman added a four yard run and a kick for a 21-0 lead.

Canku One Star turned in a nifty 23 yard run for a TD and ran it in for two then Mike Neiss turned in a 48 yard punt return for a TD and Spotted Tail hit Jaden Allen for two to give the Falcons a 37-0 lead after one quarter.

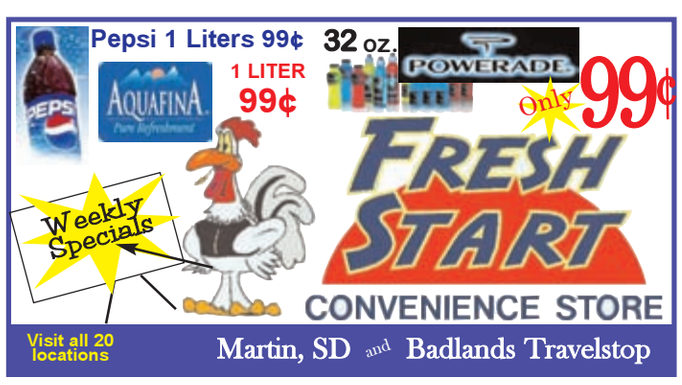
Todd County added a Spotted Tail 13 yard run for a TD in the second quarter and a Neiss 81 yard kickoff return for a TD to open the third quarter and end the game.

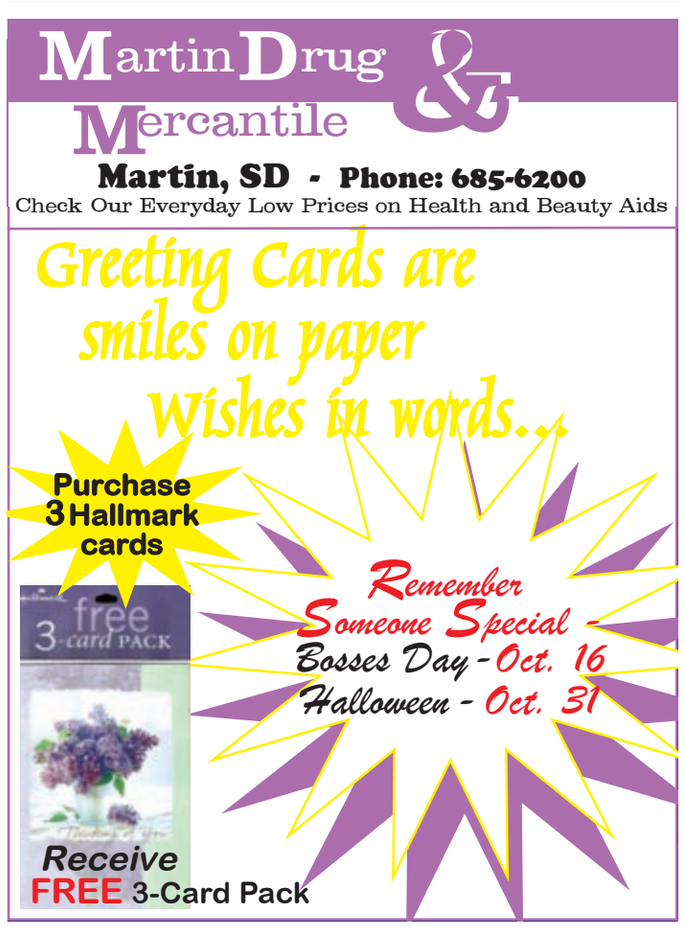
Neiss finished with three carries for 73 yards, One Star had nine for 42 yards, Spotted Tail two for 29 yards, Stoddard two for 13 and Krogman four for 26. Spotted Tail was three of four passing for 69 yards. Kilonzo caught one pass for 59 yards and Allen caught two for nine yards. Todd County's defense held Peneaux to one completion in nine attempts for nine yards and two interceptions.

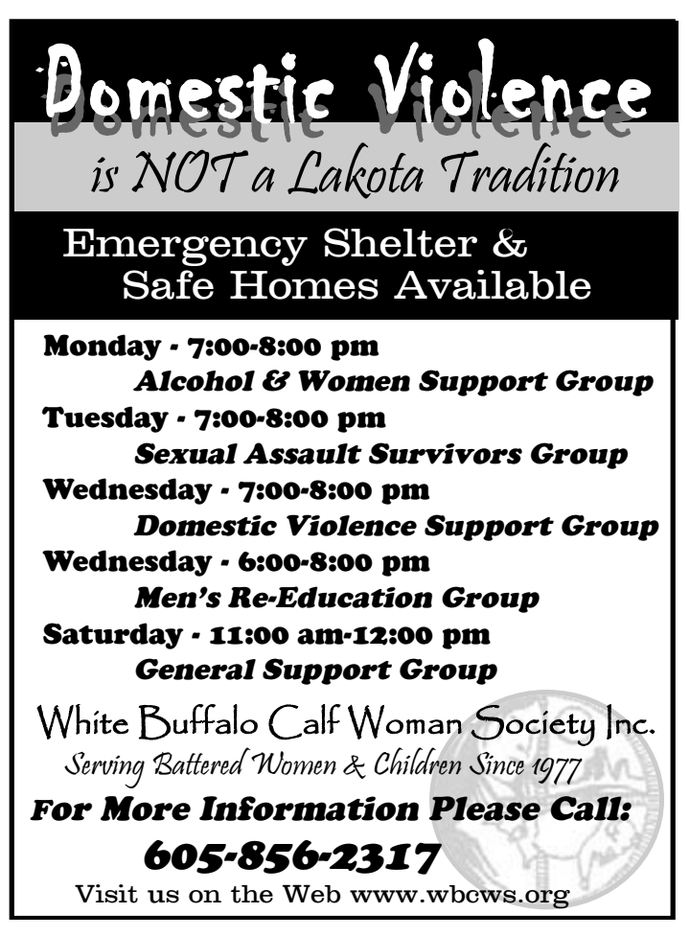
Todd County is now 4-1 and will travel to Cheyenne Eagle Butte on Friday while St. Francis is 0-5 and will host Pine Ridge Friday night.











Little Jewels eatery provides healthy Native food

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Alaskan sockeye salmon, crab cakes, sweet potato fries, whole-grain breads, bison burgers- there's more variety to traditional Native American food than frybread and Indian tacos, according to Angela Sharpe, who this summer opened Little Jewels, a Native American eatery.

All that variety can also be healthy. Traditional foods can be prepared with beneficial fats, no trans fat, and balanced nutrients, to result in a diet that fights heart disease, diabetes, and hypertension, Sharpe said.

Yes, Little Jewels does offer frybread and Indian tacos, but the dough is made with whole-wheat flour, and it's fried in grapeseed oil.

To accompany the frybread is wojapi, a fruit sauce made from plums or berries, and the combination tastes like a healthy jelly donut.

The Indian tacos are made with bison meat and Anasazi beans, which Sharpe said have more fiber and taste and fewer uncomfortable aftereffects than pinto beans.

Sharpe, an accountant who moved to Rapid City from Seattle in June, is president of Little Jewels, a corporation that so far consists of the little café and some big dreams. Sharpe wants to open an upscale restaurant, start a recreation center for kids, and create an energy bar.

"I always knew I would open a business in Indian Country," Sharpe said.

Sharpe said she has been part of corporate America for thirty years, but the idea for the restaurant sprang forth from family roots. Her mother loved to cook, and recipes have been handed down through generations. Based on family tradition, Sharpe has created an orange juice marinade for buffalo meat and uses Hopi and Navaho spices, as well as chipotle and jerk.



Angela Sharpe, opened Little Jewels to promote healthy Native foods. The wojapi is made with fruit and a tapioca base and the bread fried with grapeseed oil.





Vincent Thunder Hawk, Sicangu, and head cook James Logan have designed some of the menu.



Jewels employee Kim Brave Eagle-Daniels.

The name for the business comes from lyrics her mother used to sing to her, Sharpe said. In the song, children are little jewels, the stars in the sky making the creator's crown.

Sharpe said she plans foods for balanced nutrition and health benefits. Much of the food is spicy, because red pepper is good for blood pressure and digestion. Antioxidants are found in blueberries used in wojapi and in vegetables from the cabbage family included in all salads, she said.

Each meal is balanced with carbohydrates and protein, Sharpe said.

Every day Little Jewels features a noon special for $6. On Friday, it was chicken tortilla soup with a side salad and Hopi blue cornbread.

Employee Vincent Thunder Hawk said head cook James Logan likes to go through recipe books and find interesting dishes. The meals are made from scratch, Thunder Hawk said.

Not all the food is healthy- ice cream, pop, commercial baked goods, bacon, eggs, cheese, and sausage are on the menu too.

Little Jewels has a small dining area, with just one table for four people and a counter lining the walls, with stools for seating there.

The café also caters events, such as Anne White Hat and Winona LaDuke's reception to raise funds and awareness for preservation of Bear Butte, held at Prairie Edge on Saturday, Sept. 29. For that event, Little Jewels staff prepared chicken breast strips with a habanera marinara, bison meatballs, a vegetable tray, skillet bread, and chokecherry wojapi.

The eatery is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday. Little Jewels is located in the strip mall on the northwest corner of the intersection of Anamosa and Haines Ave.

Red Cloud de-rails Rangers 58-8

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

HILL CITY - Balance was the order of the day as Red Cloud used a strong running game mixed with their best passing game of the year to knock off the Hill City Rangers Friday night 58-8.

Red Cloud marched down the field on the legs of Billy Scott and got on the board with a one yard TD plunge by Lester Gotheridge; Scott ran for the two point conversion to make it 8-0. Hill City started their first offensive series from the own 20 and Chance Clason, a 145 pound sophomore running back, ran straight ahead on their first play from scrimmage bounced off Red Cloud's defensive line, kept his feet and rolled out around the left end hustling down the sidelines for an 80 touchdown run; Colton McLaughlin passed to Quint Wooldridge for two and that quick, the score was tied at eight apiece.

Jeremy Blacksmith, Red Cloud's sophomore quarterback sandwiched three first half touchdown passes around a Scott seven yard TD run in the first half. Blacksmith hit Christian McGhee for an 11 yard TD pass, Billy Scott for a 29 yard TD pass and Dave Giago for a 28 yard TD pass. Scott, Gotheridge and Wade O'Bryan ran for two points and Giago topped off the first half scoring with a 36 yard run for a touchdown to give the Crusaders a 44-8 lead at the half.

Both teams combined for three straight turnovers to open the second half as Scott finally turned a McLaughlin pass into an interception and runback for a 29 yard touchdown with two minutes gone in the third; Carl Swallow ran for two and it was 52-8. With 3:06 left in the third quarter, freshman Dominick LeBeau zipped around the right end and ran 80 yards for a game ending touchdown and a 58-8 final score.

"We have been working all year to get some balance between the running and passing game," said first year head coach, Keith Ferguson, "Friday night Blacksmith had good protection and success in finding the open receiver and Scott had another strong game on the ground, our offense scored four TD's on the ground and three through the air and the defense chipped in one as well, balance I like that."

Scott finished with 14 carries and 129 yards and a touchdown, one catch for 29 yards and a touchdown and an interception and a 29 yard runback for a touchdown. Blacksmith finished five of eight for 125 yards and three touchdowns with one interception. Giago had one 28 yard catch for a touchdown and a 36 yard run for a touchdown. Gotheridge finished with three carries for ten yards, a touchdown and a two point conversion and recovered a fumble only to have a teammate going for the same fumble hit him in the back. A trip to the hospital determined he suffered a deep bone and muscle bruise in the pelvis area.

After losing their first game, Red Cloud has won four in a row and is 4-1, they will host Crow Creek on Friday at 3pm. Hill City hosts Stanley County Friday night.

Football scores from week

Red Cloud 58-8 Hill City
Belle Fourche 50-0 Chey. Eagle Butte
Todd County 50-0 St. Francis.
Newell 56-24 Dupree
Little Wound/CH 26-6 Pine Ridge
Sanborn Central 44-6 Lower Brule
Sunshine Bible 42-14 Marty
Waubay/Summit 54-0 Tiospa Zina
Sully Buttes 64-0 McLaughlin
Mobridge 50-0 Crow Creek
White River 32-8 Phillip
Colome 50-6 Lower Brule

Games this week:

St. Thomas More at Bennett County
Todd County at Cheyenne Eagle Butte
Crow Creek at Red Cloud
Pine Ridge at St. Francis
Little Wound at Hot Springs
Great Plains Lutheran at Tiospa Zina
Campbell County at McLaughlin
Dupree at Harding County
Andes Central at Marty
Kadoka at White River

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PINE RIDGE RESERVATION'S VISION FOR LONG-RANGE LAKOTA LANGUAGE GOALS

Oceti Wakan, a small non profit organization located in the Calico Community, received a small ANA grant to research the health of the Lakota Language on the Pine Ridge Reservation. We have shared our findings through community meetings and by publishing these results in the local newspapers. The second part of the grant served to collectively develop our long-term language goals. Now, in order to achieve these goals, we must focus on them. Because of the small percentage of children (less than 5%) ages 0 to 17 able to speak Lakota, we realize we must work together to accomplish this or the Lakota language will be lost.

Following are the goals:

All Lakota speaking people must make a spiritual commitment to speak only Lakota to all infants and toddlers as they naturally develop their language skills. The English will come naturally as they have many relatives that only speak English. Our goal is for them to learn two languages by the time they start school. In 41% of all households there is at least one person that speaks Lakota. Just this one effort would make a huge difference toward saving the language.

Work towards the goal of immersion schools starting at Head Start level. We are very happy to report that Porcupine Head Start is the first to start this. Immersion school means only Lakota will be spoken by all teachers. Leonard Little Fingers in Oglala is starting an immersion summer school for the students there. Some people have expressed their concern that Lakota speaking students would have a harder time in testing, etc. for colleges. On the Navajo Reservation, they have shown that the immersion schools (the schools taught in the Dine language; the students are bi-lingual) have higher testing scores than the English speaking schools on the reservation.

The Elders have expressed concern about the lack of knowledge on the part of the children concerning the Lakota culture and history. This is paramount to their health and success in life. The Lakota language is a highly sophisticated language that expresses deep spiritual concepts for every day healthy living. When you lose a language, in essence you lose a culture because language is what formulates how one sees their world.

Right now most schools are teaching Lakota as you would teach English, one word at a time. By examining the statistics, it is obvious this isn't working. We should consider learning conversational sentences. If all our schools would focus on two sentences a week (a question and the answer), at the end of the school year all students and teachers would know 80 sentences. There could be some kind of a reward program at the end of the school year for the students most fluent in Lakota. This could be in addition to the Lakota language classes.

Young parents have stated they would like to be able to learn Lakota along with their children. It would be wonderful to have computer programs and books/CDs that the parents and children could share at home and learn together.

Community members felt the situation regarding the Lakota language should be declared a "state of emergency". They expressed their hope that the teachers would recognize the current method of teaching Lakota is not working and consider a different approach.

The major focus needs to be on the youngest of our children, the ones at home and in our Head Start Programs while they are naturally developing their language skills.

Many expressed that if our language is lost, our spirituality will be lost. This is a commitment that would enrich the spiritual and cultural growth of the student. Let us work in unity toward reviving the language given to the Lakota by the Creator for people now and for generations to come.

All this was made possible by an ANA (Administration for Native Americans) grant. Our sincere gratitude goes to ANA for making all this possble. If you have any questions you can contact Oceti Wakan at Oceti@gwtc.net or 605-867-6056.

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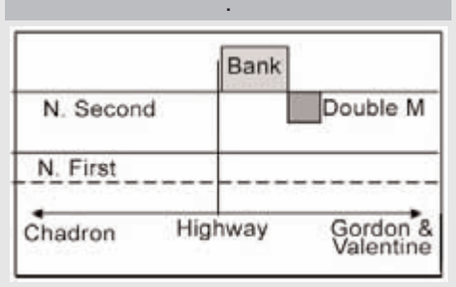
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Continues at Red Shirt Community School, Wolf Creek School, Batesland School and Rockyford School for interested students who are not going to school but would like to enroll for high school and work for a high school diploma at the new Shannon County Virtual High School, for information call Vicki Grant at 288-1921.

Free EMT Training
The OST Ambulance Service is offering free EMT training in October and November, pick up an application at your local CAP office or any of the ambulance bases in Pine Ridge, Oglala, Kyle and Wanblee.

Harlem Ambassadors are coming
Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Ben Reifel Auditorium in Mission with all proceeds going to support the local Habitat for Humanity and Boy's and Girl's Club of Rosebud, for information call 856-2665 or 856-4114.

Flea Market/Indian Taco Sale
Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge Thursday and Friday, Oct. 4 & 5 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. with fresh Indian tacos, homemade chicken noodle and chili, for information 867-5551.

Veteran's Standdown
Friday, Oct. 5 in Rapid City at Memorial Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with an invitation for veterans to meet with VA Black Hills, Vet Center, SD Dept. of Veteran Affairs regarding VA benefits, programs and health care enrollment. There will be basic health screenings, a meal, and a variety of personal care items available, for information call Connie at 745-2000 ext. 9-2164 or Linda at 490-2404.

Education Summit
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5, 6 & 7 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, sponsored by the OST Tribal Education Dept. to discuss how treaties affect the education of our children, for information 867-5853.

OST Commodity Distribution
Friday, Oct. 5 in Kyle by CAP Office, Wednesday, Oct. 10 in Manderson by Post Office and in Wounded Knee in upper housing, Friday, Oct. 12 in Martin at Sunrise Housing, Tues. Oct. 16 in Porcupine at Evergreen housing and in Porcupine at CAP Office, Thursday, Oct. 18 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni Lake and Friday, Oct. 19 in Oglala at old store site.

21st HeSapa Wacipi Na Oskate
Black Hills Pow wow celebration Friday-Sunday, Oct. 5-7 in Rapid City at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center with grand entries at 7 p.m. on Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Blood Sugar Tests
Saturday, Oct. 6 at Porcupine Body of Christ Prayer Hall with services in the evening with a meal, for information Ann Weston 454-4375 or Iona 441-3895 or Sister Frances 867-5050.

Fall Bazaar
Saturday, Oct. 6 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and Sunday, Oct. 7 at Our Lady of the Sioux Church in Oglala from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Brother Rene Hall with games, food, bingo and a raffle.

Bus Driver In-service
A DDN bus driver in-service is set for Wolf Creek School on Wednesday, Oct. 10 from 5-9 p.m. with Dan Duenwald which meets state's requirement for all bus drivers to attend a four hour in-service program, for information call Ann Red Owl at 288-1921.

Car and Bike Show with Flea Market
Saturday, Oct. 13 from 12 noon on with set from 9-11 a.m. with categories for cars-Ol'School Rod, Vintage and People's Choice and for bikes-American/Vintage, Asian & British, Stock and Chopper/Custom & Rockets/Rice. All clubs, private owners and individuals welcome; sponsored by Pejuta Haka College Center Student Organization, for information call 455-2450.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
Friday, Oct. 19 at Red Cloud School sponsored by Red Cloud and Our Lady of Lourdes with grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9 at Loneman School in Oglala, Saturday, Dec. 1 at Batesland School sponsored by Rockyford and Batesland from Shannon County Schools and Friday, Dec. 21 in Rapid City sponsored by Wolf Creek School and Shannon County Schools; for information call 867-5174.

Honoring Veterans Wacipi
Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19 and 20 at the W.H. Lyons Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls with an exhibition on Friday at 1 p.m. and grand entries on Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., for information call 334-4060 or 800 658-4797.

Hard work makes hand crafted drums valuable

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - In the back corner of the Dakota Drum Company, a yellow "wet paint" tape cordons off Sonja Holy Eagle's painting station. An assortment of brushes, each dipped in its own pigment, stand upright in a handmade rack, and jars of earth paints made of crushed rock and water are lined up in a box.

The shop at 603 Main Street is where Holy Eagle does some of her painting, covering drumheads and buffalo robes with figures and patterns of her own design. She does more painting at home, spreading larger pieces out on a table.

She paints the animal figures freehand, but she uses a ruler to measure out her more detailed, exact geometric designs before painting them.

"That's what I do all day long," Holy Eagle said. "I paint."

First glance shows perfect figures and designs, but Holy Eagle points out some tiny errors, some splotched paint where a dog bumped her arm or where she stumbled over one of the family pets while she was painting.

Some of her pigments can be washed off, making mistakes easy to correct, but other pigments stain, and errors are permanent. Holy Eagle is philosophical; acknowledging human error is rooted in tradition. Lakota doing beadwork intentionally incorporate one flaw, she said, to embody the message that life isn't perfect.

The process of creating drums and robes is hands-on and locally done for the most part by three people - Holy Eagle, Dave Hansen, and Shaler Lamont- who do everything but kill and skin the buffalo and chop down the cottonwoods whose trunks become drum bodies.

Construction is done at the workshop at Hansen and Holy Eagle's home northeast of Rapid City. Inside a fence at the side of the building are the arm-bumping dogs.

Hansen and Lamont make rawhide the old-fashioned way, Hansen said, with hand tools that don't leave

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Sonja Holy Eagle along with Dave Hansen and Shaler Lamont do most of the drum and robe producion. Making drums is back-breaking work, incorporating an element of sacrifice that makes these hand-crafted works of art even more valuable.
PHOTOS BY VICKY WICKS

Eastman competing for Miss Teen South Dakota

ST. FRANCIS - Jessica Eastman, 15, has been invited to compete for the title of Miss Teen South Dakota during the during the Nov. 10-11 pageant to be held at the Watertown Events Center and Ramkota Inn in Watertown. Her parents are Cleota Randall and Jason Guerue.

The Todd County High School sophomore appears somewhat confident as she is making the necessary preparations for the event. Thus far, she has sent the pageant $195.00 and needs to send an additional $500.00. The packet provides some suggestions as to how one should invite sponsors to assist in raising the funds. She reports that one fundraising dance has been held on her behalf and two more are scheduled.

A request has been made to the Todd County School District to cover the food, lodging and mileage cost for the trip. A raffle is also schedule as a fundraiser.



Jessica Eastman

Jessica has been assisted in her efforts to make final preparations for the pageant by several people, including Yolanda Adams and "Buns" Wright. She said, "This is the first time I am doing this. I want to do this for the experience. My hobbies are playing basketball, reading." She also reports that she leads an alcohol and drug free lifestyle.

The Rosebud reservation is supportive of the Sicangu teens who have been invited to the pageant as there are only four Native girls competing. Tribal members and programs will get to demonstrate their support as Jessica and her family makes further requests for assistance in coming weeks.

Pine Ridge gardening essay contest offers prizes

PINE RIDGE - Slim Buttes Ag Development Project and Running Strong for American Indian Youth will be conducting a gardening essay contest.

'My Garden Story' essays are invited from the participants of our spring garden tilling program on Pine Ridge Reservation, to be judged by a panel of staff and journalists on Nov. 2.

The following prizes will be awarded on Nov. 5 : 1st Place $300; 2nd Place $200; 3rd Place - 5th Place $100.

The essays, of two to three pages, should be addressed to Billy Mills, and mailed c/o Nebraska Field Office, Running Strong for American Indian Youth, 1705 So. Maple Street, Chadron NE 69337. They may be sent by email to tcook@indianyouth.org. Slim Buttes Ag supported the efforts of 356 gardeners across Pine Ridge in 2007 by tilling, seeds and seedlings, and invites feedback on gardening experiences this year. Entries should be two to three pages typewritten, and photos bring extra credit. For more information contact Tom Cook at 308 432-3409.

Porcupine School activities for October

PORCUPINE - Porcupine school will close early at 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5 and remain closed on Monday, Oct. 8 to honor Native American Day. There will also be no school for students on Friday, Oct. 26 which is also the end of the first quarter.

Students will be released early at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30 and from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Parent/teacher Conferences and "I Care" Family Literacy is scheduled.

Volunteers are still needed on Saturday, Oct. 20 to go to the Pumpkin Patch in Scottsbluff. Those pumpkins will be carved in classrooms on Wednesday, Oct. 31 as well as class Halloween parties.

Wounded Knee School students to be on KILI Radio

MANDERSON -Wounded Knee School students have begun airing their bi-weekly radio program on KILI radio. WKSD student programs are scheduled every other Wednesday at 1 p.m. on Oct. 3, Oct. 17 and Oct. 31.

WKSD has scheduled Teacher Team meetings on Mondays (except holidays) from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Team meetings are comprised of teachers in K-4 and grades 5-8. Teacher Planning is also scheduled for every Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Students will be dismissed on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. There is no school for students on Friday Oct. 12 due to Teacher In-Service from 9 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and Teacher planning scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Dr. Rocky from Pine Ridge Vision Center will be conducting free vision screening at the school on Thursday, Oct. 4. Several Athletic games are scheduled in October. A volleyball game with Wolf Creek is schedule for Thursday, Oct. 4 at 3:30 p.m. and a football game is also scheduled at 3:30 p.m. with Wolf Creek. The younger boxing team will travel to Deadwood on Saturday, Oct. 6. A home football game is scheduled with Oelrichs on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 3:30 p.m.

On Monday, Oct. 8 school will be closed in observance of Billy Mills Day.

The Wounded Knee School Board will have their Finance Meeting at 5:30 on Tuesday, October 16. Lifetouch Photography will be taking student pictures on Tuesday, Oct. 23 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Halloween parties will be scheduled on Wednesday, Oct. 31 from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. On Friday, Nov. 2 a "Halloween Masquerade Powwow" is scheduled at the school from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. and Saturday, November 3 a Halloween Carnival is planned from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. for the school community.

Flu Shots

Monday, Oct. 9 at Lacreek CAP 1 p.m.-3 p.m. all ages; Tuesday, Oct.10 at Porcupine Elderly Meals 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and Porcupine Clinic all ages 1-4 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 11-Manderson all ages 11 a.m.-12 p.m.; Wanblee PHN Office all ages 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Pine Ridge PHN office ages 5 years and above 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; Oglala CHR office 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; Allen 5 years and older 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Drum company expands

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the hide brittle like chemical processing does.

They get buffalo hides from meat processors and soak them in soapy water for about 24 hours - "Like presoaking dirty laundry," Hansen said - and then power wash them, a step appreciated by the people who use the hair afterward.

The three local artists use some of the hair to make drum sticks or mallets, Hansen said. The padded head is made of deer hide stuffed with buffalo hair, which is attached to a chokecherry wood handle.

The majority of the hair is sold for other purposes; for instance, one East Coast company spins buffalo hair into yarn and makes hats, scarves and rugs, Hansen said.

In the shop are a dozen black lawn-and-leaf bags full of buffalo hair waiting to be put to use.

Some of the best hides are taken to a commercial tannery to be prepared for robes, but the rawhide is processed in the workshop. After a hide has been washed, it is stretched wet on a frame, the flesh is scraped off, and it is left to dry for four or five days before the hair is removed, Hansen said.

Lamont uses an electric clipper to remove the longest hair and then a scraper to take off the short fuzz. He starts by scoring a line lengthwise and then scrapes up and down, using a metal scraper like others Hansen has, with elk horn or birch handles. The scrapers have to be sharp, Hansen said. He's had these tools a long time, one for 25 years, and buffalo grease has darkened the handles.



Shaler Lamont scrapes the hair from a buffalo hide, the buffalo hair is saved and sold for other uses.

PHOTO BY VICKY WICKS

In the workshop's loft is a stack of finished hides, stiff like jerky, ready to be cut into drumheads with half-moon edges that will be tied onto drum bodies with rawhide lacings, Hansen said.

Also in the loft are cylinders of cottonwood in various shades, from white to light brown, curing until they're ready to be used as drum bodies. On each one is a hand-written date.

To make the bodies, Hansen and Lamont first cut logs into sections and take off the bark. Because there is moisture under bark, the sections have to dry for a while before the men carve out the inside.

Using a chainsaw to make a starting hole, the men then use power or hand chisels of various sizes to carve the middle out of the section of log, leaving a wall about an inch thick, or a little thicker for the larger drums, Hansen said.

After a section is chiseled out, it has to season for six weeks or so to dry the moisture in the wood before it can be smoothed off. After smoothing, it has to sit for another month or two, Hansen said.

Cottonwood has "kind of a twisted grain" that works well for drum bodies. Straight-grained lumber, once it starts to crack, will crack all the way, Hansen said.

Making drums is back-breaking work, incorporating an element of sacrifice that makes these hand-crafted works of art even more valuable. Power chisels have to be lifted and dropped over and over, and a couple of them are quite heavy. Scraping hides also requires repetitive motion, as does decorating the hides and drums.

"Painting is tiring, hard on your legs and back," Holy Eagle said.

Dakota Drum Company offers more than just drums and buffalo robes; the shop also consigns arts and crafts, beadwork and quillwork, all made by Plains Indians such as Montana Blackfeet, Pine Ridge Oglala Lakota, and Rosebud Sicangu Lakota.

In a display case are pottery by Richard Underbaggage from Pine Ridge, arrows with flint tips by Tony Richards of Pine Ridge, and arrows with buffalo bone tips by Galen Vance of Cheyenne River.

Drums are less than half the business, Hansen said; however, "It's the one thing we're known for."

They do a pretty good mail order business, and a friend in Germany markets their art in Europe. They sometimes hire extra help, even though "Shaler's equal to about two guys," Hansen said.

For about nine years, Hansen and Holy Eagle traveled around several states, traveling with a trailer full of goods and selling their art at shows and powwows. At the first show she entered, Holy Eagle won a second-place ribbon, and for the first time thought, "Gee, I'm an artist."

And indeed she is. For photos of drums and hides, as well as more information on the work that goes into their creation, go online at www.dakotadrum.com.

Veteran's Day Celebration

Sunday, Nov. 11 at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee with grand entries set for 1 and 7 p.m. with a noon meal and supper provided, for information call Ruth at 454-5273 or Elroy at 441-8154.

American Horse School to celebrate Spirit Week

ALLEN - The American Horse School Wiconi Waste' Program and the AHS Lakota Studies Program will be sponsoring Native American Spirit Week at American Horse School beginning Tuesday, Oct. 9-12, 2007. Daily activities are planned for students and staff, and community. Native American Spirit Week will end on Friday Oct. 12 with American Horse School participating in the Bennett County High School Homecoming Parade with the theme "Honoring Native Americans from the First City".

Native American Spirit Week begins with no school on Monday, Oct. 8 to celebrate "Native American Day". On Tuesday, Oct. 9 students and staff will have Mismatch/Backwards Day". On Wednesday, Oct. 10 "PJ/Jersey Day" is planned for students.

On Thursday, Oct. 11 several spirit activities are planned beginning with "Black and Gold Day/Autograph T-shirt Day". During half-time of the scheduled Football game that day students will celebrate "Parent's Day" and "Honoring all Student Athletes".

The American Horse School Fall Festival will be celebrated during the evening beginning with a meal at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Following the meal a parent meeting for the Gear-Up Program (grades 6-8) will be held. Immediately following this meeting will be the parent meeting for all parents of eighth grade students. The Fall Festival activities and carnival is open to all community members as well as students, parents and staff.

Friday, October 12 will be "Purple and Gold Day". American Horse School will participate in the Bennett County High School Homecoming Parade in Martin that day. Their theme will be "Honoring Native Americans from the First City".

Parents are encouraged to contact American Horse School at 455-1209 if they have any questions about the planned activities for Native American Spirit Week.

The Wiconi Waste' Program is having it's first "Fantastic Friday" on October 5. Students earning the trip will leave American Horse School at 9:00 a.m. to go to Martin for a movie. Lunch will be at the Martin Park with weather permitting. Participating students will be taken home at their regular time. Parents with questions may contact Dayna Brave Eagle, Program Coordinator or Donita at 455-1209.

Several hundred members gather for Golden West's Annual meeting

WALL - More than 500 Cooperative members from around the area turned out in Wall to attend Golden West's 55th Annual Meeting on Sept. 22.

The return of over $2 million in patronage capital credit checks, a free lunch, election of directors, changes to the Cooperative's Bylaws, cowboy entertainment, and a grand prize drawing of $500 highlighted this year's event.

Golden West Board President Rod Renner began the business meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and by recognizing the veterans in the audience. He then dedicated the 2007 meeting to the memory of Wayne Merrill. Merrill was a Golden West Board member from Hot Springs who died in May. Renner next reported to the membership that Golden West not only continues its commitment to serving the people of rural South Dakota with the latest technology, but it was also looking at the possibility of expanding the Cooperative in the future to include subsidiary companies.

Golden West General Manager/CEO George Strandell reported that 2006 was a year of significant accomplishment for the Cooperative.

A larger than usual profit margin along with advancements in technology served as talking points for Strandell's address about Golden West's desire to be the full-service provider to its customers. He stated that the recent purchase of several cable systems within the Golden West service area has moved the Cooperative closer to the full-service goal.

This year's meeting also saw the reelection of Duane Wood of Faith, Robert Hansen of Howes, and Richard Baye of Philip to the Board of Directors.

All three ran unopposed. The election to fill the vacancy in District V, previously held by Wayne Merrill, had Kenneth Tonsager, Jr of Hot Springs winning. The membership also voted to approve eight changes to the Bylaws and one change to the Articles of Incorporation.

Several lucky Cooperative members also went home with door prizes, including Dorothy Petrik of Martin, who won the $500 grand-prize drawing.

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Nike unveils shoe just for American Indians



BEAVERTON, ORE. (AP) - Nike, last Tuesday, unveiled what it said is the first shoe designed specifically for American Indians, an effort aiming at promoting physical fitness in a population with high obesity rates.

The Beaverton-based company says the Air Native N7 is designed with a larger fit for the distinct foot shape of American Indians, and has a culturally specific look. It will be distributed solely to American Indians; tribal wellness programs and tribal schools nationwide will be able to purchase the shoe at wholesale price and then pass it along to individuals, often at no cost.

"Nike is aware of the growing health issues facing Native Americans," said Sam McCracken, manager of Nike's Native American Business program. "We are stepping up our commitment ... to elevate the issue of Native American health and wellness."

Nike said it is the first time it has designed a shoe for a specific race or ethnicity. It said all profits from the sale of the shoe will be reinvested in health programs for tribal lands, where problems with obesity, diabetes and related conditions are near epidemic levels in some tribes.

Nike designers and researchers looked at the feet of more than 200 people from more than 70 tribes nationwide and found that in general, American Indians have a much wider and taller foot than the average shoe accommodates. The average shoe width of men and women measured was three width sizes larger than the standard Nike shoe.

As a result, the Air Native is wider with a larger toe box. The shoe has fewer seams for irritation and a thicker sock liner for comfort.

Jerry Bread, outreach coordinator for the Native American Studies program at University of Oklahoma, said the idea was "fantastic" and addressed a core issue for tribes, though he was skeptical that the feet of people from so many tribes could be so similar.

"It's an excellent gesture and I know it will get a lot of support from tribal people," Bread said. "We stand to profit from it in our physical health and well being."

Dr. Kelly Acton, director of the national diabetes program for Indian Health Services, said she was dubious of working with a corporation at first but said she was delighted with the result, saying Nike "bent over backwards" to design a shoe and respect public health needs.

The N7 name is a reference to the seventh generation theory, used by some tribes to look to the three generations preceding them for wisdom and the three generations ahead for their legacy.

The design features several "heritage callouts" as one product manager described it, including sunrise to sunset to sunrise patterns on the tongue and heel of the shoe. Feather designs adorn the inside and stars are on the sole to represent the night sky.

The company anticipates selling at least 10,000 pairs and raising $200,000 for tribal programs. At $42.80 wholesale, it represents less of a financial opportunity than a goodwill and branding effort.

"The reason I like it is that, even if there's not a big Native American market, it gives people the impression there is a constituency that deserves attention," said John Dickson, a member of the executive council of the Native American Leadership Alliance in Washington, D.C.

Paul Swangard, managing director of the Warsaw Sports Marketing Center at the University of Oregon, said the product reflects how Nike does business.

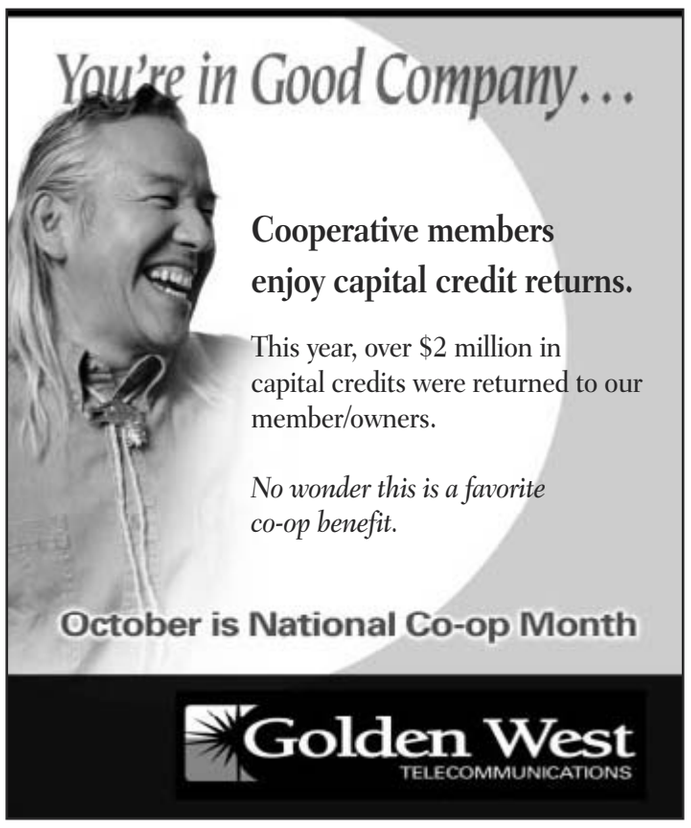
The company prides itself on designing specifically for certain athletes and having close ties to its customers. Nike has been involved with the tribal community for years, supporting tribal athletic teams, events and other social initiatives.

"It reinforces the core of the Nike brand, which is: If you have a body you are an athlete," Swangard said.

Annual Bazaar

Sunday, Nov. 4 at St. Isaac Jogues/Mother Butler Center in Rapid city at 231 Knollwood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with arts and crafts, quilts, plants, baked goods, games, bingo, food concessions, raffles and numerous prizes; for information call 343-2165.

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Porcupine family literacy night focuses on family activities

PORCUPINE - Porcupine School Literacy Night was held on Wednesday evening, Sept. 26 and was well attended by staff, students, parents and community.

The theme of the night was "Fall Into Literary." A dinner theater included dinner and a performance by the 21st Century group B.E.A.R. (Be Excited About Reading). Literacy activities were held throughout the instructional wing of the school, and they were activities that both parents and students could participate in.

The activities included: a graffiti gallery, Boggle wars, Guided Reading balls, animal name relays, family trees, read and sing alouds, leaf rubbing, write-on! extending cooperative stories, computer lab- internet literacy websites, and an eighth grade parent meeting.

A Family Literacy Survey was also completed by the parents to provide important information on literacy habits in the home. Parents that participated in the activities were entered into prize drawings for propane and groceries at several local grocery stores. Students were entered into prize drawings for a literacy-based toys or products. Two prizes were also given for Grandparent's Day Read with Your Grandchild; those went to Mary Iron Cloud (Borders Book Store) and Rose Never Misses A Shot ($20 in groceries donated by Porcupine Trading Post).

"I would just like to thank all of those parents, family members, and staff that were a part of literacy night. It shows their commitment in supporting literacy at our school," said Misty Clifford, the school's literacy teacher.





Many attended family literacy night at Porcupine School recently and participated in activities designed around reading. Above: students read to each other. Below: Father and daughter partcipate in activities.

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Ask Anna

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I find myself writing with questions again to try to get through my haze of confusion. Recently in my personal life a lot has been going wrong and I know what is causing it but I've done something today that is either going to help me or make things worse.

I am hoping for the best, will he forgive for this commitment or will it end things for good?

I want him to be able to live a happy life, I would like it to be me but if not I still wish the best no matter how much it hurts. Will he see the error of his ways and come back?

Am I doing the right thing because I believe in my heart if I did not take this step that something terrible is going to happen to him and I don't want that.

Do you see him getting this help he needs? In the last letter I asked if you saw me moving you said yes, will he be coming with me? Blessings and best wishes.

Lost

Dear Lost:

The good thing about time is that it continues on, no matter if we feel like it should stop for us or not. It is good that you are taking care of your life and inviting your ex to leave. He is disruptive and unhappy and addicted.

It is too hard to live in that environment without unhappiness. Life is not supposed to be constantly in turmoil.

Life is a celebration of Spirit in human clothes. To best honor the Creator it is best to live as though you honor your life. I say this in this manner so that you might consider if living in chaos and turmoil is truly honoring your Spirit and appreciating the life you have been blessed with.

Now, without hurting your feelings I want you to find some help in co-dependency. Everything about your lamenting heart indicates that you carry so many attachments within your understanding of self (limitations) and a belief or dependency on others for self completion.

By the time you move you will not want him to go with you.

He will accommodate your desire and come back if you let him, but he will not have been faithful and will continue with his addicted behavior.

If that is what you think a good mate is for you is - then go for it; but personally, I prefer a mate that is healthy and balanced.

You are so loving and kind that the man that you choose as your mate should reflect those qualities. In the long run (maybe several years), your ex will work on his behavior and on his understanding of living up to a standard of being a good reflection of the life that the Creator gave him.

He will go through treatment. He will quit blaming everybody for his troubles.

In the meantime, I see you getting on in your life, making new friends, finding new love and creating a better life of balance. Many years from now when this man heals he will make a good mate. If he doesn't make that choice then his future is dismal.

Quit worrying about him. He is a powerful man and like the rest of us, he can take care of himself if he so chooses.

Dear Anna,

I have been reading all the letters written to you and all the help you give to all and that has given me hope. Bless you Annie.

For the first time in a very long time I feel like I am getting over a very sad break up and I feel like I want to move on with my life. I am finally starting to take care of myself and starting to feel the need for a companion. I have met this man that I was told a lot of things about and that I am now looking for in a new start and relationship.

I don't see him very often and hardly know him but recently I had this very strong urge to add him to my prayers.

Later a friend was telling me that this man must have had someone praying for him as he was caught in a bad situation.

A grandma told me that his spirit and my spirit connects and it happens more and more - I feel so close to him and please tell me if there is any future somewhere on the horizon with this man?

Hoping and praying

Dear Hoping and Praying:

This is a very special time on the earth. A time when people are coming together from far distances and against all odds.

It is the sound of the soul calling to the Universe asking for completion through the true experience of personal love.

This man has a very strong soul connection to you. In my terms of understanding you have lived many lives together. You and he are meant to experience time together. There is no written guarantee that everything will be easy, for many people that are drawn together through the soul, the experience can be challenging.

He has come through the years, since the beginning of time, to be by your side, for at least a while.

You have traveled just as far and now the two of you have reached a point where the possibilities are open. This does not guarantee that anything of importance will happen right away - but don't be discouraged. He still has reluctance in becoming committed within a relationship and so he moves in that direction s-l-o-w-l-y.

Your prayers did help him. They were heard and acknowledged because you came from your heart and were humble and sincere within the prayer.

Keep your patience and your heart open. Good things will happen.

Dear Anna,

Recently I have come to the decision that I need to let go of someone in my life that I have become emotionally attached to. I have to let go because he has some issues I can't deal with and maybe I could if I knew he would commit to a future.

He told me he can't. I know in my heart that he is not good for my future because of that.

The problem is when it comes to that time, I fear the emotional pain and hard time I will have in getting over that loss. I don't want to hurt him and I don't want to hurt myself but it has to be done for the good of both of us. How can we do this without causing hurt to all those involved?

Question

Dear Question:

Perspective. It just takes perspective. Start looking at releasing him to his own life without you in it as a blessing and not a sadness. The truth is he told you the truth.

He cannot commit to you. There is no sadness in leaving a man behind that doesn't want to be with you.

There are hurt feelings and pride - but a very miserable life would be the actuality if you try to hold on to him. Now, that would be sad. See the truth and the truth shall set you free - and him too.

Dear Anna:

It is time for the He Sapa Wacipi. My family will all be there. My children will dance and so will I. My ex husband will be there with his new love and he dances too. That is my problem.

My children will want to see their dad and hang out with him and his new girl friend is so mean spirited to them and to me that I can barely stand it. I know that I will want to hit her right in the mouth.

I am concerned if she says one rude thing to my son or daughter that I will jump her.

What can I do to avoid a fight? I just want to plow her and let the pieces of her fall where they may. She always makes comments about my kids dance costumes. I have worked very hard to make sure that their outfits are beautiful and well done.

My ex used to help to make sure that the kids had the best - but now he complains about everything if I ask him for any help with the expenses involved in the Pow Wow he tells me that I can figure it out because he has his own problems.

His girl friend always criticizes the kids and I think it is because her own kids compete with mine. What do you see happening - will I hit her?

Dancing in Rapid City.

Dear Dancing:

Pow! Wow! It looks like you could give a whole new meaning to those words. Remember when you were a little girl and your mother told you to ignore the girls who were stupid and mean? Well I am about to give you the same advice. Ignore her. Don't stand nearby when she is talking to your ex or your children.

Be aloof.

It is so admirable to walk with grace and not be bothered. If you have to say something to her just to vent and to release the desire to jump her in the parking lot please just say something short and sweet with sarcasm.

She won't know if she has been kissed or slapped.

Use your mind and your heart. When she says to your daughter, "you have grown a lot since last year and your outfit is a little tight, but it still looks good" you can respond with, "Well, she admires you and is imitating how you look." You get the drift?

Don't you dare puncture her tires in the parking lot. Do not spill ketchup on her white leather dress. Avoid being arrested; it's a much better plan that spending the money for an attorney and the embarrassment that your children will feel and the gossip.

You and I and almost everyone else know that she is jealous that your kids are yours and not hers, and that you had her man before she did. Remember that.

She really believes that your ex still loves you so she constantly tries to undermine you in every way that she can. Your ex won't stand up for you so don't force it.

Dance, have fun, and enjoy taking home a purse full of cash from the performances of your children. Now that, my dear, is true victory. Living well is the best revenge.

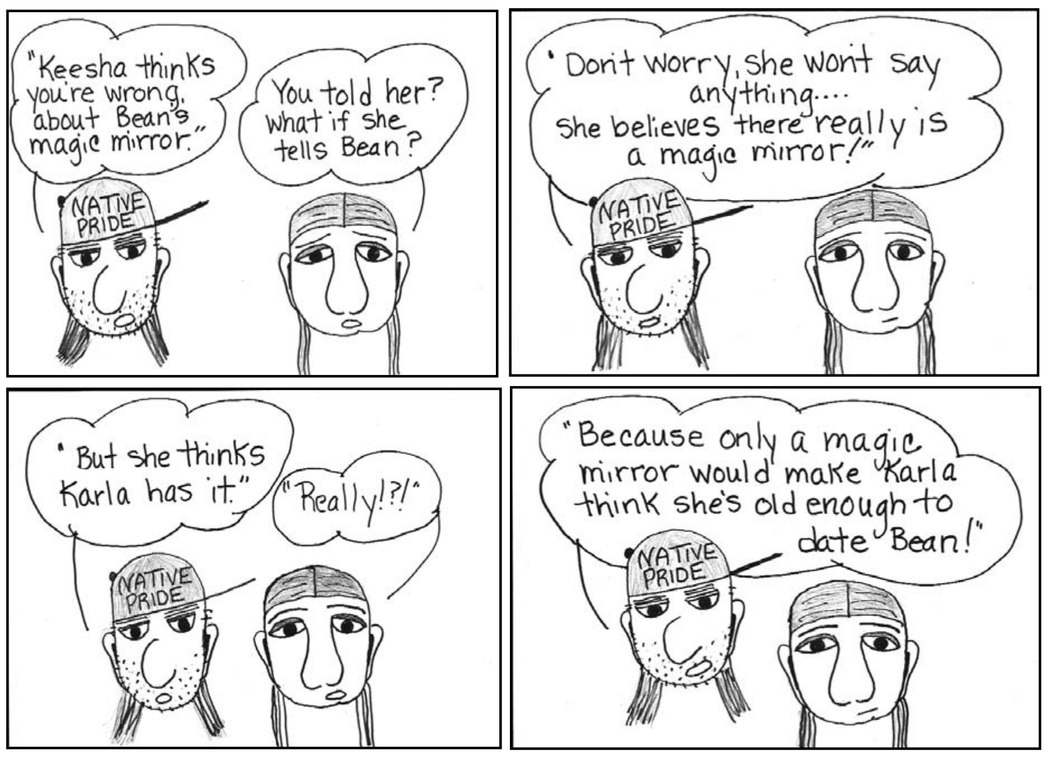
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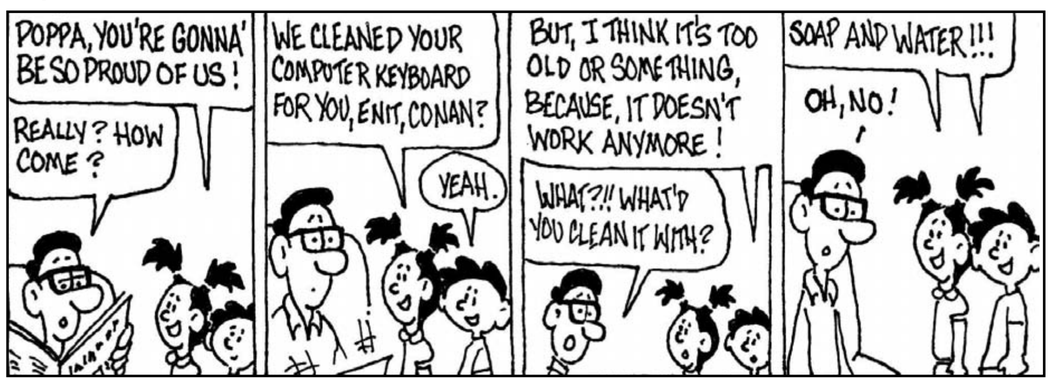
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Lakota Words Crossword Puzzle

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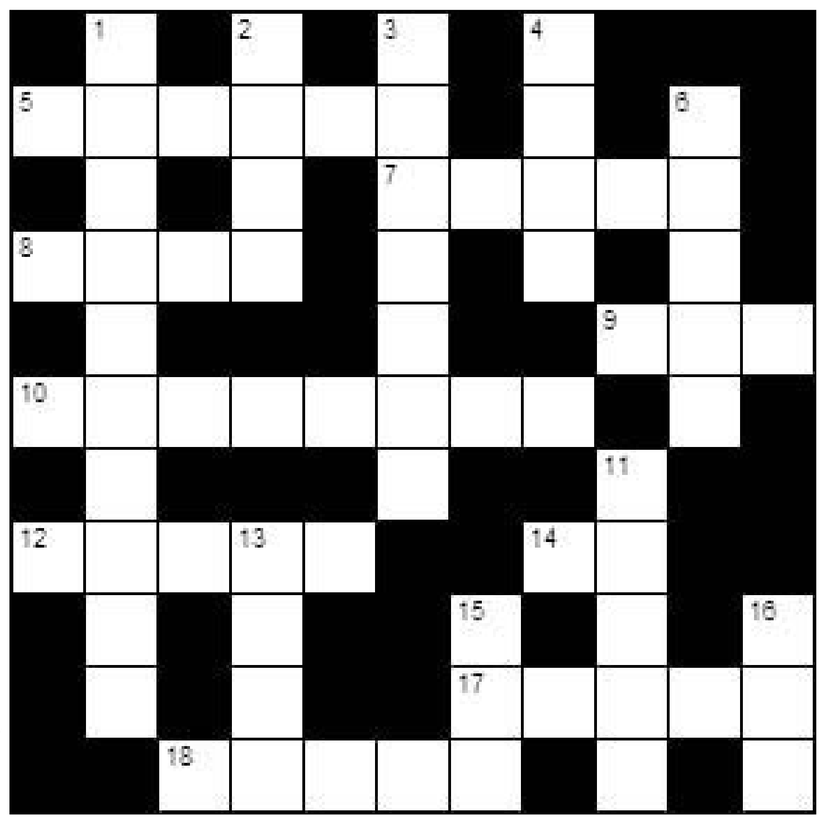
CLUES

Across

5. what's wrong?
7. eggs
8. no
9. plenty
10. pray
12. pumpkin
14. snow
17. holy
18. to make clean with the mouth

Down

1. Where are you going?
2. a baby's word for grandfather
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4. to chew
6. good
11. path
13. goose
15. come! used by women
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~Gerry D. Runnels Sr.~

BATESLAND - Gerry D. Runnels Sr., 63, Batesland, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include four sons, Raymond Runnels, Shelton, Wash., Gerry Runnels Jr., Mission, Rodney "Zach" Runnels, Batesland, and Jess Runnels, Rapid City; three daughters, Lisa Carpenter, Lower Brule, Carmel Richards, Mission, and Mica Forrester, Gordon, Neb.; three brothers, Jack Runnels Sr., Horton, Kan., Victor Runnels, Aberdeen, and Dean Runnels, Abilene, Texas; two sisters, Betty Sharp, Yukon, Okla., and Etta Mae Runnels, Batesland; 24 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A one night wake was Oct. 1, at Batesland School.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the school, with the Rev. Roger Herberg officiating.

Burial was at Knight Family Cemetery in Batesland. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Helene M. Bald Eagle~

OGLALA - Helene M. Bald Eagle, 52, Oglala, died Friday, Sept. 28 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include one son, Taylor Bald Eagle Jr., Rapid City; one brother: Robert Bald Eagle, Wind River, Wyo.; and two sisters, Brenda Bear Killer, Porcupine, and Christine Bald Eagle, Oglala.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Makasan Presbyterian Church in Oglala, with the Rev. Asa Wilson and the Rev. Abraham Tobacco officiating. Burial was at Makasan Presbyterian Cemetery.

Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Zane J. Azure~

FORT THOMPSON - Zane J. Azure, 20, Fort Thompson, died Sept. 27 in Chamberlain from injuries suffered in a car accident.

Survivors include his mother, DeAnne Swan, Rapid City; his father, Bruce Azure, Stephan; a brother, Loren "Sonny" Azure; and five sisters, Duranne Howe-Loudner, Anna Alicia Azure, Fiona Azure, Jessica Azure and Nicole Azure.

A two night wake was Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at Conkicakse Presbyterian Church in Fort Thompson.

Funeral services were Oct. 2 at the church. Burial was at Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery at Stephan.

~Albert Burnette Afraid of Hawk~

CHERRY CREEK - Albert Burnette Afraid of Hawk, 65, Cherry Creek, died Tuesday, Sept. 25 at Med Center One Hospital in Bismarck, N.D.

A wake was Oct. 2, at United Church of Christ in Cherry Creek.

Funeral services were Oct. 3, at the church, with the Rev. Ted Knife and the Rev. Harold Condon officiating.

Burial was at the UCC Cemetery in Cherry Creek. Oster Funeral Home in Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Tracy L. Garcia-Yellow Eyes~

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb. - Tracy L. Garcia-Yellow Eyes, 35, Scottsbluff, died Saturday, Sept. 22 in Scottsbluff as the result of an auto accident.

Survivors include two sons, Trevor Garcia and Hunter Garcia; her parents, Kenneth and Linda Yellow Eyes; one brother, Leonard Garcia; and two sisters, Monica Garcia and Annie Cross, all of Scottsbluff.

A two night wake was Sept. 26 at Intercultural Chapel in Scottsbluff. Funeral services were Friday, Sept. 28, at the chapel, with the Rev. Don Mink officiating.

Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Morrill.

Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Antonio Vargas~

PINE RIDGE - Antonio Vargas, 52, Pine Ridge, died Thursday, Sept. 20 in Morgan Hill, Calif. Survivors include one son, Edwin Grass, Wounded Knee; two daughters, Antoinette Vargas, Illinois, and Red Fawn Janis, Denver; and one brother, Rudy Vargas Sr., Pine Ridge. A one night wake was Sept. 27 at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge. Funeral services were Sept. 28, at the hall, with the Rev. Craig West officiating. Burial was at Holy Cross Episcopal Cemetery in Pine Ridge. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~Benjamin Charles Brown Wolf~

EAGLE BUTTE - Benjamin Charles Brown Wolf, 54, Eagle Butte, died Saturday, Sept. 22 at his home.

A wake service was Sept. 26 at H.V. Johnston Cultural Center in Eagle Butte.

Funeral services were Sept. 27, at the cultural center in Eagle Butte, with Mother Marian Rectenwald and the Rev. Hazel Red Bird officiating.

Traditional services will be rendered by Michael Cross, Ivan Looking Horse, Orville Looking Horse and Sam LaDeaux.

Burial was at Ascension Cemetery in Blackfoot. Oster Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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MINUTES

Shannon County Commissioners MINUTES Sept. 24, 2007

The Shannon Board of County Commissioners met in special session on September 24th, 2007. Present Connie Whirlwind Horse, Vanessa Roubideaux and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Absent Deb Rooks-Cook and Inez White Hawk. The Oath of Office for Lyla Hutchison was taken and placed on file.

The Agenda was reviewed for conflicts, none were noted.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to approve the agenda as written. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

The 2008 Budget hearing was held and budgets were reviewed.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to increase the Election budget by $200.00 for workshop attendance. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to reduce the States Attorney budget by $5400.00 for secretarial wages, as requested, with the option to supplement when needed. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve the 2008 Budget with the following changes: General Fund - Elections to $33,050; States Attorney to $13,220; Total General Government to $248,273; Total Expenditure Appropriations to $355,976; Total Appropriations to $355,976; Cash Balance Applied to $63,347; Subtotal to $374,712; Total Appropriations to $355,976. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison seconded by Roubideaux to approve the following Resolution. All voting yes, the motion carried.

RESOLUTION
ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR SHANNON

Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County

Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and,

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, elimination's and additions

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That such provisional budget
as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BEAPPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR SHANNON County, South Dakota and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Shannon County, South Dakota, this 24th day of September, 2007.

Tax Levy in		
COUNTY TAX LEVIES	Dollars	$'s/1,000
WITHIN LIMITED LEVY:		
* General County Purposes		
(10-12-9)	$194,000.00	7.06
Library		
LIMITED LEVY (10-12-21) -		
SUB TOTAL		
OUTSIDE LIMITED LEVY:		
County Snow Removal Fund		
(34-5-2)		
* Highway and Bridge Reserve		
(10-12-13)		
Courthouse, Jail, etc., Bldg.		
(7-25-1)		
Bond Interest Sinking		
(7-24-18)		
Ag Building		
(7-27-1)		
UNLIMITED LEVY - SUB TOTAL		
LIMITED AND UNLIMITED		
LEVY - SUB-TOTAL		
OTHER SPECIAL LEVIES		
Secondary Road (Unorg. PT-76)		
(31-12-27)		
Fire Protection (34-31-3)	$3,788.00	0.14
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY	$197,788.00	7.2
* These Amounts include the 25% to be distributed to cities.		
As of 9/24/07, these levies are not approved by the Department of Revenue		

The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the county auditor Shannon, County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Shannon County for the year

January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
/s/ Connie Whirlwind Horse
Chairwoman
/s/ Vanessa Roubideax
Commissioner

The gravel contracting contract was discussed. Discussion was held to allow for progress payments.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to allow for progress payments and to put this item on to be discussed at the next meeting along with the gravel hauling contractor to be present. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve travel for the Director of Equalization to attend Assessor School in Pierre on October 1 to October 5, 2007. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

The letter written from the OST Land Committee to the OST Judiciary was discussed. Sheriff Not Help Him was contacted by speaker phone to explain the situation. The Board also discussed the surplus of the two Sheriff vehicles and the purchase of one off of State bids.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to write a letter to the OST Land Committee and carbon copy to James Twiss, Public Safety Chief of Police and the Land Committee Members to respond to the letter addressing the Sheriff. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the employee cell phones and what phone numbers will be allowed on their plan.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to remove personal phone numbers from the cell phone plans and have the Auditor write a letter to the Sheriff and the Highway Superintendent in regard to this. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to adjourn, time being 12:59 p.m. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

ATTEST:
Sue Ganje
Connie Whirlwind Horse,
Chairwoman
County Auditor
Board of County
Commissioners

NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHANNON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The October 5th, 2007 Shannon County Commission meeting will be held at the Shannon County Highway Department shop in Batesland, South Dakota at 10:45 a.m.

Any person with questions may contact the County Auditor's Office at 605-745-3996.

Sue Ganje
County Auditor
Shannon County

Oglala Sioux Tribal Court Oglala Sioux Tribe Pine Ridge, S.D.

Notice of Hearing by Publication

In the Matter of : D.B.
D.O.B. 07-26-1998
To: Whom it May Concern

Please take notice that the 5th day of November, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. is set for hearing concerning the above-name minor child, this matter has been scheduled based on a Petition filed with this Court to Terminate the Parental Rights/Petition for Adoption of the Respondents named above.

You are hereby summoned to answer the Petition in the action which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court. A copy is available from the clerk, PO Box 280, Oglala Sioux Tribal Court, Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770 (605-867-5151)

You must file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Petitioner within (30) thirty days from the next day following such date of last publication and in the case of your failure to appear or answer, a judgment will be entered against you by default for the relief demanded in the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights/Petition for Adoption to the above name child.

Said Notice of Hearing shall be for a period of (4) four consecutive weeks from the date of this Notice.

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Contact: Dr. Archie Beauvais at 605-747-2833 or by email: abeaux@post.harvard.edu

EXEMPT PROFESSIONALS

The American Indian and Alaska Native Programs (AIANP), University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, seeks **two half-time Exempt Professionals, one on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation and one on the Pine Ridge Reservation.**

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Qualifications: 1) Bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience; valid driver's license; ability to travel as noted above. 2) Experience chaperoning research participants preferred. 3) Strong communication and interpersonal skills. 4) Experience keeping detailed records; strong organizational skills. 5) Knowledge of confidentiality and participant safety requirements.

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PRAIRIE WIND CASINO SOLICITING PROPOSALS FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE ACCOUNTING PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

The audit must be conducted in accordance with the National Indian Gaming Minimum Internal Control Standard 542.3 (f), "An independent certified public accountant (CPA) shall be engaged to perform procedures to verify, on a test basis, that the gaming operation is in material compliance with the tribal internal control standards or a tribally approved variance that has received commission concurrence. The procedures may be performed in conjunction with the annual audit.The CPA shall report its finding to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Tribal gaming regulatory authority and management. The tribe shall submit a copy of the report to the Commission wIthin 120 days of the gaming operation's fiscal year end."

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If applicable, minority and Indian preference must be requested in the proposal.

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" Envelopes
" Labels
" Other documents requested by staff

Filing:
" Alphabetically file all correspondence and maintain filing systems

Copying/Faxing:
" Copy documents, collating, and preparing binders as requested
" Fax documents as requested

Computer/Internet
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" Must use email to correspond with staff

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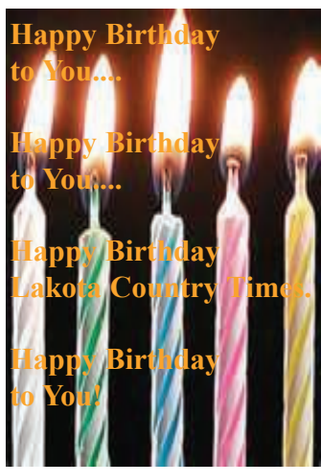
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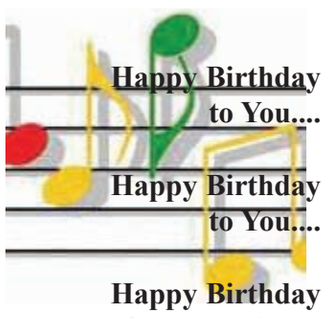
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Congratulations Emi & Carla

Way to go on a good start to another year! Emi and Carla I'm very proud of you. 4RM: your dad Eric R.E. Sr.

Congratulations

I would like to say "hi and what's up" to Misty Yellow Bull. If you get this try to get me back. Congrats on your babyboy. Heather

Julyana, Jillian, & Johnny

Happy Belated Birthday to:
Julyana Arae-Sept. 7
Jillian Ann - Sept. 9
Johnny Lachey - Sept. 21
Hope you all enjoyed your days girls. xoxo's- Uncle/Bro Aaron, Heather, Laila, and Dalila

Mariah LaRose Janis

This is to my babygurl Mariah LaRose Janis who is... livin' it in RC! with her grandma Naomi I miss u both alot!!! It's hard mom but I am staying in school! Thank You for EVERYTHING. Hope to see you both soon... Takecare I LOVE YOU!!! mom/daughter Miss THUNDERSHIELD

To: The best wife in the world! I want to thank you for all you do and being so devoted to making a good life for us. Thanks Love Manuel Brandon,Roseanna

Kamea L. Shangreaux

Happy 2nd Birthday on 9/18 to My lil angel Kamea L. Shangreaux I love you very much you mean the world to me. From: your dad Larry W. Shangreaux Jr.

Tasha Rooks

Happy Birthday to Tasha Rooks on Sept. 26th. Just another year older huh! Hope you enjoy your special day and have a wild one to! I'll be there From: Lorie B. and baby

Parisa



I want to wish my beautiful daughter a wonderful 12th Birthday! We love you with all our hearts! You mean the world to us and brought so much happiness to our lives. You are growing into a beautiful lil woman. Remember your dreams and we are gonna get past all the bad in our lives. We love you, your mom and dad Veronica and Sam, Goo and Shakyra Red Feather

Lacey Watkins & Tasha Rooks

Happy Birthday to Lacey Watkins on Sept.5th and to Tasha Rooks on Sept. 26th. Hope you girls enjoy Your days. Love your Families

Jordan Eli Hawk Wing

Happy 9th Birthday October 15th To Our Son Jordan Eli Hawk Wing You've brought us a lot of joy and happiness and we are very proud of you. Have a great day! God Bless You Son Love Always, Dad and Mom and Brother Justin

Clarence Joseph Broken Rope

A very special "belated' 21st Birthday to my one and only brother Clarence Joseph Broken Rope Hey bro, don't let that woman of yours bring you down too hard. Keep your head up and be careful. Love & miss ya, Heather (sis), Laila, Dalila, and Aaron

Brittany Rose Poor Bear

Happy Birthday to my granddaughter Brittany Rose Poor Bear You are a wonderful gift and a precious healer. We love you and wish you a happy, happy birthday. Keep singing!!! From Grandma Amanda, Vanessa, Jeremy and Taela Takes War Bonnett

Leland Emilio Long Wolf, Jr.

We would like to wish Leland Emilio Long Wolf Jr. a "Happy, Happy 3rd Birthday." Enjoy your day big guy & remember, we love you alot. Fm: Aunty Heather, Aaron, Laila, and Dalila

Delane Gomez

Happy Belated B-day To Delane Gomez Sept.6th don't have to Much fun. from: your mom, Mia and family.

R.I.P.

R.I.P Veronica From: Tony Mesteth We will remember you 4EVER

MoJo

wishing you Have a wonderful day. Much Love: Bubbles, Pockets

Moose (Roylene LT

Happy B-day 2 mama Moose(Roylene LT) on Sept,16. I love you! Your girls

Ashley R.

Happy Birthday to Ashley R. From the Gurlz at Little Wound Love you forever!!!!

Sheri Knox

To; Sheri Knox Spending time together was awesome Take care of yourself don't work to hard. Meanwhile thinking of you and missing your langhter. xoxo friends forever John

Roshia Zephier

Happy 7th Birthday On 10/17/07 Mommy loves you Have a happy day.



Tasha

Happy B-day its The big 26th Tasha I love you each And every day! You R always goin to be my big sis.

My Girls

I would like to say hi To my girls Ice- Box, Em Rose, Lace Rae and the rest of the crew always Shelli

Roylene Looks Twice

Happy Bithday to my World (My mom) Roylene Looks Twice on Sunday. I love you with all my heart, Ashley Dawn

Annissa Around Him

Happy Birthday to a small town girl Annissa Around Him. From: girls at little wound We all luv U

Just wanted to

remind You how much I love you! And our crazy crew! To: Maureen & JaRell, Junior, and baby Zander Love: Wally

Mia G.

Happy Birthday to Mia G. From: your girls at Little Wound School

Cody Gene Vocu

Happy Birthday to my Grandson Cody Gene Vocu On Oct 3rd I love you. Grandma Carol

Happy Birthday

Dakota Flying Hawk From: Jill, Mia, Ashley R, Ashley I.H. We love you forever.

Jordynn

We love you and miss you baby girl! See you soon! Jordynn Lynn Spotted Eagle-Traversie a very HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY Love your family in Sioux Falls; Gramma Cheyenne, Uncle's Cassidy, Wakinyan

Frances Clifford (Sissy Bug)

The Family of Frances Clifford *would like to thank her many friends and relatives who so generously helped us get through a very sad event. To all her nieces and nephews who stood vigil at her bed side, we thank you for your prayers. Charlie, at Sioux Funeral Home, we thank you for your kindness and guidance.To Hannah Clifford, we thank you for taking us under your wing in Pine Ridge. You are our Angel. Fr. Rob, thank you for leading us in the recitation of the rosary,. You helped to make it a beautiful experience. I appreciate you singing my favorite song, "On Eagles Wings". You have a very nice voice. Walter Hernandez, your music always adds such comfort. Thank you for being available on such short notice. Fr,. Rick, thank you for being so helpful and granting my every request. You were so patient and I am sure that you now have a better understanding of Indian Time. To the many people who so generously gave their time working in the kitchen and serving the food, we thank you. Our thanks for all the prayers, food, flowers, cakes and gifts that were given so generously.*

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(above) More than 800 dancers and 35 drum groups came together for the 21st annual pow wow. (right) Kystal Two Bulls was honored Saturday evening for her stint in the Army reserves. She is now attending college. L-R: Philip Whiteman, Lynette Two Bulls, Kystal Two Bulls and Melvina Two Bulls Winters. The honoring was one of many honorings and specials.
PHOTO BY AMANDA TAKES WAR BONNET

21st HeSapa Wacipi makes successful run celebrating traditional music and dance

RAPID CITY - The 21st He Sapa Wacipi, Black Hills Pow wow, attracted 35 drum groups and close to 800 dancers to Rapid City and the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center this past weekend.

Battle River won the drum contest and will be the host drum for the 2008 celebration while Eagle Mountain was second and earned honor drum designation for In addition to the dance contest there were two specials on Sunday, the Whitney Poitra Charging Eagle Jingle Dress special won by Denise One Star and the fourth annual Tommy Charging Eagle men's traditional special which attracted over 60 traditional dancers.

Juniors (6-12) received 1st $200; 2nd $150; 3rd $100; 4th $50

Teens (13-17) received 1st $400; 2nd $300; 3rd $200; 4th $100

Adults (18-49) received 1st $1,000; 2nd $800; 3rd $600; 4th 400; 5th $200

Adults (50+) received 1st $1,000; 2nd $800; 3rd $600; 4th $400; 5th $200.

Dance contest winners include:

Men's Traditional - Senior Adult's (50+ years)
5th Place: John Merrick
4th Place: Ronnie Good Eagle Sr.
3rd Place: Nathan Smith
2nd Place: Ivan Lone Child
1st Place: Terry Fiddler
1st Place: Gary Richards Sr.

Women's Traditional - Senior Adult's (50+ years)
5th Place: Millie Black Bear
4th:Place: Madeline Goodwill
3rd Place: Lilian Good Eagle
2nd Place: Carmen Clairmont
1st Place: Bev Larvie-Medhaug

Men's Traditional Adults (18-49 years)
5th Place: Wesley New Holy
4th Place: Darryl McKay
2nd Place: Novi Smith
1st Place: MJ Bull Bear

Womens Traditional - Adults (18-49 years)
5th Place: Paula Leader
4th Place: Sherisse Mini
3rd Place: Cheyenne Fiddler
2nd place: Allison LaPlante
1st Place Chanda Rendon

Men's Grass
5th Place: Lakota Clairmont
4th Place Mike One Star Jr.
3rd Place: Julius Not Afraid
2nd Place: Buck Spotted Tail
1st Place: Wanbli Charging Eagle

Womens Jingle
5th Place: Jaimee Eagle Speaker
4th Place: Dorothy Crow Feather
3rd Place: Alice Phelps
2nd Place: Ashley Phelps
1st place: Ahnekah Top Sky

Mens Fancy
5th Place: Ft. Washikie, Wyoming
4th Placea; White Coyote Holy Bull
3rd Place: Warshield White
2nd Place: Shorty Crawferd
1st Place: Itoncha St. John

Womens Fancy
5th place: Tiffany Weston
4th place: Aspen Rendon
3rd Place: Helene Gaddie
2nd Place: Kellie Lebeau
1st Place: Tunksi Clairmont

Teen Boys Traditional
4th Place: Warren Zander
3rd place : Jalen Abeyta
2nd place: Isaiah Weasel Bear
1st Place : John Richards

Teen Girls Traditional
4th Place: Sage BlackSmith
3rd Place: Decora Hawk
2nd Place: Arianna Uses Arrow
1st Place : Daisa One Feather

Teen Boys Grass
4th place: Byron Bear Robe

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TWO SECTIONS

Red Cloud, Pine Ridge earn top seeds for 2007 LNI

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - We still have two regular season football games remaining and the playoffs, the cross country regionals are set for Thursday and Friday with the State cross country meet set for Oct. 20 in Huron and volleyball is on the backstretch with districts set for the end of October.

This is followed by regionals and State in November but during the last weekend of September in Rapid City the subject was Lakota Nation Invitational basketball and determining who the top seeds were for the 2007 tourney.

The Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes, the defending LNI champs earned the number one seed for the girls and Red Cloud boys who went 19-4 last year, losing only to state championship game teams and who return their top eight players from last year snared the boy's number one seed.

Coaches, athletic directors and some school administrators met in Rapid City at the Civic Center on Saturday, Sept. 29, to listen to presentations and vote on which teams they felt were deserving of top seeds for this year's tournament scheduled for Rapid City Dec. 19-22. Before listening to coaches from each school, participants heard from Rapid City Convention and Visitor's Center on how to get the best deals for your school when it comes time to reserve hotel rooms for the many teams planning to attend the tourney. Jess Mendoza, an administrator and head boys coach from Cheyenne Eagle Butte presented a draft of a proposed dress code for all of the student athletes that participate in the LNI.

Red Cloud turned out to be a consensus number one seed for the boys; their only losses last year came to St. Thomas More and Little Wound, teams who played for the State A championship in March and Chadron, a team who played for the State B champi-

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LWS to kick off vocabulary building pilot project, promotes community economy

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor

KYLE - On Monday, Oct. 15, Little Wound School will kick off a nine week pilot project for students in 6th ,7th and 8th grade designed to improve their vocabulary and spelling skills. They will also be able to "Earn While You Learn".

The students will learn five words a day, totaling up to 25 words a week. By the end of the nine weeks, students could improve their vocabulary by more than 200 words.

Not only will their vocabulary improve but the students can also earn money. For every word they learn and spell correctly, they can earn $1 for that word.

If they learn all five of their words for the school day, they could earn $5 for the five words. If the students have good attendance and learn their vocabulary words for the week, they could earn up to $25 for the week.

A training session was held for staff, parents, and students on how the pilot project will work. Terry Albers, School Improvement Coordinator, said if the project is successful, it may be implemented in the high school academic program next year or next semester.

The project is part of program entitled Smart Words, which helps to build student's vocabulary, their self-confidence, and improve their motivation to learn. In this program, students are not paid to attend school.

Instead, they intensively study to master very challenging vocabulary and must correctly test to receive their achievement cash award.



Albers stresses that in order for students to test for their achievement award, they must be in attendance for that day, which should improve overall attendance.

Some research indicates that the average literacy rate for Indian youth is one third that of the rest of the national norm.

When a student lacks basic vocabularies, they struggle with reading.

When a student is not a good reader because of the lack of vocabulary, they are fearful of mispronouncing words and are shy to read aloud in front of their peers. By improving their vocabulary, they improve their readings levels and in turn it will improve their self image and not be afraid of words or reading.

Sometimes in poverty or low-income areas students start kindergarten 3,000 to 7,000 words behind other children.

We need to address this gap in a way that is creative and focused on children's strengths, said Albers.

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LNI seeds for 2007 tourney

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onship in Nebraska. The Crusaders entire starting lineup of Christian McGhee, Billy Scott, Lester Gotheridge, Dave Giago and Art Vitalis are returning as well as Mike Twiss, a 6'3" junior and two talented sophomores, Bryer Iron Cloud and Carl Swallow.

White River, participating in their first ever LNI and featuring Louie Krogman who will probably break the all time individual scoring record during the championship semi-finals on Friday night of this year's tournament, was selected as the number two seed.

Todd County who lost to Little Wound last year in the Region 7A championship game, was selected number three, Heart of the Earth (Oh Day Aki) was fourth with Standing Rock number five.

The bracket for the boys includes: game one-Red Cloud (1) vs. Crazy Horse (16) at 10 a.m., game two-White River (2) vs. Lower Brule (15) at 11:30 a.m., game three-Todd County (3) vs. Flandreau Indian (14), game four-Hill City (8) vs. Custer (9) at 2:30 p.m., game five-Heart of the Earth (Oh Day Aki) (4) vs. Takini (13) 4 p.m., game six-standing Rock (5) vs. Crow Creek (12) 5:30 p.m., game seven-Little Wound (6) vs. St. Francis (11) 7 p.m., game eight-Cheyenne Eagle Butte (7) vs. Pine Ridge (10) 8:30.p.m.

Last year Pine Ridge won each of their LNI games by 30 points or more, they went through the season undefeated, ranked number one in the state until losing to Bennett County in the District 14A finals, they have most of their team back and earned the number one seed. Lacey Weston, Keisha Brewer, Christian and Sophia Janis and Saudia Tasso lead the way. Dusty LeBeau is returning to the coaching ranks and will take over the reins of the Lady Thorpes.

He last coached Pine Ridge in 2004 when the Laura Big Crow led Lady Thorpes lost to Sisseton in the State A championship game.

Two teams that qualified for the State A tourney came next with Cheyenne Eagle Butte seeded number two; Alyssa Kingfisher has taken over the coaching duties from Arlyn Wohlleber and has Jessica Keckler, Lacy Leaf, Scottie and Marissa Landreaux, Kayla Turning Heart and Leona Benoist returning. Red Cloud is seeded three after they went to State last year with no seniors and two juniors, they have Ida Clarke and Lisa Bear Robe back along with Marque Lunderman, an outstanding sophomore last year and a new coach, Jerome LeBeau. St. Francis is number four with Standing Rock at number five.

The bracket for the girls includes: game one-Pine Ridge (1) vs. Crazy (16) 10 a.m. game two-Cheyenne Eagle Butte (2) vs. Heart of the Earth/Oh Day Aki (15) 11:30 a.m. game three-Red Cloud (3) vs. Lower Brule (14) 1 p.m., game four-St. Francis (4) vs. Flandreau Indian (13) 2:30 p.m., game five-Standing Rock (5) vs. Takini (12) 4 p.m., game six-Todd County (6) vs. Crow Creek (11) 5:30 p.m., game seven- Little Wound.(7) vs. Hill City (10) 7 p.m. and game eight-Custer (8) vs. White River (9) 8:30 p.m.

St. Thomas More has been in the last three boy's LNI championship games losing to Lower Brule in 2004, beating Little Wound in 2005 and losing to Little Wound in 2006.

The Cavaliers have dropped out of the LNI. Last year the board voted to return to an all Indian format, then changed their mind so St. Thomas More decided rather than wait to be asked to leave the tourney, they would voluntarily leave. Opening up their schedule for four games provided them an opportunity to add new teams to their schedule, some from East River.

The LNI committee had been hoping to have the new addition to the Civic Center completed by December of 2007 so all of the LNI games could be played under the Civic Center roof; it will now be completed for the 2008 LNI.

This Year's tournament will use multiple gyms to meet the needs of two 16 team tournaments including St. Thomas More, Douglas, Rapid City Central and National American University.

Last year the two teams, Little Wound and St. Thomas More played for the LNI championship in December and in March played on the same floor for the State A championship.

Who knows what will happen this year but there is a good chance that the state individual career scoring record will be broken on the Civic Center floor during the tournament.

Winners

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3rd place: Thomas Red Tomahawk
2nd Place: Vince Fox
1st Place: Cante Knight

Teen Girls Jingle

4th Place: Cassandra Zander
3rd Place: Emily Charging Crow
2nd place: Calsee Zander
1st Place: Tess Knight

Teen Boys Fancy

4th Place: Josh Lamont-Hill
3rd Place: Nathan Iron Shell
2nd Place: Stetson Hagel
1st Place: Kevin Eagle Heart

Teen Girls Fancy

4th Place: Isni Win White
3rd Place : Olowan Win Bad Hard
2nd place: Mimi Souksavath
1st Place: Taylor SpoonHunter

Drum Contest Winners

5th Place, Iron Boy
4th place, Yellow Face
3rd Place, Cante Tiza

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4th place, Andy Garner
3rd place, Evan Decora
2nd place, Frank Vanderwalker
1st place, Christopher Clay

Winner Take all- Old School Division

Raymond Handboy

Ojibewe woman ordered to pay $222,000 for illegal downloading

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Jammie Thomas, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, of Brainerd, Minn., makes $36,000 a year but says she's not looking for a handout to pay a $222,000 judgment after a jury decided she illegally shared music online.

"I'm not going to ask for financial help," she told The Associated Press last Friday. But she added, "If it comes, I'm not going to turn it down, either."

Record labels have sued more than 26,000 people they accuse of downloading and offering music for sharing online in violation of copyright laws. Many of those people have settled by paying the companies a few thousand dollars.

Thomas was the first person to fight back all the way to a trial. Six major record companies accused Thomas of offering 1,702 songs on the Kazaa file-sharing network. At trial, they focused on 24 songs and jurors decided Thursday that Thomas willfully violated the copyright on all 24. Their verdict was for damages of $9,250 per song, or $222,000.

The recording industry won two victories with that verdict.

Beyond the money, the industry added to a growing body of legal precedents holding that making copyright-protected songs available online, even without proof the songs went anywhere, infringes on the copyrights for the songs.

Ray Beckerman, an attorney who has represented people sued by the record companies, said the companies used one case where there was a $22,500 default judgment to scare people into settling.

"Now, look at this. This is 10 times better. They can talk about this case, they can use it for frightening people," he said.

"I guess it's my Native pride," said Thomas, who is a member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. "Up until this point I have not held my hand out and asked for financial assistance from anyone."

Thomas, 30, works for the Mille Lacs band coordinating a federal grant for cleaning up contaminated land. She said she doesn't have the means to pay.

"I am a single mother of two boys. I make $36,000 a year at my job," she said. "At best they could try and get a court order garnishing my wages."

Her attorney, Brian Toder, said that copyright law automatically awards court costs and attorney fees to the winning party.

Paying those too could push the total judgment against Thomas as high as a half-million dollars.

Thomas questioned whether the record companies will be able to enforce the verdict because she is an enrolled member of the Mille Lacs band, lives on its land and works for the band.

But Kevin Washburn, who teaches American Indian Law as a visiting associate professor at Harvard Law School, said tribal courts generally enforce judgments from other courts. And since this is a federal verdict, the tribal courts might not even have a say in enforcing the verdict.

"One way or another she's got to pay," he said.

LWS vocabulary project

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The reading project will introduce vocabulary building techniques that capitalize on the student's learning strengths of visualization and linking it to pronunciation.

Research shows that most Native people learn best visually, followed by verbal stories. Lakota are verbal people.

By having words pronounced, while visually imprinting them, brings together two of our most powerful learning strengths, Albers said of the vocabulary program.

Albers emphasized that parents are the other teaching partner in the vocabulary project and encourages the parents to be aware of the project and help their students at home.

With parents helping and learning the words also, the entire family can become vocabulary enriched.

End of season horseshoe tourney

ALLEN - An End of Season grand finale horseshoe tourney will be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 13 and 14.

Registration opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 10 a.m.

Awards include first place, cash and pullovers; second place, cash and tshirts; and third place, cash and tshirts.

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Little Wound School teacher to be honored guest of the Japanese

KYLE - This October, Didier DuPont will depart for Tokyo as a participant in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. Dupont, from Little Wound High School was selected from a national pool of more than 1,700 applicants by a panel of educators to earn this honor. This program allows distinguished primary and secondary school educators in the U.S. to travel to Japan for three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding between the two nations.

Didier Dupont has a masters degree in philosophy from the University of Lille, France, and has been a teacher at the Little Wound High School since August 1995. He teaches French, World History, Lakota philosophy and is currently teaching Lakota Studies and US History. He is also a part time faculty at Oglala Lakota College since fall semester of 1996 and has taught various classes.

They will begin their visit in Tokyo with a practical orientation on Japanese life and culture and meetings with Japanese government officials and educators. They then will travel in groups of 20 to selected host cities where they will have direct contact with Japanese teachers and students during visits to primary and secondary schools as well as a teachers college. They also will visit cultural sites and local industries in addition to a brief homestay with a Japanese family.

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund, based in Tokyo, oversees all aspects of the Teacher program.

The program is sponsored by the Government of Japan and was launched in 1997 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the U.S. government Fulbright Program, which has enabled more than 6,000 Japanese citizens to study in the U.S. on Fulbright fellowships for graduate education and research. The Institute of International Education acts as the agency for the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund to coordinate the recruitment and pre-departure activities of the Teacher program in the United States.



Didier DuPont

Falcons survive injuries, illness, eligibility problems to get by Cheyenne Eagle Butte 28-8

By Tom Crash
Times Sports

EAGLE BUTTE - Michael Potter, Cheyenne Eagle Butte's 185 pound senior halfback, put the Braves in the lead in the first quarter on a six yard run; it was to be their only score as Todd County prevailed 28-8 for their fifth win of the season against just one loss.

"We lost Gunner Krogman during the St. Francis game to a high ankle sprain, then we lost our back up tailback and back up quarterback and Lawyer Claymore got injured so between injuries, illness and eligibility problems we were juggling players, patching holes, moving a player here and there, it was hard to get any rhythm then Eagle Butte opens the game by ramming the ball on the ground right down our throat all the way to the end zone for a score and we had to regroup," said Bob Kornely, Todd County head coach, "but regroup we did and we got through it."

Down 6-0 to start the second quarter, CJ Spotted Tail hit Jaden Allen on a five yard TD pass then hit Aaron Stoddard on a pass for the two point conversion and the Falcons were up 8-6. Before the half, Spotted Tail scored on a three yard run, the point after attempt failed and Todd County had a 14-0 lead at the half. The Braves forced a safety in the third to cut the lead to 14-8 but Todd County scored in the fourth on a Jaden Allen interception runback for 68 yards and a TD, Mike Neiss ran it over for two and Noah Kilonzo scored on a seven yard run to close out the Falcons fifth win of the season.

Spotted Tail finished 10 of 19 for 131 yards and a touchdown, Stoddard had 15 carries for 51 yards, Neiss carried five times for 30 yards, and Kilonzo six carries for 35 yards. Allen had four catches for 56 yards, Neiss three for 42 and Stoddard two for 28. CEB's Cody Neigel five of 14 for 84 yards and an interception, Stottin Newbrough had two catches for 46 yards, John Mader one for 10 yards, Potter carried the ball 17 times for 92 yards, Spenser Peterson had six for 24 and Kyle Walters had three for 18. Stoddard led the way on defense with 12 tackles, Ocean LeHauli 10, Allen eight and Seth Larvie six.

Todd County is now 5-1 and travels to Bennett County on Friday while Cheyenne Eagle Butte is 2-4 and travels to St. Francis on Friday night.

"On top of all of these injuries, Spotted Tail sprained his ankle in the second quarter but played through it," said Kornely, "but on Saturday, there was Spotted Tail in a cast and crutches, he said don't worry, I'll have it off for practice on Thursday and I'll be ready for Friday's game - obviously if we were 100 per cent we should be the favorite for our last two games going into the playoffs but now we'll be the underdogs."

Rep. Herseth host Congressman Norm Dicks over the weekend

RAPID CITY - Rep. Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin announced during her weekly media conference call last week that she would be hosting Rep. Norm Dicks (D-Washington) over the weekend. Rep. Dicks, the third ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations has been a moderate influential member of Congress since 1976. He was in South Dakota to consult with tribal leaders on the northern plains as well as with those who administer the national parks.

During time with the media, Dicks said, "Since 2001 the budget has decreased by 16 percent for the Indian Health Service, national parks, etc….it is important to be on the ground consulting with tribes. We have to do a better job. We have a trust responsibility."

Herseth-Sandlin said, "Rep. Dicks is the leader of the subcommittee on Indian Affairs and wants to talk about issues with Native American leaders and those who operate national parks." He was also scheduled to attend a meeting with tribal leaders in Eagle Butte and talk with the Indian Health Service hospital personnel about construction.

As a member of the subcommittee on Interior and Environment his committee is concerned with the 2008 appropriations bill that will meet the needs of the American people when it comes to the environment and conservation needs.

The bill also, "Honors our obligation to Native American communities, making investments into better education and welfare."

The Appropriations Committee funds the Environmental Protection Agency, hazardous and toxic cleanup, clean air and water projects, national parks, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Indian Health Service.

It also funds the Smithsonian and the U. S. Forest Service.

Whirlwind Soldier, Running finish one, two in Philip

Wohlleber, Iron Moccasin lead Cheyenne Eagle Butte to girl's team title

PHILIP - As teams hit the home stretch in preparing for regionals and state in cross country, the Philip Invitational offered an opportunity for teams to get one last meet in before regional qualifying on Thursday and Friday and the State cross country meet in Huron on Oct. 20.

Cheyenne Eagle Butte girls are the defending State A champs and they needed a pusher to beat Kadoka on Saturday to win the Philip Invitational with the defending State A individual champ, Jordan Wohlleber taking first, Ashley Iron Moccasin in third, Erica High Bear in 11th and Jordan Heideman in 12th. Todd County's Lottie Grimshaw, a seventh grader was second, Kyla Marshall was 9th, Kylie Wilson was 13th and Julie Bernie was 14th as the Lady Falcons took third.

McIntosh knocked off Todd County to win the boy's team competition despite Marc Whirlwind Soldier's 16:19 for first place and teammates's Wes Running 17:04 for second. Two freshman, Kyle Roubideaux and Ambrose Spotted Elk led the way for McIntosh with teammate Josh Engel in sixth and Trent Otter Robe in 10th. LaBradford Eagle Deer and Max Grimshaw took 15th and 16th for Todd County. William White Buffalo, Jones County was third and Frankie Waln of White River was fourth.

Red Cloud's Saige Pourier was 14th in the girl's race, Ida Clarke was 37th. Todd County's team included Josie Stone in 16th and Arna Two Hawk in 29th. CEB's Allie Moran Shaving was 20th.

In the boy's race Cheyenne Eagle Butte had Keith White Bull in 13th, Dysan Lends His Horse in 14th, Merrill Mitchell in 27th and Gabe Baker in 29th. Red Cloud's James Pine was in 15th.

Red Cloud hosts the Region 5A race on Friday, Oct. 12 at 12 noon which includes Pine Ridge, Red Cloud, St. Francis, Todd County, St. Thomas More/Rapid City Christian, Belle Fourche, Lead-Deadwood, Hill City, Hot Springs, Custer, Bennett County and Little Wound.

Chamberlain hosts the Region 4A cross country qualifying run on Thursday, Oct. 11 with Bon Homme,. Chamberlain, Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Crow Creek, Gregory, Lyman, McLaughlin, Mobridge, Parkston, Platte-Geddes, Stanley County, Wagner and Winner. The top 20 individuals and top three teams qualify for the State Cross country meet in Huron on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Broadland Creek National Golf Course.

Shakopee Mdewakanton becoming a player in charitable world

Among the biggest benefactors has been the Oglala Lakota

PRIOR LAKE, Minn. (AP) - The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, the owner of Mystic Lake Casino, plans to hand out $21 million this year, making the tribe a major philanthropic player in Minnesota and possibly the most generous tribe in the country.

Since 2003, the tribe has tripled its giving from $7 million to more than $21 million this year. As a result, the Minnesota Council on Foundations has started listing the Shakopee tribe among the top 25 grantmakers in the state.

King said the sovereign status of the Shakopee makes it difficult to classify the tribe's charitable giving. But - depending on the classification used - the tribe can be seen as either one of the top five foundations or one of the top 10 corporate givers in Minnesota.

Next month, the tribe's giving will surpasses $100 million.

``We're just happy to be able to help when we can,'' tribal vice chairman Glynn A. Crooks said. ``We can't do everything, but we do help.''

John McCarthy, executive director of the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association, said the tribe is probably the top philanthropic American Indian group in the country. He estimates that the three wealthiest tribes in Minnesota - Shakopee, the Prairie Island Mdewakanton Dakota Tribe and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe - together donate $35 million to $40 million a year.

In the past 25 years, Indian gambling has grown to a $1.2 billion industry with 18 casinos operated by Minnesota's 11 tribes. The most successful casino operation has been Shakopee's, which McCarthy estimates generates $600 million a year or more. Others estimate the tribe's revenue is closer to $1 billion.

The tribe routinely declines to comment on revenue figures or what percentage of revenues the charitable giving represents.

The tribe has dramatically increased its giving in the wake of increasing pressure from politicians to give even more.

The biggest benefactors of the tribe's generosity has been the Oglala Sioux on impoverished Pine Ridge.

Apart from the shelter for battered women, the Oglala will use the Shakopee money to construct a station this fall to keep its ambulances warm. In the past, ambulances on Pine Ridge were kept running all night in winter so they were instantly available.

Cecilia Fire Thunder, the former president of the Oglala tribe, said the Shakopee money literally saved the Oglala, who were in so much debt in 2004 that the tribe was ready to, in effect, declare bankruptcy and turn its finances over to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Minnesota tribe provided the Oglala with a $38 million loan, which helped the tribe pay off its $17 million debt and expand its casino, Fire Thunder said.



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Northern Perspectives

By Dr. Archie Beauvais

Many disappointed that the SCHIPS bill was vetoed



Many local people are also disappointed that President Bush chose to veto the State Children's Health Insurance Program or CHIPS. Last week Rep. Stephanie Herseth held her weekly media conference via telephone from Washington, DC and expressed a similar disappointment at the veto.

Herseth noted upwards of 18,000 children could qualify for the low income program in South Dakota if funding levels were increased to $35 billion over the next five years as a majority of Republicans and Democrats had voted for.

At present, some 11,000 South Dakota children participate in the program which has been cited as a very successful government funded program over the last ten years. It will be interesting to listen to those congressmen who voted against the measure explain to their constituents their reason for going along with the President. At a time when the country is funding the war at billions of dollars without blinking, it is ironic that it is now the children who must also make a sacrifice.

The health insurance program is a federally funded program administered by states which allows parents who do not qualify for Medicaid but cannot afford private health insurance to have their children covered.

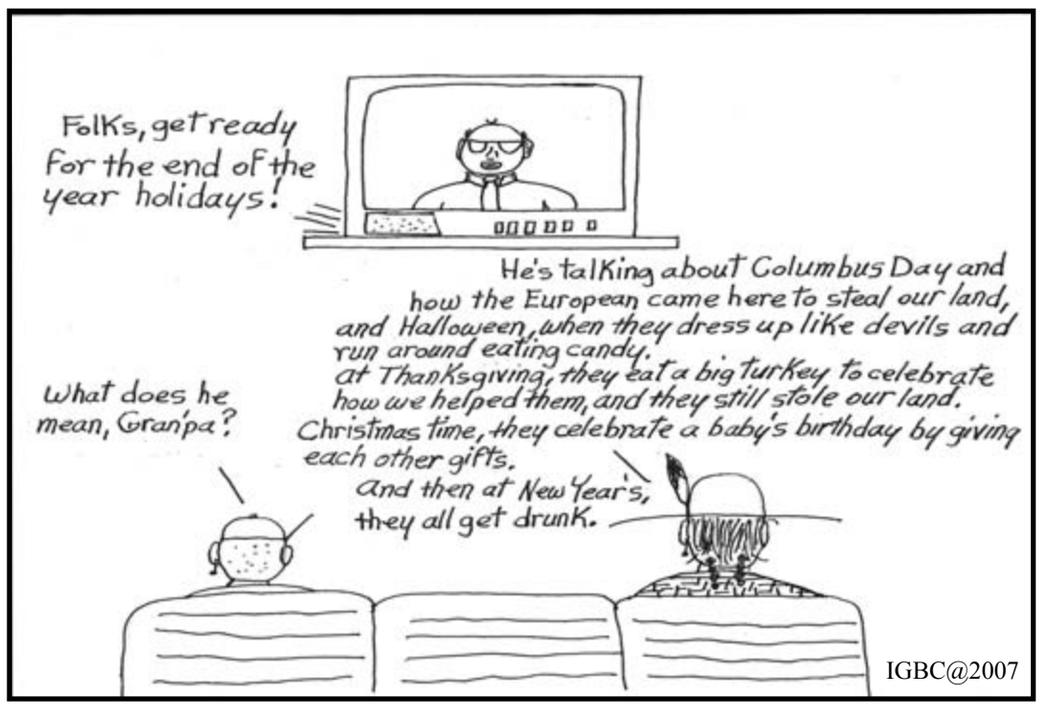
The program requires families to meet federal poverty guidelines and some people seem concerned that the current cap might be increased so that higher income children qualify. The reasoning is that higher income families should be able to afford the cost to cover their children without government assistance.

Rep. Herseth also arrived in Rapid City on Saturday for the He Sapa Wacipi and as the time came closer to grand entry, she essentially repeated her concerns about the SCHIPS program to television reporters and journalists.

It was an eye opener to see that the *Rapid City Journal* editorial board voiced its opinion in favor of the very successful health insurance program. I believed that the paper had a rather conservative slant, but then children's health insurance is something we can get on the band wagon about.

When asked as to what tribal nations could do to assist in advocating for SCHIPS, Herseth said that they could fully document their need for the program and maybe list accurate numbers of children that qualify.

Each of us need to write our congressional delegation and ask them to work on a new bill that will represent a compromise measure for as the editorial board duly noted, the program would save billions in uninsured health care costs that most of us will share in anyway, through paying sales taxes on any number of products.



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Letters to the Editor

RST tribal council unfair in hiring practices

Dear Editor:

My name is Missy Bartling (Whipple). I am an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. My father was the late Albert "Jack" Whipple and my mother is Octa Small. I grew up in the Antelope Community, spent most of my adult life in He Dog Community and currently reside in Gregory, SD. I am married and have two children. I worked for Indian Health Service for 11 years in various clerical capacities. I began my employment with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe as administrative assistant for health administration from 1990-1995. From 1995 to current I'm administrative assistant at the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Alcohol Drug Treatment Program.

I earned the following degrees from Sinte Gleska University; Associate of Arts-Human Services:1997, Bachelor of Arts-Human Services/Criminal Justice: 1999, Associate of Science-Business Administration: 2000 an Master of Arts-Human Service: 2005.

I applied for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Juvenile Detention Center Administrator position that closed August 25, 2007. I interviewed on Sept. 24 with two other applicants. I was not selected by the tribal council for this position, although I was the only tribal member that met the minimum qualifications. The applicant selected was not a tribal member nor did he meet the minimum qualifications, therefore I contested this selection based on two principles:

1) Resolution RB73-07 was enacted to protect the employment rights of tribal members. Further, "First preference for any and all employment on the Rosebud Reservtion shall be given to the members of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe."

1) The Job Description clearly read: Minimum Qualifications: A Master Degree in Criminal Justice or closely related field is required.

I met with the tribal president on Friday, Sept. 27 regarding my challenge and received notice by the personnel director on Monday morning, Oct. 1 that a hearing was scheduled to deal with this issue on Tuesday, Oct. 2.

The outcome of the hearing was ten tribal council representatives violated the oath they swore by as tribal leaders to uphold the very laws set in place to protect our tribal members. The tribal chairman supported these ten representatives decision therefore he also violated his oath of office to uphold Ordinance RB 86-06 Rosebud Sioux Tribal Personnel Policies and Procedures where Resolution RB 73-07 is referenced. There should have been no question on the Tribal Chairman's position.

In this hearing I heard continuous and mere excuses from these ten Tribal Council Representatives whey they failed to support a highly qualified tribal member but he fact still remained they violated my rights, discredited my education and 16 years of administrative work experience and most importantly discounted my membership in my very own tribe.

I am ashamed of these council representatives response to my concerns. I am ashamed to call them my leaders, for they are not. Their message was loud and clear Tuesday, Oct. 2 that they do not support their own tribal members nor do they support education. What happened to "first preference for any and all employment on the Rosebud Reservation shall be given to the members of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe," what happened to supporting higher education? We have an unemployment rate of 80 percent yet these ten representatives are allowing and supporting non-members jobs our own members qualify for. What is this message telling our Sinte Gleska University students many who are single parents, raising children on meager incomes, those struggling with work, school and family? I strongly support higher education and always will, I know the dedication, commitment, drive and determination it takes to get a degree.

My overall experience in dealing with these ten representatives was appalling. I stated facts, my issues were clear and concise yet I did not receive any justifiable explanation for why a non-tribal member with a lesser level of education and no administration work experience was selected for the Juvenile Detention Center Administrator.

There were four tribal council representatives, Jo Colombe, Russell Eagle Bear, Marion Young-One Star and Lewis Good Voice Flute

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Notes From Indian Country

By Tim Giago

The name "Indian" and political correctness



(Nanwica Kciji)

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Indians, Native Americans, American Indians are all labels foisted upon the indigenous people of America and so what is a newspaper to do when selecting the supposed correct label?

In his book "The Day the World Ended at Little Big Horn," Joseph M. Marshall III reviewed all of these labels and then wrote, "We prefer to be identified by our specific tribes or nations, of which there are nearly five hundred ethnically identifiable in the United States."

He goes on, "However, in the interest of avoiding confusion within the pages of this work, I have chosen to used the word Indian mostly in those instances when there is a necessary reference to more than a specific tribe or native nation."

And so in this era of political correctness even the great Sicangu author, Joe Marshall, has to admit that he is also faced with this recurring dilemma. Any writer covering issues related to events and people associated with Indian country faces this same question and must decide whether to follow political correctness or go along with historic usage.

If one visits an Indian reservation (there's that word Indian again) and speaks to the elders of the tribe, he or she will find that they refer to themselves as "Indian," without reservation (no pun intended).

I am a firm believer that most historians are wrong when they credit Christopher Columbus for coining the word "Indian" because he thought he was landing his ships in India. In 1492 there was no country known as India. Instead that country was called Hindustan. I think that is closer to the truth that the Spanish padre that sailed with Columbus was so impressed with the innocence of the Natives he observed that he called them Los Ninos in Dios. My spelling may be wrong on the Spanish words, but the description by the padre means something like "Children of God."

After many years of usage the word Indios emerged and to this day the indigenous people of South and Central America are called Indios. I am told that as the word wound its way North it evolved into "Indian." Of course some will say that there was a place called the East Indies in 1492 and Columbus may have thought he was headed for that region.

So how and when did the efforts to politicize the name start? I suspect that some of it started when Native Americans enrolled in some of the white colleges. I think they found the word "Indian" offensive and set about to remake it. They found that the word Indian was often used in a derogatory fashion such as "drunken Indian" or "rotten Indian." Perhaps the white people would have found it more difficult to say "drunken Native American?"

And finally, when some Indian journalists made it to the newsrooms of large and prestigious mainstream newspapers, they reacted to the word "Indian" as they did when they were in college. The went to their editors and tried to impress upon them that the paper should no longer use the word "Indian," but should, instead, switch to Native American or Native.

I first ran across this sudden change when I was mailed a copy of my weekly column that had appeared in the Lincoln (Neb.) Star Journal. In every place I had used "Indian" the editorial page editor edited it to read "Native." Of course I was appalled. If I had intended to use "Native" I would have used it and I resented the fact that the EPE had changed the word in order to fit his presumption of political correctness.

I immediately dropped him a note and asked, "When you come across organizational names like National Congress of American Indians or National Indian Education Association are you going to change them to read National Congress of Native Americans or National Native Education Association."

How about newspapers like "Indian Country Today," my former weekly paper? "Native American Country Today" just doesn't have the same ring to it.

The local daily newspaper in Rapid City, SD decided to drop the use of the word "Indian" and replace it with "Native American." I believe they did so when they, with unintended fanfare, used a headline that highlighted the word "Indian" when describing the new education director for the Rapid City Schools. A howl went up in the Indian community, but the howl was less about political correctness than about the bad usage of the name in that particular context. I believe it is a policy that needs to be reconsidered because anyone born in the United States of America is a Native American, but they are not American Indians.

It is confusing enough trying to figure out what to call Blacks, Hispanics or Asians without adding to the confusion by trying to rename American Indians.

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Mining company escorted off the Pine Ridge by Tokala

By Natalie Hand
Special to the Times

Today, traditional leaders requested once again that Native American Energy Group leave the reservation. N.A.E.G.'s counsel put forth a motion to dismiss the exclusion order filed against them. The ongoing show cause hearing to exclude N.A.E.G., which began Sept. 24, came to an abrupt stop today when Oglala Sioux Tribal Court Chief Judge Lisa Adams respectfully asked N.A.E.G. representatives to willingly leave the reservation until their Motion to Dismiss can be heard on Oct. 30, 2007. Judge Adams advised all parties that she is required to give at least 10 days notice to schedule such a hearing.

Newly appointed N.A.E.G. attorney, Dana Hanna, argued that the plaintiffs, Oglala Lakota Delegates of the Black Hills Sioux Nation Treaty Council and Debra White Plume of Owe Aku, had not presented any evidence as to why his clients should be excluded from the reservation. Further, he stated that the 1851 and 1868 Ft. Laramie Treaties have no bearing on this case and that only the OST president or vice president could initiate exclusion orders. He entered a motion to dismiss the case.

The plaintiffs, representing themselves, argued that Hanna should excuse himself from this case based on conflict of interest. Hanna informed the court that he formally worked as Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Attorney General and now represents the Oglala Sioux Tribe in Indian Child Welfare Act. cases. White Plume stated, "We feel that the work that Mr. Hanna does to help our Oglala Lakota children is honorable. He is helping to protect our Nation, and to then come here to defend a mining company that is not wanted here by our Nation is a clear conflict. We are here to protect our Nation from this company, and he is here to defend that company's assertion that they have a right to be on our land."

Chief Oliver Red Cloud, Chairman of the Black Hills Sioux Nation Treaty Council, informed the court and the defendants that the treaty was the supreme law of the United States. Further, he indicated that the treaty is in the OST Constitution and has great bearing on court proceedings here. "People like you (Hanna), challenge all Native nations when you dismiss treaty laws. Maybe we will have to use Article I on you as well. I will convene a full Treaty Council meeting with the eight reservations and we will collectively decide your fate in Indian Country," stated Chief Red Cloud.

The Honorable Judge Adams expressed the conflicts that this case is creating. In addressing Hanna and his clients, she stated that she is in a difficult position, as the OST Law and Order Code specifically states that tribal customs and traditions be recognized. On the other hand, Judge Adams noted that she is sworn to uphold the laws set forth in the I.R.A. court system.

Hanna continued to argue his motions for dismissal and it became apparent that he and N.A.E.G. representatives had no immediate plans to leave as requested. At that point, Oglala Tokala, present in the courtroom, approached the defendants and told them to leave. They were escorted from the courthouse. Eileen Janis, N.A.E.G. continues to stand with the mining company and insists that they are only here to conduct a water-study.

In testimony last week, OST President John Steele indicated that he was present with Janis at meetings in New York City with N.A.E.G. while they pitched a uranium mining proposal to potential investors. He further testified that he has always been against mining and that he doesn't understand why N.A.E.G. is fighting to stay on Pine Ridge when they are clearly unwanted by so many entities here.

When presented with a copy of a memo to N.A.E.G. on Steele's presidential letterhead, Steele testified that he had never seen the memo and that his signature had been forged. At that time, Janis yelled from the court gallery that she had discussed the memo with John and he told her that she could sign his name to it. Steele denied this.

Judge Adams ordered the Treaty Council and Owe Aku to submit a written motion concerning the removal of Hanna as attorney for N.A.E.G. within three days to forward to the OST Supreme Court.

Additionally, the plaintiffs have until Oct. 26 to submit their written motion as to why the court should not dismiss this exclusion request. Court is scheduled to resume on Oct. 30 at 9 a.m.

According to Chief Oliver Red Cloud, an emergency session of the Black Hills Sioux Nation Treaty Council will convene on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. in Billy Mills Hall at Pine Ridge.

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as well as the vice chairman Wayne Boyd that supported the rights of a tribal member and education.

I have the utmost respect for these individuals fortitude and desire to uphold our tribal laws and regulations. I admire these people for their perseverance in assuring I was heard, treated with respect and dignity. I am very grateful and appreciative of their assistance with this issue. They are true leaders!

Remember on Oct. 25 those tribal leaders that did not support one of their own tribal members. I believe their decision was political, personal and sexually discriminatory.

For the other applicant that received a telephone interview was also a woman (non-Indian) that had two masters degrees in criminal justice.

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Bison maul Mustangs 53-0

By Tom Crash
Times Sports



Little Wound's Michael Pretty Voice Crane sets his sights on Hot Springs running back Ray Rickenbach (36) during the Bison 53-0 romp over Little Wound Friday night in Hot Springs.
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HOT SPRINGS - Hot Springs dug in on Friday and held Little Wound to a total of minus two yards on offense on their way to a 53-0 win in a game called with nine minutes left in the fourth quarter.

Trin In the Woods hit Spur Pourier on a six yard pass play for his only completion in five attempts, he was intercepted once by Dustin Fischer who ran it back 40 yards for a TD.

"Before the game, I told the boys to go out play hard and have fun, but they started the game scared and even with a good chewing they still struggled," said Darrel Hunter, Mustangs head coach, "even when we did put something together, we would have it called back because of a penalty, these boys are better than how they played there in Hot Springs."

Hot Springs rushed the ball 39 times for 305 yards as the Bison line dominated the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball with Clint Kindred scoring three touchdowns, Fischer chipping in two and Matt Hazrkless hitting three passes out of four attempts for 71 yards and one TD.

Brice Hornbeck, Little Wound's all state wide receiver did not play after injuring his knee in practice.

"This week we are concentrating on a return to fundamentals," said Hunter, "we are working on blocking and tackling and out of all our games this season, we are looking forward to our upcoming game with Red Cloud after losing a close one to the Crusaders last year."

Little Wound is 4-2 on the year, travels to Red Cloud on Friday before hosting Bennett County on Thursday, Oct. 18 in the last regular season game of the year. Hot Springs is 2-4 and host Douglas on Friday.

Crusaders crush Crow Creek 50-0 for fifth straight win

PINE RIDGE - Billy Scott, Red Cloud's 180 pound senior running back who is among the state leaders in rushing and scoring, opened the Crow Creek game Friday with runs of four, eight, 12 and 12 yards before scoring the first of his three touchdowns with an 11 yard scamper through the middle of the Chieftain's line as Red Cloud knocked off Crow Creek Friday 50-0 for their fifth straight win of the season.

"We worked hard on keeping Crow Creek out of the end zone," said Keith Ferguson, first year head coach at Red Cloud, "our defense has played well all year, we've been stingy with points allowed and we want to keep improving on the defensive side of the ball."

Dominic LeBeaux ran for two on Scott's first TD while Jeremy Blacksmith came back on Red Cloud's next series to hit Mike Cuny for a 13 yard TD pass midway through the first quarter. The run failed on the extra point but the Chieftains struggled to get their offense going on their next offensive series to open the second quarter and had to cover a bad snap on a punt for a safety to make it 16-0.

Art Vitalis intercepted a Vilas Fallis pass and returned it 57 yards for a TD late in the second quarter, Scott ran for two to give Red Cloud a 24-0 lead at the half. Scott picked up where he left off early in the third with an 11 yard run for his second TD and following a Roman White Calf fumble recovery, it took all of 33 seconds to turn in a nifty 33 yard gallop for his third TD. Dave Giago's run for two gave the Crusaders a 38-0 lead.

Kiley Weston, a freshman running back, reeled off a 19 yard off the right tackle and Dominick LeBeaux finished the game off with a 35 yard TD run with 4:51 to go in the fourth.

Scott finished with another dominating performance on the ground carrying the ball 18 times for 176 yards and three touchdowns, LeBeaux had five carries for 51 yards, a touchdown and a two point conversion and Blacksmith was three for 12 for 65 yards and a touchdown. Fallis was 11 of 25 for 148 yards and one interception. Larry Gayton had one catch for 58 yards, Terrance Gonzalez grabbed three for 38 yards.

Andrew Twiss led the Crusaders with 10 tackles while Red Cloud held Crow Creek to a minus 26 yards on the ground on eight carries. Crow Creek is 0-6 on the year and travels to Pine Ridge on Friday while Red cloud is 5-1 and hosts Little Wound on Friday.

Pine Ridge downs St. Francis 16-12 for first win of the season

ST. FRANCIS - Harley "Mister" Cortier threw two touchdown passes and Pine Ridge's defense stiffened up at the end for the Thorpes to pick up their first win of the season 16-12 over St. Francis Friday night on the road.

Both teams came into the game sporting 0-5 records, St. Francis scored the only touchdown of the first half as Earl Peneaux hit Michael Farmer on a 30 yard TD pass midway through the first quarter fort a 6-0 Warrior led. The run for two failed and St. Francis held a 6-0 first half lead.

Cortier opened the scoring for Pine Ridge with a 45 yard strike to Ezra Zephier and the Thorpes were on the board early in the third. Cortier carried the ball over for two on a quarterback keeper and Pine Ridge had their second touchdown of the year and an 8-6 lead. Cortier went back to the pass and hit Joe Bissonette on a 15 yard pass play for Pine Ridge's second TD of the game and a 14-6 lead with time running out in the third. Cody Trueblood ran it for two and it was 16-6.

Richard Spotted Tail, St. Francis back-up quarterback, scored on a two yard plunge in the fourth, the pass failed and it was 16-12. The Warriors drove down the field with less than a minute left, had third and 24 and picked up 22 yards only to have their quarterback spike the ball to stop the clock without realizing it was fourth down. Pine Ridge dodged a bullet as the ball got turned over on downs and Pine Ridge ran the time out to ice their first win of the year.

Cortier finished 11 of 20 through the air for 105 yards and two touchdowns. Stan Brewer caught four for 20 yards, Cody Trueblood two for 13 yards, Elliot Brewer two for five yards, Emerson Bob Tail Bear one for seven yards, Zephier one for 45 yards and a touchdown and Bissonette one for 15 yards and a touchdown. Bissonette added 60 yards on the ground on nine carries as well.

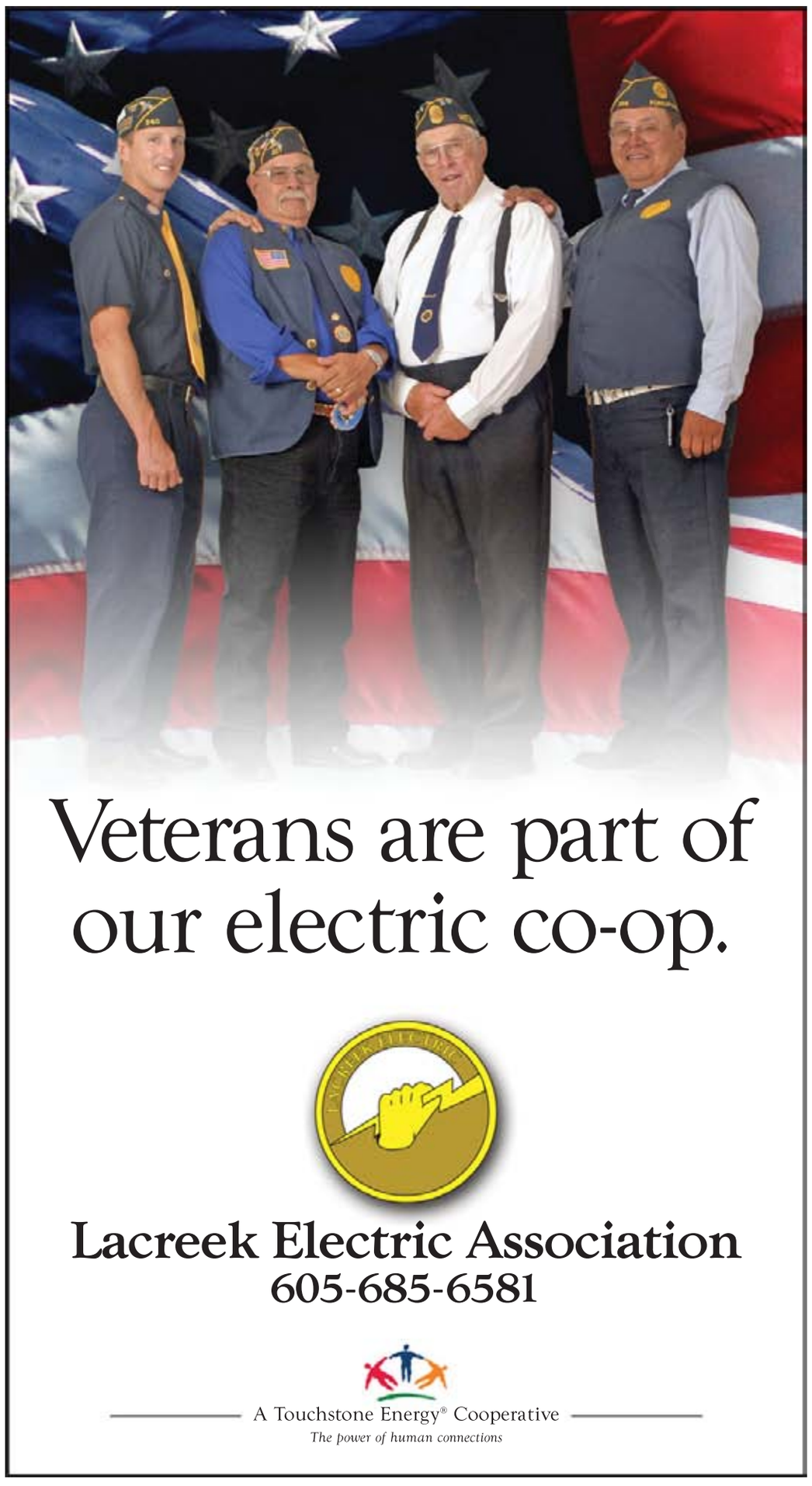
Pine Ridge is 1-5 now on the year and looking to win two in a row as they host Crow Creek on Friday for their Homecoming. St. Francis is 0-6 and hosts Cheyenne Eagle Butte Friday night.

Football scores from week

Red Cloud 50-0 Crow Creek
Todd County 28-8 Chey. Eagle Butte
Pine Ridge 16-12 St. Francis.
Harding County 45-0 Dupree
Hot Springs 53-0 Little Wound/CH
Andes Central 46-0 Marty
Great Plains Luth 70-28 Tiospa Zina
Campbell County 59-0 McLaughlin
Kadoka Area 32-30 White River
St. Thomas More 42-6 Bennett County

Games this week:

Todd County at Bennett County
Little Wound/CH at Red Cloud
Crow Creek at Pine Ridge
White River at Lower Brule
Lemmon/McIntosh at McLaughlin
Jones County at Dupree
Marty at Menno
Cheyenne Eagle Butte at St. Francis



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Free EMT Training
The OST Ambulance Service is offering free EMT training in October and November, pick up an application at your local CAP office or any of the ambulance bases in Pine Ridge, Oglala, Kyle and Wanblee.

Living Rosary
Thursday, Oct. 11 at Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge at 6 p.m., a meal will be served following the prayer, candles and prayer bags will be given to those attending.

OST Commodity Distribution
Friday, Oct. 12 in Martin at Sunrise Housing, Tues. Oct. 16 in Porcupine at Evergreen housing and in Porcupine at CAP Office, Thursday, Oct. 18 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni Lake and Friday, Oct. 19 in Oglala at old store site

Region 5A Cross Country Meet
Friday, Oct. 12 noon at Red Cloud High School including Pine Ridge, Red Cloud, Custer, Hot Springs, Hill City, Belle Fourche, Bennett County, Lead-Deadwood, Little Wound, St. Francis, St. Thomas More and Todd County with top 20 individuals and top three teams qualifying for State in Huron.

Pine Ridge High School Homecoming
Friday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. against Crow Creek.

Car and Bike Show with Flea Market
Saturday, Oct. 13 from 12 noon on with set from 9-11 a.m. with categories for cars-Ol'School Rod, Vintage and People's Choice and for bikes-American/Vintage, Asian & British, Stock and Chopper/Custom & Rockets/Rice. All clubs, private owners and individuals welcome; sponsored by Pejuta Haka College Center Student Organization, for information call 455-2450.

Grand Finale Horseshoe Tournament
Saturday, Oct. 13 for doubles and Sunday, Oct. 14 for singles with registration opening each day at 9 a.m. and closing at 10 a.m. at Robert Red Shirt residence, quarter mile north of Allen Store, 455-1328.

Four Directions Walk
For Cancer Awareness is set for Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. meeting a half mile out from the four way in Pine Ridge walking in honor of all cancer survivors and those who fought bravely. Lunch and program to follow at Sacred Heart Church, for information call Andrea 867-3199, Marilyn 867-5801 or Mary at 867-2067.

Tribal Court Advocacy Training
Friday, Oct. 19 at 10 a.m. to all tribal court advocates provided by the Oglala Sioux Nation Supreme Court, mandatory for all Tribal Court Advocates, call Elizabeth to confirm attendance at 867-5266.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
Friday, Oct. 19 at Red Cloud School sponsored by Red Cloud and Our Lady of Lourdes with grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9 at Loneman School in Oglala, Saturday, Dec. 1 at Batesland School sponsored by Rockyford and Batesland from Shannon County Schools and Friday, Dec. 21 in Rapid City sponsored by Wolf Creek School and Shannon County Schools; for information call 867-5174.

State Cross Country Meet
Saturday, Oct. 20 in Huron at the Broadland Creek National Golf Course with B Girls at 1 p.m., B Boys at 1:30 p.m., A Girls at 2 p.m., A Boys at 2:30 p.m., AA Girls at 3 p.m. and AA Boys at 4:15 p.m.

Annual Bazaar
Sunday, Nov. 4 at St. Isaac Jogues/Mother Butler Center in Rapid city at 231 Knollwood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with arts and crafts, quilts, plants, baked goods, games, bingo, food concessions, raffles and numerous prizes; for information call 343-2165.

Wanblee Health Center receives award from South Dakota Immunization Program

WANBLEE -The state Immunization Program awarded health care facilities across the state for the work they achieve in childhood immunizations.

They recognize facilities on four different levels based upon number of clients served and immunization rates maintained for more than one year. The award categories are as follows:

The Golden Syringe Award "presented to facilities that serve 50 to 450 clients who have maintained immunization rates of 90 percent or greater in the 24-35 month age category over the last year."

The Silver Syringe Award "presented to a clinic that serves more than 630 clients and has shown outstanding improvement in their immunization rates in the 24-35 month age category."



"Golden Syringe Award" accepted by Wanblee Health Center. Indian Health Service nurses are from L to R Jeanette Amiotte, Peggy Nelson, Dayle Knutson, and Shari Porch.

"I Make a Difference Award" "presented to clinics that have shown outstanding commitment in entering immunization records into the South Dakota Immunization Information System."

Special Recognition "presented to clinics that serves less than 50 clients and maintain rates 90 percent in the 24-35 months age category."

Wanblee Health Center is the only Indian Health Service facility in the state that has achieved this level of Golden Syringe award.

The nurses wish to thank the Wanblee and surrounding communities parents, grandparents, and other caregivers for insuring the children were immunized. The nurses are appreciated for their diligence in this vital prevention activity.

Join the fight against domestic violence

By Javier H. Alegree
Special to the Times

ROSEBUD - In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, residents of the Rosebud Reservation are joining together with millions more nation wide to raise awareness and to prevent domestic violence. During the month of October, the White Buffalo Calf Woman Society, Inc. invites all local residents to participate in activities focused on domestic violence awareness and prevention.

Domestic Violence is a serious problem for women, men and children. Nearly one third of American women reported being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives.

In the Rosebud Reservation, the number of domestic violence victims showed a staggering increase during 2006. Every year an estimated 3.3 million children are exposed to violence perpetrated against their mothers or female care givers, placing them at high risk for numerous emotional and physical health problems

During the month of October, there will be several events that focus on the ability of men to make a difference. Men - as fathers, brothers, coaches, teachers, uncles, friends and mentors - are in a unique position to prevent domestic violence through their actions and words.

Our message is simple, men can teach boys that violence does not equal strength. The majority of men are willing to talk to children about the importance of healthy, violence - free relationships, if they are asked. Domestic Violence Awareness Month is both an opportunity and a call for men and women to get involved and speak out.

The month's events include: Oct. 17 - Candlelight walk in mission from DSS to the Antelope community center starting at 7 p.m.; Oct. 22 - 23 "Women Strengthening Women" DV conference for survivors and advocates in Rapid City; and Oct. 30 - 5th annual Breast Cancer Awareness Dinner to be held at the council chambers in Rosebud. The White Buffalo Calf Woman Society would like to remind you that all individuals have something to contribute to the fight against Domestic Violence. Together we can end violence in our homes, schools, and communities.

Ask yourself: "What kind of role model are you? Take a stand, speak out… silence will not end the violence!"

For more information, please contact the White Buffalo Calf Woman Society, Inc. at 605-856-2317 or visit www.wbcws.org

The White Buffalo Calf Woman Society, Inc, is a grass-roots community based domestic and sexual violence program that provides an array of services to survivors of violent crimes on the Rosebud Reservation and neighboring communities.

Training helps to expand artist's business and marketing skills

KYLE - During September, the Lakota Funds Wawokiye Business Institute hosted Artist Training by the Springboard for the Arts out of St. Paul, Minn. The Wawokiye Business Institute is working to provide the local artist with opportunity for expanding their market by providing the tools and training needed to move to the next stage of their career.

Springboard for the Arts travels throughout the region providing business skills for artists. The training held in Kyle consisted of three components. The first was Career Planning; they had the artist think about what they wanted to happen with their artistic career and had the artist write a plan to achieve their goals. The second component of the training is Market planning. Taking the time to compose a market plan will help the artist succeed in getting their creations to the respective audiences. The third component is the business plan. The business plan will help clarify in the artist's mind and explain clearly to their stake holders what they are doing.

The training presented Artist to Artist, with the understanding of the struggles the artist may encounter. "Planning is just making a map so you can follow it to your desired destination. We want you to have prosperous and rewarding lives as creative people, and we're here to help you with the map making. Often the solution to anxiousness is gaining control.

Understanding where you want to be and what outcome you desire is the first step on the journey. So take some time to really think about your artistic endeavor now," said Chris Osgood, from Springboard for the arts' training staff.

"I was really impressed by the training; it's what the Wawokiye Business Institute does for all potential small business owners. The most impressive part was the presentation of the lecture and the heart that Chris Osgood put into the training, through the perspective of an Artist to an Artist. It was great!" says Jo White, WBI Director.

For more information on Springboard for the Arts go to www.springboardfortheharts.org and for information on the Lakota Funds go to www.lakotafunds.org or call (605) 455-2500.

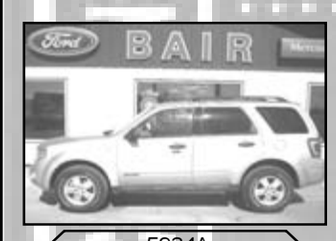
A.A. meetings in Martin
Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the New Beginnings building, across from the park.

AA Meetings
Every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Kateri Hall at the St. Agnes Church in Manderson, Everyone Welcome, call 867-2267 for information.

Porcupine AA meeting
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Ask Anna

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I'm confused about so many things. One main thing is my relationship with the love of a good man. But there's a problem in my way of being faithful to him, my best guy friend with benefits.

I'm wondering if I should stop being that kind of friend with this guy? Because he does seem like he's only trying to get close to me so that he could get to know my cousin better.

Is he only that way so he can get with him? And if yes, should we both just stay away from him so there's no family rivalry?

My boyfriend and I are way to serious to let him get in the way.

So I was also wondering are me and my boyfriend going to be together without anything or anyone getting into our relationship or breaking us up ever again?

Confused and don't know what to do

Dear Confused:

Don't give me that. You know exactly what to do. How would it feel if it were your very serious boyfriend who was being intimate with his "good" friend?

If you are not willing nor ready to be exclusive in this relationship then it is fairly obvious that you are not ready for a serious relationship at all.

You ask what is the motive of your "best friend guy with benefits." His motive is fairly simple. You do not fit into his life except as a lover. He is not interested in your life, nor in spending any quality time with you. What does it matter if he is interested in your cousin?

You do not plan on spending the rest of your life with him, and you already have a boyfriend, so making a claim on him and deciding that your cousin shouldn't date him so that you don't fight with her is not only selfish, it's ridiculous. You can't claim, honey, what isn't yours to claim. He is a free agent, without any commitment to you, so let it all go.

If you want a successful relationship with your current boyfriend start by being as true to him as you want him to be to you.

The way I see it, the only person that is trying to get in the way of this relationship is you. Take a look at your motives. Is your best friend your insurance policy, so that if things don't work out you still have someone? Is he an addiction? Is he a way to avoid serious commitment? Is he someone to help make you feel more powerful? Is he a way to claim control of your life so that you won't risk true commitment to your friend?

Better figure it out girl. If you continue you will end up alone.

Dear Anna,

I am writing you because I am looking for some guidance in my crazy, chaotic life. My birthday is 11-27, if that helps any. My questions are geared towards my relationships, my kids, my career, and my health. You see I just broke up with my boyfriend that gave me two kids and now he acts like he does not have to help with them.

Should I give him time or just give up on him? How are our kids handling this whole thing? I miss him a lot, but when we were together we just fought about things that are so petty now.

I just don't know what to think anymore. Will I get my job back or should I go back to school? Do you see me losing any of my weight, or do I have to work harder? Anything you can tell will help.

My crazy life

Dear My crazy life:

Your ex, if we could change him, would be the ideal father. The trick is, of course, that neither you nor I can change him. He is who he is: a man that is not accepting responsibility for his children and is not interacting with them in a loving, fatherly way.

I would go through the courts to establish some monetary support. You need the help, and it is a long time before they are grown.

I see you going back to school. That is very good as the more education you provide yourself with, the better your future. You need to make more money and the best way is to either invent something that will make you rich (and I don't see that in your future), or go back to school, get that degree, and then get a job that pays well.

Your work may call you back in, but again, it would be only temporarily.

Take care of yourself mom. You have children that depend on you, dreams that you want to build, and hope to have a good life. Remember, you are the one that determines the quality of life that you live.

I see you graduating and accomplishing what you need. I also see you taking charge of your life and learning that you can take good care of yourself, learning to be truly independent, and being proud of your accomplishments.

Remember, a man is not a prince charming from the fairy tales who has the main purpose of rescuing you. The next man you choose to fall in love with should be an equal partner - and not perceived as a rescue superhero. Good Luck. You will be okay. I see you eventually helping other women with codependency issues.

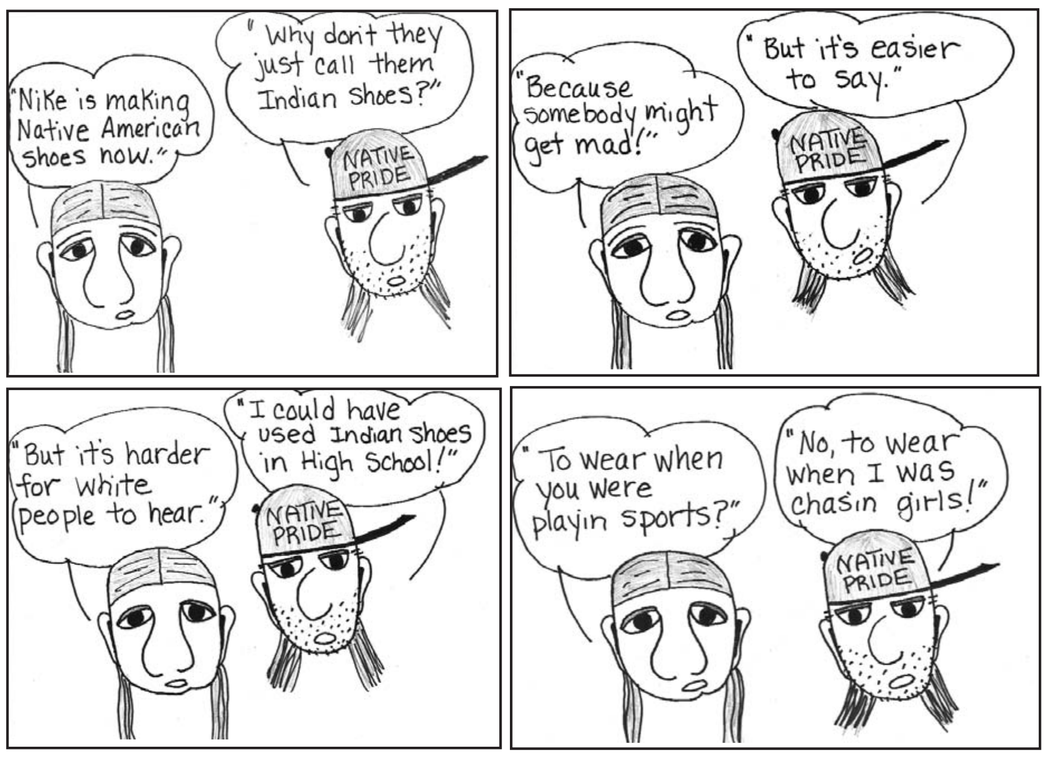
You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

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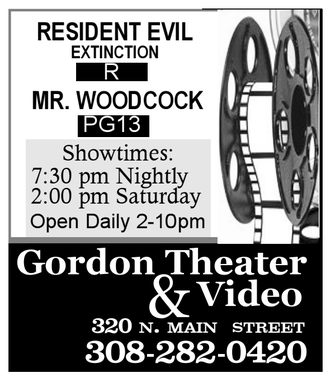
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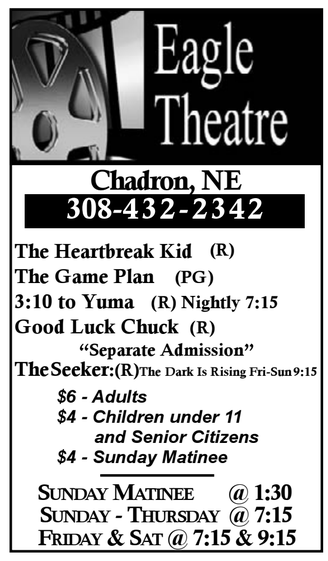
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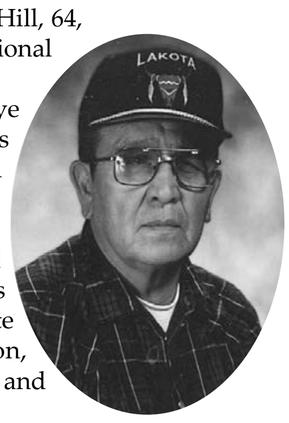








~Everette Lone Hill~



PORCUPINE - Everette Lone Hill, 64, died Oct. 8 at the Rapid City Regional Hosptial of natural causes.

Survivors include spouse Faye Lone Hill, Porcupine; sons Harrison Lone Hill, Kyle; adopted Michael Shot With Arrow, Porcupine; step daughter Melissa Cahoon, Porcupine; brother Mel Lone Hill, Batesland, sisters Mildred Lone Hill, Kyle; Phenette Janis, Rapid City; Vina Yankton, Kyle; Cora Spotted Eagle, Kyle and two grandchildren.

First night wake will be Thursday, Oct.11 at Porcupine School, Porcupine; second night wake will be 1 p.m. Friday, Oct.12, at Little Wound School, Kyle.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at Little Wound School, Kyle with Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating.

Internment will be at the Mediator Episcopal Cemetery, Kyle.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

~Diane 'Winnie' Mousseaux~

ALLEN - Diane "Winnie" Mousseaux, 64, Allen, died Sunday, Oct. 7, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include one son, Robert Shawn Lizotte, Rapid City; three brothers, Robert Mousseaux and Donald Garcia, both of Rapid City, and Van Hawkins, Sacramento, Calif.; and five sisters, Linda Baker, Redding, Calif., Myrna Wilder, Tucson, Ariz., Twyla Mousseaux, Sisseton, Beverly Heger, Tuthill, and Marta Hawkins, Box Elder.

A two-night wake was Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Allen CAP Office. Funeral services will be Thursday, Oct. 11, at the CAP office.

Burial will be at Salway Cemetery in Allen. Serenity Springs in Rapid City is handling arrangements.

~A Mother's Prayer for Her Child~

"Almighty God, who created all things, maker of heaven and earth, you have given us great gifts and blessed us with favors, enough to fill ten thousand storehouses, but it is my gift for whom I pray, I could never imagine asking for a present so grand, yet this mysterious treasure lied sleeping in a crib at the foot of my bed. And so this is my simple prayer:"

"This gift you gave to me, I now give back to you.

Protect, guide and watch over my gift, as only the One who hung the stars in the sky and made each petal of the rose can protect the most precious gifts of all.

Watch over my child, O God, in the name of your child and only son, Jesus. Amen."

Thank you!

Thank you to family, friends, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Lode Star Casino Hotel, and my AATCHB co-workers who traveled from far to be there for my family and I during our loss. We appreciated the many gifts of prayer, singing, words of strength, food, flowers, and financial help; they were of great comfort to us.

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MINUTES

Shannon County School Board Meeting
September 24, 2007
Batesland, South Dakota

MINUTES

The Shannon County School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 24, 2007 at Batesland, SD. President Angie Eagle Bull called the meeting to order at 5:26 p.m.

Members present:
Angie Eagle Bull
Todd O'Bryan
Chuck Conroy
Tom Conroy

Member absent:
Barbara Dull Knife

Others present:
Dr. Curt Voight, Superintendent, Maurice Twiss, Special Services Director, MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager, Vickie Grant, Assessment Coordinator,Myron Pourier, Facilities & Maintenance Director, Monica Whirlwind Horse, Rockyford 5-8 Principal, Bob Hall, Rockyford Pre-K-4 Principal, Barbara Ice, Red Shirt School Principal, Loretta Giago, Wolf Creek Pre-K-4 Principal, Connie Kaltenbach, Batesland Principal, Robert Two Crow, Lakota Studies Director, Dana Christensen, Technology Director, Darrell Eagle Bull, Patti Nelson, Administrative Secretary

All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

8074. Approval of Agenda

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.

8075. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to approve minutes of August 27, 2007 regular meeting. Motion carried.

8076. Reports

School district directors and administrators presented verbal and written reports to the School Board.

8077. Five-Year Plan

The Superintendent requested a work session with the board on Wednesday, October 10th in Martin at 5:00 p.m. to discuss a five-year plan for the school district.

8078. October Board Meeting

The Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 22, 2007 at Batesland, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

8079. Personnel

Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to approve all personnel recommendations, as listed. Motion carried.

8080. High School Contracting Agreements

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by C. Conroy to approve the high school contracts for Custer, Oelrichs and Bennett County Schools; further, to table the agreements for Hay Springs and Gordon High Schools. Motion carried.

8081. High School Tuition

Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by T. Conroy to approve applications for students to attend Custer and Oelrichs High Schools, as submitted and listed on file. Motion carried.

8082. Financials

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to approve the financial and payroll reports, as well as disbursements, as listed. Motion carried.

8083. Final Budget Approval

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by C. Conroy to approve the final 2007-08 budget, as presented. Motion carried.

8084. Fuel Bids

Bids were accepted in the administrative office until 12:00 noon, Sept. 24, 2007 to provide unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel, as follows:

Muddy Creek:
Gasoline: $2.685/gal.
Diesel #1: $3.090/gal.
Diesel #2: $2.877/gal
Westco:
Gasoline:
$2.66/gal
Diesel: #2: $2.954/gal

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to award the bid for gasoline to Westco in the amount of and to Muddy Creek for diesel in the amount of . Motion carried.

8085. Surplus Property

Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan by to declare surplus property, as listed on file. Motion carried.

8086. High School Graduation Requirements

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by T. Conroy to approve the high school graduation requirements, as presented. Motion carried.

8087. Adoption of Student Handbook

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by T. Conroy to adopt the school district student hand book, as presented. Motion carried.

8088. Applications for Public School Exemptions

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by C. Conroy to approve applications for public school exemption, as listed on file. Motion carried.

8089. Authorization to Bid for Garbage Disposal

Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to authorize administration to bid for garbage collection and disposal at the four Shannon County School sites. Motion carried.

8090. Acknowledge Application for Impact Aid Funds

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by C. Conroy to acknowledge administration's notice that application for impact aid funds will be submitted. Motion carried.

8091. Non-Profit Organization

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by T. Conroy to authorize administration to proceed with application for the school district to become a non-profit organization. Motion carried.

8092. Virtual High School Positions

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by T. Conroy to authorize administration to advertise for a Registrar, as well as a Project Assistant for the high school; further, to authorize administration to offer a special service agreement for temporary assistance in enrolling and maintaining records for high school students, as needed. Motion carried.

8093. Executive Session

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by T. Conroy to go into executive session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion carried. President Eagle Bull declared executive session ended at 9:44 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

8094. Adjournment

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by C. Conroy to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed
MaDonna Peterson
Business Manager
Approved by the school board this 22nd day of October, 2007.
Signed
Andrea Eagle Bull
President

Disbursements

Porcupine Youth Rodeo $140, Division of Criminal Invest. $748, Henrietta Skinner $250, AUL $20.28, Division of Criminal Invest $352, SPED Parent $135.80, MaDonna Peterson $271.61, Angie Eagle Bull $452, Gordon Vision Center $213.46, Aske White Bird $100, Aske White Bird $100, Aske White Bird $100, Aske White Bird $100, Levi Lefthand $213.70, Mike Carlow $301, Robert Two Crow $50.90, Robert Two Crow $50.90, Robert Two Crow $50.90, BHSSC $80, Division of Criminal Invest $440, Total Reimbursement $4170.55.

General Fund

A & A Auto parts $950.00, ABC School Supply/Early Learning supplies $167.01, ASCD membership $79, AT&T long distance $799.85, A-1 Drain Masters repairs $420, Abourezk & Zephier PC services $217.66, Advanced Business & Computing services $5,590.00, Alco Store #204 supplies $88.41, All Season Sports supplies $751.80, Alltell phones $1,687.19, American Horse School Batesland fees $10, Americinn travel $245.97, Anderson's ITS Elementary supplies $737.74, Anduja Angela travel $20.37, Apple Computer Inc $52.95, BHSU fees $5,400, Badland quilting $200, Batesland School TVII $300, Bear Runner Sonia SDABEE $115.06, Bennett County Booster II subscri $786, Bianis, Elmarie SDABEE $115.06, Big Foot Conference membership $2,400, Bird Jackie fees $1,526, Black Crow, Debra SDABEE $158.70, Black Hills Electric $2,065.03, Black hill Industries repairs $523.47, Black Lance Lorenzo supplies $280, Blacksmith Sandra Kay supplies $158.65, Blindman Jorma SDABEE $149, Bordeaux Debbie SDABEE $100, BP gasoline $177.32, Brave Heart Robert NIEA $631.52, Brown Anita SDABEE $149, Buckman Frances SDABEE $149, Budmayr Russell SDABEE $149, Burger King field trip $67.07, Business & Legal Reports supplies $320.08, Business Office System supplies $295.71, Carlow Micheal travel $628, Carrick Marcia travel $20.37, Carson Dellosa Publishing supplies $52.90, Catches Cynthia SDABEE $100, CDW Government supplies $400, Charging Cloud Bryan SDABEE $100, Charging Eagle Stephanie SDABEE $100, Chris Supply Co repairs $3,135.84, Christensen Dana travel $470.80, Classroom Direct com supplies $161.46, Clifford Janie SDABEE $149, Clifford Melva SDABEE $156.76, Clifford Shane SDABEE $123.78, Cole Pest Control $1,005, Community Playthings-Rifton supplies $9,068, Computer Village supplies $168, Conroy Charles mileage $681.65, Conroy Tom mileage $82.45, Corporate Card charges $7,937.04, Cross Eric SDABEE $115.06, Cross Lois SDABEE $156.76, Culligan Water conditioning $649.40, Cuny Genie SDABEE $156.76, D&R service repairs $610.40, Dakota Business Center $142.50, Dakota Supply $1,058.52, Dakota Wesbooks supplies $2,000, Debbies Cakes & floral $179, Dell Marketing equip $1,218.64, Donovan Mark supplies $213.70, Dull Knife Barbara mileage $702.02, Eagle Bull Andrea mileage $100.50, Eagle Bull Darrel travel $172, Eagle Hawk Juanita workshop $192.78, Eagle Louse Chevya SDABEE $86.92, Eddie's Truck sales repairs $4,303.42, Educational Resources Inc $578.40, Environmental Products $897.06, ETS Educational Testing $490, Evergreen Office supplies $33,130.15, Fall River/Shannon Co map $3.48, Family Thrift Center $127.36, Fast Wolf Josephine SDABEE $86.92, Fast Wolf Lance SDABEE $86.92, Fast Wolf Varden SDABEE $86.92, Fedex supplies $23.71, First Photo supplies $3,625, Florida Micro, LLC supplies $4,126.92, Forman Sales & service $126.12, French Flowers supplies $40, Garnette Shirley SDABEE $149, Gibbons Terri Jo $853.27, Golden Corral travel $67.46, Goldenwest Tech phone $3,638.12, Goldenwest Telephone co $1,650.81, Good Lance Ginger SDABEE $158.70, Gordon Superfoods $40.24, Gordon-Rush School district tuition $19,600, Granger Inc emergency exit $1,209.68, Grant Vickie travel $433.44, Great Plains comm. $1,144.25, Great Plains Jr High football fees $300, Great Western Tire co $523.72, Hall Jane travel $20.37, Hall Robert SDABEE $115.06, Halverson Marilyn travel $372.78, Harlow's Bus Sales & Service $1,053, Hart Diana supplies $64.03, Harvey Tammi SDABEE $158.70, Hauff-Mid America $936.10, Hawaii Prince Hotel NIEA $2,637.83, Heartland Paper Co paper $14,335.07, Hernandez Lynn SDABEE $115.06, Highsmith Inc $355.74, Hill City School district dues $270, Hillman Doris math wkshp $192.78, Hillyard supplies $1,398.54, Hinns Home furnishing $524.50, Holiday Marlana SDABEE $156.76, Holiday Vina SDABEE $136.92, Homestead Building supplies $1,076.96, House Kristen math wkshp $69, House of Vacuums vacuums $73.91, Husker Auto parts $2,020.77, I'atala Tamatane SDABEE $149, International Laser Group supplies $6,935.54, Iron Boy Harvey SDABEE $115.06, Iron Cloud Esther SDABEE $115.06, Jacobs William SDABEE $149, Janis Betsy SDABEE $156.76, Janis Luwana travel $23, JC's Auto Repair & Mobile $235, Jefco Glass repairs $119.93, Johnson Machine parts $1,755.19, Kadlecek, Patsy travel $20.37, Kaltenbach Connie $158.70, Kaplan Early Learning Co $720.89, Kili Radio contract $2,276.67, Kills Back Denise SDABEE $123.78, Kills Back Suzanna SDABEE $115.06, Kratovil Electric $656.96, Krotz Carol SDABEE $156.76, La Roche Del Rae travel $35.89, Lacreek Eletric utilities $13,362.66, Lakeshore Learning Materials $5,612.69, Lakota Country Times Bd Mtg $249.92, Lawson Products $304.05, LeBeau Connie $158.70, Lebeau Beau $123.78, Lefthand Jay $158.70, Lefthand Kim SDABEE $158.70, Lefthand Levi $563.40, Lithia Motors supplies $143.76, Little Bear Belnita SDABEE $158.70, Little Hawk Mona $149, Little Whiteman Vincent SDABEE $115.06, Lonberger Dawn travel $92, Loneman School CC fees $10, Long Clifton SDABEE $149, Makes Him First Valentina $115.06, Marshall Jessica SDABEE $115.06, Martin Auto Parts $114.35, McDonalds travel $100, McGraw Hill Co $3,828.36, McPherson & Jacobson consultant $185.91, Medco Supply $393.71, Menards supplies $1,974.90, Miller Lynette travel $273.39, Minervas Rapid City $194.42, Moves Camp Dorothy $158.70, Murdock's electrical maintenance $793.80, NAEN membership $80, National Geographic for Kids $15, Nelson Patti travel $92, Neves Uniform Inc $430.57, OST Water & Sewer utilities $619.79, Obryan Carolyn supplies $16.88, OBryan Todd NIEA $455.05, Oglala Lakota College tuition $7,642, Otte Brad services $250, Palos Sport Inc $337.57, Parent Teacher Outlet $2,004.82, Pearson Digital NCS $13,300, Pearson Education Inc $389.93, Pearson NCS forms $400.27, Perez Belva SDABEE $115.06, Peterson Madonna travel $664.25, Petty Cash Batesland school $78.72, Petty Cash Rockyford School $193.83, petty cash Wolf Creek $345.94, Phelps Alice NIEA $495.56, Pine Ridge School fees $10, Pitney Bowes postage $1,068, Pitney Bowes reserve acct $5,000, Plains Trading Co $6,571, Plenty Wounds Cindy SDABEE $158.70, Poor Bear Heather $158.70, Porcupine School fees $10, Pourier Myron travel $211.46, Prairie Edge supplies $399.14, Premier subscriber $39.95, Primary Concepts $126.45, Quill Corporation $1,102.84, Ramkota Rapid City travel $106, Rapid Auto Glass repairs $363.30, Rapid Chevrolet repairs $14,257.12, Rapid City Journal $348, Red Cloud Alfred Bernard $149, Red Paint Carlow Stephanie NIEA $268, Reinhart Institutional Foods $222.19, Renaissance Learning Inc $1,074, Rochester 100 Inc $552.50, Roth Jackie SDABEE $213.70, Rouillard Judy SDABEE $115.06, Roy Imogene SDABEE $100, Rushmore Waterslide park $527, SASD supplies $275, SD Dept Revenue motor vehicle $51, SD Federal Property agency $647, Salomon Sanitation $3,895, Sam's Club $3,824, Scholastic Book Fairs $800, School Nurse Supply $732.45, School Speciality $9,247.82, SDN Communications phones $3,740.44, Sears Commercial One $1394.95, Servall Towel & Linen supplies $4,338.73, Shannon County Hiway Dept repair $450, Shannon County School IMprest $2,024.75, Shoulders Victoria SDABEE $115.06, Sierra Jennifer NIEA $531.52, Sioux Nation Shopping Center supplies $388.55, Smith Marwin $69, South Dakota Voice for Children $170, Speed Ryan $23.85, Stadium Sports $39.78, Stands Fred SDABEE $100, Super Duper Inc $558.75, Swallow Kelly SDABEE $86.92, Swallow Mar $86.92, Tatonka Capitol Corporation $839.20, Teachers Helper $24.95, Temperature Technology $1066.99, Theatre Works USA $700, Thunder Bull Marla wkshp $192.78, Tobacco Iva SDABBE $149, Town of Batesland $500, True Value $787.79, Trueblood Karen $50, Twiss Maurice $1,435.77, Two Bulls Sam $650, Two Crow Robert $258.70, Two Eagle Susan $123.78, Two Elk Carmelita $156.76, Vocu Lucy travel $20.37, Vocu Thomas SDABBE $149, Walmart Community $16.79, Weaver Brett supplies $27.02, Wellnitz Lois Joy wkshp $211.76, Westco gasoline $9,551.38, Western communications $2,943.58, Whirlwind Horse Monica travel $62.90, White Bear Claws Lea $149, White Clay Grocery $450, White Dress Jolen $158.70, White Eyes Cheryl $123.78, White Face Waysha $149, William Macgill co $239.78, Wince Stephanie SDABBE $149, Worthington Direct supplies $637.68, Wounded Knee District School $10, Yankton Debbie $158.70, Yellow Pages BPLLC $462, Your Big Backyard subscription $19.95, Zoobooks $20.95, Fund Total $325,429.75.

Capital Outlay Fund

Best Business Products copier lease $702.78, Bowes Judie puchase of mobile home $24,000, Business Warehouse supplies $684, Corner Construction Corporation RS project $210,656.00, Delta Education textbooks $23,868.39, ETA/Cuisenaire $23.90, Florida Micro LLC $1,405.14, Frontier Glass R remodel $4,670, Golden West Technologies $61,135.28, Hertz Furniture Systems $7,384.92, Houghton Mifflin Company textbooks $145.95, House of Vacuums vacuums $1,467, National Geographic School $2,961.90, Prairie View Press LLP $122.65, SD Federal Property Agency $31,550.00, SOO Construction & Maint. $6,526.50, Stone Paving $1,392.00, Tatonka Capital Corporation $4,186, Temperature Techonologies $4,823.48, Western Document Imaging Co $9,453.36, Fund Total $389,741.90.

Special Education Fund

Americinn travel $81.99, Black Hills Special Services tuition $2,841.46, Business Warehouse $431.98, Childrens Care & rehab Development cnt $3,344, Childrens Home Society tuition $3,309.68, Debbie's Cakes & Floral $30, Family Thrift Center supplies $14.97, Handle With Care Behavioral Management supplies $240, Hanson Ted travel $404.34, Joebgen Mike Pt services $2,550.00, Just For Kids Speech Therapy services $6,678, McDonalds travel $75.60, Moore Krista travel $84, National Reading Services $275, Optical Works Inc $140.95, Ramkota Sioux Falls trvel $99.99, Ronald McDonald House travel $40, Ross Donna Ruth services $1,127.50, SDASP J moon membersh $35, Shannon County School Imprest $215.80, Sky Ranch for Boys tuition $3,459.70, Time Timer LLC supplies $70, Fund total $25,549.96.

Food Service Fund

Alco Store supplies $37.45, Bernard Food Industries $2,739.36, Blue Ribbon Maintenance supplies $448.74, Child & Adult nutrition DOE $356.18, Corporate Card fees $531.36, Food Services of America $8,860.54, Gordon Super foods supplies $241.68, Harker's $3,439.26, Reinhart Institutional Foods $18,176.39, Reitz Carol supplies $97.23, Roberts Dairy Company food service $1,564.77, Fund Total $36,492.96.

Federal Programs Special Service

Corporate Card credit card charges $470.37, Occupational Health network supplies $700.00, Occupational Health nework drug testing $3,256.00, Shannon County School Imprest reimb $1,930, Fund Total $6,356.37, Checking Account Total $783,570.94.

Attachement for Sept 24 meeting

Resignations and access fees- Danette Blankenbiller Wolf Creek Teacher effective 9-4-07, Melanie Ghost Dog Wolf Creek part time cook effective 8-29-07, Tonie Hernandez Rockyford Special Education Aide effective 9-12-07, Michelle Cummings Rockyford Cook effective 9-21-07.

Classified Terminations- Rockyford Librarian Aide effective 9-18-07.

In House Transfers Recommendations- Lenore Monnens Red Shirt Title 1 Aide to Red Shirt K-1 Teacher.

Contract Approvals- Laura Ecofey Wolf Creek Special Education Aide from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $15,929.55, Terri Rosane Batesland Cook from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $16,744, Charles Cummings Batesland School Resource Officer from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $19,292.00, Delane Has No Horse Batesland Bus driver from 8-27-07 to 5-20-08 $16,964.32, William Jumping Eagle Jr Rockyford Bus Driver from8-27-07 to 5-20-08 $11,320.00, Regina Has No Horse Wolf Creek Preschool Teacher from 9-23-07 to 5-22-08 $29,250.52, Russell Schwartz Red Shirt Physical Education/Technology Teacher from 9-4-07 to 5-22-07 $29,769.23, Marlene Stout Rockyford Special Education Teacher from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $47,000, Ulrike Frie Rockyford Permanent Substitute from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $41,500, Peggy Link Batesland Teacher from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $33,000, Mary Ziegler Rockyford Special Education Teacher from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $45.500, Amie Kuxhaus Batesland Teacher from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $39.000, Delores Left Hand Batesland Teacher from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $39,000, Nicole Twiss Rockyford Teacher from 8-22-07 to 5-22-08 $39,000.

Rockyford School Recommendations; Deeta Terkildsen Librarian alternate Margaret Cross, Margaret Cross Special Education Aide no alternate, Abigail Reed Special Education Aide no alternative, Leticia Martin Special Education Aide not alternative, Margaret Ross Lakota Language Coach, no alternative.

Wolf Creek School Recommendations; John Briggs Commercial Driver licensed bus driver, Jason Bettelyoun Commercial Driver Licensed bus driver, Richard Little Bear Commercial driver licensed bus driver, Eli Feather Earring non commercial driver license bus driver, Melvin Rossman non commercial driver license bus driver, Antonia Yellow Boy Non commercial license driver bus driver, Kenneth Hill Non commercial driver license bus driver, Johna Clifford Martin Special Education Resource Aide Alternative Agnes clements, Marnie Waters Special Education One on One Aide Alternate Kimberly Hill, Eric YellowBoy Special Educaiton Aide alternate Phyllis Hollow Horn.

Red Shirt School Recommendation; Helene Circle Eagle Lakota Language Coach alternate Margaret Ross.

Virtual High School Coordinator Recommendations; Michelle Parmenter Batesland School alternate Tina Mills, Sandy Black Crow Wolf Creek School (pending transcripts/para) alternate Dallas Yellow Shield, Cornell Conroy Sr Red shirt School alternative Deb Shedeed, Tina Mills Rockyford School alternate Phyllis Hollow Horn.

45 Day Probationary Completions; Marvin Goings Wolf Creek Maintenance, Helen Buckman Wolf Creek Special Education alternative aide, Catherine Kills Warrior Rockyford Cook, Daeda Pevo Rockyford Special Education Aide, Melvin Rossman Special Education Aide.

BIDS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Shannon County School District #65-1, Batesland, SD, will receive sealed bids on the following service until 4:30 p.m., October 19, 2007, in the administrative office at Batesland, SD.

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE FROM THE HOUSING AND SCHOOLS AT THE WOLF CREEK, BATESLAND, ROCKYFORD AND RED SHIRT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITES

Bidders must specify the size and number of garbage containers they will be providing and the

Shannon County School District
Disbursment Report
August 31, 2007

Fund/Account	Amount
General Fund	$372,642.93
Capital Outlay Fund	$146,238.11
Special Education Fund	$ 28,936.44
Food Service Fund	$ 15,736.92
T/A Support Services	$ 7,139.75
T/A Wolf Creek	$0
T/A Batesland School	$0
T/A Rockyford School	$0
Total of All Funds	**$570,694.15**

Shannon County School District
Disbursment Report
July 31, 2007

Fund/Account	Amount
General Fund	$ 66,373.97
Capital Outlay Fund	$126,264.28
Special Education Fund	$ 1,501.39
Food Service Fund	$ 369.00
T/A Support Services	$0
T/A Wolf Creek	$0
T/A Batesland School	$0
T/A Rockyford School	$0
Total of All Funds	**$194,508.64**

Shannon County School District
Payroll Report
August 31, 2007

Types of Services	Salaries	Benefits	Total
1000 Instruction Service	$341,380.96	$44,103.64	**$385,484.60**
2000 Support Services	$ 92,770.57	$21,229.39	**$113,999.96**
3000 Other Community Serv	$ 17,204.50	$1,316.15	**$ 18,520.65**
6000 Co-Curricular	$ 305.00	$23.34	**$ 328.34**
General Fund Total	**$451,661.03**	**$66,672.52**	**$518,333.55**
Special Education	$ 22,399.61	$ 5,045.26	**$ 27,444.87**
Food Services	$ 4,140.33	$ 835.04	**$ 4,975.37**
Total All Services	**$478,200.97**	**$72,552.82**	**$550,753.79**

Shannon County School District
Payroll Report
July 31, 2007

Types of Services	Salaries	Benefits	Total
1000 Instruction Service	$445,010.43	$ 82,321.35	**$527,331.78**
2000 Support Services	$127,099.89	$ 35,119.70	**$162,219.59**
3000 Other Community Serv	$ 80,122.00	$ 6,136.79	**$ 86,258.79**
6000 Co-Curricular	$ 7,775.00	$ 594.79	**$ 8,369.79**
General Fund Total	**$660,007.32**	**$124,172.63**	**$784,179.95**
Special Education	$80,357.82	$22,705.56	**$103,063.38**
Food Services	$10,548.18	$ 3,278.62	**$ 13,826.80**
Total All Services	**$750,913.32**	**$150,156.81**	**$901,070.13**

Shannon County School District 65-1
REVENUE REPORT
August 31, 2007

Revenue Sources	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Education Fund	Pension Fund	Food Service	T/A Service	Impact Aid
Local sources							
Taxes	$ 959.83	$ 588.04	$ 274.39	$54.65	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$ 323,756.11	$ 10.68	$0.0	$0.00	$2,135.31	$0.0	$0.0
County Sources							
State Sources							
State Aide	$ 359,213.00	$0.0	$121,199.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other		$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Federal Sources			$0.0			$0.0	$0.0
Other	$0.0	$0.0	$ 4,4146.28	$0.0	$14,467.44	$0.0	$ 0.0
Operating Transfer In							
Total Revenue For Fund	**$ 683.928.94**	**$ 598.72**	**$125,619.67**	**$54.65**	**$16,602.75**	**$0.0**	**$0.0**

Shannon County School District 65-1
REVENUE REPORT
July 31, 2007

Revenue Sources	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Education Fund	Pension Fund	Food Service	T/A Service	Impact Aid
Local sources							
Taxes	$ 1,935.87	$ 1,545.93	$721.43	$153.60	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$ 36,409.83	$ 10.68	$0.0	$0.00	$4,138.00	$0.0	$0.0
County Sources	$ 150.00						
State Sources							
State Aide	$359,213.00	$0.0	$121,199.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Federal Sources			$0.0			$0.0	$0.0
Other	$ 1,417.37	$140,984.61	$ 2,874.50	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Operating Transfer In					$0.0		
Total Revenue For Fund	**$399,126.07**	**$140.984.61**	**$124,794.93**	**$153.60**	**$4,138.00**	**$0.0**	**$0.0**

number of days per week the garbage will be collected. Duration of the contract will be from Nov 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Bids must be sealed and marked "SCSD Garbage Collection Bid" in the lower lefthand corner of the envelope and addressed to Myron Pourier, Director of Facilities & Maintenance, Shannon County School District, P.O. Box 109, Batesland, SD, 57716.

Bids will be made public at the Oct. 22, 2007 regular Shannon County School Board meeting at Batesland, SD, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

For questions or additional information, please contact Myron Pourier at (605)288-1921 or (605)685-8905 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays.

The school board reserves the right to reject any or al bids or waive any irregularities therein.

Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing
PO Box 603 East Hwy 18
Pine Ridge, SD 57770

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing ("OSLH") is requesting cost bids from qualified Propane Vendors for the 2007-2008 OSLH energy program.

Firms/individuals wishing to submit bids may request additional information from Carrie Rowland, Energy Coordinator by calling (605) 867-5161, or by faxing to (605) 867-1095. Inquiries about the contract process should be directed to Doyle Pipe On Head, Chief Contract Officer.

All Bids must be received at Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing, Attn: Doyle Pipe On Head, Chief Contract Officer, P.O. Box 603, East Hwy. 18, Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770, no later than 4:00 p.m. Mountain standard time, Friday October 19, 2007.

Bids shall be submitted in triplicate in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Propane Bid."

Bids not received by that time and date will be rejected.

OSLH reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all deficiencies.

Advertisement for Bids

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Oglala Sioux Tribe of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, will receive bids until October 22, 2007 at the hour of 4:00 PM (MT) at the office of Dakota Engineering - a Kadrmas, Lee & Jack-son Partner, 330 Knollwood Drive, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701. The bid documents shall be sealed and endorsed, "OST Pavement Marking". This is for the furnishing of materials, labor, equipment and skill re-quired for the purpose of Pavement Marking, as is more fully described and set forth in the plans and specifi-cations, which are now on file in the office of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota and at the of-fice of Dakota Engineering. Bids shall be publicly opened and read on October 23, 2007 at the hour of 10:00 AM (MT) at the Oglala Sioux Tribe Property and Supply Office in Pine Ridge.

The proposed work includes the following items:

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Copies of the plans and specifications and other bidding and contract documents may be obtained from Dakota Engineering, 330 Knollwood Drive, PO Box 3416, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701.

All bids are to be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the work and materials, and each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or cashier's check or draft for five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, such check to be certified or issued by either a state or national bank and payable to the Oglala Sioux Tribe or in lieu thereof, a bidder's bond in a sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the full amount of the bid, executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to him, he, within ten (10) days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his bid and a contractor's bond as required by the laws of the State of South Dakota and the regulations and determinations of the Oglala Sioux Tribe of Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

The successful Bidder will be required to comply with all applicable federal labor laws including minimum wage rates decisions of the United States Department of Labor (Davis-Bacon Act) and the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The Contractor shall be required to comply with the terms and conditions of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, including Ordinance No. 92-13 of the Tribal Rights Employment Office (TERO), as contained in the speci-fication. The TERO Information sheets and Compliance Plan are included in the Specifications only for the Vendor's convenience, with all TERO documentation to be submitted to the proper TERO authorities listed in the documents. The Contractor must submit a letter stating proof of compliance to the Owner, copied to the Engineer, prior to commencing work. The Tribal Employment Rights Office can be contacted for ques-tions at (605) 867-5167.

The successful Bidder will not be required to pay the 4% TERO fee, as that will be paid by the Oglala Sioux Tribe Transportation Department based on the total bid amount.

Bidders are responsible for contacting the Tribe with regard to tribal taxes laws and the business license fee and other requirements. The taxes include contractor's excise, sales and use taxes, additional infor-mation is included in the specifications. For more information, contact the Oglala Sioux Tribe Revenue Department, PO Box 363, Pine Ridge, SD 57770 and (605) 867-5821.

This contract includes a Native American Preference. If a Native American contractor's bid is less than five percent higher than a non-native American contractor's bid, the contract may be awarded to the Native Ameri-can Contractor. Firms or individuals seeking such preference must submit evidence of Indian ownership and control in the sealed bid envelope.

The work shall be completed by December 15, 2007 based on an award date of November 5, 2007.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids to waive any informality in any bid, to hold all bids for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of opening bids, and to accept the bid deemed most favorable to the interest of the Tribe.

Should the Contractor fail to complete the work within the time required herein or within such extra time as may have been granted by formal extensions of time approved by the Owner, there will be deducted from any amount due the Contractor the sum of $250 per day for each day and every day that the completion of the work is delayed. The Contractor and his surety will be liable for any excess. Such payment will be as and for liquidated damages and not as a penalty.

All bidders are invited to be present at the public opening of the bids.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2007.

Lower Brule Housing Authority
PO box 183
Lower Brule, SD 57548

Request for Proposal
For Annual Audit

The Lower Brule Housing Authority is the Tribally Designated Housing Entity of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe located on the Lower Brule Reservation in South Dakota. The LBHA is now accepting proposals for a qualified Auditor to perform a financial audit for a 3 yr. contract term consisting of FY 2007, FY 2008 and FY 2009. Auditing will consist of the following:

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Contract for audit services shall be in accordance with NAHASDA regulations and with our procurement and Indian preference policy. The Firm will be registered in the State of South Dakota and will be the direct contact person. Auditing will be conducted at the local Housing Authority and at the Housing Authority Fee Accountant office (RAM Enterprises, Inc. Aberdeen, SD). Each Proposal will be evaluated and assigned points as follows:

1. Recommendation from other Indian Housing Authorities-15 pts. 2. Registered licensed in South Dakota-15 pts 3. Capacity to accomplish work in time frame-10 pts. 4. Past performance on IHA Audits-10 pts. 5. Cost to HA-10 pts. 6. Professional and Technical experience-15 pts. 7. Statements of Plan detailing employment training of Indian persons-10 pts. 8. Indian Preference-15 pts.

Proposals will be accepted from Non-Indian as well as Indian owned Independent Public Accounting firms.

Firms that claim and provide documentation of Indian Ownership must submit the following items with their proposals to qualify for Indian Preference.

1. Tribal Certification of the Indian Owner. 2. Certification that the Indian Person is the controlling owner of the Firm submitting the proposal. 3. A complete listing of the structure of the Indian Owner Firm, including the names of all persons associated with the firm and a listing of their job functions in addition to the areas of their expertise.

Please submit proposals to the attention of Jeannie Smith, Lower Brule Housing Authority, P.O. Box 183, Lower Brule, SD 57548 NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 26, 2007.

NOTICE

Oglala Sioux Tribal Court
Oglala Sioux Tribe
Pine Ridge, S.D.

Notice of Hearing by Publication

In the Matter of : D.B.
D.O.B. 07-26-1998
To: Whom it May Concern

Please take notice that the 5th day of November, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. is set for hearing concerning the above-name minor child, this matter has been scheduled based on a Petition filed with this Court to Terminate the Parental Rights/Petition for Adoption of the Respondents named above.

You are hereby summoned to answer the Petition in the action which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court. A copy is available from the clerk, PO Box 280, Oglala Sioux Tribal Court, Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770 (605-867-5151)

You must file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Petitioner within (30) thirty days from the next day following such date of last publication and in the case of your failure to appear or answer, a judgment will be entered against you by default for the relief demanded in the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights/Petition for Adoption to the above name child.

Said Notice of Hearing shall be for a period of (4) four consecutive weeks from the date of this Notice.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2007.
Judge, Oglala Sioux Tribe
Attest: Clerk/Deputy Clerk
Oglala Sioux Tribe.

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PRAIRIE WIND CASINO AUDIT PROPOSALS

PRAIRIE WIND CASINO SOLICITING PROPOSALS FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE ACCOUNTING PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

The audit must be conducted in accordance with the National Indian Gaming Minimum Internal Control Standard 542.3 (f), "An independent certified public accountant (CPA) shall be engaged to perform procedures to verify, on a test basis, that the gaming operation is in material compliance with the tribal internal control standards or a tribally approved variance that has received commission concurrence. The procedures may be performed in conjunction with the annual audit.The CPA shall report its finding to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Tribal gaming regulatory authority and management. The tribe shall submit a copy of the report to the Commission wIthin 120 days of the gaming operation's fiscal year end."

The proposal must state your understanding of the work to be done and must include the qualifications and experience of your firm and staff. A copy of your firm's latest quality review letter must be included in your proposal.

If applicable, minority and Indian preference must be requested in the proposal.

Cost will not be the only determining factor in awarding the proposal. The Prairie Wind Casino reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Proposals must be sealed and postmarked by October 31, 2007, at 5:00 PM. Please address to:

ATTN: Comptroller's Office
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Prairie Wind Casino
HC 49 Box 10
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Elementary:

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Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

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October-November-December
PINE RIDGE RESERVATION

October

OCT 11, 18, 25	MANDERSON CLINIC	11AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 11	WANBLEE PHN OFFICE	8 AM - 4 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 11,18, 25	PINE RIDGE PHN OFFICE	12:30-4:30 PM	4 Yrs. & Older
OCT 16	EAGLE NEST SENIOR CENTER	11AM -12:30 PM	50 & Older
OCT 17	BATESLAND COLLEGE CENTER	11 AM – 1 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 17	MARTIN OEH	10 AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 17	Wounded Knee Community Center	11AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 18	WANBLEE PHN OFFICE	8 AM - 4 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 18	OGLALA CHR OFFICE	10 AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 18	RED SHIRT SCHOOL	1 PM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 18	ALLEN CLINIC	10 AM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 19	Kyle PHN Office at Kyle Health Center	11:30 AM- 1PM	ALL AGES
OCT 22	Kyle PHN Office at Kyle Health Center	10 AM -12 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 22	ALLEN CLINIC	1 PM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 23	PORCUPINE CLINIC	11AM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 24	BATESLAND COLLEGE CENTER	11AM – 1 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 30	PORCUPINE CLINIC	11AM – 3 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 30	LACREEK CAP	1 PM - 3 PM	ALL AGES

November

NOV 1, 8, 15, 29	PINE RIDGE PHN OFFICE	12:30-4:30PM	4 YRS & Older
NOV 5	ALLEN CLINIC	1 PM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 6 & 13, 20, 27	PORCUPINE CLINIC	11 AM – 3 PM	ALL AGE
NOV 8	OGLALA CAP	10 AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 8	MANDERSON CLINIC	11 AM- 1 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 14	Wounded Knee Community Center	11 AM – 1 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 15	RED SHIRT SCHOOL	2 PM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 5,29	Kyle PHN Office at Kyle Health Center	10AM -12 PM	ALL AGES

December

DEC 3, 14	Kyle PHN Office at Kyle Health Center	10AM - 12 Noon	ALL AGES
DEC 4, 11, 18	PORCUPINE CLINIC	11AM – 3 PM	ALL AGES
DEC 6	MANDERSON CLINIC	11AM - 1 PM	ALL AGES
DEC 6	OGLALA CHR OFFICE	10 AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
DEC 6, 13, 20	Pine Ridge PHN Office	12:30 PM-4:30 PM	4 YRS & Older
DEC 12	Wounded Knee Community Center	11 AM – 1PM	ALL AGES
DEC 6, 13, 20	Pine Ridge PHN Office	12:30 PM-4:30 PM	ALL AGES

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Truth, Integrity & Lakota Spirit

Is the Lakota language going, going gone?

Are we able to work together to salvage it? Is there agreement on where we need to go?

(Editor's Note This is the first part of a two part serious on the Lakota language and how the struggle to keep it alive for future generations.)***

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - Last week, Everett Lone Hill passed away, he was 64, a Lakota speaker and traditional singer, the Lakota Nation lost an important source of information and the losses keep adding up as fewer and fewer people speak the Lakota language.

"If you look at Lakota speakers today, they probably average about 65 years of age and our life expectancy is nowhere near 60 even, we have a crisis," said Brian Charging Cloud, director of the Lakota Language Institute at Oglala Lakota

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Thorpes win big

PINE RIDGE - Crow Creek's Roger Bishop (42) gets upended by Pine Ridge's Ezra Zephier (84) during Pine Ridge's 32-0 Homecoming win on Friday afternoon. See page A6 for more homecoming coverage.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JERRY MATTHEWS, DOUBLE M PHOTOGRAPHY.

RST election forums help prepare for election

ANTELOPE - Despite a lack of publicity the Lakota Women for Change managed to attract some 50 Antelope community residents as it hosted a forum for candidates running for the office of Rosebud Sioux Tribal council representative from Antelope. Incumbents Scott Herman, Jo Colombe and Robert Moore were joined by candidates Teddie Rae Herman, Shawn Bordeaux and Trent Poignee.

Former RST chairman, Charles Colombe and current RST vice-chairman, Louis "Wayne" Boyd were "in the house" also and were given an opportunity at the end of the forum to present their platforms. Absent were candidates Eddie C. Farmer and Glenn Yellow Eagle.



The Lakota Women for Change on the Rosebud reservation sponsored an RST candidate's forum for those running from Antelope community on Monday night at the community center. From left to right the candidates were Teddie Rae Herman, Shawn Bordeaux, Trent Poignee and incumbent council representatives, Scott Herman, Robert Moore and Jo Colombe.

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The Lakota Women for Change were represented by Marcella Prue, forum facliitator, Vi Burnette and Dorothy Marshall. The three had created the questions which were posed to the candidates and which were drawn out of a brown paper bag.

The candidates were seated in a row and after they stated their platform they each stated their reasons for running for office and were given three minutes. Teddie Rae Herman said that the youth and creating a safe house were a couple of her priorities given her work with the youth including a short tenure as the director of the Boys and Girl Clubs of Rosebud. Shawn Bordeaux pointed out that with his master's degree in community planning from the University of Nebraska that he was qualified more than any of the others running for office. The key issue in his view was economic development and addressing the recent suicides.

Trent Poignee, the former general manager at the Rosebud Casino said, "We brought in $3 million into the tribe and now I am working in the bingo department. We need to market outside of our area. We need to work on purchasing more jobs. The Antelope Café doesn't have to change names and the grocery store will create jobs."

It is time for a new generation of leadership, a time for change and time to listen to the people said Poignee.

Incumbent RST council representative, Scott Herman said, "I have a bachelor's in elementary education and a master's degree in educational administration and 13 years of teaching experience. I have been on the council during the 2001-2003 years and it was a learning experience for me….I want to revitalize the diversion program. I am on the education committee, the enrollment committee and the judiciary committee. I know what the youth need and I will bring them forth to the council."

Robert Moore also illustrated a variety of experiences and background that will continue to serve him in his work. He was a legislative assistant to Sen. Tom Daschle, employed at Sinte Gleska University, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the American Indian College Fund. He said, "It matters how you represent all of the members of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Listen and hear what they have to say."

Jo Colombe explained that because of the recent RST constitutional convention

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Garnier indicted on drug charges in New Mexico

RAPID CITY (AP) - Oglala Sioux Tribe councilman Don Garnier, from Pine Ridge has been indicted in New Mexico on federal drug charges.

Garnier, 38, was arrested Sept. 19 on Interstate 25 near Raton with Anthony Vocu, 42.

They are charged with conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute less than 110 pounds of marijuana.

Garnier and Vocu are scheduled to be arraigned Oct. 25 in U.S. District Court in Albuquerque, according to court documents.

Authorities said they found 21 pounds of marijuana in the trunk of the car Vocu was driving. Garnier was the only passenger.

They were stopped at a checkpoint set up to verify driver's licenses, registrations and proof of insurance. Garner and Vocu acted nervous so officers got a search warrant, according to a police report.

Garnier told officers at the scene he did not know there were drugs in the car.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe's constitution requires officials convicted of a felony to be removed from office. Tribal officials could not be reached for comment.

Billions owed to tribes debated in court

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Interior Department is doing all it can to account for billions of dollars owed to Native American landholders, a department official told a federal court Wednesday in legal arguments over the Indians' 11-year-old lawsuit against the government.

The suit claims the government has mismanaged more than $100 billion in oil, gas, timber and other royalties held in trust from their lands dating back to 1887.

At a hearing in U.S. District Court, James Cason, associate deputy Interior secretary, defended the government's accounting of the Native American trust lands.

The department says it has spent more than $127 million on historical accounting of the trust lands since 2003 and is not delaying or trying to limit government liability, as the plaintiffs suggest.

But Cason said the department has a difficult job when Congress is appropriating limited funds for the accounting.

"There is only so much money we can get out of Congress to do this job," he said. The government contends that the Interior Department has developed a reasonable process for accounting for the money owed and that the lawsuit should not go forward.

But lawyers for the Native Americans, the lawsuit spearheaded by Elouise Cobell, argued that the department is not properly accounting for the money owed to thousands of trustees.

"Hopefully, your honor, after 120 years some of our clients are going to see justice," said Dennis Gingold, the plaintiffs' lead attorney.

Filed in 1996 by Cobell of the Blackfeet tribe, the lawsuit deals with individual Indians' lands. Several tribes have sued separately, claiming mismanagement of their lands.

The government proposed paying $7 billion partly to settle the Cobell lawsuit in March,

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SFIS high school principal, Barry Mann, and seniors cut the last of the red ribbons at the ribbon cutting ceremony held last Friday to mark the opening of the new high school.

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SFIS celebrates new school

ST. FRANCIS - Homer White Lance who emceed the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new high school at St. Francis Indian School said it best prior to offering a prayer in Lakota. In his preliminary remarks, he noted, "This is your school. It will represent the Lakota nation….use the tools you have been given."

The ceremony was held on the campus of SFIS last Friday on a beautiful autumn day that saw a number of dignitaries, congressional representatives and contractors who were involved in building the school from the foundation up. After White Lance prayed a beautiful and fitting prayer in Lakota, the school's drum group sang the flag song and followed it up with a Lakota victory song.

The crowd which was comprised mostly of SFIS high school students gathered outside of the entry way as several groups of people took their turn at cutting a red ribbon and ended with the students, themselves, doing the final ribbon cutting.

The floor plan reveals several wings which are dedicated to each grade level and offices for special education, the bilingual department, library and administrative offices.

As the crowd moved indoors, rolls, coffee and other refreshments were available as everyone took their seats and listened to the scheduled speakers, including Ben Black Bear of St. Francis Mission who represented the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Education Interim Board. The students were well behaved throughout the ceremony and showed a good deal of enthusiasm as the dignitaries explained their commitment to building the new facilities.

The most touching testimony came from school construction liaison, James Hogan, who began the project, persevered and saw his work come to completion. He admitted to being a somewhat shy public speaker, but as it turned out his account of the timeline in constructing the school was the best speech of the day as witnessed by the round of applause. His parting words were, "Teachers and students, take care of the building."

The BIA funded school involved several contractors including, Puetz Corporation, DLR Construction and Kurtz Construction.

RST President, Rodney M. Bordeaux, addressed the gathering and spoke of the tribal council's desire to keep the best interest of the school in mind as it has advocated for its funding. He told the students, "Study hard, and make the best of your ability. Listen to your teachers and expand your horizons." Sicangu chief, John Spotted Tail, also reminded the students that a good education is a necessity these days and that he was elected to the new school board. He introduced Hattie Dunham and Rose Cordier who were in attendance and who have been also elected to the new board.

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but that was rejected by the plaintiffs, who estimate the government's liability could exceed $100 billion.

Judge James Robertson is presiding in the case after Judge Royce Lamberth was removed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which said he had lost his objectivity.

The government had asked that Lamberth be replaced after the judge lambasted the Interior Department, writing in a decision that it "is a dinosaur - the morally and culturally oblivious hand-me-down of a disgracefully racist and imperialist government that should have been buried a century ago."

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that the enrollment ordinance needed to be improved while working at the national level to assist the tribe. She said, "When we sit in council there are 20 of us and each one plays a vital role in decisions made in there…, give me another opportunity to be a voice in the council." Promoting tribal members can help to develop businesses and economic development will be at the top of her list added Colombe.

During the next juncture of the forum, the candidates were each given a different question to which they were to respond. The questions ranged from goals, separation of powers, and economic development to a question of an alcohol and drug-free lifestyle.

Former RST chairman, Charles Colombe noted that he had spent 8 years as a council representative and two years as the chairman. He was concerned there was no geriatric clinic and that often times an elder has to wait if someone is intoxicated and being treated ahead of them.

Current RST Vice-Chairman, Louis Wayne Boyd, said that he has been waiting for someone to come along with a plan as to where we want to be in five years. He said, "Thank you for putting this on. I want to ask the community for their support…voting is more than your right."

In other election related activities, the RST Suicide Task Force will be sponsoring a forum for candidates on Thursday at the SGU multipurpose building from 3 to 6 p.m.

KINI FM radio will carry the forum and also will report on the RST general election next Thursday on Oct. 25.





School spirit

American Horse School presented two parade floats in the BCHS Homecoming parade. Athletes and cheerleaders above in*"American Horse Chiefs make Great Warriors"* while the Dance Club's float represented the *First Native American City on the banks of the Missouri River in the year 1025.*

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Language

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College, "we struggle from okiciyapisni, not working together, we need to come up with a plan and figure out how to work together."

In 1990, Harold Salway, after being elected as tribal president, pushed to have the council select an executive board of all Lakota speakers and encouraged the council to conduct the business of the Lakota Nation in Lakota; not enough members of the council were comfortable in the Lakota language so it did not last long.

Oceti Wakan, a small non-profit organization in Calico, received a small ANA grant to research the health of the Lakota language on Pine Ridge Reservation. After surveying nearly 8,000 people in communities across the reservation, the results of the study proved to be very disturbing.

"We found that two per cent of children from new born to six could speak the language and less than five per cent of those children from 7-17 years of age were able to speak the language," said Cindy Catches, "many of the communities felt that many more of our children spoke the language."

The Lakota Language Consortium has developed curriculum materials over the last several years which are used by more than 30 schools across Lakota country; they just completed an assessment of 5,000 students in those schools measuring their understanding of the language, this was a pre-test and at the end of the school year they plan to do a post-test.

"The results are not good," said Wil Meya, "there is so much work that needs to be done; children are 10 years behind where they should be in Lakota language, its like looking at a class of high school students who are doing algebra and the students only know addition, the sheer ground that needs to be covered is overwhelming."

Many people agree that the language is in trouble, there is not always agreement on how to deal with that situation.

"We are just not working together to re-vitalize the language, there is too much territoriality, issues of ownership, trust, debates over orthography, it is because of culture changes," said Charging Cloud, "there are three w's - wonawizi-jealousy, waicihaha-make fun of and wokipajin-being negative not positive."

This short piece is only the introduction, next week we will try to define the problem better, look to the future and possible strategies, look at what people are doing today, whether establishing immersion programs, working one on one with infants and toddlers or wonder what our larger institutions are doing. Join us next week for part two.

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Wohlleber, Weist, Mendoza lead the way to State

CHAMBERLAIN - Jordan Wohlleber, the 2006 State A champ led the Lady Braves back to the State A cross country meet with a time of 15:00 for the 4,000 meter course in Chamberlain on Thursday in the Region 4A cross country meet, 25 seconds ahead of Daysia Weiderholt of Mobridge.

Wohlleber's teammates included Ashley Iron Moccasin in third with 15:29, Jordan Heideman in 7th and Erica High Bear in 10th. CEB's 21 points easily outdistanced Chamberlain's 44 in second and Mobridge's 78 in third. Alli Moran-Shaving in 25th and Jimmi Lawrence in 26th will join Cheyenne Eagle Butte as they look to put together back to back State A team championships.

McLaughlin's Ian Wiest and Corey Yellow Earrings ran 16:36 and 16:44, making it a one two finish in the boy's 5,000 meter Region 4A run outlasting the 2006 state champ Alex Muntefering of Parkston who came back from a life threatening farm accident to finish with 16:48. Anthony Iron Thunder's fourth and Chato Wiest's fifth set the tone for McLaughlin as they win the region and head back to State to defend their 2006 state title.

Cordray White Dog led Eagle Butte finishing in 7th, Dyson Lends His Horse was 10th, Keith White Bull was 24th, Nick Houston 25th, Merrill Mitchell 28th and Gabe Baker 29th. Crow Creek's Lucas Comes Flying was 32nd.Lyman's Daniel Grassrope was 46th.

Kiko Mendoza, two time defending State B champ won Region 4B on Thursday with a 16:29, William and Scott White Buffalo from Jones County ended up second and third in 16:56 and 17:17. Wall won the team title with 20 points, McIntosh was second with 28 and Jones County was third with 31. White River's Frankie Waln was fourth in 17:34. McIntosh was led by Kyle Roubideaux in fifth and Ambrose Spotted Elk took 9th, Takini's Calvin Flying By took 11th.

In the Region 5B girl's race, Kadoka won it with a one, two, three sweep while qualifiers included Lydia Eagle/McIntosh 9th, Brandi Blue Arm/Lemmon 14th and Sacheen Six Toes/White River 18th.

Mendoza has spent his year running against Class AA and A runners for the competition, earlier this month Kiko won the Haskell Indian Nations University high school division run in Lawrence, Kan.

The State Cross Country meet is set for Huron on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Broadland Creek National Golf Course. Wohlleber and Mendoza are defending individual champs,. Cheyenne Eagle Butte girls and McLaughlin boys are defending team champs.

Todd County, Red Cloud qualify girl's and boy's teams to State cross country meet

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - Lottie Grimshaw, a seventh grader at Todd County, won the Region 5A cross country individual championship by one second over Cassi Schoenfelder of Hot Springs on Friday on Red Cloud's course.

She helped lead the Todd County Lady Falcons to second place in the region and earned a trip for the whole team to the State A cross country meet in Huron Marc Whirlwind Soldier, a sophomore at Todd County, took third in the boy's 5,000 meter run in 16:35, 23 seconds behind Eamin Entwisle of Hot Springs and 11 seconds behind Andy Coy of Hill City; Marc's finish helped lead the Falcons to a second place in the team competition.

For the first time in the school's history, Red Cloud qualified both their boy's and girl's teams to State as Desirae Blacksmith/9, Saige Pourier/12, Ida Clarke/15 and Lariah High Hawk/18 gave the Lady Crusaders 54 points, third in the team competition. Custer, with 19, took first and Todd County, with 30, took second. Red Cloud's Billie White was 26th, Laree Pourier was 29th.

James Pine, a freshman, led the Red Cloud boys with an eighth place finish, Wade O'Bryan/13, Lester Gotheridge/15 and Kyle Blacksmith/23 totaled 59 for the Crusaders, good for third behind Hill City's 28 and Todd County's 49. Kylie Weston, a freshman took 25th and Chante Knight, a senior, was 29th.

Todd County's second place girl's team included Kylie Wilson, a junior in 8th, Julie Bernie, a senior in 10th and Kyla Marshall, a sophomore in 10th Josie Stone, a junior 12th and Arna Two Hawk, a senior, in 22nd.

In addition to Whirlwind Soldier, the Falcons second place finish included Wes Running in 7th, Max Grimshaw in 19th, LaBradford Eagle Deer 20th and Jason Black Lance in 37th.

The top 20 runners qualified individually for State, Little Wound's Sean Red Elk finished 14th. Finishing out of the top 20 the Mustangs included Gerald Conouyer 24, Todd Phelps 37 and Cecil Marshall 41.

Jessica Tall, an eighth grader, led Pine Ridge's girl's team with a fifth place, qualifying for State for the second year in a row. Other finishers for Pine Ridge included: Christa Steele in 24th, Cherie Cottier 28th and Brooke Pond in 35th. Little Wound had two finishers with Loreli Lawrence in 39th and Latoya Brave Heart in 42nd. St. Francis brought four runners to compete in the team competition with Halana Quick Bear 34th, Jori Gunville 39th, Linsey Two Charge 42nd.

AIM leader Vernon Bellecourt dead at 75

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Vernon Bellecourt, who fought against the use of Indian nicknames for sports teams as a longtime leader of the American Indian Movement, has died at age 75.

Bellecourt died last Saturday at Abbott Northwestern Hospital of complications from pneumonia, said his brother, Clyde Bellecourt, a founding member of the militant American Indian rights group.

Vernon Bellecourt - whose Objibwe name WaBun-Inini means Man of Dawn - was a member of Minnesota's White Earth band and was an international spokesman for the AIM Grand Governing Council based in Minneapolis.

Clyde Bellecourt helped found AIM as a militant group in 1968 and Vernon Bellecourt soon became involved, taking part in the 1973 occupation of Wounded Knee.

He was present only briefly during the 71-day standoff with federal agents, serving mostly as a spokesman and fundraiser, Clyde Bellecourt said.

He was also involved as a negotiator in AIM's 1972 occupation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs headquarters in Washington as part of the Trail of Broken Treaties caravan.

In recent years, Bellecourt had been active in the fight against American Indian nicknames for sports teams as president of the National Coalition on Racism in Sports and Media.

He was arrested in Cleveland during the 1997 World Series and again in 1998 during protests against the Cleveland Indians' mascot, Chief Wahoo. Charges were dropped the first time and he was never charged in the second case.

Clyde Bellecourt said his brother had been in Venezuela about four weeks ago to meet with President Hugo Chavez to discuss Chavez' program for providing heating assistance to American Indian tribes.

He fell ill around the time of his return, Clyde Bellecourt said.





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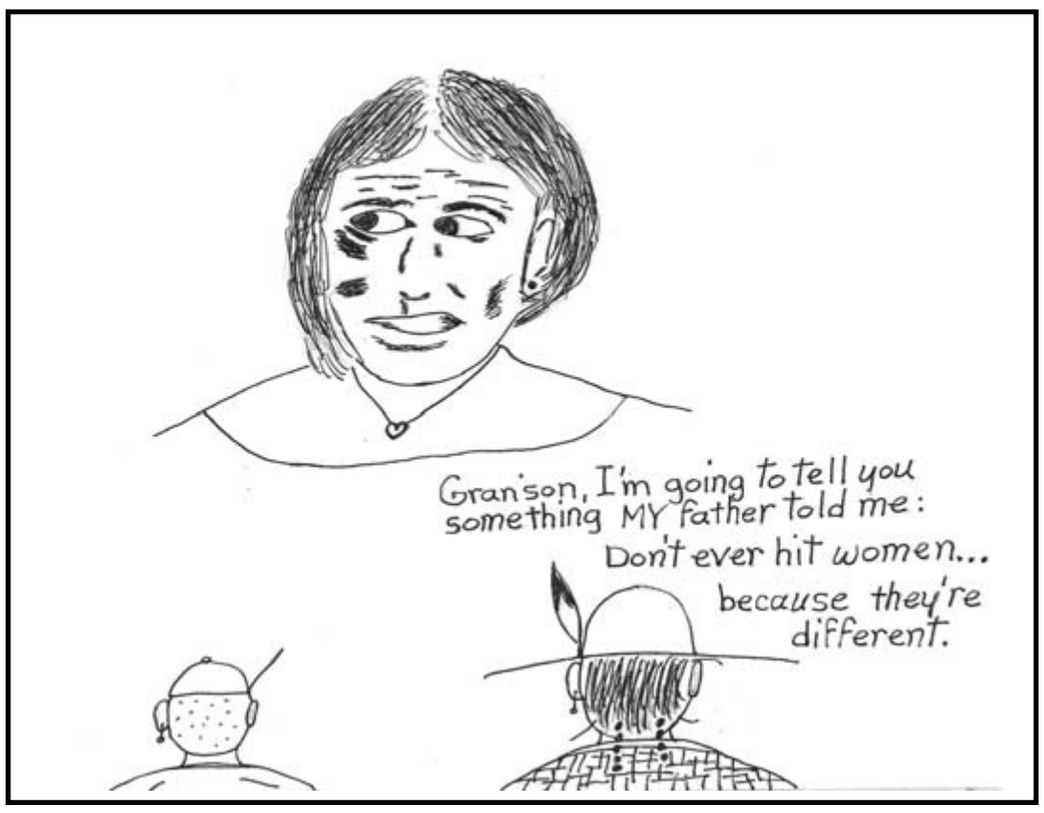
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Finding My Voice

By Dana Lonehill

I am Lakota



Dana Badmilk

I am Lakota.

That is who I am.

I was asked if I even knew what it meant to be Lakota, since I am only half and not a full blood.

Lakota is in my blood. Being Lakota has given me the pride and spirit I have been searching for all my life. I can finally say I am Lakota and Proud.

I admit, it is a hard life but only if you concentrate on the negative and I try not to be like that.

I don't think that just because the government can keep track of how much blood of mine is actually Lakota with registered paperwork and by stamping a number on me like they do to dogs in the AKC, can define exactly how much Lakota I am. For even though, I have French blood and Filipino blood in my veins, I am Lakota. I was born and raised Lakota. I was taught the Lakota ways...ways that I wished in my youth I hadn't been so hasty and stubborn to push away.

Being Lakota means to be brave, disciplined, and courageous while living humbly.

Bring Lakota is to be patient and tolerant, respectful and compassionate. You must live your life with understanding of others and be generous.

Lakota's accept each other, they don't want and wish for each other to fall or fail.

There are seven sacred laws of the Lakota Way of Life and this is how we live. In these ways that are ours there is no room for greed, or dis-respect.

I don't think that my blood quantum can show you how much Lakota I really am.

I am not perfect, I am not a saint, but I will always be Lakota.

For it is in my heart, in my soul, in my spirit and I live my life being a Lakota every single day.

And it is a beautiful life.

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Letters to the Editor

Tribal council does not care about our rights, they have sovereign immunity

Dear Editor,

I want to say something about what the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council is doing to our tribal members, like the wrong that was done to Missy Bartling and myself.

I want her to know that I join in support of her to fight the nature of the beast (as was once put to me by a council representative) and will do what I can to bring awareness and educate our people of the wrong doings that is occurring on a daily basis within many tribal facets.

The same thing happens to veterans within our ranks. We do not see any hiring preferences for veterans although a resolution is in place.

We also have graduates from Sinte Gleska University or other colleges being overlooked in hiring. On many occasions we will hear political candidates proclaim that they stand for the people but when they get elected all you witness is human rights violations. We proclaim that we are against violence because it is not a Lakota tradition but then go and violently violate our tribal member's rights.

The tribal council does not care about your rights because they have sovereign immunity.

Every time they violate our tribal member's rights then they have eroded our sovereign immunity. Sovereign immunity belongs to you the people not the tribal council. Sovereign immunity is meant to protect the tribe from out side attacks not to attack our own people.

And if sovereign immunity is used against you the people then it is abuse of power.

So when the tribal council abuses the people's power where do we go for recourse?

Do we go to the tribal council for recourse?
Or do we take them to ethics or grievance?
Will ethics or grievance make a decision against the council?

Some day the federal government will take look at what tribes are doing with your sovereign immunity?

Our tribe can say we are using it on our people!

There are no laws in place to protect the people only laws to protect the Tribal Council.

Those of you who are supporting past tribal council representatives are supporting these violations. No wonder there is very little legislative activity going on in the Tribal Council.

I don't even think that there is new policies or laws put in place during this administration because the Rosebud Sioux Tribe is in a perpetual crisis mode.

There is so much crisis going on in tribal government that there is no energy to do anything else.

We are on a downward spiral for a real wake up call when it comes to tribal revenue that our tribal members are being laid off from the projects that are funded by the casino revenue.

There is talk of eliminating some P.L. 638 programs.

At this point in time there is no job stability for any employee of the tribe. There is no stability for tribal government. There is no future for our tribe unless we develop the businesses that will create jobs and housing for our people.

There is no hope out there in the communities because there are no jobs or housing out there in the communities.

Should you ask what is tribal government doing for our people or to our people?

Phil Two Eagle
White River, S.D.

Guest Columnist

By Natalie Hand
Special to the Times

The Black Hills Sioux Nation Treaty Council convened an emergency session to address the pressing issue of mining companies infiltrating the 1851/1868 Treaty Territories.

Council delegates representing six of the eight Sioux Bands were present to discuss resolutions to protect the next seven generations of the Great Sioux Nation.

The Treaty Council voted unanimously to forever ban open pit and in-situ leach uranium mining and declare the Treaty Territories a nuclear-free zone. Further, the treaty council committed to fight against existing Crow Butte, Inc. Uranium Mine near Crawford, Neb, the Powertech Uranium Mine and Neutron Uranium Mine operations in the southern Black Hills. The Council also endorsed a planned uranium summit to educate tribal members of the environmental and health risks associated with uranium mining. And the final action came when the Treaty Council voted to ban Native American Energy Group from the Treaty territories.

Environmental activists applauded the Treaty Council for upholding their obligation to protect and preserve the Great Sioux Nation Treaty Territories.

Following the "Yellowcake" Road

The Oglala Lakota Band has taken legal action to exclude Native American Energy Group, a New York-based energy company that has proposed uranium mining exploration and development on the Pine Ridge Reservation. On Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007, the court action came to an abrupt halt when a traditional Lakota warrior society forcibly removed N.A.E.G. officials from the reservation.

After weeks of testimony in a show-cause hearing to exclude N.A.E.G., Oglala Sioux Tribal President John Steele testified that he is opposed to uranium mining and does not know why the energy company is still on the reservation. Steele and Janis have testified that they were aware that uranium mining and exploration is illegal on the reservation.

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Words of the 7th Generation

By Anson Black Calf

What Columbus Day means to me



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This past nation wide celebration of Columbus Day the "discoverer of America" was a day 49 out of 50 states observed; South Dakota was the exception. It was also a day of definite proof of the distorted thinking Euro-American people have of their history. This yearly event told me two things about the citizens of the U.S. and other countries with European roots who support this day.

Either they are blind and don't know what they are celebrating, or they do, and they rejoice every year to observe over five centuries of conquest, racism and genocide.

Those who feel it's a day to celebrate think it's a date that brought new beginnings of freedom, hope and opportunity. But for those who make a conscious effort not to celebrate it, know it marks the day murder, slavery and poverty began for indigenous people.

The truth is that before Columbus first set foot in the Americas, the Indigenous population was estimated to be around 90 to 112 million people in all of North, Central and South America combined.

Within the first 150 years after Columbus landed, an estimated 85 percent of the entire population was destroyed. And by the 1900's over 95 percent of the Indigenous people from North to South America were deceased. According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census at that time, only 237,000 Native people were left surviving within America's borders. In all, somewhere between 85 and 105 million Indigenous were gone in the entire Western Hemisphere. The remaining less than 5 percent were left to starve, kept in check, controlled and made to live in oppression and forced to survive against genocidal rules of cruel European controlled governments.

Columbus was an ignorant man whose mind and spirit were consumed with twisted and perverted religious beliefs born out of a thousand years of intolerance and greed. This kind of model thinking is what spelled doom for our ancestors. It was this kind of European "wisdom" that shaped the nations of these lands and is still so prevalent and evident in the world's troubles today.

The past several hundred years of non-Native nations honoring a man who lead the way to the Americas, and started off the greatest Holocaust in the history of the world, by beginning the extermination of nearly 8 million natives on the first "discovered" island, is an example of the ignorance of today's people.

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Notes From Indian Country

By Tim Giago

What an honor it is to be insulted

Two things stuck in my mind while watching the New York Yankees lose the last game they played in Cleveland. The first is the three fans the television cameras panned every now and then sitting in the bleachers wearing feathers and hideous painted faces. This detestable display is meant to honor American Indians? Wow, what an honor. Pardon me if I am insulted.

The second was the racist cartoon character of a buck-toothed, red faced, caricature of an Indian logo prominently displayed upon the caps of the Cleveland baseball team. What if that dreadful cartoon character had depicted an African American, a Hispanic American or an Asian American? Would members of these ethnic minorities find this cartoon character to be obnoxious? I think so.

I suppose it ironic that the Cleveland team now travels to play in Boston against the Red Sox. History taught us that while objecting to taxation without representation a bunch of Bostonians painted themselves up as Indians, donned the attire they had probably taken from the bodies of Indians that had been slaughtered in New England, and raided a ship tied up in the harbor in order to dump its cargo of tea.

Did these "patriots" dress up as Indians to honor Indians or did they mimic Indians in order to place the blame for their deeds upon them? History will also tell you that when the Mormons massacred about 120 settlers traveling through Mormon territory at Mountain Meadows on September 11, 1857 they first dressed themselves as Indians.

Hey, we all know that no respectable Mormon would take part in a massacre of innocent white men, women and children, so therefore it had to be those savage Indians, right? Everybody should see the movie September Dawn about this terrible massacre. Ask Mitt Romney about it.

Many years ago, when I owned the newspaper Indian Country Today, I had my cartoonist, Thom Little Moon, an Oglala Lakota; draw a cartoon using the Cleveland baseball team logo as the model. He drew the same character as an African American, Hispanic and as an Asian American. The caption was, "Now you know how American Indians feel."

A poster printed by The National Conference on Christians and Jews, an organization in Minneapolis, MN, portrayed the flags of the New York Fighting Jews, Chicago Blackskins, the San Francisco Orientals and the St. Paul Caucasians. The poster can still be seen hanging on the walls of many Indian organizations and tribes. The poster also said, "Now you know how American Indians feel." But do you really know how we feel?



(Nanwica Kciji)

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To most American Indians it is absolutely abhorrent for a professional football team to use the color of their skin as their team mascot. As a matter of fact, we oftentimes refer to the mascot of the Washington professional football team as the "R" word because to us it is as hideous as the "N" word is to African Americans. I ask you, how can a supposed civilized nation in the year 2007 still use a racist logo and name like "Redskin" and feel that it is an honor to Native Americans? What a terrible way to be honored!

When the four minority media organizations, the National Association of Black Journalists, National Association of Hispanic Journalists, National Association of Asian Journalists, and the Native American Journalists Association meet at the UNITY Convention in Chicago in 2008, I pray that the use of American Indians as mascots for America's fun and games is high on the list of subjects they bring to the table. So far the Indian people of America have fought this battle alone. UNITY should know that racism in any form against any minority is racism that impacts all minorities and makes it much easier for racists to extend their form of racism to other races.

Perhaps Indians are alone in their fight to shed the dubious honor bestowed upon them by sports team owners, but it is indeed, an honor that should be equally shared by all minorities.

I ask anyone reading this column, whether you hate what I am writing here or not, just open your mind when you watch the playoffs between the Red Sox and the Indians and ask yourself if the grinning caricature of an American Indian is racist.

Replace that face with another racial minority and see how the shoe fits. And if you saw the Washington professional football game where the team's fanatical fans painted a pig red, planted feathers on its head, and chased it around the football field at halftime and were not repelled by it, you wouldn't know racism if it bit you on the behind.

American Indians are human beings and not mascots for America's high schools, colleges or professional sports teams' fun and games.

(Tim Giago, an Oglala Lakota, was born, raised and educated on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in the Class of 1991 and founder of The Lakota Times and Indian Country Today newspapers. He founded and was the first president of the Native American Journalists Association. He can be reached at najournalist@msn.com)

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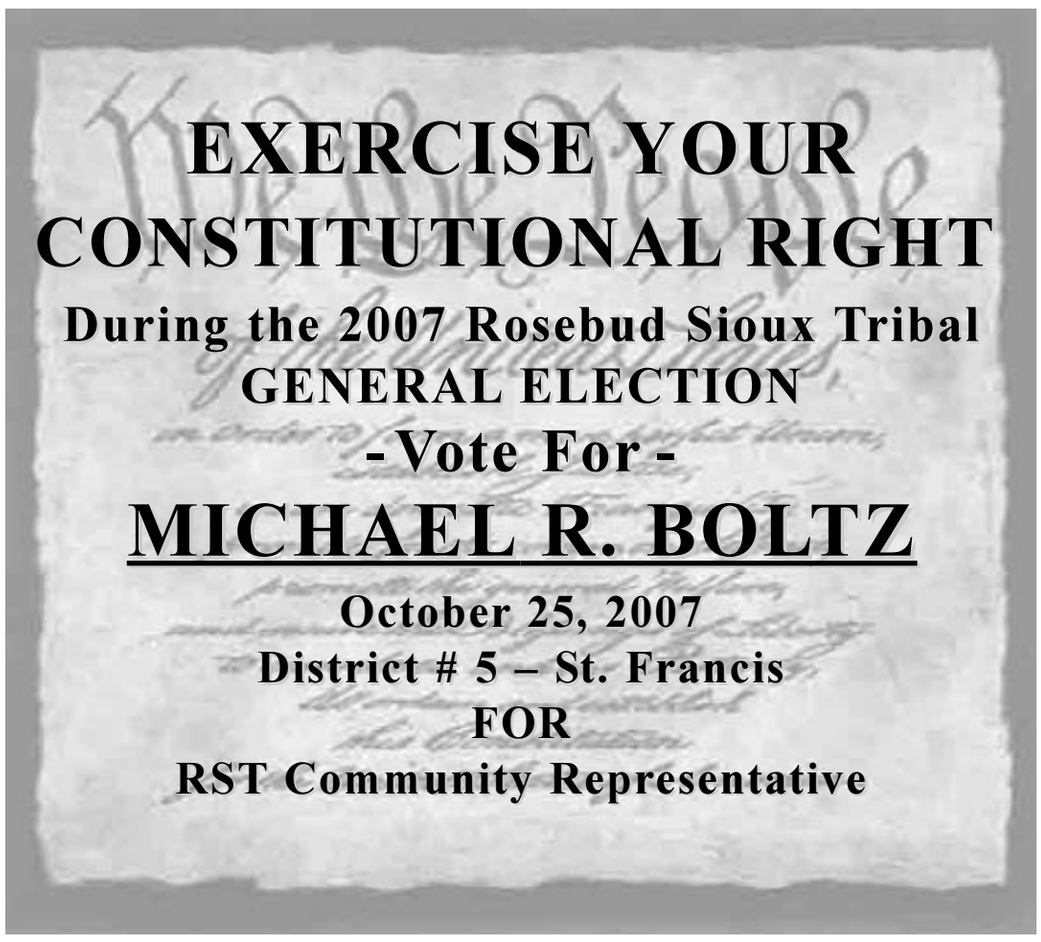
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Citizens and their countries, as you can see, either blindly or knowingly look at this date as a day to honor a great navigator who founded the Americas. But in reality he only accidentally discovered the lands indigenous people had lived on for tens of thousands of years already.

Thinking he was in India, he began calling the island's inhabitants "Indians," which we've definitely been labeled.

So this date, Oct. 12, 1492, really represents everything ever done wrong to the indigenous people of the Americas, past and present; it is a day not only all indigenous people should know the truth about, but also the rest of the 49 states as well.













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Thorpes get Homecoming win over Crow Creek

Cortier leads Pine Ridge to second straight win

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - Harley "Mister" Cortier threw four touchdown passes to three different receivers while Pine Ridge's defense kept Crow Creek out of the end zone to enable the Thorpes to pick up their second straight win of the year, a 32-0 Homecoming shutout over Crow Creek Friday in Pine Ridge.

Cortier hit Stan Brewer on a 40 yard pass play for a touchdown in the first quarter, hit Emerson Bobtail Bear on a 30 yard pass for a TD in the second quarter and hit Ezra Zephier on a 24 yard TD pass in the third for an 18-0 lead.

In the fourth, Juan Ramos scored on a 13 yard run, Ty Reddy ran it over for two and Bobtail Bear grabbed a second touchdown pass, this one for 24 yards to close out the scoring on a 32 -0 shutout.

Cortier was 11of 17 for 202 yards, four touchdowns and two interceptions; Cody Trueblood ran for 56 yards and Bobtail Bear caught two passes for 54 yards and two scores. Mike Wilson led the defense with 15 tackles, Reddy and Joe Bissonette helped with 14 tackles each and Sam Yellow Boy had five tackles, one sack and a forced fumble.

Pine Ridge is now 2-5 and hosts Hot Springs Thursday while Crow Creek is 0-7 and hosts St. Francis. Stan Brewer, Jr. and Aimee Pond were named 2007 Homecoming King and Queen.



Emerson Bob Tail Bear (22) streaks away from Joel Bishop (35) and down the sideline for one of his two touchdown receptions Friday against Crow Creek

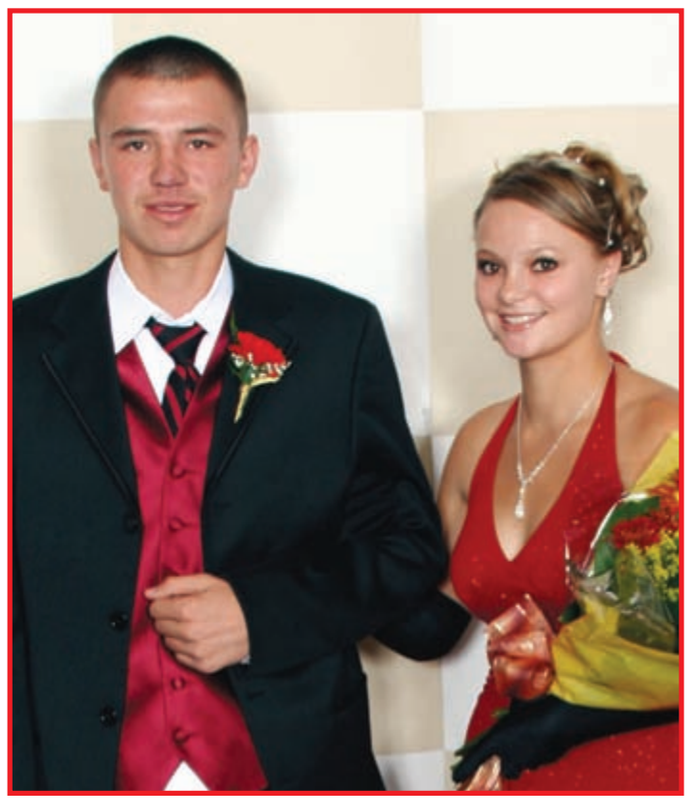
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Football scores from week

Bennett County 46-22 Todd County
Red Cloud 26-24 Little Wound/CH
Pine Ridge 32-0 Crow Creek
White River 51-6 Lower Brule
Lemmon/McIntosh 41-0 McLaughlin
Jones County 36-14 Dupree
Menno 47-0 Marty
Normative Services 28-20 Wyo. Indian
Chey. Eagle Butte 40-14 St. Francis

Games this week:

Red Cloud at Todd County
Chamberlain at Chey. Eagle Butte
Hot Springs at Pine Ridge
Dupree at Kadoka
Bennett County at Little Wound/CH
Baltic at Marty
Grant Deuel at Tiospa Zina
McLaughlin at Gettysburg
Wall at White River
Belle Fourche at St. Thomas More



Stan Brewer, Jr. and Aimee Pond were named 2007 Homecoming King and Queen Friday at Pine Ridge High school; Aimee is the daughter of Ron "Popcorn" Pond and Andrea Pond, she is a power lifter and a member of the Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes basketball team, the defending champs and number one seed in the upcoming Lakota Nation Invitational tournament in December.

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Red Cloud holds on for sixth straight win, squeaks by Little Wound 26-24

PINE RIDGE - Red Cloud's Billy Scott, a 178 pound senior tailback, carried the ball 26 times for 229 yards and two touchdowns before leaving the game with a high ankle sprain early in the fourth quarter; Little Wound closed the gap to two points and had an opportunity to put another score on the board and pull the game out in the last minute and a half before Dave Giago forced his second fumble of the game, knocking the ball out of Mustang quarterback, Trin In The Woods hand allowing Cord Tibbitts to cover the ball and secure Red Cloud's 26-24 win on Friday.

"It was an ugly win, we did not play well overall," said Keith Ferguson, Red Cloud head coach, "Andrew Twiss, our best tackler and defensive leader was ineligible for the game and we struggled to cover their short passing game, we just didn't seem to have any sense of urgency-it was probably Little Wound's most important game after losing to us by two last year yet our focus didn't seem to be there."

The Crusaders rolled up 353 yards on the ground on 42 carries while Little Wound's In the Woods completed 10 of 14 passes for 176 yards and two touchdowns.

Neither team scored in the first quarter, both teams turned the ball over while they were testing each other's strengths and weaknesses. Finally on his ninth carry, Bill Scott rolled around the left end and rumbled down the field for a 71 yard touchdown, Red Cloud's fullback, Wade O'Bryan, ran up the middle for the two point conversion and it was 8-0 for Red Cloud. A little over a minute later, Trin In The Woods located Casey Montileaux behind the defense and hit him for a 60 yard pass play for a touchdown, Jacee Mesteth ran it over for two and the teams were tied up at eight a piece.

Late in the second quarter, Jeremy Blacksmith connected with Art Vitalis on a 23 yard pass for a touchdown, the run failed giving Red Cloud a 14-8 lead. The half ended as Montileaux intercepted a halfback pass thrown by Scott.

Halfway through the third quarter, Scott ran off the right tackle for a nine yard score, the run for two failed and it was Red Cloud up 20-8. In The Woods came right back and hit Spur Pourier on an 11 yard toss, Mesteth scored two on a run and it was 20-16. Scott went down with an injury and Dominick LeBeaux, his replacement hustled around the left end and went 69 yards for a touchdown and it was 26-16 early in the fourth for Red Cloud. After Red Cloud gambled on a fourth and eight and lost, Little Wound got the ball on the Red Cloud 31 yard line and Michael Pretty Voice Crane finished off the Mustang drive with a five yard run for a touchdown, Mesteth's run for two closed the gap 26-24 for the Crusaders.

Red Cloud couldn't move the ball on offense and punted it to Little Wound where they ended up with good field position at their own 48 yard line with just under two minutes to go. After an incomplete pass, In The Woods rolled out to the right looking for an open receiver when Dave Giago came from behind and knocked the ball out of his grasp; Cord Tibbitts recovered the fumble and Red Cloud ran out the clock to pick up their sixth straight win of the season and move their record to 6-1.

"Today, practice went well, we need to start Thursday's game with some intensity, play hard on defense and go into the game feeling confident that we have the team that can play with any these teams," said Ferguson looking ahead to Red Cloud's final regular season game at Todd County Thursday evening, "we need a good game to help move us into the playoffs with some momentum."

In addition to Scott, Red Cloud benefited from Dominick LeBeaux's 72 yards on three carries, Art Vitalis chipped in 38 yards on eight carries, O'Bryan added 11 yards on three carries and freshman Kiley Weston had three yards on two carries. Blacksmith was five for 11 for 60 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions. Giago caught four passes for 37 yards and Vitalis had one reception for 23 yards and a touchdown.

Little Wound's ground game suffered from five quarterback sacks; Kevin Hunter ran 11 times for 79 yards, Mesteth carried 12 times for 25 yards and Montileaux once for 19 yards.

Little Wound is now 4-3 and hosts Bennett County on Thursday at 1 p.m.,

Virtual High School registration continues

Registration continues at Red Shirt Community School, Wolf Creek School, Batesland School and Rockyford School for interested students who are not going to school but would like to enroll for high school and work for a high school diploma at the new Shannon County Virtual High School, for information call Vicki Grant at 288-1921.

Bennett County runs over Falcons 46-22

MARTIN - Bennett County rolled up 245 yards on the ground during their Homecoming game Friday, scoring five touchdowns along the way as they earned their sixth win of the season 46-22 over the Todd County Falcons.

CJ Spotted Tail finished eight of 14 through the air for125 yards and opened the scoring for both teams with a two yard run in the second quarter, point after failed and Todd County was up 6-0.

Bennett County scored their first touchdown on a Clint Sasse interception which he ran back for a 24 yard touchdown and the game was tied at six each. Nathan Novak scored on a four yard run to end the first half and came back early in the third to reel off a 40 yard run, Austin Haynes pass to DJ Toczek for two put "Gunner Krogman has only been able to play sparingly after receiving a high ankle sprain in the St. Francis game," said Bob Kornely, Todd County head coach,

"We miss him on both offense and defense, he tweaked his other ankle which happens when you are favoring one ankle; we have two key lineman out, we lost some players to eligibility and we are down to 18-20 players and that is just not enough when playing 11 man football, seven are freshman," said Kornely.

The Falcons closed the gap to 20-14 after Michael Neiss scored on a 43 yard run and Spotted Tail hit Jaden Allen for two.

Toczek finished off the third quarter with touchdown runs of 29 and 16 yards, John Slattery's one extra point kick made it 33-14.Novak added a third running score on another 40 yard run and Sasse got his second defensive TD with a fumble recovery and a 30 yard return for a score to give Bennett County a 46-14 lead. Canku One Star closed out the game's scoring with a 27 yard run for a score, Spotted Tail hit Allen again for two and the final score ended up 46-22 for Bennett County.

"We had some players really step up though, Neiss had 238 all purpose yards, 59 rushing, 58 receiving and 121 return yards; One Star was over 100 yards with 107 on 14 carries and Spotted Tail hit eight of 14 for 125 yards," said Kornely.

Todd County is now 5-2 and hosts Red Cloud on Thursday evening. Bennett County is 6-1 and travels to Little Wound-Crazy Horse on Thursday.

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OST Council Special Session
Thursday, Oct. 18 at 9 a.m. in council chambers of Red Cloud building in Pine Ridge, for information call Tribal Secretary at 867-5821, ext. 268.

OST Commodity Distribution
Thursday, Oct. 18 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni Lake and Friday, Oct. 19 in Oglala at old store site.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
Friday, Oct. 19 at Red Cloud School sponsored by Red Cloud and Our Lady of Lourdes with grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9 at Loneman School in Oglala, Saturday, Dec. 1 at Batesland School sponsored by Rockyford and Batesland from Shannon County Schools and Friday, Dec. 21 in Rapid City sponsored by Wolf Creek School, Red Shirt Community School and Shannon County Schools, Friday, Jan. 25 at Pine Ridge School; for information call 867-5174.

Honoring Veterans Wacipi
Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19 and 20 at the W.H. Lyons Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls with an exhibition on Friday at 1 p.m. and grand entries on Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., for information call 334-4060 or 800 658-4797

Cancer Awareness Walk
Friday, Oct. 19 in memory of Ken Goings at 1 p.m. from White Clay to Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge to promote cancer awareness for men and women with men's cancer screening from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Chili Contest
Friday, Oct. 19 at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge from 11 a.m. to 12 noon with contest for Pine Ridge residents, Pine Ridge Village will provide fry bread.

State Cross Country Meet
Saturday, Oct. 20 in Huron at the Broadland Creek National Golf Course with B Girls at 1 p.m., B Boys at 1:30 p.m., A Girls at 2 p.m., A Boys at 2:30 p.m., AA Girls at 3 p.m. and AA Boys at 4:15 p.m.

Horseshoe Tournament
Due to weather, the "Season's Grand Finale" horshoe singles was postponed until Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Robert Red Shirt residence north of Allen, registration opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 10 a.m., for information call Robert at 455-1328.

Tribal Court Advocacy Training
With Justice Michael Swallow, Friday, Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. to all tribal court advocates provided by the Oglala Sioux Nation Supreme Court, mandatory for all Tribal Court Advocates, call Elizabeth to confirm attendance at 867-5266.

Traditional Games Workshop
Hosted by OLC Native Science Field Center, Friday, Nov. 2 from 3-9 p.m. and on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Math and Science building at Piya Wiconi, meals will be provided, for information contact Rhonda at 455-6004; everyone is welcome.

3rd Annual I.H.S. Masquerade Pow wow
Saturday, Nov. 3 at Wolf Creek School with supper at 5 p.m. and grand entry at 7 p.m.; November is Diabetes Awareness Month and National American Indian Heritage Month, come and get screened, for information call Dave at 867-3173 or Corby at 867-3044.

Annual Bazaar
Sunday, Nov. 4 at St. Isaac Jogues/Mother Butler Center in Rapid city at 231 Knollwood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with arts and crafts, quilts, plants, baked goods, games, bingo, food concessions, raffles and numerous prizes; for information call 343-2165.

Sacred Heart Bazaar
Sunday, Nov. 4 in Pine Ridge at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Veteran's Day Celebration
Sunday, Nov. 11 at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee with grand entries set for 1 and 7 p.m. with a noon meal and supper provided, for information call Ruth at 454-5273 or Elroy at 441-8154.

32nd Lakota Nation Invitational
Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 19-22 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, 16 high school team boy's basketball tournament, 16 team girl's basketball tournament, wrestling, hand games, knowledge bowl, language competition, for information contact Bryan Brewer at Pine Ridge School.

American Horse School students clean up community building

By Jodi Richards
American Horse School



American Horse School students from the 6th to 7th grade painted the Allen community building. The building has been defaced by graffiti. The building houses the senior citizens center, police dispatch center and the post office. Trudell Shot With Arrow, Jacob Bad Wound, Duane Standing Soldier, and Chris Hawkins help with the painting.

ALLEN - The American Horse School 6th-8th graders have been very busy this past month.

They have been working hard in Math with Christine Julius-Poor Bear and Julie Bad Wound, in language arts with Jennifer May and Cornell Ruff, in reading with Shilo Smith. Consuelo Means has done a marvelous job of filling in for Shilo and Dana Washington is our "new kid on the block" and has helped Consuelo in reading and everywhere else she has been asked to, social studies with Daryl Besco and science with Zach Krahn.

The students begin the day in their homeroom and then rotate classes throughout the day.

The staff and students congratulate the coaches, football players, volleyball players, cross country participants and the cheerleaders. They have done a super job of playing hard, conditioning, and being respectful to themselves and the teams they have played. We are sad that the season is over, but look forward to conditioning and the basketball season.

Gear-Up had a parent meeting with 22 parents attending on Oct. 12. We talked about high school and college preparation and financial assistance along with activities we did last year and activities that we are looking forward to this year. We had ten parents and relatives of 7th and 8th grade students win $20 in our drawing! Vinnette, Daneen, Grace, Neal, Waylon, Marty, Justina, John, and Lavina. Thank you for attending we will keep you informed of other meetings.

The 8th grade parents had a meeting with Wally Waters and had an Indian Taco sale on Oct.17, Wally and Lenore donated star quilts for a raffle and I donated $50 for the raffle.

The next parent meeting is Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. Please attend, they are taking any and all donations for the concession stand. Thank you for supporting your child.

We had our Fall Festival on Oct. 11. It was a great hit, some of our students helped with booths and all of the 6th through 8th graders were assigned students from our Pre-K through 4th grade. They took the students around to all of the booths that were run by the teachers and assistants, parents were then left to visit, and do the cake/ fruit bowl walk The 6th-8th grade students did a super job helping all of the younger students, visit every booth and "win" lots of prizes. We want to commend them for giving up their time and helping their younger relatives, sharing and caring make the world go round!

The students have been working on Civic Responsibility. Every student will participate during the year. One of our projects is to decorate the Senior Citizen Center each month. Dana Washington assisted Lalaina Charger, Nailah Washington, Frances Around Him, Tianna Yellow Hair, Corey "Jorge" Whirlwind Horse, Myron Dillion, Debra Archuleta, and Jonnie Yellow Hawk in putting up the "Spooktacular" Decoration for October.

Our largest project has been the painting over the graffiti on the Allen Post Office and Dispatch Building and Senior Citizen Center. Cornell Ruff along with Thomas Tools, Tamarra DuBray, Kiona Gay, Nailah Washington, and Jorge Whirlwind Horse began by using white paint on the walls. Then a dark red was chosen for the rocks. Contessa Vasquez, Christina Long Wolf, Duane Standing Elk, Jacob Bad Wound, Jaelen Thunder Bull, Frances Around Him, Debra Arch-uleta, Brandon Arch-uleta, and Kiona Gay are the students who have worked on the painting of the red rocks. Charlene May, post master, thought the red looked nice on the rock and covered the graffiti so she contacted the Senior Citizen President and asked if it would be okay if all of the rock on the building could be painted. The go ahead was given and Cornell Ruff continued painting with the following students assisting: Trudell Shot With Arrow, Jacob Bad Wound, Duane Standing Soldier, Chris Hawkins, The work will continue until all of the rock is painted. We are hoping the building will stay free from graffiti.

Another project we are working on is having students visit the Head Start once a week and read books to the students, we will also be doing this with our pre-K students at American Horse School.

American Horse Middle School students and staff take pride in helping within their community. If you have any projects that we could help with please stop in or call me and let me know. Jodi Richards 6th to 8th grade team leader.

Oyate Teca Project October schedule

KYLE - The Oyate Teca Project will be in the following districts this month.

Staff will be in following areas schedule as follows:

Monday, Oct. 16, Porcupine Cap office 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 17, Manderson Cap Office, 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct.18, Wanblee Cap Office 1-4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 19, Allen Cap Office 1-4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 20, LaCreek Cap Office 1-4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 23, Wounded Knee Community Building 1-4 p.m.

The Oyate Teca Project is currently taking new enrollments and updating family cards and doing photo retakes.
What is needed for enrollments:
1.INCOME VERIFICATION
2.COPY OF IMMUNIZATION FOR 0-2YR OLDS
3.CHILD/CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT FOR PHOTO TO BE TAKEN
4.COMPLETED FAMILY CARD (Staff will have them available)
If you have any questions please feel free to call 455-2544
Teca Oyate Project is located one fourth mile north of Angel's Store.



Domestic violence awareness

KYLE - Cangleska, Inc. and Lulyahan Oti sponsored a series of walks at Little Wound school last week in observing Domestic Violence Awareness Day. Second graders walked around the track last Wednesday at Little Wound School and listened to a story about a mother and her children dealing with domestic violence in the home. The children took copies of the story home. Cangleska, Inc. sponsored a walk in Martin Oct. 17 and a walk in Pine Ridge Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. at the Cangleska, Inc. offices on Highway 18 with speakers and refreshments. Elementary students listen to speakers Shelly Middletent, school counselor; and Cangleska staff Joe Reddest, Jennifer Takes War Bonnett and Christy Lone Elk.

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Winner becomes McDonald's Park Place, $20,000 could be won on the spot

WINNER (AP) - Winner, South Dakota., is going to live up to its name next Tuesday.

Winner has been chosen by the McDonald's fast-food chain as the place to announce the top-prize winners from across the country in its MONOPOLY Game promotion.

The event will also feature a special promotion for those who live in the Winner area to win a cash prize up to $20,000 on the spot.

Harris pleads not guilty to attempted murder

RAPID CITY - A 27-year-old Rapid City man has pleaded not guilty to a charge of attempted murder.

Authorities say Brandon Harris tried to kill his ex-girlfriend by shoving her out of his car and running her over.

The incident took place about a month ago. The woman was not seriously hurt.

Authorities say Harris smashed into a tree when he tried to run over Woope Claymore a second time.

Ask Anna

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I sure enjoy reading your column and have done so for the past few years.

I hope you can help me with an answer to my son's issue. He abuses alcohol and has done so since he was very young. When he was 17 he was told by a doctor that his liver is damaged. That didn't stop his drinking. As of today, he served time for his 2nd DUI and is currently in treatment. He has underlying issues that he can't seem to get over and says this is why he is drinking. I love my son and want him to get help before anything else happens to him. He is 22 years old.

When he started kindergarten he didn't like school at all. He wanted to stay home and help his grandfather with wood cutting etc., He didn't finish high school as he hung out with the wrong crowd. He dropped out of school in the 11th grade.

Don't get me wrong, he is a nice person, he's gentle with his nieces and other young children. He's a patient man, helpful to his grandmothers, but as soon as he has alcohol in his system, we see another side of him. I have 5 children and he seems to be the one that keeps me going and worries me more than the other 4 children. He knows how to push my buttons, so to speak.

The questions I have are: what does his future look like, will he get his GED ? Find a job? What about his alcoholism?

I know when he returns from treatment, he'll still have all this negativity around him and it just may return to that same environment. As a mother I want nothing but the best for him and would do anything within my reach to help him. Help!!!

Worried Sick

Dear Worried Sick:

You are right mom, returning to the same environment, without any new skills and involved with the same friends does not give him a very good chance at beginning a new path of sobriety in life. Your son will eventually wake up, take a different path, and find a role in the world for himself that is more productive.

I would like to suggest to you that when they have family night at his treatment facility you go and voice these concerns. It may be part of what helps him in the future to realize that he does have control over himself, that he can lead a productive life, that he can succeed, and that it all, really, no matter what way you look or go, it is all up to him. He is responsible.

Every one of us has challenges that we grow up with, live with, and either overcome or allow to take us down. Every one is capable of making the right and better choice. You son feels disempowered, and feels that he doesn't have open doors to life awaiting him. He doesn't feel that he is powerful on this earth and in his own life.

There are many people in the world that do not fit into standard education. Sometimes, they are confronted with ADD or ADHD/ focus problems. Sometimes they are learning challenged or socially challenged. You son is a hands-on learner.

I do see him eventually finding a path to apprentice in the construction industry. Unless he is shown a different door to his future, he will fall back into old patterns for quite a few years.

The different door, mom, may be through tough love. You cannot allow him to continue to disrupt your environment and the environments of the rest of your relatives including grandmothers.

It is not easy loving and feeling responsible for a child that cannot see the forest for the trees. I know how much you love him and want to rescue him from himself - but you cannot. He has to be allowed to figure it out. He is not any less than any other human being and the Creator did not leave him out of free will and the right to success.

He has chosen a little bit more difficult path and he has a stubborn streak combined with fear of not being equal to the challenge of being a full adult and taking care of himself.

Insist that he has an option: He can return to his home or his grandmother's home if he signs up for training of some sort (Vo Tech, OLC, Job Corps, etc.). You make the rule that will push him out into a world of hope, not one that places him right back into the tornado of social dysfunction and poverty that he is currently enmeshed in.

If he refuses to comply (which is what it looks like is the probable path right now), pray and know that he will find the right path by the time he is in his early thirties. His liver will slow him down, and eventually aid him in making better choices.

Please work with his treatment center to help him have a better path when he completes treatment. In the meantime, pray. I will also pray for you, your family, and your son.

Dear Anna,

How are you doing today? Hope you are in good health with all these questions you guide us with. I wanted to ask you about my relationship future.

I went back to college and I think I am doing good so far. As you told me the last time that I was headed for something that I was honestly not ready for. I want to know about my ex-boyfriend. will we ever be together again? He is a little bit older than I am. And I have been trying to actually get over him then when I think he has forgotten my phone rings and there he is on the other end I try so hard to not answer but I have to. I call him also but I think I get him in trouble with his girlfriend. Will it just be better if we were just friends?

Wondering about my ex

Dear Wondering:

You must have a sneaking suspicion of how I am going to answer. Leave your ex boyfriend alone. He calls when he wants some. That is not love.

He is not faithful to his current girl-friend, he wasn't faithful to you, and anyone that "hooks-up" with him is going to face that same reality.

Let him go - you can do better, and by next spring or early summer you will. Don't be fooled by idle talk of how sexy you are - it is not about the heart, it is about something else altogether.

You are a smart woman, use that head, be your best friend, and give yourself the same advice you would give a good friend if they were addicted to emotional abuse.

Going to school is wonderful. Be proud of yourself as you are creating a very good road for yourself in the future.

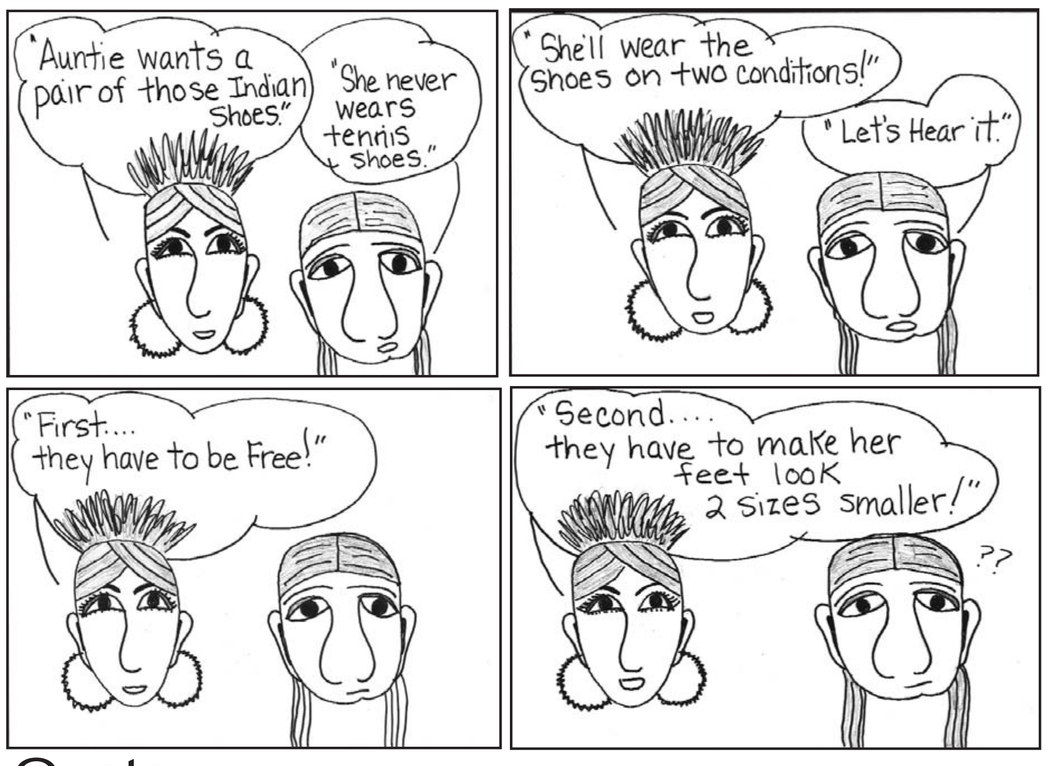
It will be wonderful for you to have a degree, a good job and income, and the respect of your community for your hard work and life contribution. Good Luck. Don't be a fool...and keep on studying!

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

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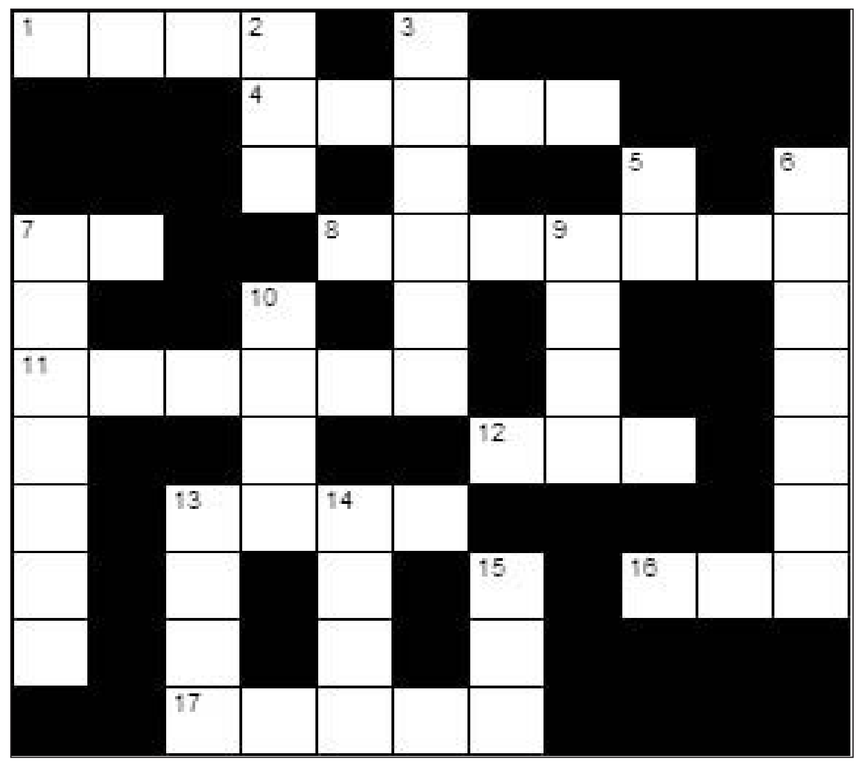
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(answers in next week's issue)

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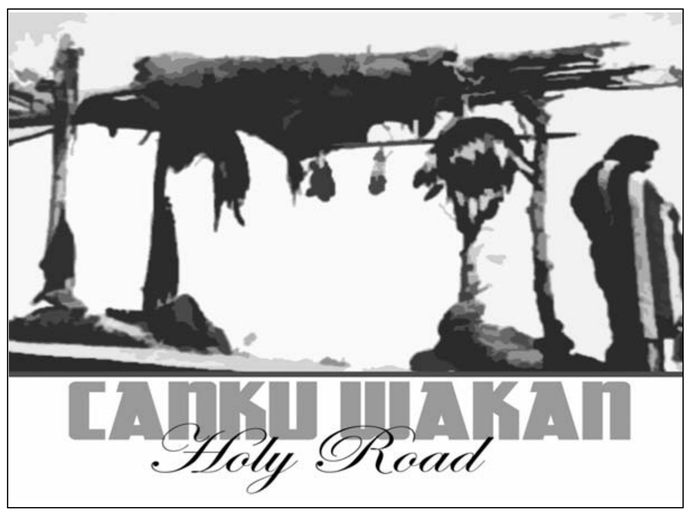
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~William B. 'Bill' Berg~

AURORA, COLO. - William B. "Bill" Berg, 58, died on Oct. 11 at Aurora, Colo. of natural causes. Survivors include daughters Renee Myers, Veronica Vowells and Laurie Herndon all of Denver; brothers: Jim Berg of Denver and Ron Bush of Porcupine; sisters Marilyn Sanchez of Denver; Christine Rivas of Commerce City, Colo. and 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A one night wake was Monday, Oct. 15 at the Fr. Bill Pauly Catholic Hall at Porcupine.

Funeral services were Oct. 16 at the Fr. Bill Pauly Catholic Hall with Mr. Alton Mousseau officiating.

Burial was at St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery, Porcupine.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~Ned E. Bettelyoun~

LONG VALLEY - Ned E. Bettelyoun, 92, Long Valley, died Thursday, October 11, at Bennett County Nursing Home in Martin. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Survivors include three nephews, Lyle Dillon, Long Valley, and John Dillon and Craig Dillon, both of Martin; and four nieces, Illa Lone Hill, Iva Jo Ruff, and Linda Louden, all of Martin, and Danielle Fast Wolf, Allen. A wake service was Monday, Oct.15, at the Martin CAP Office. Funeral services were Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the office, with the Rev. Chris Collins officiating. Burial was at Long Valley Community Cemetery. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~Darwin 'Dooch' Clifford~

MANDERSON - Darwin "Dooch" Clifford, 71, Manderson, died Wednesday, Oct. 10, in Manderson. Survivors include his wife, Emma "Pinky" Iron Plume-Clifford, Manderson; two sons, Mike Clifford, Pine Ridge, and Bill Clifford Sr., Manderson, two daughters, Mary Jo Tapio, Pine Ridge; and Annette "Netzi" Clifford, Manderson; two brothers, Stanley Clifford Sr., Pine Ridge; and Douglas Clifford, Prescott, Ariz.; four sisters, Carol Clifford, Christine Clifford and Margaret Moore, all of Pine Ridge, and Colleen Clifford, South Sioux City, Neb.; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Wake services were Sunday, Oct. 14, at Wounded Knee District School in Manderson. Funeral services were Monday, Oct. 15, at the school, with the Rev. Chris Collins, officiating, and traditional Lakota prayers by Orson Cuny. Burial was at White Butte Cemetery in Manderson. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

Clifford was born on Oct. 13, 1935. He was raised in the Badlands of the Rockyford area. His raising brought to him his lifelong affection for horses, cattle, and all animals. He attended school from elementary through high school at Holy Rosary Mission where he was graduated in 1954.

He attended Haskell Indian School where he graduated in 1956 as a commercial automotive mechanical specialist. He married Frieda Fisher in 1957 and had four children, Mary Jo, Mike, Bill, and Annette. He was employed in Chadron, Neb. from 1957 until 1962 when he joined as an employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Transportation Department beginning in 1962 until his retire in 1993. During that time he established his ranch, the JFK.

He later married Emma "Pinky" Plume in 1986. He had 13 grand children, eleven great grandchildren and four adoptive grandchildren. He was known as a man who was hard working, honest, kind, compassionate, generous and humorous. These virtues were applied to his ranch, his immediate family, relatives, and friends.

He valued honesty in other people and led his life as an honest man who would help others who have a difficult time in life. Dooch had grown up riding horses and taking care of animals.

Dooch had liked sports. Rodeo, basketball, baseball, football, and like to watch different sports on the television. He was an avid bowler and golfer. He enjoyed the competition and watching the competition. Many of his sports cronies can share many fun stories.

Dooch had many, many friends.

For most part, Dooch will be remembered for his loyalty to his family and friends. His charm and wit caused him to make new friends and endear him to all one who knew him. He was very especially proud of his children and his grand children

~Verine Little Bear~

PINE RIDGE - Verine Little Bear, 72, Pine Ridge, died Tuesday, Oct. 9 at Hudson Healthcare Center in Hudson. Survivors include one aunt, Dorothy Yankton, Pine Ridge. Visitation was Friday, Oct. 12, at Sioux Funeral Home. Funeral services were Saturday, Oct. 13, at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Pine Ridge, with the Rev. Craig West officiating. Burial was at Holy Cross Episcopal Cemetery. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~Sadie Lays Bad-Henry~

BILLINGS, MONT. - Sadie Lays Bad-Henry, 88, Billings, formerly of Porcupine, died Thursday, Oct. 4, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings. Survivors include one son, Elmer Henry, Tulsa, Okla.; one daughter, Bernadette Shoulder Blade, Lame Deer, Mont.; one brother, Redding Lays Bad, Rapid City and one sister, Christine Lays Bad, Tulsa; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A one night wake will be Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the Porcupine School in Porcupine.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Oct. 11, at the school, with David Lays Bad and Michelle Wilson officiating. Burial will be at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~Quentin Yellow Horse~

OGLALA - Quentin Yellow Horse, 2, Oglala, died Thursday, Oct. 11, at Pine Ridge Hospital. Survivors include his parents, Greg and Mary Anne Yellow Horse, Oglala; five brothers, Benjamin Slow Bear Jr. and Patricio Bald Eagle, both of Anchorage, Ala., Amelio Bald Eagle, Salt Lake City; Tino Yellow Horse, Oglala, and Santiago Bald Eagle, Rosebud; and five sisters, Lacresha Bald Eagle, Rapid City, Karina Bald Eagle, South Carolina, Querta Bald Eagle, South Carolina, and Arianna Yellow Horse, and Angela Yellow Horse, both of Oglala. A two night wake was Monday, Oct. 15 was at Brother Rene Catholic Hall in Oglala. Funeral services were Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the hall with the Rev. Connie Schmidt officiating.

Burial was at Our Lady of the Sioux Catholic Cemetery, in Oglala. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

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MINUTES

Shannon County Commissioner Oct. 5, 2007 MINUTES

Shannon County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 5th, 2007, in Batesland at the Highway Department. Present Connie Whirlwind Horse, Lyla Hutchison, Vanessa Roubideaux, Sue Ganje, County Auditor and Julie Graham, Clerk. Absent Deborah Rooks-Cook and Inez White Hawk.

The agenda was reviewed for conflicts by the Commissioners, none were noted.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve the agenda as written.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to authorize the States Attorney to contact OST Judge to find out if wages could be garnished to pay outstanding checks on Auditor's Account. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve the Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as follows. All voting yes, the motion carried.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SHANNON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

I Hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 28th day of September, 2007.

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN BANK OF THE WEST, $ 4,038.05
TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN WELLS FARGO BANK,
$ 1,389.33
TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN FIRST WESTERN BANK-HS,
$ 3,811.58
TOTAL AMOUNT OF ACTUAL CASH,
$ 1,814.03
TOTAL AMT OF CHECKS IN TREASURER'S POSSESSION NOT EXCEEDING THREE DAYS,
$ 2,498.55
MONEY MARKET SAVINGS: BANK OF THE WEST, $2,243.03
WELLS FARGO BANK, $1,136.36
FIRST WESTERN-HS, $438,880.10
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT-FIRST WESTERN-HS,
$ 250,000.00

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts which have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:

Sheriff Change fund: 200.00

Returned Checks:
ATKINSON, JENNIFER, $40.00; MESTETH, PERRY,$63.00; BIG CROW, DUANE SR, $39.50; MORRISON,ADINE, $15.00;BLACK FEATHER, DAVID, $75.00; OLD HORSE, JOHN, $15.00; BRINGS PATTON, LINDA, $55.00; POURIER, JOEL, $349.00;
BURGESS, JEANNE, $45.00; RED CLOUD, JOHN, $45.90; EAGLE BULL, ANNETTE M, $43.00; ROSS, WILLIAM, $53.00;
FEATHER EARRING, TAMERA, $41.55; BLETHEN, RENE, $48.25; GARNETT, AQUALYNE, $64.00;
GOINGS, TANYA L, $71.00; ONE FEATHER,DELMAR, $187.02; BROKEN NOSE, LEROY, $44.50; PARTON, JOY, $32.00
JANIS, JENNIFER, $90.50; PUCKETT, DEREK, $24.15;
LONE HILL, TRINA, $20.70; ONE FEATHER,DELMAR, $105.00;
TOTAL $707,578.10

Dated this 28th day of September, 2007

Sue Ganje, County Auditor of Shannon County

The above balance reflects county monies, monies held in trust, and monies collected for and to be remitted to other entities; schools, towns and state.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve the minutes of September 7th, 2007. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve Jeffrey Not Help Him as Deputy County Coroner, effective October 5th, 2007. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to approve Terri Halls, Deputy Director of Equalization, travel to attend Annual Assessor's School in Pierre, October 1st to October 5th, 2007. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to approve Julie Graham, Election Clerk, travel to attend Election Training Workshop in Pierre, December 13th and 14th, 2007. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Auditor advised Board on the 2007 South Dakota Annual Distribution of Court Appointed Attorney monies; 2006 Expenditures 1,743.03; 2007 reimbursement of $174.39.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to approve reimbursement from Emergency Management to General Fund---$17,590.00. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to approve permanent part-time hire of David Mills Jr., as Deputy County Sheriff, at a rate of $12.00 per hour, effective October 5th, 2007. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Whirlwind Horse to approve Lyla Hutchison as Weed Board representative. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to remove the reserve for Mental Illness claims in the amount of $52,000.00, within the General Fund. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the current Weed Board, position of Weed sprayer, the Highway Department and the need to all work together. It was asked by the audience if Lynn Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, could also attend or be a member of the Board.

Lynn Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board on various issues. A listing was presented on County Roads and how much gravel has been put on each. A servicing report was presented, along with other data reports.

A change order was presented for approval.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve Change Order #1 for Project P6688 (00) and P8057 (00), increasing the project cost by $2,872 for a total cost of $2,616,534.04. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to approve the Amended Gravel Trucking Contract between Shannon County and Harry Fleming to allow for Progress payments. Payments of $8,325.00 will be made upon completion of 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, and 100% of hauling 5000 Tons of gravel. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Jeffrey Not Help Him, Sheriff, was present at this time, time being 12:15 p.m.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve travel for Lynn Bettelyoun to attend the Annual Highway Superintendent's Meeting in Rapid City on October 17th and October 18th, 2007. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to approve quote for tires for the 544B Loader in the amount of $1,977.80. All voting yes, the motion carried

A petition for Private Road Contract for the mowing of Batesland School Football and Track field was presented. The Auditor questioned this and wanted to check with the Department of Legislative Audit about the law and doing this kind of work for other Government Entities.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to tentatively approve the road contract with Shannon County School, with the condition that the Auditor receive approval from the Department of Legislative Audit on whether the County can do work for other governmental entities. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Bettelyoun requested approval for full time status for Kim Crawford and gave support for request. The subject of contacting the other local entities (school, town) for a shared night watchman was discussed.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to authorize the States Attorney to contact the Shannon County School and the Town of Batesland and create a contract for a shared night watchman. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Discussion continued on the request for Full time status on the employee. Suggestions were made on efficiency in the department and number of employees needed to do the job.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to increase Kim Crawford to full time status, effective immediately. All voting yes, the motion carried.

The Stockpile and Equipment Lease Agreement with the South Dakota Department of Transportation was presented. Bettelyoun voiced her objection on the contract which included cold starting equipment for short periods of time which can harm the loader and her desire to not lease equipment for someone else to run.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to reject the Stockpile and Lease Agreement with the South Dakota Department of Transportation for sand stockpile. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Fuel quotes were presented for 500 gallons of Unleaded and 1000 gallons of Diesel.
UNLEADED DIESEL
Westco, Bid, $2.749 per gallon and Bid, $2.711 per gallon
Muddy Creek, Bid, No Driver No Bids

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve fuel quote of Westco for Unleaded in the amount of $2.749 per gallon and Diesel at $2.711 per gallon. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Local residents voiced questions which included maintenance on roads that are on section lines, but not the County Road system, in which the law on petitioning to add roads was advised. Other roads were discussed along with questions on future projects. Also discussed was communications between local landowners and the Highway Department and Construction Company in reference to the current road project between Batesland and Wounded Knee.

A short break was taken at 1:10 p.m.

The Board continued at 1:20 p.m.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to enter into executive session for personnel, time being 1:25 p.m.

Came out, time being 1:55 p.m.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve the bills. All voting yes, the motion carried.

GENERAL
Comm. Salaries (5-Comm), September Salaries, $550.00;
Auditor's Office Salaries, September Salaries, 1,277.20;
Treasurer's Office Salaries, September Salaries, 1,275.66;
States Attorney Salary, September Salary, 825.00; Dir. Of Equal. Office Salaries, September Salaries, 1,267.75; Reg. of Deeds Office Salaries, September Salaries, 1,273.56; Vets Service Salary, September Salary, 900.36; Sheriff Salary , September Salary, 2,826.42;
Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, 661.46; Minnesota Child Support, Child Support, 130.00;
Shannon County Auditor, Sheriff Bills, 253.32;
South Dakota Retirement System, September Retirement, 1,113.62;
US Postal Service, Postage, 221.36;
Wells Fargo Bank, Sept/W/H/SS/MDCR, 1,622.68; Alltel, Phone, 84.17; Behavior Management, Mental Illness, 285.58; Bennett County Booster, Publishing, 178.51; BP, Gas, 479.84; Brown & Saenger, Supplies, 87.05; Coast to Coast Solutions, Supplies, 183.68; Deborah Rooks-Cook, Travel, 27.38; Culligan, Supplies, 10.00; Forney's Standard Service, Gas, 108.03; Great Western Tire Inc., Supplies, 59.95; Lakota Country Times, Publishing, 202.24; Matthew Bender, Supplies, 87.00;
McKie Ford, Inc., Car Maintenance, 385.12;
Pennington County Jail, Prisoner Care, 750.00;
Quill Corporation, Supplies, 161.95; Rapid City Regional Hospital, Mental Illness,3,480.00
Rapid Lube, Maintenance, 32.95;
Roubideaux, Vanessa, Travel, 19.24; Slate Creek Counseling, Mental Illness, 689.30;
Whirlwind Horse, Connie, Travel, 14.80;
Yellow Birds, Gas, 387.08; Hutchinson, Lyla, Travel, 14.80;
County Road and Bridge Fund CRBR-Construction, September Salaries, 10,798.39; Including Overtime for Lynx Bettelyoun, Overtime, 711.00; South Dakota Retirement, September Retirement, 440.91;
Wells Fargo Bank, Sept/W/H/SS/MDCR Tax, 1,652.14;
A&B Welding, Supplies, 31.00; Alltel, Phone, 7.32; Butler Machinery Co., Repair, 314.73;
California Contractors, Supplies, 885.00;
Culligan, Supplies, 30.60; Farm Plan, Repair, 1,491.76;
First Western Bank, Equipment, 838.84;
Great Plains Communication, Phone, 273.05;
Great Western Tire, Inc., Supplies, 1,658.20; Homestead Building, Supplies, 32.31; Husker Auto Parts, Supplies, 1,631.23; Menards, Supplies, 1,186.20;
Sioux Nation Shopping Center, Supplies, 71.99; Town of Batesland, Water, 70.00;
True Value, Supplies, 131.42; Vallette, David R., Equipment, 76.35;
Westco, Fuel, 3,653.45;
Western Communications, Utilities, 40.00;
Emergency Management EM Salary, September Salary, 323.00;
South Dakota Retirement System, September Retirement, 19.38;
Wells Fargo, Sept/W/H/SS/MDCR Tax, 49.40;

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to adjourn, time being 2:14 p.m.

ATTEST:
Connie Whirlwind Horse, Chairwoman
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All Bids must be received at Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing, Attn: Doyle Pipe On Head, Chief Contract Officer, P.O. Box 603, East Hwy. 18, Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770, no later than 4:00 p.m. Mountain standard time, Friday October 19, 2007.

Bids shall be submitted in triplicate in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Propane Bid."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Oglala Sioux Tribe of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, will receive bids until October 22, 2007 at the hour of 4:00 PM (MT) at the office of Dakota Engineering - a Kadrmas, Lee & Jack-son Partner, 330 Knollwood Drive, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701. The bid documents shall be sealed and endorsed, "OST Pavement Marking". This is for the furnishing of materials, labor, equipment and skill re-quired for the purpose of Pavement Marking, as is more fully described and set forth in the plans and specifi-cations, which are now on file in the office of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota and at the of-fice of Dakota Engineering. Bids shall be publicly opened and read on October 23, 2007 at the hour of 10:00 AM (MT) at the Oglala Sioux Tribe Property and Supply Office in Pine Ridge.

The proposed work includes the following items:

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Copies of the plans and specifications and other bidding and contract documents may be obtained from Dakota Engineering, 330 Knollwood Drive, PO Box 3416, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701.

All bids are to be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the work and materials, and each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or cashier's check or draft for five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, such check to be certified or issued by either a state or national bank and payable to the Oglala Sioux Tribe or in lieu thereof, a bidder's bond in a sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the full amount of the bid, executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to him, he, within ten (10) days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his bid and a contractor's bond as required by the laws of the State of South Dakota and the regulations and determinations of the Oglala Sioux Tribe of Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

The successful Bidder will be required to comply with all applicable federal labor laws including minimum wage rates decisions of the United States Department of Labor (Davis-Bacon Act) and the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The Contractor shall be required to comply with the terms and conditions of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, including Ordinance No. 92-13 of the Tribal Rights Employment Office (TERO), as contained in the speci-fication. The TERO Information sheets and Compliance Plan are included in the Specifications only for the Vendor's convenience, with all TERO documentation to be submitted to the proper TERO authorities listed in the documents. The Contractor must submit a letter stating proof of compliance to the Owner, copied to the Engineer, prior to commencing work. The Tribal Employment Rights Office can be contacted for ques-tions at (605) 867-5167.

The successful Bidder will not be required to pay the 4% TERO fee, as that will be paid by the Oglala Sioux Tribe Transportation Department based on the total bid amount.

Bidders are responsible for contacting the Tribe with regard to tribal taxes laws and the business license fee and other requirements. The taxes include contractor's excise, sales and use taxes, additional information is included in the specifications. For more information, contact the Oglala Sioux Tribe Revenue Department, PO Box 363, Pine Ridge, SD 57770 and (605) 867-5821.

This contract includes a Native American Preference. If a Native American contractor's bid is less than five percent higher than a non-native American contractor's bid, the contract may be awarded to the Native Ameri-can Contractor. Firms or individuals seeking such preference must submit evidence of Indian ownership and control in the sealed bid envelope.

The work shall be completed by December 15, 2007 based on an award date of November 5, 2007.

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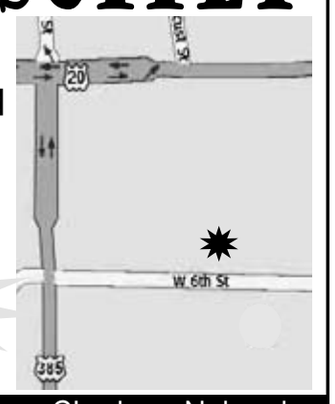
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OCT 16	EAGLE NEST SENIOR CENTER	11AM -12:30 PM	50 & Older
OCT 17	BATESLAND COLLEGE CENTER	11 AM – 1 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 17	MARTIN OEH	10 AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 17	Wounded Knee Community Center	11AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 18	WANBLEE PHN OFFICE	8 AM - 4 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 18	OGLALA CHR OFFICE	10 AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 18	RED SHIRT SCHOOL	1 PM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 18	ALLEN CLINIC	10 AM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 19	Kyle PHN Office at Kyle Health Center	11:30 AM- 1PM	ALL AGES
OCT 22	Kyle PHN Office at Kyle Health Center	10 AM -12 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 22	ALLEN CLINIC	1 PM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 23	PORCUPINE CLINIC	11AM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 24	BATESLAND COLLEGE CENTER	11AM – 1 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 30	PORCUPINE CLINIC	11AM – 3 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 30	LACREEK CAP	1 PM - 3 PM	ALL AGES

November

NOV 1, 8, 15, 29	PINE RIDGE PHN OFFICE	12:30-4:30PM	4 YRS & Older
NOV 5	ALLEN CLINIC	1 PM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 6 & 13, 20, 27	PORCUPINE CLINIC	11 AM – 3 PM	ALL AGE
NOV 8	OGLALA CAP	10 AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 8	MANDERSON CLINIC	11 AM- 1 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 14	Wounded Knee Community Center	11 AM – 1 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 15	RED SHIRT SCHOOL	2 PM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 5,29	Kyle PHN Office at Kyle Health Center	10AM -12 PM	ALL AGES

December

DEC 3, 14	Kyle PHN Office at Kyle Health Center	10AM - 12 Noon	ALL AGES
DEC 4, 11, 18	PORCUPINE CLINIC	11AM – 3 PM	ALL AGES
DEC 6	MANDERSON CLINIC	11AM - 1 PM	ALL AGES
DEC 6	OGLALA CHR OFFICE	10 AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
DEC 6, 13, 20	Pine Ridge PHN Office	12:30 PM-4:30 PM	4 YRS & Older
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Jenn

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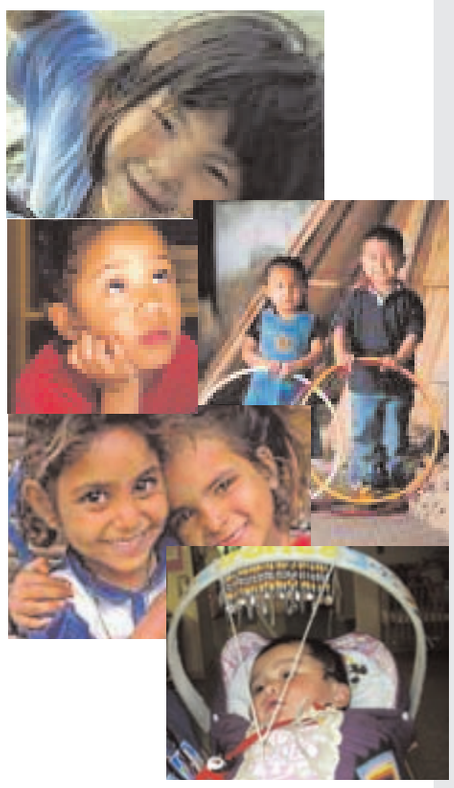
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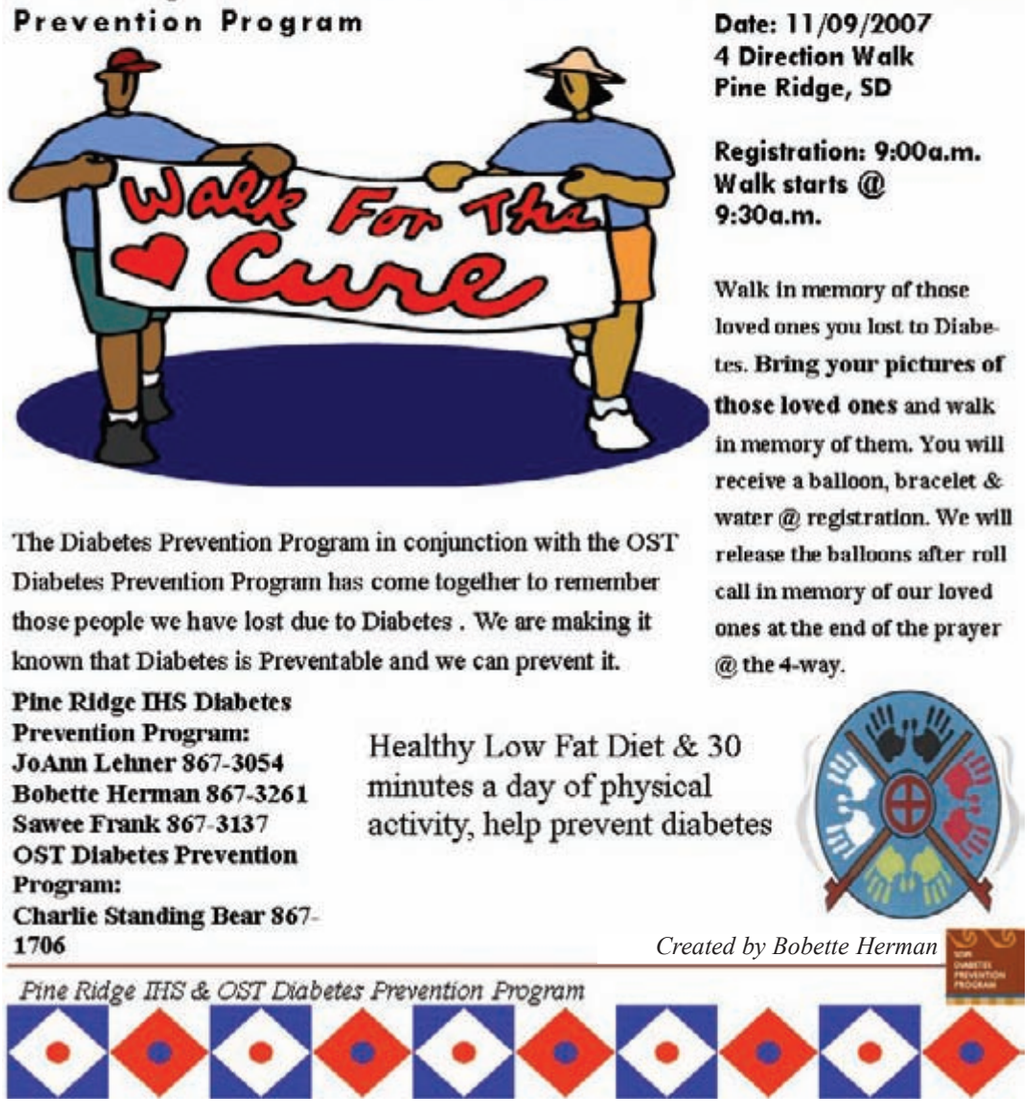


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Getting ready for Halloween

PINE RIDGE - All ready for Halloween at Pine Ridge. Lee and Tiny DeCory's house is decked for Halloween with yard decorations, window coverings and spooks here and there. Take the time to teach your children about Halloween safety, to check their trick or treats, practice traffic safety and don't stay out too late.

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LOWO working to assume services of Department of Social Services

By Ivan F. Starr
Special to the Times

Analysis

PINE RIDGE - Sixteen years ago, the St. Paul Public School's Board of Education spent $3 million to open a new school with the idea of addressing their "Indian" student's high dropout rates and low academic achievement levels. As the school's Cultural Resource Specialist, I found myself sort of holding my breath for the three years I worked there.

I was thoroughly convinced that I would not see such a school in my lifetime; I could not wholly accept this new educational development. My apprehension has deep roots in the racial bigotry and apathy affecting the better part of my life.

I could not help but think that the BOE would realize they had made a grave mistake and close the school down.

Mounds Park All-Nations School is still going though. It houses two schools: the World Cultures and Languages (K-6) and the American Indian Languages and Cultures (K-8).

At this time, I have yet to find out if the

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Rosebud's Turtle Creek Crossing grocery store becoming reality

$5 million dedicated for building

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

MISSION - Rosebud Sioux tribal president, Rodney M. Bordeaux, and his Chief of Staff, Michael LaPointe hosted a ground breaking for the Turtle Creek Crossing tribal grocery store last Friday. A host of invited guests came together at a location approximately two miles west and on the north side of U. S. Highway 18.

RST council representatives Ken LaDeaux, Cyril "Whitey" Scott and RST treasurer, Mary Greaves also were on hand to break ground as well as RST vice-president, Louis Wayne Boyd.

Jeanie Faber of Sen. Thune's Sioux Falls office addressed the gathering and noted that the senator was in Washington, D.C. and will be here when the grand opening for the store is held.

As a tribal grocery store it could have been located in the agency town of Rosebud, however, the relatively heavy flow of daily traffic on Highway 18 warrants its location as an ideal outlet.

The name "Turtle Creek Crossing" is an original designation by the RST tribal council as the future store is to be constructed close to an area where painted turtles are known to cross the highway during certain times of the year.

LaPointe emceed the event, while calling upon Sicangu medicine man Roy Stone to offer an invocation as way of blessing the location in the Lakota way. The four directions song or tatuya topa olowan was also sung. LaPointe said, "The goal is to develop the economy and keep the money here. There is $132 million in personal income generated here and 84 percent of it leaves here. The store represents what we want to do."

The Sicangu Lakota Warriors posted the colors and their presence and contribution was acknowledged by LaPointe.

Officials from Super Valu were also invited as well as representatives from the

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RST tribal officials participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new tribal grocery store, Turtle Creek Crossing, last Friday along with officials from the state and other entities. L-R: RST president, Rodney M. Bordeaux; RST vice-president, Louis Wayne Boyd; Rosebud council representative, Ken LaDeaux; Antelope representative, Cyril "Whitey" Scott, Kevin Tveidt of South Dakota Transportation and Jeannie Faber of Sen. Thune's office. PHOTO BY ARCHIE B. BEAUVAIS

Sen. Johnson updates tribal chairmen on federal funding bills

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent



L-R: President of Rosebud tribe Rodney Bordeaux, Mike Jandreau, chairman of Lower Brule tribe and other tribal chairmen met with Sen. Johnson to discuss federal legislation affecting tribes.

RAPID CITY - South Dakota Senator Tim Johnson met with tribal leaders recently in Rapid City to update them on federal funding bills currently moving through Congress.

The private meeting was held at Johnson's invitation. John Yellowbird Steele, president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, said afterward that Johnson talked with them for about an hour and said President George W. Bush would likely veto certain spending bills affecting Native tribes.

Reauthorization for the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act has been approved by the Indian Affairs committee and will soon be brought up by banking. Johnson serves on both committees.

If this version of the act is passed, funding will continue for housing block grants, and tribes will have greater flexibility in self-governance, according to Charles Galbraith, Johnson's legislative assistant in his Washington, D.C. office.

Reauthorization of the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act is also under consideration by the Senate and has passed both finance and Indian affairs committees. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has promised to get the bill to the floor of the Senate before the end of the year, Galbraith said.

The IHIA act authorizes

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RST grocery store

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South Dakota Department of Transportation. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation, Kevin Tveidt, was accompanied by June Hanson and engineer Doug Sherman.

Other local guests included Kelly Grimshaw of Goldenwest Communication s, Paul Szabo of Soldier Woman Art Gallery who is on the REDCO board, Lionel Bordeaux, President of Sinte Gleska University, Sherry Neiss of SGU, Trent Poignee and others.

President Bordeaux illustrated the timeline in developing the store. He said, "This started out with input from community members. It needed major funding and REDCO was already creating a corridor here. We contacted Shakopee in March 2006 and they were interested in assistance to the tribe. It took half a year to get to this point."

Bordeaux said that Shakopee provided a $2 million loan and two grants totaling $2 million. RST has $5 million toward the project and on Tuesday the tribal council will consider the loan. Tveidt said that Governor Michael Rounds authorized a total of $300 thousand for the construction of an approach that will allow customers to safely turn in to the business from the highway.

Bordeaux also said, "This is the first step in the process. Other businesses will also be built here. It will keep our money on the reservation. REDCO will be in charge."

After the ceremony all those in attendance were invited to the RST council chambers for a lunch of buffalo stew and wajopi.

Sen. Johnson

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Indian Health Services and all tribal health programs and gives tribes access to other federal health programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, according to Elli Wicks, Johnson's tribal liaison in the Rapid City office.

An amendment in the Senate version of the bill addresses an objection South Dakota tribes had to the IHIA act, that urban Indian entities were consulted on an equal basis with tribes, Galbraith said. The new version provides that the federal government will consult tribes and confer with other groups, a distinction that grants more power to the tribes, he said.

The bills vulnerable to veto are those appropriations that exceed amounts Bush laid out in his February budget, Galbraith said.

Funding for law enforcement, including tribal police, stands to be vetoed this year, Galbraith said. Those funds include the Edward Byrne Formula Grant and the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, which bolster local and state law enforcement agencies' budgets for training, equipment, technology, and crime reduction.

Money has been earmarked for four South Dakota tribes-Oglala Sioux, Cheyenne River, Standing Rock, and Rosebud-to supplement their law enforcement funding through BIA, he said. That funding could be lost if a veto stands.

Johnson said after the meeting that consulting with tribes is "essential to the protection of tribal sovereignty." Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal President Josh Weston said during the meeting that the BIA fails to adequately consult tribes, and Johnson said in response, "Congress will need to examine policies to ensure that consultation is respected and meaningful, if the BIA cannot do so on their own."

Steele said Johnson thanked the chairmen for their prayers and friendship and said he's back to work now. Monday's meeting marked the first time the senator met with the chairmen since the brain hemorrhage that had kept Johnson out of commission since December 2006, Steele said.

Diva for a Day



Tara Azure does a makeover at the Diva Day in Rapid City on Friday, Oct. 19.

KYLE - For the last three years, the Sacred Circle and Cangleska, Inc. and other organizations have sponsored a Diva Day at Rapid City at the Mother Butler Center. On Friday, Oct. 19, more than 200 women took part in the Diva Day. Those that attended were able to be eligible for door prizes, eat a delicious lunch and visited booths of either getting a manicure, acupuncture, getting a massage, getting their hair done or getting a make over.

For the first time this year, Cangleska will be sponsoring a Diva Day at Kyle on Monday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lakota Express building atop the hill, west of the Kyle Health Center. Norma Rendon, of Cangleska, said there will people available for makeovers, massages, ear channeling, hair styling and Anna Bee will be available for physic readings. Call 455-2244 for more information. The Diva Days are part of Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Wanblee man pleads not guilty to sexually abusing 6-year-old

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) _ A Wanblee man pleaded not guilty in federal court to two counts of aggravated sexual abuse involving a 6-year-old girl, according to federal prosecutors.

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The crimes happened in January and February in Wanblee on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, according to the indictment.

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The B.E.A.R. Project is currently looking for fun, energetic, outgoing people that love to perform. Various events have been planned throughout the reservation and surrounding areas. Costumes will be provided for activities that include birthday parties, school functions, and various fun and appealing to children.
If you are interested please call 454-0518 and ask for Tiny DeCory.

32nd Lakota Nation Invitational

Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 19-22 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, 16 high school team boy's basketball tournament, 16 team girl's basketball tournament, wrestling, hand games, knowledge bowl, language competition, for information contact Bryan Brewer at Pine Ridge School.

Oglala Boxing Smoker

It's time to rumble! The Oglala Boxing Smoker will be held Nov. 3 at the Oglala Rec-Center. Weigh ins will be at noon to 3 p.m. For more information contact
Marvin Janis at 867-2664.

4th Annual Veterans Day Celebration

On Nov. 11, there will be a Our Warriors First celebration at the Crazy Horse School. Grand entries will be at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. First four drums will be paid. There will be specials in the different categories. For more information contact Ruth Brown at 454-5273 or Elroy Cross at 441-8154.

Child and family

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school made a difference in the negative statistics that have plagued "Indian" students since the beginnings of this new nation.

From the concern and the advice of a parent group, the BOE studied the situation and found that the reason "Indian" students were falling through the floor boards of academia was that, in a basic sense, "Indians" are omitted from society. To counter that, the school placed Native America at the core of its curriculum.

Today, I find myself again holding my breath regarding a new law - the Child and Family Code - enacted by our tribal council on May 2, 2007. It is truly an original, a groundbreaking first, and a landmark tribal legislation. However, after learning what the new code entailed, I cannot help but think that our legislature will realize what it has done and rescind it.

Let me explain. Since 1935, our constitutional form of government negatively affected the majority of Lakota people. This system is alien; it does not come from the people. Consequently, a significant number of Lakota remain reluctant to accept it.

Similar to the public school experience, the new tribal law placed the ancient tiospaye in the forefront.

The public school and this new law have a common bond; both have risen out of the plight of "Indian" children.

As we all know, state agencies have been very active in extinguishing parental rights in child neglect and abuse cases and placing our children in non-Lakota homes. According to the enrollment office, we have children spanning four generations out there.

The idea of bringing this long-standing atrocity to a halt began with concerned Lakota parents and professionals on the Pine Ridge. Development of the new law consumed about seven years, from the initial discussions to the final enactment into law.

In a distinctive sense, Lakota thought, philosophy, and spiritual advice and guidance are central in the structure of the law.

However, the law's intent to end the continuing exodus of children to non-Lakota families is rather conditional on the people.

In other words, tribal members must now make an effort to understand the law. People must relearn the history of their tiospaye; the law requires it. Essentially, this law could also end the unappealing lifestyle we have been living for 72-years.

Knowing one's lineal origins has a reversing and uplifting effect on our current enervative lifestyle. For one, it establishes that distinct Lakota identity. Unfortunately, many do not know what tiospaye they come from.

Not all is lost though as we have a significant number of Lakota people who managed to retain the old way of living. They are now a precious resource.

Some of these people are now actively involved as Tiospaye Interpreters. However, we cannot let these people carry all of our responsibilities. We must now become accountable for our own future. We can no longer rely on the Bureau of Indian Affairs or that mystical someone to come and fix things for us.

As one of the Tiospaye Interpreters, I managed to introduce the new law to school board members, government officials, and the community elder's group in Oglala District. I have seen a mixed reaction from these few people. Most are cautiously receptive to it; a few appeared distressed.

Under the new law, a new tribal child protection services provider, Lakota Oyate Wakanyeja Owicakiyapi is to assume the services of the current Department of Social Services, a state agency. That transition has been in progress since May 2.

Although DSS is still active on the reservation, it is steadily transitioning its services and funding over to LOWO.

LOWO has hired new caseworkers to take on these duties and is currently doing "shadow" work during this transitional period. After January, LOWO will be the primary agency to provide those same services in lieu of the DSS with some major exceptions; LOWO will not take part in terminating parental rights or send children away.

Since May 2, representatives from a variety of tribal agencies have been busy developing new interagency relationships in their effort to comply with the new law: our tribal court system, Public Safety Commission, ONTRAC, First Responders (Ambulance Service), the tribal Enrollment Office, and others I may not have seen yet.

It seems however, due to some miscommunication, public safety and the court have experienced a minor setback.

In addition, all our reservation schools seem to be in need of similar training to help comply with the law. The Oglala Nation Education Consortium recently expressed an interest in learning about the law, particularly, the Tiospaye Interpreters.

I offer here some highlights regarding the interpreters. One key aspect of the law involves Tiospaye Interpreters.

We supposedly have 50-plus traditional tiospaye on the reservation; accordingly, we should have as many Tiospaye Interpreters.

This requires an unprecedented development; the Lakota are now required by tribal law to revive their tiospaye.

Each tiospaye must designate an interpreter whose role is to interpret provisions of the Code between the tiospaye member and the appropriate tribal agencies. LOWO provides the interpreter with training and certification. Then, the Tiospaye Interpreter is to be involved in the resolution process as the official point of contact, a go-between.

The new law specifically requires traditional resolution of all child and family issues. All entities involved in managing the welfare of children within tribal jurisdiction are required to encourage traditional processes to resolve the situation.

This means when a child is found to be in need, it will be resolved locally in accordance with the traditions of the Oyate.

The law also defines some non-traditional processes that will be implemented only in the event that a tiospaye cannot ensure a child's safety. This authority rests with the tribal Attorney General.

This means we can no longer sit around complaining about our problems and pointing fingers; we have to get up and start working to reorganize our tiospaye.

The law clearly specifies the purpose of the Tiospaye Interpreters, as well as their functions.

They are directly involved in the investigation and referral processes of reported child neglect/abuse responsibilities of all tribal entities.

They are integral of the required collaborative effort to develop and implement these new procedures.

For a Tiospaye Interpreter to be effective in this role, he or she must be culturally competent.

We must understand that although this development is unexpected, the tiospaye has always had a major role in defending the child. In other words, it is nothing new. We just have to pick up the pieces scattered about by the newcomer to our land.

Oregon school officials pan proposal to ban Indian mascots

SALEM, Ore. (AP) _ A state panel heard strongly negative reviews Tuesday from local school officials about a proposal to ban Indian high school mascots from about 15 Oregon schools.

Some Indian leaders consider the use of Indian mascots, logos and team nicknames as offensive. So state school officials are considering a recommendation to force schools to get rid of them by September 2011.

During several hours of testimony, however, officials from those schools argued that there's no evidence that use of such mascots or symbols creates any problem and that it would be costly from districts to have to remove them.

``We have no data to show that this causes harm,'' said Lee Paterson, superintendent for the Roseburg School District, where high school teams are called ``the Indians.''

In fact, Paterson and other officials said the Indian students at those schools take a sense of pride in having their schools known by such symbols and that the community as a whole supports them as well.

The question was raised in Oregon last December, when then-high school senior Che Butler, a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, urged the Oregon State Board of Education to strike down the mascots as racist.

After Tuesday's hearing, Butler said that despite the school officials' assertions that the use of Indian mascots hasn't caused problems, he and other Indians feel demeaned and insulted by their use.

The proposal to do away the Indian mascots and nicknames came after months of closed hearings by an advisory panel to state School Superintendent Susan Castillo, who hasn't indicated when she plans to issue a decision in the dispute.

White Face accepts Austrian award

By Anna Bee
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Charmane White Face flew to Salzburg, Austria on Monday, Oct. 15, to accept the Nuclear Free Future Award for Resistance. White Face is a coordinator for the Defenders of the Black Hills, a South Dakota non profit organization that works to keep the Black Hills environmentally protected and to help remind people of the original tenants of 1868 Treaty.

The NFFA recognized White Face for her particular concern, organization and activity especially regarding the protest work to prevent further uranium mining in the upper Midwest region and to clean up all of the abandoned mines and wells.

White Face said, " There are thousands of locations, thousands of abandoned uranium mines and wells. The wind carries the radioactive dust from these abandoned mines all over the region."

White Face adds, "When we breath that radio active dust in, then we are very prone to cancer and in So. Dakota; cancer is the second largest cause of death."

White Face has a double major bachelors degree in biology and physical science awarded from Black Hills State University. White Face also says, "the abandoned wells, greater than 7000 in number, go down to 800 feet and were never capped or marked.



Charmain White Face was awarded teh Nuclear Free Future Award for Resistance on Oct. 15.

This leads to cross contamination of under-ground water through adulteration with uranium or other radio active particles."

White Face said that the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association had passed a resolution declaring all the reservations in North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska to be nuclear free areas. White Face previously gave the GPTCA several presentations and they voted to make the area nuclear free. Says White Face, "This gives ammunition to the tribal attorneys to stop any more nuclear pollution from entering our reservations."

There are three awards being given by the Mott Foundation and the country of Austria: Dr. Martin from Germany is recognized with a $10,000 award for his participation in education about nuclear problems, The Mayors Committee from Japan is being given a $10,000 award for special recognition in the area of nuclear peace and White Face is being awarded $10,000 in the area of resistance against nuclear activity.

White Face said, "I am going to give my award to the Defenders of the Black Hills so they may continue our work, especially here in South Dakota."

For further information on how you may be able to help or sponsor the Defenders of the Black Hill's activity to protect the people from further devastation exposure to radio active mines and water please write:

bhdefend ers@msn.com or

P.O. Box 2003, Rapid City, S.D. 57709.



Keeping it *"legal"*

PIERRE - On October 11, 2007 Amanda Takes War Bonnett, Owner and Editor of the Lakota Country Times, along with Connie Blanco, Business Manager and Marketing Director, personally delivered their South Dakota Legal Newspaper Ownership Form in Pierre to Secretary of State Chris Nelson (center) and Marianne Gabriel (left) Trademark/Notary/Lobbyist Administrator.

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A day of healing set for Nov. 24

EAGLE BUTTE - Oglala Lakota College's Cheyenne River center will be hosting a day of healing. The event is sponsored by Emanuel Red Bear's Lakota history class and will be held on Nov. 24.

The event is a class project for people on the Cheyenne River Reservation for those who need some sort of healing. The class has come to a consensus the historical trauma has affected the generation today from alot of things that are affecting our Lakota people today.

There has been alot of tragedies, accidents, deaths, grudges, jealousies, diseases that our people are dealing with on a daily basis just to survive. The class will invite medicine men, Lakota elders to talk to those who need a prayer or healing from something in their daily lives.

The "Day of Healing" and a potluck dinner will be part of the event. Red Bear, an adjunct faculty instructor says, "This has been very much needed in all reservations throughout history but I hope our Lakota history class sets a precedence for all other reservations and students."

OST emergency youth shelter now accepting clients

PINE RIDGE - The Oglala Sioux Emergency Youth Shelter has been accepting clients as of Monday, Oct. 15.

The OST EYS was recently licensed and is ready to provide services to runaway and homeless youth from ages 12-17 years old.

The shelter is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The center is located south of the old Indian Health Service hospital on the dirt road leading to the fire department.

The center has a maximum capacity of 10 beds.

The shelter offers supportive services to mandated care plans, cultural activities, weekend field trips and other reward based incentives for clients.

The staff provides healthy meals and activities for our youth.

It is the goal of the EYS to teach youth how to have a full and self-sustaining life in spite of the many obstacles they face through the beliefs and practices of our Lakota way of life.

For more information on services and placement contact our office at 605-867-2515.



Walk to Iraq and Back update

PINE RIDGE - A Labor Day walk was recently held in conjunction with a Drew LeBeau memorial walk. The Walk to Iraq and Back committee met Oct. 23 at noon at the Health Administration conference room located on the second floor of the old IHS facility in Pine Ridge. All interested parties are encouraged to be a part of the Walk To Iraq event. Also, all teams need to get their mileage logs in to Freda or Pauletta so they can tally how many miles there are for the display. Please email logs to pauletta34@hotmail.com or fax to Freda at 605-867-2063. For more info on the meeting or the walk contact Pauletta at 454-1111 or Freda at 441-2420.

Halloween carnival October 28

MARTIN - There will be a Halloween Carnival held Sunday, Oct. 28 at the LaCreek CAP building from 1 to 4 p.m.

The carnival is sponsored by the Lacreek District, Bennett County Johnson O'Malley Program. For more information call 685-6645.

Sicangu Nation treaty and sovereignty rights meeting Nov. 2

ST. FRANCIS - A treaty meeting will be held at Digmann Hall in St. Francis on Nov. 2 and 3 beginning at 9 a.m. with an opening prayer and welcome address. Opening statements will begin at 10 a.m. by invited guests and treaty members.

The issues to be discussed include, water rights, water issues on the Rosebud, legal matters - tribal to federal courts, the Cobell case, treaties and the I.R.A. government, the oyate and tokala societies.

Invited guests include, Syed Huq, RST water resources department, RST tribal president, RST vice-president, RST tribal council, Black Hills Sioux Nation treaty council, Oceti treaty members, RST treaty office, Eric Gronlund, SD Water Rights, Steven Pirner, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Calvin Waln, TLE Director.

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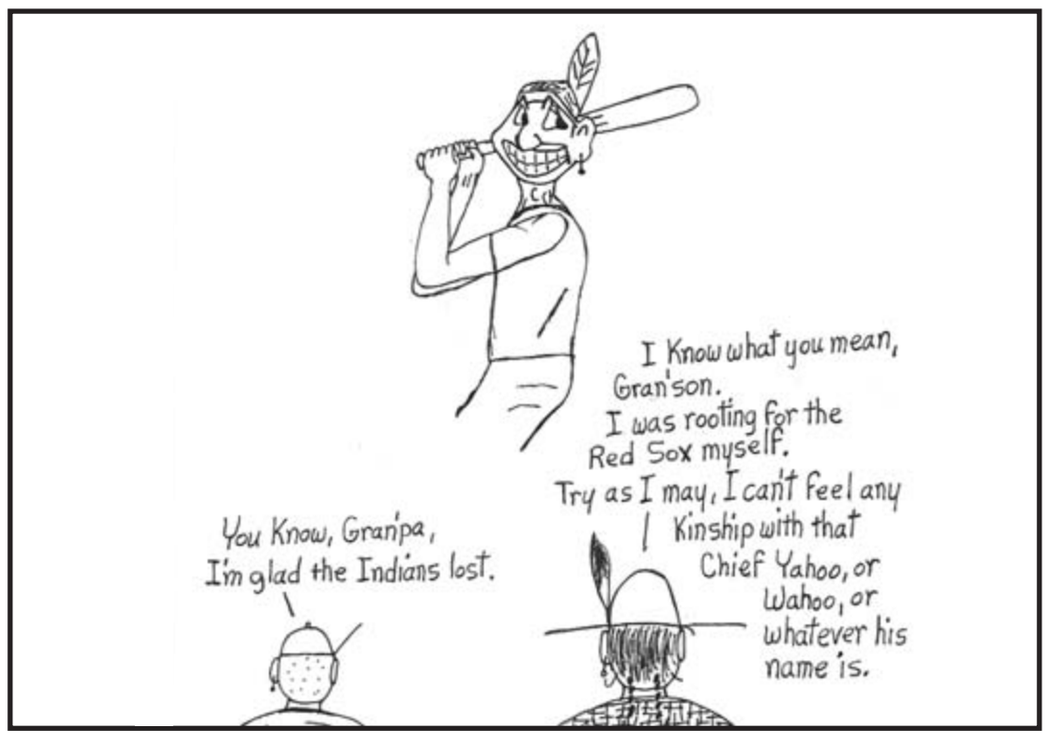
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Lakota Wicoiye

By Frances Apple

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Hoka Hey
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Editor's Note *The translation for the above article will be published next week.*

Finding My Voice

By Dana Lonehill

You can count on your family for a good laugh



Dana Badmilk

I realized when I have writer's block, all I have to do is look to my family for a story. (I can just see cousins cringing right now, but this is my immediate family, calm down.) I don't even have to go back in the memory bank too far, it was less than a year ago.

About a day or two after my step dad died, I was at my mom's helping her cook and clean since people were stopping by and she wasn't in the mood. I hadn't much sleep, as did anyone else.

We were basically like walking zombies.

So my mom wanted me to make something with biscuits. You know the instant biscuits, that come in the paper can. Well, I have a fear of anything that pops, balloons, guns, 4th of July and so on. And those biscuits cans make a loud noise when you open them.

Anyway, I asked my sister Jaida to open the can, she starts slowly to pull the paper. I plug my ears, yet can't take my eyes off the soon to be explosion. Jaida then hands it off to Jenna, now mind you Jaida is an Amazon and was then 18. Jenna is an Amazon in the making and at the time 13. Jenna throws it to Jonna and says, "You wanted biscuits, now open it!" Jonna grabs the paper and pulls. Nothing happens, no pop.

So while us three older sisters are scrambling around telling our baby 11-year old sister to use a spoon, Jenna runs and grabs a spoon. Jaida and I have our ears plugged at this time and Jenna runs out of the room.

Jonna finally notices we are watching and waiting for something as she digs in the crack of the can with the spoon, she must have let a little air in.

She looks at us with her huge Liz Taylor eyes and says "What's going on?"

It was then Jaida and I notice the can getting bigger by the second and Jaida screams "JONNA!!! NOOO!" Jonna throws the can to our brother Jesse, who was 21 and just happened to be walking by.

He is totally caught off guard as the rest of us watch the can grow with our ears plugged. "Huh?" he proclaims as he watches us and walks like a toy soldier with his legs straight and the ticking time bomb held out from hisbody.

pop

It explodes in his hand and he slowly marches in a circle and falls over.

All us girls laugh so hard at him. It was as if it was a grenade and all because of the fear of a pop, that really wasn't that loud.

He gets up and hands me the can and dusts himself off.

Later when I recount every detail of our drama to our mom, she just says "What the heck did I get all you drama queens from, anyway?"

We all know we got it from her, but on that day, I think we needed that laughter.

You can always count on your family for a good laugh, the bad thing about this story is I was 34 at the time.

Dana Badmilk is a 35 year old self employed artist who recently moved back to the Pine Ridge Reservation. She lives there with her husband and four children. She can be read at her blog http://danasvoice. blogspot.com.



Our Views

Looking back over three years

The times are tough economically and socially for the communities which we serve. Lakota enterprises kind of mirrors the struggle which all of us are experiencing with the influences that we see from within our borders and beyond. The Lakota Country Times has obediently jumped through all of the hoops that are required in order to fulfill the designation as an official *Legal* paper by the powers that be.

We have published 52 issues consistently in each of the last three years, we are fully licensed to do business on the Rosebud *and* Pine Ridge reservations and we have a U.S. Postal Permit designating we are *"legal"* with the United States government and allows us to do our *"legal"* mailing, and on October 18, 2007 we personally delivered our *Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership* to Chris Nelson, South Dakota Secretary of State, so South Dakota will consider us a *"legal"* newspaper. The only people we have to pursuade now is the SDNA and they won't listen to us until March of *next year*.

Despite the apparent roadblocks which we have faced over the course of publishing for three years, we have persevered and will continue to deliver a professional product to Lakota people, they expect it, they deserve it.

We, in a sense, are a community newspaper for Pine Ridge, Rosebud and surrounding areas. We have a fair amount of support from businesses and local schools that support our effort to give readers of all ages a fair and balanced perspective of news which is timely and relevant to Lakota people. We like to say that our newspaper integrates a sense of "Lakota spirit" and we deliver!

In these last three years, we have had our struggles learning to be successful entrepreneurs and we have had our positive impacts. But mostly, we have had barriers that we overcame and will continue to do so.

There have been times we have conflicted with ignorant thinking people who still have that red neck mentality of where they think Indian people should be.

The newspaper business is about giving people information which will impact their lives in concrete terms.

It is about providing Lakota people with information which will keep them informed about community events, assist them in being better readers and respectful and mindful of the daily struggles which we all share. It's about literacy! Literacy strengthens our families and we can use more strength in these trying times. It's about being a truly good communication tool to link information to our communities that will help them in their daily lives.

We appreciate the work of our competitors also, for as everyone knows competition makes all of us better. Lakota people are very sophisticated in the news that they expect from a paper that delivers stories, official minutes of school board proceedings, color enhancement and unique graphic design and layout, and family literacy projects.

We appreciate our readers both locally and via the world-wide web which approaches some 20,000 "hits" each month, including 33 countries and territories, many of those originating from foreign readers who appreciate the uniqueness of a Lakota worldview.

Most of all, we appreciate the work of all of the dedicated "Times" staff as we, together, conscientiously strive to meet our deadline each week. Editor, Amanda Takes War Bonnett and business manager Connie Smith-Blanco, two Oglala Lakota women, are owners and entrepreneurs who are now seasoned veterans in the business arena. Manuel Blanco works in graphic design and circulation and is equally as dedicated to seeing the paper succeed.

The professional and creative work that our correspondents and photographers support us with each week is at the heart of what we do and which defines us as a unique and relevant publication. We strive to report news which is culturally sensitive to Lakota people and is never objectionable.

We appreciate the people at the Rapid City Journal printing plant, they do a terrific job of printing the paper, to the people in their mailing room who make sure our paper gets to the post office boxes in a timely manner and to the guys in the two distribution companies who make sure our paper is delivered to hundreds of vendors on time.

We really appreciate Anne Hunter of Kyle and her creative skill in developing our webpage. We also express our appreciation to Jason Walters who re-designed our company logo. And to the Lakota Women for Change who voiced their support for the *Lakota Country Times*, on the Rosebud reservation and for their endorsement we will be forever grateful.

A Sicangu Perspective

By Lydia Whirlwind Soldier

Gifts we cannot transcend



I was fortunate to visit the Colville Confederaed reservation in Washington State. The 12 Confederated tribes still own 1.3 million acres of land. If the mountains and Columbia River could recount the captivating stories, the history of the Tribes now known as the Colville Confederated Tribes what would they tell us. I wish I could have witnessed net fishing as I traveled along the Columbia River. This is the same river that Lewis and Clark traversed on their journey to the Pacific and where they bought salmon from the local tribes. I saw tall and beautiful lodge pole pines as I traveled over mountain passes and wished that I could bring some home.

The Colville Confederated Tribes experienced the loss of their homes and land like many other river tribes when the government built the Grand Coulee Dam on their reservation. Well-rehearsed government justifications for flooding their tribal homeland separated them from their fertile river bottom and their secure cultural seasonal fishing that had been their livelihood for centuries. It is said that at one time, salmon were so numerous on the Columbia that the fish seemed to jump into the hand held nets of men who stood over the river on fishing planks. In my mind's eye, I could almost imagine what it was like, children happily playing while the women busily cleaned and dried salmon and prepared for

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Thoughts that come from the heart
By Amanda Takes War Bonnett

Watching the big leagues



On Sunday, there were probably a whole lot of Navajos glued to their television sets as the Boston Red Sox and the Cleveland Indians battled the last game of the American League championship baseball series at Fenway Park in Boston to see which team will go on to the World Series against the Colorado Rockies. The Boston Red Sox won.

I know I was glued to the TV and I rarely get excited by sports, except for high school basketball and occasionally football.

But on Sunday, I couldn't break away from the television, except for commercials. Why this game? Jacoby Ellsbury was playing. He is a 24-year old Navajo who followed his dream to play in the major league and was drafted by the Boston Red Sox. His sign-on contract was $1.4 million. He is a good outfielder and is very athletic. Good enough to make it to the major league and will now play in the World Series. He will play in Game One in the first game of the series on Wednesday evening. The Red Sox are known to be one of the last major league teams to integrate until 2003.

Ellsbury, who played center field during Oregon State's run to the 2005 College World Series, will play the same spot for the Red Sox in this year's 2007 World Series.

Ellsbury made it big with determination and with his quickness. He loves baseball. He is also very handsome.

He is a member of the Colorado River Indians Tribe and grew up in Oregon. He has three brothers and his mother Majorie McCabe Ellsbury is a full blood Navajo who is fluent in her language. Marjorie works as a special education teacher. His father is non-Indian and lives near Warm Springs, Ore.

According to Jacoby's aunt, the family can trace its roots back to Ganado Mucho. Mucho was a prominent Navajo during the 19th century - a cattleman and a peacemaker.

The mainstream media couldn't quite get ir right, placing Jacoby in several tribes and one news article listed his mother as a rug weaver and his father as a sliversmith. Which is basic stereotyping for Navajo people. His mother found that amusing.

He's Native American and he is in the big leagues and that is what made it fun to watch the Red Sox beat the Cleveland Indians. And being the silent activist I am, I find the Cleveland Indians mascot disdainful. It's an ugly caricature of a Native American brave, Chief Wahoo. The whole mascot issue is a different matter though and I don't want to taint this painting of two great role models.

Ellsbury isn't the first Native American to hit the big leagues, Joba Chamberlain, Winnebago, grew up in Lincoln, raised by his father Harlan, now pitches for the New York Yankees.

So two of the finest Native American baseball prospects have arrived on the national scene within the same time frame with dazzling skills, energy and determination they will display in the big leagues.

Both are good role models to Native American youth, to prove that they can make it to the big leagues too, whether it is basketball, baseball or football.

The World Series is going to be exciting to watch this year.

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the approaching winter months. Like all other things in life I imagine they had hardships yet it was their unique way of life.

I visited Chief Joseph's grave not far the Colville tribal offices. I had an incredible sad feeling yet I thought what would this indigenous world be like without the memory of Chief Joseph? I saw gifts left on his tombstone, track ribbons and medals left by young athletes, a medal left by a Vietnam veteran, beautiful rocks, and other treasures for a Chief who will never be forgotten for the sacrifices he made for his people. A Chief who contributed in part to the realization and faith in who I am. Who as a prisoner of war was not allowed to return to his home even after death, but again maybe this was his wish to be buried among his relatives who were in captivity with him.

We can lament the great losses our people experienced, despite it all we know that as Native people we will survive. Yes, modern ways may have appeal and have a place in our world but this tribe has yet to be separated from their deeply embedded traditional family ways. Families still gather to harvest huckleberries, camas and other gifts of nature. I experienced for the first time the wonderful huckleberry bread yet a restaurant that offered fresh salmon could not be found.

This trip was memorable. I am grateful to nature for the wonders of awe-inspiring scenery. A landscape that alternates from desert to wheat fields, sky colored waters, and the natural beauty of the plant nation. I am thankful for the blessings and whisperings of Unci Maka, the mountains, massive cliffs, ravines, and valleys. I do not feel small in this scheme of nature, but grateful to be part of it all - to see the crimson colors of the ceremony of fall once again. There is energy, a liberating power in the splendor of creation. I am inspired to write when I am in the midst of such beauty. We can look through troubled eyes or choose to see the magnificence that surrounds us and receive the promises of inspiration and hope; gifts we cannot transcend.

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Words of the 7th Generation
By Anson Black Calf

A call for Indigenous unity



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This column was given this title to serve as a voice for the seventh generation but the topics and opinions covered cannot and should not be the voice of just one person or one nation. It should be the voice of many other individuals and many other Indigenous nations that have a desire to be heard and contribute to the returning well-being of our collective people's futures as Indigenous people.

The seventh generation prophecy foreseen by our ancestors is shared by many other Indigenous nations in similar prophecies. They are about those who would bring their people from the confusion and imbalance of today's world back to the traditions that gave our ancestors balance, harmony and good spiritual lives. The seventh generation prophecy is about healing, growth and rebirth of the sacred hoop of life.

The lands of this continent are vast in all directions and there are many Indigenous peoples each unique with their own traditions and history. We Indigenous are related and we have tens of thousands of years living here together, longer than any man or woman of science can tell us. Our ancestors have all suffered and many are still struggling to survive and fight for the right to live as they want to, while some have forgotten who their ancestors once were. In order to fulfill the many Indigenous prophecies that encompass healing, growth and rebirth, our Indigenous people must be freed from the mental prisons and illusions of today's world. Knowledge and understanding must first be achieved in our collective peoples as a whole. And this is done through word of thought either written or spoken.

There are many Indigenous organizations that work very hard to contribute to the revival of our people and this column is also here to serve as a means to bring about awareness, encourage communication among the people, and liberate us of the sickness and ignorance that still plagues some of our relatives today.

That said, all Indigenous people young and elderly are invited to write or email to express matters of concern or share any stories of importance for the people. Those who would like to volunteer to contribute their words will be sited in the "Words of the Seventh Generation" column.

To submit your writing or for any questions you may have, email Anson Black Calf at wanblii@hotmail.com or you can write to me at P.O. Box 386, Martin, SD 57551.

Notes From Indian Country
By Tim Giago

Sharing a Cuban cigar with Vernon Bellecourt



(Nanwica Kciji)

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My receptionist, Christy Tibbitts, stuck her head in the door of my office at the Lakota Journal weekly newspaper several years ago and said, "There's a Vernon Bellecourt on the line."

Whoa! Vernon Bellecourt? Bellecourt was one of the spokesmen and founders of the American Indian Movement, and as the editor and publisher of the Lakota Times; I had my share of confrontations with AIM. I had accused them of shooting out the windows of my newspaper building and of attacking it with firebombs just before Christmas in 1981.

With just a little bit of trepidation I answered the phone. "Hey Tim, this is Vernon Bellecourt. I know you're probably surprised, but I just read one of your articles in the St. Paul Pioneer Press about your anger at using Indians as mascots. I just wanted to tell you that you are right on and I would like to meet with you about this," he said.

In 1992, the week the Washington professional football team met the Buffalo Bills in the Super Bowl in Minneapolis, an article by me about the use of Indians as mascots appeared in Newsweek Magazine. Some enterprising editor put the headline on it that read, "I hope the Redskins lose."

Nowhere in the article did I say, "I hope the Redskins lose," and that brought the wrath of every Redskin fan in the country down on my head. I traveled to Minneapolis that week to cover the protest and had my first meeting with Vernon Bellecourt.

We had a cup of coffee a day or two before the Super Bowl and he told me that there would be a protest by several hundred Indians at the stadium.

We kicked around ideas for future articles and then I had to fly back to South Dakota because I was on a deadline.

Bellecourt impressed me in that he was willing to reach across the table and shake hands with me even though many of his cohorts looked at me as a political enemy.

I had no qualms about shaking his hand because I was there as a newspaperman and not as a politician.

The last time I saw Vernon was at a restaurant in New York City. I had dinner with him and another well-known mascot protestor, Charlene Teters.

The restaurant was on the top floor of a building that rotated so that we could see different parts of the New York skyline. After dinner Bellecourt reached into his pocket and pulled out two cigars. He said, "I got these directly from Fidel Castro when I was visiting Cuba last month." I must admit that it was one of the best cigars I had ever smoked.

From the day of our first phone visit Bellecourt kept me abreast of the different protests around the country that his organization, The National Coalition on Racism in Sports & Media, would be conducting. The previous year I had covered the protest at the University of Illinois and Michael Haney, Charlene Teters, and Vernon were there. Haney, an Oklahoma Seminole Indian, passed away a few years ago.

I was on my way from Albuquerque to Rapid City, SD last week when Teters called me on my cell phone to inform me that Vernon was critically ill. By the time I got to Rapid City he had died. His funeral was held on his home reservation of White Earth in Minnesota last week.

Bellecourt's death brought up a lot of the things that had been a part of the history of the American Indian Movement. There was talk of his involvement in the death of Anna Mae Pictou Aquash in the 1970s and of other things that happened in the heydays of AIM. There is no proof of this allegation.

When told about the death of Bellecourt, former AIM leader Russell Means said he was sad to hear about his death because, "I wanted him to live long enough to go to jail for Anna Mae's death." Well, all of this should come out at the trial of John "Boy" Graham that should take place in Rapid City in 2008. Arvol Looking Cloud who was convicted in her death and is now serving a life sentence accused Graham of being the triggerman. Perhaps the truth will finally be known.

There were a lot of bad things that happened in the 1970s in the angry early days of AIM. I am sure that many of AIM's leaders wish that they had done some things differently, but in the long run, they were fighting for the trampled rights of the Indian people and the route they chose was confrontational and often ended up violently.

Before asking me to work with him on the mascot issue Bellecourt shook my hand again and said, "Tim, I know that you and me didn't always see eye-to-eye, but if you really look at it, we were fighting for the same things, but we were probably coming at it from different directions."

There is a Lakota tradition that says one should never speak ill of the dead. And I know there will be accusatory words flying around that would disparage Vernon Bellecourt, but I only knew him as a friend and in my prayers I hope that his travels to the Spirit World be filled with wonders.

(Tim Giago, an Oglala Lakota, was born, raised and educated on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in the Class of 1991 and founder of The Lakota Times and Indian Country Today newspapers. He founded and was the first president of the Native American Journalists Association. He can be reached at najournalist@msn.com)

Guest Columnist

Children deserve better than the SCHIP veto

Congress failed to override the veto of President Bush on Oct. 18. How can he and John Thune take the stand that they did? Not enough money for the expansion of SCHIP but no problem with money for the war in Iraq and for new cells in prisons and jails?

In Wednesday's paper a Just Had to Ask column by Erik D. Olsen hit the nail on the head. He said:

"Americans are tired of the politics of division and partisanship. When broad segments of the nation - and Congress - can come together in agreement, we should not miss the opportunity to act…. Choosing children's health care - access to pediatricians, affordable trips to the dentist, resources to combat childhood obesity, so much more - is doing the right thing, period."

He was absolutely right but Bush and Thune don't agree. We can fund the war in Iraq at an outrageous cost, killing children there, but we can't expand the SCHIP program? Children in America deserve better than that.

That same day's paper made fun of Al Gore winning the Nobel Peace Prize. Their political cartoon was anything but humorous to this writer and everyone with whom it was discussed. So Irene Sendler at 96 deserves the prize for saving more than 2500 Children in 1942 from Nazis more than Al Gore because he was just trying to protect Polar Bears, for heavens sake.

People just don't get the fact that unless we take action immediately we will not have a planet to protect, will run out of clean water and all of the other necessities of life. But Cal Thomas in his column entitled "Global Warming a chance for conservatives" said he believes that global warming is a secular religion and "Al Gore deserved the Nobel Peace prize as much as Yasser Afafat, LeDuc Tho and a myriad of other low wattage lights, which is to say not at all."

He said the Church of Global Warming is a cult. Gore has, instead of the Trinity an Oscar, an Emmy and a Nobel Peace Prize. Come on now Cal, how bright is your light?

In Thursday's Rapid City paper the column of Jim Kent was puzzling. He titled it "On mascots, sneakers and ignorance. He said:

"Oh, yeah - there's those Native Americans, but, hey man, these people do nothing but whine anyway. Right? I mean AS IF it wasn't enough that every single tribe in the country is making a mint off us poor white folk with several casinos on every reservation (while still collecting all that welfare money from our hard-earned tax dollars). Now they want to have their own shoes. I mean they want to have their own shoes. Humpf. Hey if anyone is going to decide what's good for these people, what "honors" them, its going to be us white folks. Right?

Imagine, saying they've got their own physical needs and alienating us in the process. Locking us out. Who do they think they are? Last time I saw something this ridiculous, it was when I was turned away from that sickle-cell anemia clinic. Me … a white man. Go figure."

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Ignorance? Yes. Was Kent attempting to be humorous? I saw no humor in it. Every single tribe is not making a mint off poor white folk and they certainly are not collecting welfare money from his hard earned tax dollars. They do have their own physical needs that are very great. Come on now Mr. Kent please add "Josh, just joking." Then write what you really meant in your next column.

Thomas Sowell's column in Thursday's paper was quite irritating. Come on now Mr. Sowell do a little research. Crime Statistics do not provide evidence that the left is wrong. He never mentioned the word demographics in his entire column. Have the demographics changed, most definitely!

Sowell says,

"It was precisely the rise to power in the 1960s (in the courts as well as in politics) of those who believed that 'injustices and inequities' were the cause of crime which marked a de-emphasis on law enforcement and imprisonment - and marked one of the most dramatic increases in crime in our history."

Injustice and inequities are the cause of crime but there has not been a de-emphasis on law enforcement and imprisonment. Lock 'em up and throw away the key has become the rule of law. Where have you been Mr. Sowell? He says that finally higher rates of imprisonment produced lower rates of crime. Again where have you been? It was not the higher rates of imprisonment but the demographics. Fewer people are at the age to commit crimes than in the past.

According to the sentencing project, we are locking up more and more offenders in federal and state prison for drugs, not for violent crimes. Nearly 6 of 10 persons in state prison for a drug offense have no history of violence or high-level drug selling activity.

African Americans serve almost as much time in federal prison for a drug offense as whites do for a violent offense largely due to racially disparate sentencing laws such as the 100-to1 crack-powder cocaine disparity. South Dakota has the highest rate of imprisonment of blacks as noted in a prior column.

We must support The Second Chance Act of 2007, S. 1060. The bill has been trying to pass Congress since at least 2004. It was reintroduced to the house in March as H-1593. That act will help ease the reentry process for people leaving prison by providing increased funding for prisoner mentoring programs, substance abuse treatment and job training. It was favorably reported out of the Senate Judiciary on August 2.

Persons in prison with a history of regular drug use are less than half as likely to be receiving treatment as in 1991. We would rather execute adults than provide treatment of addicts or education of children.

The United States Supreme Court halted the execution of Christopher Scott Emmett and legal experts have said that move might signal a nationwide halt to lethal injection until the justices decide next year whether the procedure amounts to cruel and unusual punishment.

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Sandra Red Feather's design selected for AIHEC conference



Sandra Red Feather, Pine Ridge designed the image that will represent the 27th annual meeting of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

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BISMARCK, N.D. - The computer-designed artwork of a student at United Tribes Technical College will be the image that represents the annual meeting of students attending the nation's tribal colleges and universities.

A design by Sandra Red Feather, of Pine Ridge and a graduate of Red Cloud Indian High School was selected by the American Indian Higher Education Consortium for its 27th annual student conference next year. Red Feather is the daughter of Mary Weasel Bear of Pine Ridge.

Red Feather, an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, is a second year student in the United Tribes Art-Art Marketing Program.

"It feels great," said Red Feather about having her design selected. "I had never won an art contest before."

Art-Art Marketing Instructor Wayne Pruse encouraged Red Feather to enter the contest.

She did her research by going onto the internet and visiting the websites of schools around the country that attend the annual event.

The 2008 AIHEC Student Conference is scheduled for March 17 - 20 in Bismarck. It brings together students, faculty and administrators from 35 member institutions, located primarily in the western part of the nation, that serve the higher education needs of American Indian students.

Red Feather designed the logo over the course of three weeks entirely in the computer using the program Adobe Illustrator.

She received ideas and suggestions from other students and technical help and guidance from her instructor Colleen Bredahl.

The design contains images of creatures in the natural world that Red Feather selected because they are common to regions of the country where AIHEC schools are located.

As a background she chose the colors of the Medicine Wheel.

With her newfound success, Red Feather says she's thinking about entering other work in the graphic design categories of the AIHEC student competition.

The competition, which is entirely friendly and cooperative, includes categories for a wide range of student accomplishments.

In the arts alone, students may enter works in subdivisions for textiles, ceramics, pottery, jewelry, sculpture, beadwork, leather work, and quillwork, just to name a few.

Other major divisions of the AIHEC competition include critical inquiry, business, traditional plants, speech, web pages, science, writing, and the always popular knowledge bowl.

Red Feather's logo design also contains the phrase: "Coming Together as One," the theme of the event.

Judge considering whether to unseal documents in nickname case

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) - Sealing documents to aid in a settlement is not enough reason to override the public right to view them, an attorney for Forum Communications Co., told a judge Monday.

Judge Lawrence Jahnke is considering a motion to unseal documents in the University of North Dakota's lawsuit against the NCAA over the Fighting Sioux nickname. After hearing arguments from Forum attorney Mike Andrews, Jahnke said he might rule later in the day.

UND is challenging an NCAA ban on the use of the nickname and logo in post-season play, and on being a playoff host. The case is set for trial in December.

Jahnke postponed a pretrial conference for the case until Nov. 5. Representatives from the NCAA and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem's office did not appear in court Monday.

UND has filed a motion asking Jahnke to rule from the bench in its a favor. The NCAA has filed a motion seeking to expand the case to include UND's relationship with Sioux tribes.

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Highlander Scottsman Trailer Houses (#T13 and #T14) designated as surplus:

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The floor plans are 14x70 square feet.
The trailer houses are being sold "AS IS."**

The trailer houses may be seen at the school's faculty housing area by contacting:

**Fred Leader Charge
O-M Director
(605) 747-2020
between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (central time.)**

Both trailer houses are located in the west trailer court north of the school entrance.

The bid must be accompanied by a check, cashier's check, or money order for ten percent (10%) of the total amount of bid.

Removal of surplus property must be in thirty (30) days.

The approval of bids will made at a meeting of the Board of Education.

**Bids should be addressed to:
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The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Mendoza cruises to third straight State B championship

Todd County's Whirlwind Soldier 3rd, Running 5th, CEB girls, McLaughlin boys finish third

HURON - Kiko Mendoza, a junior at Takini High school on the Cheyenne River won his third State B cross country championship in a row Saturday in Huron in 16:39, 15 seconds ahead of Mitch Kraft of Wessington Springs. Scott and William White Buffalo from Jones County came in third and fourth.

"You know I set my sights on winning my third championship but also getting under 16 minutes," said Mendoza, "the course was wet and muddy in a number of places especially the first mile so getting a fast time wa next to impossible, now I need to look ahead to that fourth title next year, it is definitely something to work for."

Jordan Wohlleber, a sophomore from Cheyenne Eagle Butte and defending individual champ, struggled in the second half of the race in Class A finishing second to Kelsey Barrett, an eighth grader from Britton-Hecla. Lottie Grimshaw, a seventh grader at Todd County, had won the Region 5A cross country individual championship last week and several wondered how the young runner would do on the big stage of the state championship run, she finished third, 20 seconds behind Wohlleber and 32 behind Barrett. Another young runner, Jessica Tall, an eighth grader at Pine Ridge took ninth in her second straight state cross country meet.

In the Class A boy's race, Todd County's Marc Whirlwind Soldier, a sophomore, finished up third in 16:31 behind Hot Springs Eamin Entwisle who won it in 16:12 followed closely by Hill City's Andy Coy in 16:25; Wes Running, another Falcon sophomore, took fifth.

Hill City won the boy's A title while McLaughlin, the defending A champs finished up in third with Todd County boys in fifth. Cheyenne Eagle Butte girls, also a defending champ from last year finished second to Custer with Todd County in fourth. Red Cloud boys took 10th, CEB boys were 12th while the Crusader girls finished 14th in their first ever team trip to state.

Individual finishers included A boys-McLaughlin Ian Wiest 6, Corey Yellow Earrings 9, Chato Wiest 17, Gerald Running Hawk 26, Anthony Iron Thunder 38 and Sam Iron Thunder 61; Todd County-Whirlwind Soldier 3, Running 5, Max Grimshaw 47, Brad Eagle Deer 54, Jason Black Lance 83 and Domingo Tamayo 86; Red Cloud-James Pine 17 (10), Lester Gotheridge 39 (67), Wade O'Bryan 41 (70), Kyle Blacksmith 66 (106) and Chante Knight 80(122); Cheyenne Eagle Butte-Cordray White Dog 14 (23), Dyson Lends His Horse 32(54), Keith White Bull 55 (92), Gabe Baker 69 (111), Nick Houston 70(112) and Merrill Mitchell 71(113). Flandreau Indian's Trudell Slow Bear was 32nd, Daniel Grass Rope 41st , Jr Hare 52nd and Lowell Two Eagle 55th while Little Wound's Sean red Elk was 61st.

In the Class A girls finishers included Cheyenne Eagle Butte-Wohlleber 2nd, Ashley Iron Moccasin 5, Erica High Bear 46, Jordan Heideman 80, Ali Moran-Shaving 86 and Jimmi Lawrence 97; Todd County-Grimshaw 3, Julie Bernie 42, Kyla Marshall 47, Kylie Wilson 59, Josie Stone 108 and Arna Two Hawk 130; Red Cloud Saige Pourier 52, Desirae Blacksmith 57, Laree Pourier 118, Lariah High Hawk 123, Billie White 124 and Ida Clarke 133; Pine Ridge Jessica Tall 9.

In Class B boys, following Mendoza and the White Buffalos were Eltwin Grassrope, Lower Brule 17, Frankie Waln, White River 29, Kyle Roubidoux/McIntosh 30, Ambrose Spotted Elk/McI 37, Fabian Rodriguez/Wakpala 62, Trent Otter robe/McI 64, Dalton White Buffalo/JC 77, Dylan Chasing Hawk/Timber Lake 78.



Kiko Mendoza of Takini runs with a group around the first turn in the boys class B South Dakota State High School cross country meet run toward the first turn in their race Saturday at Broadland Creek Golf Course in Huron.

DICK CARLSON/INERTIA

Wolf Creek wins both A and B Big Foot Volleyball conference championships

WOLF CREEK/PINE RIDGE - Wolf Creek defeated Rockyford 23-25, 26-24 15-6 for the Big Foot A girl's volleyball championship last week at Pine Ridge School.

American Horse knocked off Red Cloud 18-25, 25-17 and 15-7 for third while Loneman downed Pine Ridge for fifth 23-25, 25-14 and 15-8. Wolf Creek beat American Horse in the semis 19-25, 25-9 and 16-14 while Rockyford got by Red Cloud 17-25, 25-20 and 15-11. Wolf creek opened the tourney beating Loneman 25-13, 25-23.

Arlene Brewer was named the MVP while the all tourney team included Jamie Her Many Horses/Loneman, Alex Clifford/Red Cloud, Priscilla Janis/Wolf Creek, Leonee Richards/PR, Jonette DuBray/AH, Gypsy Cross/RF, Tracy He Crow/Loneman, Tiarra Little/RC, Lisa Pourier/WC, Brooke Pond/PR, Tabitha Apple/RF and Christina Long Wolf/AH.

Wolf Creek defeated Little Wound for the Big Foot Conference B girl's volleyball championship the second week of October at Wolf Creek School. Pine Ridge got by Red Cloud for third while Porcupine won the consolation championship over Loneman. Wolf Creek opened the tournament with a win over Rockyford and beat Pine Ridge in the semis.

Aspen Bettelyoun of Wolf Creek was selected as the tourney MVP with the all tournament team including Jamie Big Crow/OLL, Symone Dull Knife/Crazy Horse, Destiny Richards/RF, Aylssa Blacksmith/Loneman, Leslie Little Moon/Bates, Laney Bear Killer/AH, Erica Crow/LW, Shaniah Richards/PR, CeCe Two Lance/RC, Cheyenne Marshall/Porc and Melissa Arthur and Robbie Ghost Bear/WC.

Big Foot Conference Update:

Pine Ridge takes three of four Big Foot Conference cross country finals

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - Trey Walking, a seventh grader at Pine Ridge Middle School led his Pine Ridge team to the Big Foot Conference cross country championship on Wednesday, Oct. 3 in Pine Ridge. Walking won every race he entered this year and then won the Region 5A high school JV run at Red Cloud on Oct. 12.

Crystal Kills Back, Porcupine School, won the individual 7th/8th grade individual championship while Pine Ridge won the team title with 14 over Wolf Creek who finished with 31. Pine Ridge included Cherie Cottier/2nd, Brooke Pond/3rd, Crista Waters/4th and Shaniah Richard/11th. The three Pine Ridge seventh graders competed in the high school Region 5A meet as well with Cottier in 28th, Waters in 29th and Pond in 35th.

Porcupine's Darrel Lays Bad won the 5th/6th grade individual championship and helped his team to the team title with 16 points over Wounded Knee District School's 23 points. Porcupine's team included Flint Tall/4th, Ranzle Lays Bad/7th and Brandon Pourier/10th. Lays Bad won every race he entered this year; the Big Foot Conference held runs in Pine Ridge, Wounded Knee District School, Porcupine and American Horse with the finals in Pine Ridge on Oct. 3 hosted by Loneman.

Delores Janis won her fifth straight race this year as she took the individual title in the 5th/6th grade division leading her team to the team title as well with 15 overall points to 23 points for St. Francis. Shawin Thunder Hawk was 5th, Lareese Blue Legs was 7th, Shaylene Richard was 8th and Carley Martin was 9th for Pine Ridge.

Conference championship results include: 7th/8th grade boys-1)Trey Walking/PR 15:44, 2)Zeke Two Dogs/PR 15:57, 3)Jeremy Crow/WC 16:06, 4)Jesse Brown/PR 16:21, 5)Randy Witt/Loneman, 6)Julian Hernandez/OLL, 7)Lyle Jacobs/OLL, 8)Dom Leftwich/PR, 9)Travis Kills Back/RF, 10)Dre Benson/RF, 11)Eugene Running Hawk/RF, 12)Devon Shangreaux/OLL, 13)Martin Mesteth/PR, 14)John Holy Rock/WK and 15_Keith Moran/WC;

7th/8th girls-1)Crystal Kills Back/Porc, Cherie Cottier/PR, 3)Brooke Pond/PR, Crista Waters/PR, 4)Marissa Two Lance/OLL, 6)Kateri Means/OLL, 7)Christine Charging/WC, 8)Justina L./Bates, 9)Leslie Little Moon/Bates, 10)Arlene Brewer/WC, 11)Shaniah Richard/PR, 12)Crystal Fast Wolf/American Horse, 13)Leta White Horse/WC, 14)Marcie Boltz/Bates and 15)Renae Cournoyer/OLL.

5th/6th grade boys-10)Darrel Lays Bad/Pordc 13:00, 2)Dallas Condon/Bates 13:22, 3)Jesse Grass/RF 13:30, 4)Flint tall/Porc 13:55, 5)Sam White Butterfly/WK, 6)David Gibbons/WK, 7)Ranxle Lays Bad/Porc, 8)Trey Ashley/AH, 9)Cruz Gibbons /WK, 10)Brandon Pourier/Porc, 11) Darrel Looks Twice/WK, 12) Michael Richards/AH, 13)Christian Merival/WC, 14)Anfernee Rondeau/WK and 15)Leon Bad Hand/SF;

5th/6th girls-1)Delores Janis/PR 14:27, 2)Christi Sioux-Bob/RC 15:24, 3Mariah Young/Loneman 16:15, 4)Rollene High Pipe/SF 17:05, 5)Shawin Thunder Hawk/PR, 6) Dora Douville/SF, 7) Lareese Blue Legs/PR, 8) Shaylene Richard/PR, 9) Carley Martin/PR, 10) Tariah Provost/OLL, 11) Patty Cuny/OLL, 12) Erica Cordier/SF, 13) Darien Quick Bear/SF, 14) Tierra Swift Bird/WC and 15) Juanita Long Man/AH.









Todd County knocks Little Wound out of Playoffs, at Winner for 2nd round

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

MISSION - With just 11 seconds off the clock, Todd County's CJ Spotted Tail set the tone for the first round 11A football playoffs by hitting Noah Kilonzo on a 67 yard touchdown pass, the point after failed but the Falcons were up 6-0 very quickly. After Ocean Lehauli covered a Little Wound fumble deep in Little Wound territory, Spotted Tail hit Lawyer Claymore on a nine yard TD pass to give Todd County a 12-0 lead on the way to a 36-16 first round play off victory Tuesday night in Mission.

This was a reversal of last year's first round playoff as Todd County traveled to Kyle to take on the Mustangs, a game won by Little Wound that sent them on to the second round and a date with Winner, not this year though. Todd County downed Little Wound earlier in the season 36-0 and even though the Falcons have been struggling with injuries and ineligible players, they stepped up for the first round of the playoffs. Spotted Tail hit his third TD pass, a 65 yarder to Jaden Allen to give the Falcons an 18-0 lead. Spotted Tail added a touchdown on the ground and Gunner Krogman finished off the first half with a 17 yard scamper around the left end for a touchdown to give Todd County a 30-0 halftime lead.





Above: After throwing three touchdown passes, CJ SpottedTail runs the fourth one in on a two yard run though Enoch Yellow Hawk while Brice Hornbeck and Tyler One Horn look on.

Right: Todd County's Mike Neiss crashed the goal line from two yards out for a final score as the Falcons knocked the Mustangs out 36 to 16 Wednesday.

PHOTOS BY JERRY MATTHEWS OF DOUBLE M STUDIO.

Krogman was on a collision course to take out Andrew Schmaltz's school rushing record of 3,150 yards when he ended up with a high ankle sprain in the St. Francis game. Krogman played sparingly against Cheyenne Eagle Butte and Bennett County and didn't suit up against Red Cloud. Early in the fourth quarter, the all around athlete wove his way through the line and loped to a 26 yard gain and a new school rushing record of 3,175 yards. Todd County called timeout, presented Gunner with the game ball and took a couple of photos.

Trin In The Woods, Little Wound's junior quarterback, threw four interceptions in the first half but kept throwing until he connected with Brice Hornbeck on a 37 yard TD pass midway through the third, In The Woods ran it over for two and the lead was 30-8 for the Falcons. The Falcons marched right down the field and answered with a Mike Neiss two yard run to make it 36-8. Little Wound closed out the scoring with an In the Woods 11 yard pass to Jacey Mesteh, Trin ran it over for two again and it was 36-16.

In the Woods finished with 11 completions out of 24 attempts for 205 yards with five interceptions and two touchdowns; Kevin Hunter was the top runner for the Mustangs with 17 carries for 34 yards while Hornbeck had five catches for 120 yards and a TD. For the Falcons, Spotted Tail was 12 of 18 for 195 yards and three touchdowns as Jaden Allen caught five for 104 yards and a TD while Krogman carried the ball ten times for 82 yards and a touchdown. Canku One Star finished up with two interceptions and six tackles.

Little Wound finishes out their season with a 4-5 record while Todd County now is 6-3 and headed to Winner Monday night.

Virtual High School Registration

Continues at Red Shirt Community School, Wolf Creek School, Batesland School and Rockyford School for interested students who are not going to school but would like to enroll for high school and work for a high school diploma at the new Shannon County Virtual High School, for information call Vicki Grant at 288-1921.



Stanley County ends Crusaders winning streak

PINE RIDGE - Billy Scott works hard for every yard in the first round of 11B playoffs of Stanley County Tuesday at Red Cloud. Stanley County upended the Crusaders 12-0 stopping the Crusaders seven game win streak.

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Free EMT Training
The OST Ambulance Service is offering free EMT training in October and November, pick up an application at your local CAP office or any of the ambulance bases in Pine Ridge, Oglala, Kyle and Wanblee.

OST Council Regular Session
Thursday and Friday, Oct. 25, 26 at 10 a.m. at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge, for information call tribal secretary at 867-5821, ext. 268.

Cancer Awareness Walk
Thursday, Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. from Cangleska Incorporated office in Pine Ridge as part of National Domestic Violence Month, for information call 455-2244.

Youth Ride and Stronghold Horse Games
Friday, Oct. 26 a Youth Ride from Kiza Park north of Manderson to the Stronghold with evening speakers and story telling and Saturday, Oct. 27 horse games on Stronghold and on Sunday, Oct. 28 ride back to Kiza Park with lunch at the White River and supper at Kiza Park, for information call Percy at 455-1088, Chili at 867-2061 or Marvin at 441-1642.

Haunted House
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26, 27 & 28 at the Old hospital in Pine Ridge in the basement in the morgue from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight.

Hay Days
Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26 and 27 at the Green Tipi Gardens in White Clay, Neb. with Best of the Border art and craft show, youth and ladies horseshoe tourney on Friday, men's horseshoe tourney on Saturday, pony and hay rides, Indian taco sale, tipi erection contest on Saturday and Miss Indian Summer Pageant, for information call 862-4555.

DIVA Day
Monday, Oct. 29, be treated like a Diva for one day, Lakota Express office in Kyle, get a massage, your nails done, etc, part of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, for information call 455-2244.

District Girl's High School Volleyball
Tuesday, Oct. 30 District 14A at Little Wound School in Kyle for Bennett County, St. Francis, Pine Ridge and Little Wound; District 15A at Red Cloud with Red Cloud and Custer; District 13A Todd County at Gregory and Winner at Platte-Geddes with regionals set for Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Tribal Court Advocacy Training
With Justice Michael Swallow, Friday, Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. to all tribal court advocates provided by the Oglala Sioux Nation Supreme Court, mandatory for all Tribal Court Advocates, call Elizabeth to confirm attendance at 867-5266.

Traditional Games Workshop
Hosted by OLC Native Science Field Center, Friday, Nov. 2 from 3-9 p.m. and on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Math and Science building at Piya Wiconi, meals will be provided, for information contact Rhonda at 455-6004; everyone is welcome.

3rd Annual I.H.S. Masquerade Pow wow
Saturday, Nov. 3 at Wolf Creek School with supper at 5 p.m. and grand entry at 7 p.m.; November is Diabetes Awareness Month and National American Indian Heritage Month, come and get screened, for information call Dave at 867-3173 or Corby at 867-3044.

Veteran's Day Celebration
Sunday, Nov. 11 at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee with grand entries set for 1 and 7 p.m. with a noon meal and supper provided, for information call Ruth at 454-5273 or Elroy at 441-8154

Oglala Boxing Smoker
Saturday, Nov. 3 in Oglala at the Rec center with weigh-ins from 12 noon to 3 p.m., match-ups at 3 p.m., physicals at 4 p.m. and bouts start at 5 p.m., for information call Marvin at 867-2664.

Annual Bazaar
Sunday, Nov. 4 at St. Isaac Jogues/Mother Butler Center in Rapid City at 231 Knollwood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with arts and crafts, quilts, plants, baked goods, games, bingo, food concessions, raffles and numerous prizes; for information call 343-2165.

Sacred Heart Bazaar
Sunday, Nov. 4 in Pine Ridge at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Four Direction Walk
In honor of those we have lost to diabetes. On Friday, Nov. 9 with registration set for 9 a.m. and walk to start at 9:30 a.m., for information call JoAnn at 867-3054, Sawee at 867-3137 or Charlie at 867-1706.

American Horse School receives accreditation

ALLEN - American Horse School has earned accreditation for the 2006-07 school year from the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, said Gloria J. Coats-Kitsopoulos, Principal of American Horse School.

The Association recognized the school on April 3 at it's annual awards luncheon held in Chicago. Albert Sharp, president of American Horse School Board and Coats-Kitsopoulos were recognized in Chicago and received the accreditation certificate and plaque that is on display at the school.

To earn accreditation, schools must meet NCA CASI's high standards, be evaluated by a team of professionals from outside the school, and implement a continuous school improvement plan focused on increasing student performance. The accreditation process is voluntary and requires annual review.

"Accreditation demonstrates to our students, parents, and community that we are focused on raising student achievement, providing a safe and enriching learning environment, and maintaining an efficient and effective operation staffed by highly qualified educators," said Principal Coats-Kitsopoulos. "NCA CASI accreditation is recognized across state lines, which not only eases the transfer process as students move from accredited school to accredited school but also assures parents that the school is meeting regionally and nationally accepted standards for quality and successful professional practice."



(L-R) Albert Sharp, AHS Board President and Gloria Coats-Kitsopoulos accept accrediation certificate and plaque.

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Sharp heads the school's improvement agenda as school board president said, "The real value of NCA CASI accreditation is the focus on improvement. The accreditation process focuses the school staff on analyzing student performance data, identifying areas of weakness, and developing clear goals and plans for improvement. We regularly assess and measure our progress in all goal areas, and NCA CASI holds us accountable for demonstrating growth. The process keeps everyone at American Horse School focused on raising student achievement."

Dr. Angie Kippang, Associate Professor, School of Education at the University of South Dakota is also the State Director for North Dakota and South Dakota for NCA CASI. Dr. Koppang will visit American Horse School in December to continue with the on-going evaluation of AHS's school improvement process for the current school year. Parents and interested community members can learn more about NCA CASI accreditation at www.ncacasi.org.

Lakota Funds encourages area fundraisers

KYLE - Lakota Funds recently attended the Pine Ridge and Eagle Nest College Centers Student Organization Meetings to inform the students about Lakota Funds programs and present the progress meters as a gift. The groups were presented with the charts and given an informative presentation about Lakota Funds programs with encouragement on their fundraising endeavors.



L-R: Eagle Nest Student Organization members Christopher Morrison, Gerald Baker, Waynette Mesteth, Ron Mousseau, Wesley Hawkins, and Dawney Morrison.

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The Lakota Funds purchased progress meters/charts for the Oglala Lakota Nation Fundraisers to encourage early organizing for successful fundraising. Early and ongoing encouragement will help avoid last minute scrambling to make graduation gifts and year end trips a success. This will hopefully save a lot of stress on activities organizers.

Head-start II,Kindergarten, 8th Grade, 9-12th Grade, and Student Organizations, along with all District Councils will receive the Charts as a gift from the Lakota Funds. The groups located on the Pine Ridge Reservation were identified as they fundraise for graduations and end of the year field trips. The charts are a thermometer poster to track progress for groups fundraising and assist with motivation of members.

Lakota Funds is sponsoring a Native American Artist Meeting on Oct. 29, 2007 and the Homebuyers Club Meeting Nov. 5. Lakota Funds will also provide the Financial Literacy Course beginning Nov. 7 and Core Four Business Planning Course in late January 2008. For more information tune into KILI 90.1 FM on Mondays from 3 to 4 p.m., see website www.lakotafunds.org, or call us at 455-2500.

Rendon in training with the Rapid City Fire Department

By Archie B. Beauvais and Beaux Beauvais
Special to the Times

RAPID CITY - Robert Rendon, 32, is in an eight week training program as a firefighter in training with the Rapid City Fire Department. He signed on after undergoing an interview and a written test and receives a salary while in training.

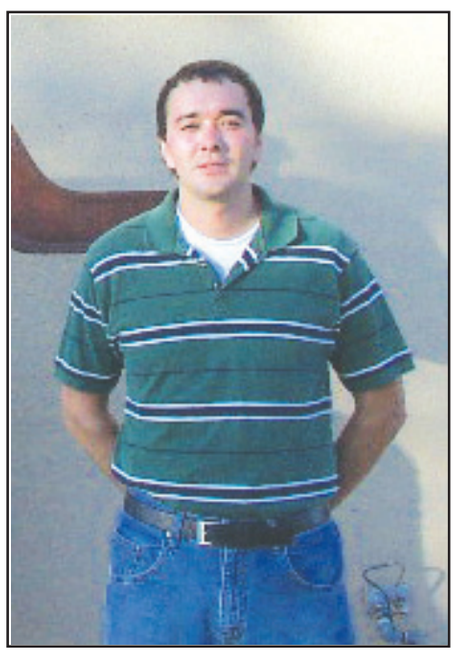
The Oglala Sioux firefighter came to the fire department apparently well-qualified for such grueling work. He has had seven years experience as a wildland firefighter in Pine Ridge with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He also worked in emergency medical services in Pine Ridge as a paramedic for four years.

Rendon grew up in Colorado and has been living in South Dakota for several years and stays connected to the Lakota community through family in Pine Ridge. His sister, Aspen, recently completed her degree from Oglala Lakota College and his mother, Norma, is employed at Cangleska, Inc.

The RCFD has an extensive website offering a history of the department when it became a paid department in 1949. The duties and qualifications that must be met in order to be a fire fighter in training and paramedic are also very helpful. Prospective employees must pass a drug test, medical examination, psychological examination and a background investigation.

One must also sign a tobacco non-use statement attesting to the fact that they will not use tobacco for the duration of their careers.

The eight week program includes training in structural and wildland firefighting along with other specialized areas such as hazardous materials and aircraft firefighting. The new firefighters are not yet able to respond to actual emergency calls, however, the last two weeks of the program include "ride time" while riding along with either a fire engine or an ambulance. The RCFD responds to over 11,000 calls each year and has prevention and education and training components on its website as well as a description of its operations department.



Robert Rendon is now in training with the Rapid City Fire Department.

The training day is 8 to 4 p.m. when the new firefighters are engaged in the classroom and 4 to 5 p.m. is aside for physical training.

The firefighter's normal schedule is 24 hours on and 48 hours off. The firefighters in training progress through different levels of qualification; Fire Medic Recruit, Fire Medic 1, and Fire Medic 2.

The city has seven fire stations, six within the city and one at the airport and 37 fire department vehicles. All fire engines in Rapid City carry paramedic equipment like ambulances do as many firefighters are trained as paramedics. Rendon said that there are approximately 134 fire department employees throughout the city. He notes that additional training will be available to him later as he progresses beyond the training and probationary stages.

Station One of the Rapid City Fire Department located across from the post office is the work site for Rendon and that, in and of itself, has to generate some anxiety as the battalion chief is stationed at the same location.

Rendon's combination of experience, college hours at OLC and a community college in Colorado have prepared him for a career in the Rapid City Fire Department and he appears determined to meet the challenge. At a time when the nation's "Bravest" are being hailed as heroes, firefighting is a noble profession that pays well the longer one remains in the profession.

S.D. High School Football playoffs
Second round Monday, Oct. 29.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye Nov. 9 at Loneman School

Grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9 at Loneman School in Oglala, Saturday, Dec. 1 at Batesland School sponsored by Rockyford and Batesland from Shannon County Schools and Friday, Dec. 21 in Rapid City sponsored by Wolf Creek School, Red Shirt Community School and Shannon County Schools, Friday, Jan. 25 at Pine Ridge School; for information call 867-5174.

Porcupine School parent teacher conference Oct. 30

PORCUPINE - Porcupine School parents are reminded that students will be released early Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. Parent/Teacher conferences and "I Care," will begin from 2 to 7 p.m. Supper will be served for those attending.

The Porcupine School Board, staff and students would like to welcome back Linda Gray who will be teaching technology this school year.

Children's Book Week will be Nov. 12-16. During this week teachers will be showcasing some of the newest books and also some of the old favorites. On Friday, Nov. 16 during Reading Workshop, each class will have a 'read-in.' Students can wear comfy PJ's, bring a pillow from home, drink hot cocoa, invite guest readers, etc. In the afternoon there will be a drawing for a Children's Book Week party in the library featuring treats from favorite children's books, read-aloud from newly released books, and free reading incentives.

Teachers will be using helpful new language for student reading conferences such as sampling students' oral reading, encouraging monitoring and reflection, encouraging connections, encouraging critical reading, extending students' reading interests and extending problem-solving strategies.





October 17, Walkers took part in an awareness walk from the Martin fairgrounds to the CAP office, where a meal was held with speakers.

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Domestic violence awareness events coordinated

MARTIN - Cangleska, Inc. held its annual walk in Martin Wednesday, Oct. 17 as part of the events in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Cangleska, Inc. Cultural Teacher Chris Eagle Hawk talks about a time when women and children had real freedom and independence without feeling the fear of domestic violence. He told the group men must be held accountable for violent actions which were never part of the Lakota culture until colonization.

Martin Police Officer Holly Strand, who talked about her mother as a survivor of domestic violence, said the repsonse of police departments across the nation have changed. She said officers are often apprehensive about such calls because they never know what to expect from the offenders.

In Rapid City, on Friday, Oct. 19, a Diva Day was held for women at the Mother Butler Center. The event was from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and featured free booths for make overs, hair styling, acupuncture, massages, manicures and a tasty lunch. Door prizes were given out throughout the day.

The events were sponsored by Rapid City area businesses.

A similiar Diva Day is planned for Kyle on Monday, Oct. 29 at the Lakota Express building in Kyle, west of Kyle Clinic.

For information call 455-2244.

American Horse School book fair and parent-teacher conferences

ALLEN - American Horse School is preparing for their annual Book Fair beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 30 and continuing through Thursday, Nov. 8. The AHS Library will host the book fair which is open to students, staff and community members. This is an opportunity for everyone to look over possible purchases for upcoming birthday or holiday presents. Parent-Teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, Nov. 8 the last day of the book fair.

Searching for 1973 Wounded Knee participants

OAKLAND, CA. - Firelight Media, the makers of Jonestown, The Murder of Emmitt Till, and other great documentaries, is searching for people in the Bay Area who were at the 1973 occupation of Wounded Knee, S.D.

The project is searching for people who would like to be interviewed about their experiences for a PBS program about Native history of America.

The program will air on PBS' American Experience series.

They will be filming testimonials of people at Wounded Knee this coming Monday, Oct. 22, in Oakland, CA. Call Jena Lopez at (831) 233-2099 or email:

lopez.jena@gmail.com

Social Security announces 2.3 percent benefit increase for 2008

BALTIMORE, MD. - Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits for more than 54 million Americans will increase 2.3 percent in 2008, the Social Security Administration announced today.

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits increase automatically each year based on the rise in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), from the third quarter of the prior year to the corresponding period of the current year. This year's increase in the CPI-W was 2.3 percent.

The 2.3 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment will begin with benefits that nearly 50 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2008. Increased payments to more than 7 million Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries will begin on December 31.

Some other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to $102,000 from $97,500. Of the estimated 164 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2008, nearly 12 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2008 can be found at www.cms.hhs.gov.

Day care provider pleads guilty to death of 3 year old

PIERRE - Amanda Marisa Little Elk, 23, pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in June in federal court for causing the death of Trevor Little Wounded in December of 2005.

Little Elk was a Dupree day care provider and has been sentenced last week to 13 months in prison after a 3-month-old boy in her care died of hyperthermia.

When the boy's mother dropped him off, he was in a car seat, wrapped in two blankets and a quilt. Little Elk didn't know the boy was so bundled when she left him alone for hours.

The boy was soaked in sweat when she checked on him, and he was inactive for the rest of the day. She said nothing when his father picked him up.

The boy died of organ failure the next day after Sanford USD Medical Center recorded a body temperature of 104.

Little Elk, also known as Amanda Cook, admitted gross negligence.

In addition to prison time, she was ordered to pay $9,400 restitution to the boy's parents, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, social services in Eagle Butte and crime victims' programs.

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Dear Anna,

I've always enjoyed looking at your columns and a close friend has given me your number but I've never called.

I have a situation that I know what you will probably say and what I need to do, but just somehow I just haven't.

I've been in a relationship for almost 20 years and have several children from this person. I have been through hell and back in this relationship (emotional and physical abuse, cheating, lying, - you name it). I've gotten out several times- I have a very good income and have always been independent, but I always took him back. I didn't have the family structure when I was little and having a real family means so much to me. I am not a strong Catholic or even in the older generation, but just firmly believe that you do what it takes to keep your family together. This man has a split personality. It's like Dr. Jeykl and Mr. Hyde.

Recently after years of drama, things changed, everything was great with him. He begin to have a work ethic and was holding down a steady job for more than two years, his checks were always spent on us, he was so good to me, he was actually everything I dreamed of in a man. Until his other "personality" came out. I recently found out he is talking through the internet to a lady that he previously cheated on me with, from another state when we lived there.

He is playing with this lady's emotions making promises and telling her he is a single parent and raising his children and he is basically Mr. Wonderful and available, telling her he will be coming to see her soon, etc.

I was hurt by this, but yet I never fully put my guard down and trusted him so I guess I kind of half expected it. When I confronted him he told me it is a game- it's the internet - why be upset it's not like he was with her. I totally think this is wrong and if the shoe were on the other foot no way would it be acceptable.

But yet I have no intentions of leaving him- if I did he would not support our children and I feel he should share that responsibility with me. As I said things were good so I did start to drop my guard and I thought it was finally paying off for all that I endured.

Up until about the last year, I always looked at it as a relationship where I love him but I am no longer in love with him due to all the hurt that he has caused me. I was able to live this way with him on a daily basis and raise our children.

And now after my discovery, I have decided it will go back to being this way again. I have enough to keep busy with, I have a demanding job and several children who keep me busy. I am not looking to find a man, I'm content with my life, but I guess I yearn for that whole family picture, the real mom, the real dad, and their kids. I know the issues he has are with himself and he has very low self esteem. I am successful and attractive and could be with someone if I wanted but as I said I'm not looking for anyone. I know that no matter what I do he will always need that extra attention and he loves drama.

What do you see for me in the future, will I be able to live with him and just be content to raise our family and not have a relationship with him except to raise our children or will I become miserable and bitter towards him?

Where am I going?

Dear Where am I going:

There must be a country western song that tells this story. Do you want to be a country song? I am glad that you have learned to live your life in accordance with your personal goals and that you have learned so much about who you are.

The questions about this relationship that I will ask you to consider are these: How fulfilling is it for you to be in a relationship that is not in alignment with your own spiritual and moral ethics?

Is it good for your children to see a woman who is weak and complies to keep the peace at any and all expense? Does it teach your children that this path is the best for everyone - including them in the future?

The Ozzie and Harriett approach to life, the perfect home setting, the family dinners, the loving and respectful partnership are important ingredients in our internal dreams. They cannot be created by one partner, it takes two.

You will eventually leave him. You will eventually get tired of not trusting him. I know this much about life: the one you choose as a mate must be trusted completely, even with your life. Do you trust this man with your life? Would be take good care of you if you were not well established with a good income?

Internal self-honesty isn't always pleasant. Be truthful. Your life is about you. Your experience. Your right to joy. Your peace. The quality of your life is dependent upon your choices. You are a Spirit in human clothes. You must honor your life. Treat yourself well.

Your mate is wrong. Infidelity is infidelity. Telling a woman he is single is not only disrespectful of you and your children, it is downright awful. He is playing with another woman's feelings, and he is creating an opportunity to be unfaithful. That is a jerky thing to do.

Good luck. I am not too worried about you. I know, that in time, you will make the right decisions to lead a good and wonderfully self-fulfilled life.

Dear Anna,

Just wanted to have the pleasure of saying hello to you as I have written a couple of times to you recently and you actually published my letters.

The letters that I wrote to you asked for a few things that you gave to me and maybe you didn't know you gave me but,

1. Consolation - to help me find consolation for those things from the past that I wondered about and you let me know that I have my Spiritual Companion by my side and she is with me wherever I go.

2. You helped me to validate myself by making myself see that I can trust my own feelings and if it goes against someone else's feelings that it is still okay because I am a valuable person and need to be treated with respect. You made me see that I "can" trust my inner instincts and that after everything is said and done, that I will still come out strong and happy.

Anna, the results of keeping myself from negative, parasitic people has given me a freer sense to be who I want and need to be.

I am becoming happier and I realize that I have given my energy and in a sense my power to someone who did not value me as a person and who at the same time maybe even envied who I am, what I stand for and, whatever I have.

I wish that more women would feel that feeling of empowerment that comes over you when you break-away from people who only want to hold you back to use you for their own selfish purposes.

I also learned a huge lesson on

3. Forgiveness. I have forgiven the man who has hurt me in the past and, have happily let go. But, I also asked for forgiveness from the man that I truly have always needed love from and that was my own father. I had not spoken to him in many years and I accept responsibility for this rift. And even if, we cannot or don't have the relationship I wished to have with him, I feel so much better, more humble and freer since I let go of a lot of negative feelings too.

Anna, will I be successful at finally living the life that my Creator has wanted me to? Will I ever find out what my purpose in life is?

Anna, thanks so much for giving me the answers and the advice that I needed to see, and slowly accept those things that I could not and would not change.

I know what I don't want in my life and I am beginning to see myself again, the way I was and really am. I am starting to recognize myself again.

For those women out there who are in relationships that are painful, I know that it is very hard and painful…especially scary to think of facing life alone but, keep praying that God send you the strength to really see and the strength to get away.

Thanks Anna

Dear Thanks Anna:

You are welcome. I am elated and feel privileged to have helped you find your own power. Yes, you are already living the life that the Creator has in his heart for you - one of joy and fulfillment. And, yes, you will find your purpose, everyday, in any way you help others. Your letter alone, may have changed the life of just one woman or one man. Think of that. Blessings and love to you my dear one.

Dear Anna,

I just wanted to write, because there are some issues I am dealing with that are hard to take. The husband still treats me second best, I want to get a divorce, can't figure out what's holding me back. I'm angry at him most of the time. I wonder why am I so lonely, when I'm married. I'm not getting what I want out of it anymore.

He treats others better than me. I know I have said some mean things to him, but all I want is an apology, and I want him to love me more, but I just don't feel it. It makes me wonder if he's been faithful.

He's older than me, I see him as cold, set in his ways, in return I see myself not even being able to cry anymore, maybe I am angry enough to make this change in my life. I have however met a friend we have talked a few times, but I can't bring myself to go any further with this new friend. I want to be happy, I think every woman yearns for that in love all over feeling.

I'm married ,unhappy, want to go with my new friend, even if it is just out for an evening. Do I get a divorce first or should I just go with it and journey into this new friendship. This new guy is good looking, independent, from what I know he seems to be a good man. I really need to make a decision, before it's too late.

Sincerely Confused Woman

Dear Confused:

Another man will not fix what is unhappy in your life. You have to fix it, then see about another relationship - when you are emotionally stable and independently strong. Sometimes marriages need intervention.

In your case I see that marriage counseling would really help. The problem between you and your husband is communication. There are lots of ways to communicate, and the tools that you are both used to using are destructive ones: yelling, name-calling, sarcasm, belittlement and stony silence (or disapproval). Tell your husband that you are feeling unloved and want your relationship to be balanced, or over. Tell him you want to try counseling. If he refuses, then you have your answer, and seek separation.

He may not take you seriously until he sees action; then he may consent to counseling. It is not fun nor healthy to be stuck in an unfriendly environment.

In the meantime, if you chose to pursue a relationship with the guy who seems to be nicer, remember, the guilt you feel will be your own so don't throw it back at your husband, torture him, wait for his nasty response to being tortured, and then use that to justify your affair.

Life is complicated, do yourself a favor, and try to keep it simple. Try not to cause yourself embarrassment, because you will get caught. The embarrassment is not worth the few moments comfort with someone who is basically a stranger.

Blessings.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

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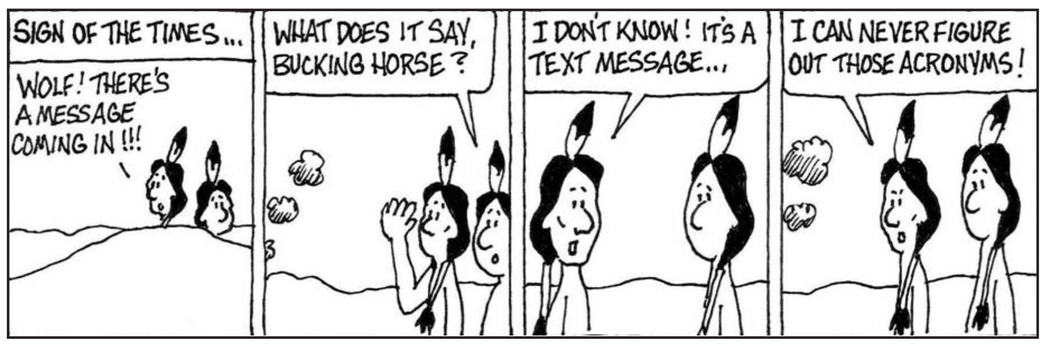
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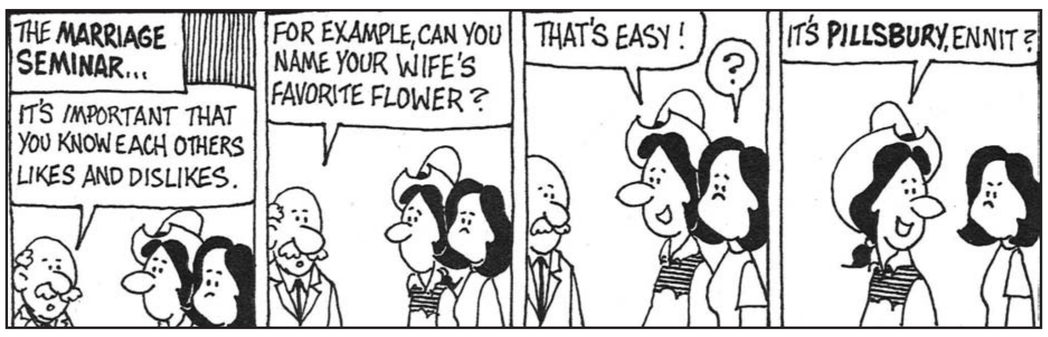
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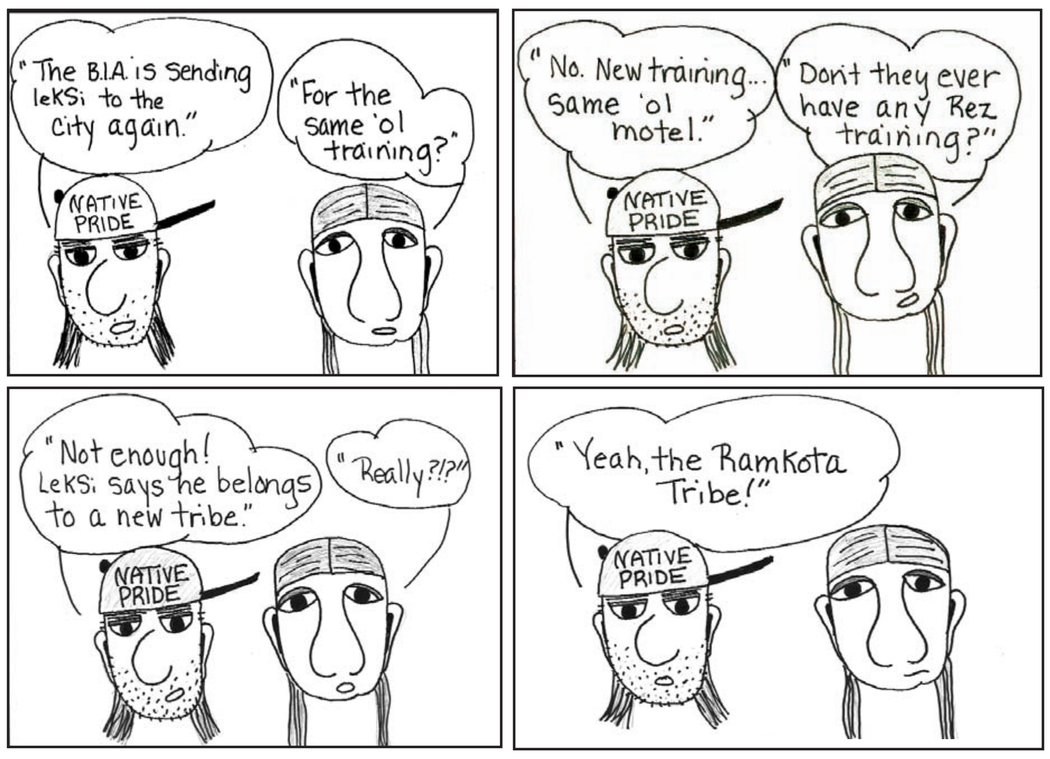
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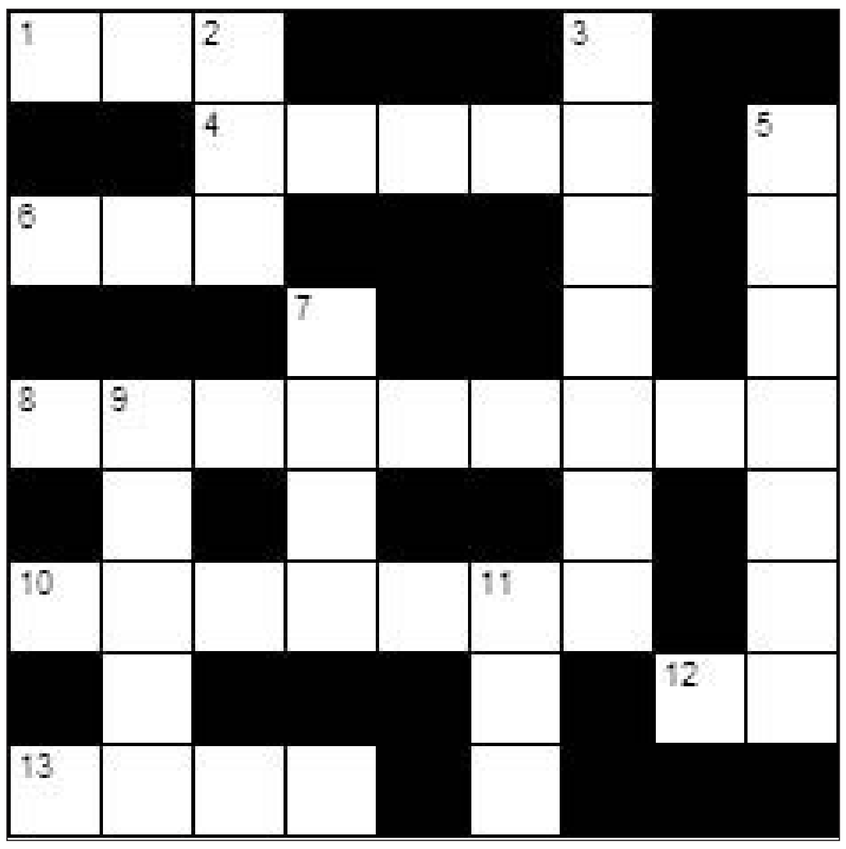
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Across

1. bald
4. door
6. face
8. sky
10. flower
12. foot
13. fire

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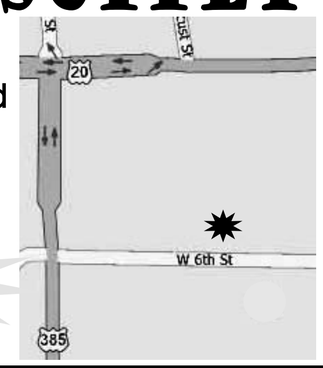
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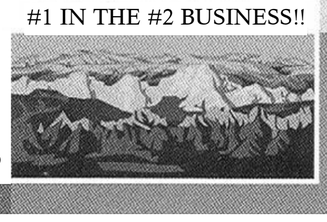
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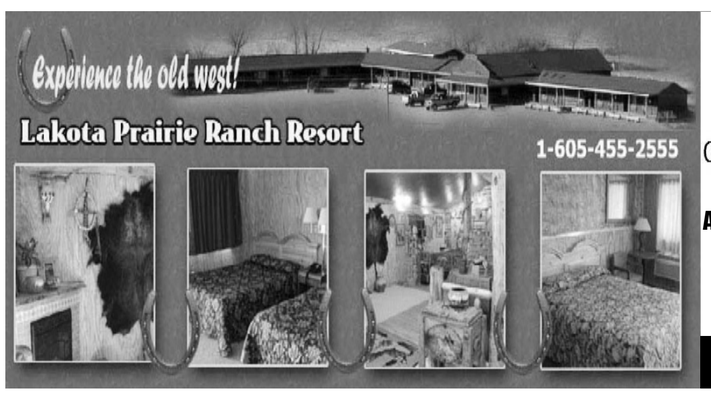
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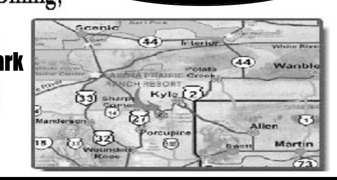


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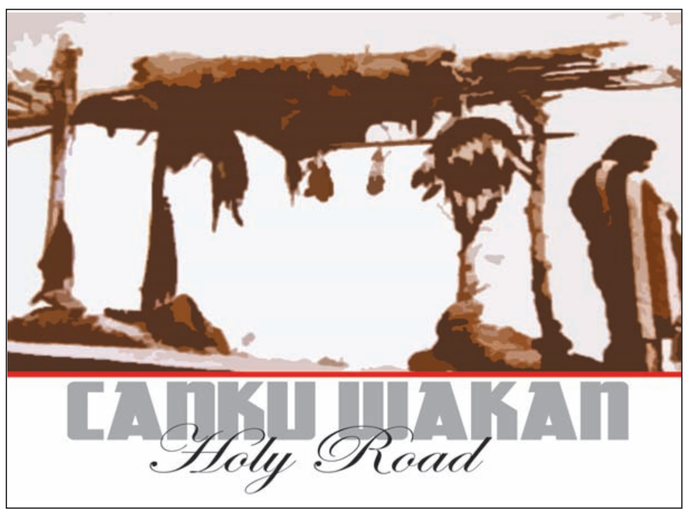
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~Narcis W. High Hawk~

PORCUPINE - Narcis W. High Hawk, 61, died Oct. 21 at the Pine Ridge Hospital of natural causes.

Survivors include brothers Wayne High Hawk and Wilson Coleman both of Porcupine.; sisters Francine Running Shield and Sheri High Hawk both of Porcupine; Delores Dreamer, Oglala.

One night wake will be Thursday, Oct. 25 at Fr. Bill Pauly Catholic Hall, Porcupine.

Funeral services will be at 21 p.m., Oct. 26, 2007 Rev. Craig West and Rev. Ben Conquering Bear officiating.

Burial will be at St. Luke's Episcopal Cemetery, Sharps Corner, SD

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~Robert A. Standing Soldier, Jr.~

HISLE - Robert A. Standing Soldier, Jr., 45, died Oct. 22 at the Bennett County Nursing Home of natural causes.

Survivors include parents Robert and Delores Standing Soldier, Sr., Hisle; brothers Mike Standing Soldier, Sioux Falls; Tim Standing Soldier, Rapid City; Norman Standing Soldier, Hisle; Richard Standing Soldier, Martin, sisters Juanita Rodriguez, Sioux Falls; Helen Wright, Arlington, Va.; Phyllis Myers, Cache, Okle.; Gloria Standing Soldier, Alice Standing Soldier-Bettelyoun, and Mary Standing Soldier-Reinhert all of Martin.

One night wake will be Thursday, Oct, 25 at the Standing Soldier residence, Hisle.

Traditional Lakota funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 at the Standing Soldier residence, Hisle.

Officiating will be Mr. Richard Moves Camp with interment at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Hisle

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sharon Bowman

Sharon Bowman WANBLEE - Sharon Bowman, 65, Wanblee, died Saturday, Oct. 20, at her home. Arrangements are pending with Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge.

~Harvey A. Zephier~

KYLE - Harvey A. Zephier, 83, Kyle, died Saturday, Oct. 20 at Fall River County Hospital in Hot Springs

He served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include his wife, Colleen Zephier, Kyle; one son, Perry Zephier, Kyle; four daughters, Pamela Standing Soldier, Sherrie Zephier, Jeanene Zephier and Corrine Zephier, all of Kyle; 20 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

Wake services were Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall in Kyle.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at the hall, with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating.

Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

~Dr. Barbara A. Walks~

SPEARFISH - Dr. Barbara A. Walks, 69, of Spearfish died Oct. 17 after bravely battling long-term illness.

Funeral services were Monday, Oct. 22 with Father Godfrey Muwanga as Celbrant and burial following at Rose Hill Cemetery in Spearfish. Barbara was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. to Luke Poris and Mary Belanchick. Barbara received her bachelors degree from Wilkes College in 1965. She married Thomas Gutkowski, Wilkes-Barre, in 1957 who died at the age of 30 in 1966. She taught in the Wilkes-Barre Area School system until 1975, when she moved to South Dakota as a volunteer teacher at the Holy Rosary Mission/Red Cloud Indian School.

She also taught reading and English at Pine Ridge High School and Rockyford middle school. While in South Dakota Barbara earned her masters degree at Chadron State College and doctorate of education at the University of South Dakota. Barbara married William Walks, Oglala in 1978 and owned and operated a small ranch in Oglala for a number of years while continuing to teach high school.

She is survived by her son Thomas Gutkowski, Jr, daughter-in law Shilo Gutkowski, granddaughter Sophia, all of Rapid City, SD and her daughter Norma Walks, M.D. of Tucson, Ariz.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel of Spearfish.

~Richard Dillon~

PINE RIDGE - Richard Dillon, 49, Pine Ridge, died Sunday, Oct. 14 in Rapid City.

He served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include two sons, Jerome Dillon, Springfield, and Angel Ryan, Rapid City; three daughters, Monica Dillon and Rebecca Dillon, both of Rapid City, and Manna Colhoff, Wanblee; six brothers, Mike Dillon, Pierre, Wesley Dillon, Peeves, Justin Rabbit and Philip Rabbit, both of Rapid City, and Ernest Dillon and Richard Dillon, both of Mount Vernon, Ohio; three sisters, Yvonne Goodman, Lawrence, Kan., Carlisa Hemminger, Peeves, and Jeannie Dillon, Mount Vernon; and 10 grandchildren.

A wake service was Sunday, Oct. 21, at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge.

Funeral services were Monday, Oct. 22, at the hall, with the Rev. Steve Sanford officiating. Burial was at Holy Cross Episcopal Cemetery in Pine Ridge.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~Doreen Richards~

ALLEN - Doreen Richards, 63, Allen, died Tuesday, Oct. 16 in Martin.

Survivors include her husband, Louie Richards, Allen, one son, Lawrence Richards, Allen; one adopted son, Robert Kills Enemy, Manderson; three daughters, Charlotte Richards and Anita Richards, both of Allen, and Dawn Richards, Gordon, Neb.; three brothers, Earl Lamont, Wanblee, Marvin Catches, Pine Ridge, and Jim Catches, Chadron, Neb.; 10 sisters, Bernice Green, Sisseton, Emily Catches, Chadron, Neb., Sis Catches, Oglala, Jane Catches, Scottsbluff, Neb., Linda Little Elk, Mission, and Patty DuBray, Clover Curry, Latrell Curry, Denise Plenty Arrows, and Marietta Plenty Arrows, all of Allen; 25 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A wake service was Friday, Oct. 19, at the Allen CAP Office.

Funeral services were Saturday, Oct. 20, at the office, with the Rev. Rick Abert officiating.

Burial was at the Plenty Arrows Richards Family Cemetery in Allen.

Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Corey L. Mesteth~

KYLE - Corey L. Mesteth, 33, Kyle, died Monday, Oct. 15 in Potato Creek.

Survivors include a son, Cassius Mesteth, Kyle; three daughters, Camille Mesteth, Cadence Mesteth and Cassandra Mesteth, all of Potato Creek, his parents, Peter Mesteth and Marie Apple, Kyle; one sister, Leslie Mesteth, Kyle; two stepbrothers, Christopher Mesteth and T.J. Mesteth, both of Kyle; and three stepsisters, Clarissa Mesteth and Catherine Mesteth, both of Kyle, and Cecelia Mesteth, Allen.

A one night wake was Friday, Oct. 19, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall in Kyle.

Funeral services were. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the hall. Burial was at St. Stephen's Catholic Cemetery in Kyle.

Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Thank you

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Where is Heaven

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Where is Heaven? We don't even know where to look. We know her children, Adele, Karen, Vernal, Reg and Twila need her too, We see them cry and hear them call her name, but we can't help them find her.

Maybe if we phone her, she will hurry home to us. Is Heaven very far away? Grandma, has been gone too long. She really needs to come home now. We really need to reach her, But we don't know how. Can someone help us find the number please? Is it listed under Heaven?

If we call Grandma Cordee, maybe she will know, Grandma, said when we need help, We should go to Church. We found Grandma Cordee's phone number, Tacked upon Grandma's bedroom wall. We'll give her a call.

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Memorial Dinner Arta Margaret Winters

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Elementary:

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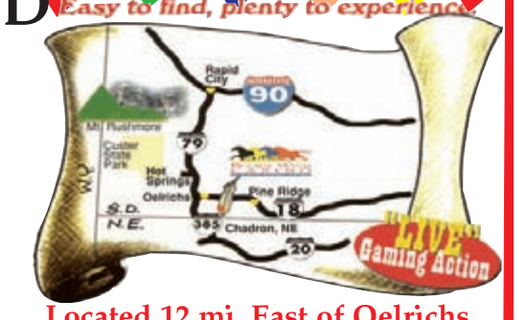
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2007 FLU SHOT SCHEDULE
October-November-December
PINE RIDGE RESERVATION

October

OCT 11, 18, 25	MANDERSON CLINIC	11AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 11	WANBLEE PHN OFFICE	8 AM - 4 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 11,18, 25	PINE RIDGE PHN OFFICE	12:30-4:30 PM	4 Yrs. & Older
OCT 16	EAGLE NEST SENIOR CENTER	11AM -12:30 PM	50 & Older
OCT 17	BATESLAND COLLEGE CENTER	11 AM – 1 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 17	MARTIN OEH	10 AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 17	Wounded Knee Community Center	11AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 18	WANBLEE PHN OFFICE	8 AM - 4 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 18	OGLALA CHR OFFICE	10 AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 18	RED SHIRT SCHOOL	1 PM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 18	ALLEN CLINIC	10 AM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 19	Kyle PHN Office at Kyle Health Center	11:30 AM- 1PM	ALL AGES
OCT 22	Kyle PHN Office at Kyle Health Center	10 AM -12 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 22	ALLEN CLINIC	1 PM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 23	PORCUPINE CLINIC	11AM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 24	BATESLAND COLLEGE CENTER	11AM – 1 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 30	PORCUPINE CLINIC	11AM – 3 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 30	LACREEK CAP	1 PM - 3 PM	ALL AGES

November

NOV 1, 8, 15, 29	PINE RIDGE PHN OFFICE	12:30-4:30PM	4 YRS & Older
NOV 5	ALLEN CLINIC	1 PM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 6 & 13, 20, 27	PORCUPINE CLINIC	11 AM – 3 PM	ALL AGE
NOV 8	OGLALA CAP	10 AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 8	MANDERSON CLINIC	11 AM- 1 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 14	Wounded Knee Community Center	11 AM – 1 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 15	RED SHIRT SCHOOL	2 PM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 5,29	Kyle PHN Office at Kyle Health Center	10AM -12 PM	ALL AGES

December

DEC 3, 14	Kyle PHN Office at Kyle Health Center	10AM - 12 Noon	ALL AGES
DEC 4, 11, 18	PORCUPINE CLINIC	11AM – 3 PM	ALL AGES
DEC 6	MANDERSON CLINIC	11AM - 1 PM	ALL AGES
DEC 6	OGLALA CHR OFFICE	10 AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
DEC 6, 13, 20	Pine Ridge PHN Office	12:30 PM-4:30 PM	4 YRS & Older
DEC 12	Wounded Knee Community Center	11 AM – 1PM	ALL AGES
DEC 6, 13, 20	Pine Ridge PHN Office	12:30 PM-4:30 PM	ALL AGES

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Happy 3rd Birthday on October 19th to our little Sweetheart "Leslie Rose Ferguson" Hope you enjoy your birthday presents!!
We Love you Babe!
Mom and Dad

I love you
My really good friends:
Thea, Alyssa, Kevin, Lexxi Jhacie.
Love Ness Wezzy

Dennis Martinez Jr

Happy Birthday
Dennis Martinez Jr
On 10-20
From: Tanya & Freda

Clint L.H

In loving memory of Clint L.H
Love and miss you!
Court and Justin

Levron C. Big Crow

Happy 1st Birthday to My baby grandson Levron C. Big Crow
Enjoy your 1st birthday my Little Papooe!
Grandma loves you
Your so precious gift from Heaven Have fun!
Grandma Mona

Wyatt Clifford

Happy Birthday to Our little cowboy Wyatt Clifford
On 10-17-07
Love grandma, Aunte Tess, White Dove, Aroha, Baby John

Deontae and Kaylee

I would like to say I love my 2 little sisters Deontae and Kaylee
Love you all
Shina

Sam One Horn

Happy Birthday to Grandpa
Sam One Horn
Have fun
Laila & Lainna

Jasmin

Happy Birthday
Jasmin
Love Lexxi's Hunter Family

Heaven



Happy Birthday "Baby" Heaven! We love you… Grandpa and Grandma Apple

Katrina & Crystal

Hay gurlz keep it Cool. Just checking Up on you,
Katrina & Crystal
Much love Sistaz

T.J Has No Horse

Happy Belated Birthday to my Son
T.J Has No Horse
I love you son, May tankasila always watch over you!
Love, Your ina

Mother Eileen Williams

Happy Birthday to our Mother Eileen Williams
On Oct. 19th
From you sons: Don Jr., Jayden
Jarrett and Jerrold

Eileen Williams

Happy Birthday to my wife Eileen Williams
Whom I LOVE SO MUCH.
From your husband Don Williams Sr.

Kevin James Hunter

Happy Birthday
Kevin James Hunter
I love you brother
From Baby sis Lexxi

Daven James Uitalis Jr.

Happy 7th birthday to my son Daven James Uitalis Jr.
I wish you the best and I luv you

Landon Raye

Happy third birthday to our nephew Landon Raye From your Uncle Sam & Auntie Veronica.

Lester Jr., Michael and Brewt

I would like to say hello and my the spirits be with you.
To my son's Lester Jr., Michael and Brewt.
With love: your dad Mike Bear Weasel

John Richard

John Richard
Love you & miss you very much
From you know who

Jeremy Red Owl



Happy Halloween and Happy 12th B-day On October 31st. Keep up your excellent grades and attendance. You make us proud!
We love you: mom (Dorothy Nelson) Dad, Brylee, Brylee, Bryanna and Brenden Red Owl



Jayiver Red Owl

I would like to say Happy Birthday Jayiver Red Owl
Who will be turning 2 years old on Oct. 26 2007
From Auntie Beth Belt & Uncle Brice Belt

Jayden Red Owl

I would like to say Happy Birthday Jayden Red Owl
Who will be turning 1 years old on Oct. 17 2007
From Auntie Beth Belt & Uncle Brice Belt

Shanni Whiting

Happy 17th Birthday to Our big sister Shanni Whiting
10-17- 07
You make us proud of you Everyday so remember We love you no matter what You mean the world to us so Have fun & be happy.
Laila Rose & Lainna Grace

Loretta Jean TWB

Happy Birthday to our Youngest Loretta Jean TWB
Happy 22nd Birthday
Love you so much
Mom & Dad

Clint Lee Lays Hard
4-16-85
TO
10-8-07

My brother, you showed me a lot of things, I learned a lot I didn't know but you forgot to teach me one last thing how to let you go, I know you didn't mean to leave me, sometimes we have no choice, I miss being your little sister hearing my name called by your voice, I wish I got to say "I Love You" before you were giving to the sky, if God could grant me one last wish, I'd ask to say 'goodbye', you've always meant a lot to me, I could never love you less I know it's true when they say 'he only takes the best', Love your sister Tiara Lays hard.

Clint Lays Hard

In loving memory of Clint Lays Hard, April 16, 1985-October 8th, 2006.
For my nephew Clint, it's been a year, the day you left my heart ached, knowing you left when baby Luke left me, my heart ached, the madness, the whys, all over again. I'll miss you Clint your dad is lost with out you. No more coming to my office 'auntie have any money I'll pay you back" I didn't care you've always been one of grandpas favorites. You were very smart and respected, I'll always remember you and baby Luke, my two angels, I know you both are with grandpa Leo in his care. Love and miss you both dearly. Your auntie and mom Jeanette

Jayvier, Jayden

Happy Birthday to Jayvier, Jayden
You boys are so handsome so cut
Takojas have a great birthday
Love grandpa & grandma TWB

Jusiah BrittonWhite

Happy Birthday to my son Jusiah Britton White on 10-23. Love U babe love, Mom.

Frances, Happy Halloween
Kyra

Heaven Libby



Happy Birthday Heaven Libby….. from Mommy, Daddy and Brother

Arlen F

Happy Belated Birthday to My brother Arlen F
Oct. 3rd
From your Big Sis

Dave Tallman

Happy Belated Birthday to my Brother Dave Tallman
I wont even say how old you are cause im right behind you
Happy Birthday to you!
Love, Sis

Papa Martin Hart

We miss you Papa Martin Hart
From Kayla, Timmy Maddy and Baby Rose

Eldrin Grinnelle

Happy Birthday Eldrin Grinnelle
On Oct. 16th. Hope You have a good one
From: Shan

Janet O.H.

Happy Birthday to my Big lit sister Janet O.H.
Hope you have fun, not to much.
From Janelle & Cameron Baby Ava

Lori janis

Congrates to Lori janis
on the birth of her Baby Girl Alexia Larose
From TiffanyHappy

Wilma Balcksmith

Happy birthday mom Wilma Balcksmith on October 19 I wish you luck at bingo you your two grand babies Antonde & alaura Darrrion

Happy Halloween

to all my Takoja's John, Sylvia, Arohay, Chante, Wyatt Teya, Alijhandra, Jazz
Love your unci Dorothy

Luke Fire Thunder

October 8, 2002. Baby, you would have been 5 years old today, w e all miss you and love you. We'll never forget about you. We love you baby. Love your mom Jeanette, Dad Edgar, Brother Caeser and sister Citrus.

Levron Charles Big Crow

Happy Birthday to our brother and nephew. Levron Charles Big Crow. Your first birthday. You're a very special place in our hearts. Have fun and enjoy all the cake & ice cream plus the party. Love you, your Auntie Roxie, Uncles Glenn & Corey, brothers Antone, Nicholas & baby Lloyd.

Det Yellow Horse

Sorry I missed your birthday
Det Yellow Horse
I will make it up to you.
Keep your head up and Keep doing what your doing.
Stay out of trouble
Love you lots
Big sister
Yellow Hose Girls

Rinny Hunter

Happy Birthday to Rinny Hunter
On Oct. 13th
We love you
Your family

Shelby Dallas Clifford

Happy 14th Birthday
To my niece
Shelby Dallas Clifford
On Oct. 25th Love you
your auntie Jessica

Laila & Lainna Good Voice Elk and Millie Ann Grace High Horse.

Happy First Halloween to our lil'goblins, We love you babies sooooooo much, don't eat to much candy girlz.. Love
Grandma Carmelita and PaPa Rod.

Rockin Rod

Happy Anniversary Rockin Rod
Thanks for being there for me and my crew
I love you with all my heart. Thankyou
Love Carmelita

Elaine marie

A very happy birthday to our nieace Elaine marie
on oct 22 have a good one Uncle Buddy and Aunty Dorethey

Dace Mcbride

To a future grass dancer and our brother who'll be 10 yrs old on oct 7!!
From your sisters Branda and Jaelyn and baby bro Brayden Mcbride

Gramma Booty

Happy birthday to Gramma Booty
Love Andrea & Alexis

Miss you!

Just wanted to say hi! Miss you! Love you!
Sunny, Serena, Kamea, Corrine,Rae
Your friend: Shante E.

Loretta Takes War Bonnett

I would like to say Happy B-day to my lil sis Loretta Takes War Bonnett on Oct. 30th. And how old are you gonna be? From your sis and brother In Law Brice Bett.

Lorie Janis

Congrats to Lorie Janis on the birth of her baby girl. Alexia LaRose
9 lb. 2 oz, 21 ½ in.
From Eileen, Roy & Jamie.

Cecelia Montgomery

Happy Birthday On Nov. 2
97 years old!
From the Lakota Country Times Staff and readers

Cangleska, inc (Martin satellite office)
Would like to thank all the speakers and Walkers for the domestic violence awareness walk On Oct. 17th

Special Thanks to the Following Guest Speakers:
Cultural Teacher, Chris Eagle Hawk,
Martin City Chief of Police. Holly Stran
LaCreek District Rep. Kim Claussen
La Creek Elderly, Alice Young
Executive Secretary - Presidents Office, Donna Salomon
Anna Salomon

Dawn Two Crow

Happy 25th Birthday

Det Yellow Horse

Happy Birthday to Det Yellow Horse
Peace out
Much love to you & your girls.
Alaura Danion

Shannon Rose Whiting

Happy belated Birthday Shannon Rose Whiting
Hope you enjoyed your cake, we sure did,
Love you lots and many more to come
Love grandma Beta and the rest of the crew

Landon

Happy Birthday Landon
from Shakirya Goober & CoCo

Shannon Rose Whiting

Happy Birthday
On 10-17-07 to My beautiful Niece Shannon Rose Whiting
I love you lots enjoy Your day and remember I'm proud of you no Matter what you do.
Love auntie Woni

Niquisha Bettlyoun

Happy Birthday Niquisha Bettlyoun
We wanted to let you know we did not forget your special day, hope you have a good one
Love Rockin Rod & Carmelita & Family

Happy 3rd Birthday

Happy third birthday to my big brother from your little sis.
Layla Marie

Jolita Morrison

Happy Birthday Jolita Morrison
Hey Princess (runner-up) Hope you have a good one
With Love Carmelita & Family

Meghan Mesteth

Happy Birthday Meghan Mesteth
We hope you have a good one
With Love your Dad Rockin Rod

Opal Smith "Mom"

We know it's hard to get a word in edge-wise now that we're back, but both your daughters love you.
Roseanna & Connie

Landon Raye Brave Heart

Happy Birthday to my son Landon Raye Brave Heart from your mother.
Tiffany Two Crow.

Lakota Country Times

Happy Birthday thanks for hangin in there,
You're the Best!

Ramone Dave

Happy 10th birthday to our sammy boy Ramone Dave mcbride have a good one!
From dad, mom

Buddy Edwards

Happy Birthday to our Uncle Buddy Edwards on Oct 24.
From your nieces & nephews Vanessa , Sharona , Jay Sissy Mae Jeremy, Theo, Manly, Mesun, Steph, Monila, Chris, Sarah, Coddi Clancy.
Enjoy your special day! We love you!!!

Oyate Teca Project

Happy Halloween to the Oyate Teca Project Staff Good Job on the great job you have been doing.Thank You all
Fr: Carmelita

Brittany Poor Bear

Happy 10th Birthday daddys little angel Brittany Poor Bear from your daddy mom brothers Brendan & Cristian

Max Willams

Happy Birthday to my nephew Max Willams on oct 19th from Don and Elieen

Buddy Edwards

Wishing a very special Happy Birthday to my one and only Buddy Edwards on October 24th Mat the great spirit watch over you in his cave and our prayers for your health love you always and forever Gunny.

Guy Dull Knife III

"aqua boss"
Daddy, we want you to know That "we love you" Thanks for everything & you're the best dad ever, Love baby boss, Trinity, TaLeah

Reganold No Neck Jr

Happy Birthday

Delores Blacksmith

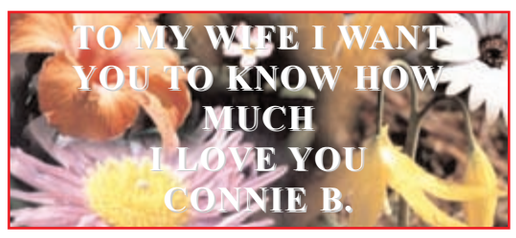
Happy Birthday grandma Delores Blacksmith thanks for being here for 16 years.
I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR DAY.
Love you a lot Gram good luck at Bingo Oct. 18. Your grandchildren and great grandchildren in Oglala.

Long Tall Sally

Hello to Long Tall Sally in Yellowbirds.
Keep up the great 'colgate smile" and keep it cute.
From an admirer.

Jaden Takes War Bonnett

Happy Birthday on Nov. 5th.
Have a wonderful birthday!
From Grandma Amanda and KaKa Leon, Aunty Ness, Aunty Jen and Uncle Jeremy.



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Language ties, binds and provides foundation for history, culture, values

Alive or dead, do we have a plan?

(Editor's note The following is the second of a series of articles on the Lakota language and what is needed to keep it alive for the future generations.)***

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

LAKOTA NATION - "A benchmark of sovereignty is the ability to speak our own language," said Mike Her Many Horses, a past OST council representative and tribal historian, "so we erode our sovereignty when we do not speak our own language - there is plenty of historical and cultural materials out there, next to the Navajo and the Hopi, Lakota are the most studied tribe in the country but we need the tribal government to set this as a priority of the tribe and provide the necessary resources to our educators to teach the language at all levels."

A number of people have commented over the last several months that it's not a crisis, that the language will always be here but two recent activities have helped to define some of the problems across Lakota country.

Through an ANA grant, Pete and Cindy Catches surveyed close to 9,000 people living in communities across Pine Ridge Reservation and found that less than five per cent of children under the age of 17 speak Lakota.

The Catches found that many communities were assuming that the numbers were not that bad that

Please turn to
Lakota language A2



FEMA trailers arrive at SFIS

ST. FRANCIS - On Monday, Oct. 22, St. Francis Indian School received their second FEMA trailer. The trailers are slow in coming but the job is getting done, the school is still awaiting 10 more trailers. The school paid for the transportation cost and will be used for teacher housing presumably. Byron Wright, SFIS school board member, stands inside of the new trailers.

PHOTO BY NICOLE MARSHALL

Tribal supreme court rules in favor of RST to recover $399,353

ROSEBUD - Tribal supreme court judge, B. J. Jones granted an appeal by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in August in a case in which RST sought to recover $399, 353.61 from BBC Entertainment.

The management company was initially hired to operate the Rosebud Casino in 1994 and it was working under a five year contract. Attorney Dana Hanna who represented the tribe in 2001 in tribal court said that the company paid itself more than it should have. BBC which once stood for Boyd, Boyd and Colombe was supposed to receive 35 percent of the profits, but instead, took 65 percent from a reserve account.

Former RST tribal president, Charles Colombe, recently ran for vice-president of the Rosebud Sioux tribe, however, his bid to be the next RST vice-president was unsuccessful.

Current RST vice-president, Louis Wayne Boyd ran for the office of tribal president and was also defeated.

Boyd has not been connected to BBC Entertainment since 1996 and is not liable for the amount awarded to RST by Judge Jones.

Current RST president, Rodney M. Bordeaux, was re-elected for a second term and was quoted in the *Rapid City Journal* as saying that the recovered funds will help to meet a variety of expenses at the Rosebud Casino including a new seal on the parking lot and improvements in the building's heating and cooling systems, and new slot machines.

Judge B. J. Jones presides over the Sisseton-Wahpeton tribal court and was appointed to hear the case by the tribal supreme court.

Attorney Hanna who previously served as the RST attorney general opened a law office in Rapid City. He has been successful in representing local clients on the Rosebud, including a couple of cases against the Todd County Schools and the Winner School district.

In the latter case, he collaborated with the ACLU in a case brought by Native parents.

Bordeaux is re-elected for a second term as RST president

ROSEBUD - Incumbent Rosebud Sioux tribal president, Rodney M. Bordeaux, retained his seat in the RST general election voting on October 25. The 21 voting districts also resulted in former RST chairman, William "Willie" Kindle being elected as RST vice-president over former RST chairman, Charles Colombe by a margin of almost 200 votes cast.

According to the RST election code, section 801 A the voting results must be posted on the Monday following the election and qualified voters have until the following Friday to challenge voting results.

The challenge must be accompanied by a fee of $50.00 and the election board will determine if the challenge warrants a hearing. If the board then hears the complaint it will then issue a written order of memorandum and provide reasons for upholding or dismissing the contest of election. The decision of the election board is considered final.

The recent RST election was historic as the election process will change in two years. The RST secretarial election this past summer resulted in several amendments to the constitution which will put term limits in place and required staggered terms for council representatives. RST constitutional officers will also be elected by the people at that time.

List of candidates with voting results:

Office of tribal president: Rodney M. Bordeaux 1,621, Louis "Wayne" Boyd 1,495.
Office of Tribal Vice President: William "Willie" Kindle 1,660, Charlie Colombe 1,466.
Tribal council representatives: District 1 North/South Ideal: Darrell "Diz" Herman 114, Charlie Long Crow 55. District 2 Butte Creek/Okreek: Steve I. DeNoyer, Jr. 86, Amos H. Prue, III 65. District 3 Antelope: Robert D. Moore 363, Eddie C. Farmer 226, Jo A. Colombe 256, Scott Herman 340, Shawn Bordeaux 264, Trent "Okie" Poignee 266, Glen A. Yellow Eagle 250, Teddie Rae Herman 231.
District 4 Ring Thunder/Soldier Creek: Valeria J. Crazy Bull 60, Norman Running, Sr. 83.
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Tribal judge issue ruling, N.E.A.G. to be excluded from Pine Ridge

By Natalie Hand
Special to the Times

PINE RIDGE - On Oct. 29, OST Chief Judge Lisa Adams issued an exclusion order to remove the Native American Energy Group from the Pine Ridge reservation, declaring that the company has been trespassing on tribal lands. The finding gave NAEG 30 days to vacate the reservation.

Adams also noted that N.A.E.G. ignored a tribal resolution that accepted the OST Environmental Technical Team's recommendation that the Tribe not enter into any working relationship with N.A.E.G. Further, the order stated that Eileen Janis, OST member, failed to inform N.A.E.G. about OST ordinances prohibiting exploration and mining for uranium.

Plaintiffs in the case, Black Hills Sioux Nation Treaty Council (Oglala Delegation) and Owe Aku, were pleased with the exclusion order. "Judge Adams showed great respect for the Treaty Council during this hearing. However, we must update the language in our outdated Tribal Law and Order Code to combat new mining and exploration techniques. N.A.E.G. is gone, but they could try and return in another form and there are many other companies out there that will try to bribe their way onto our homeland," stated Floyd Hand, Treaty Council delegate.

N.A.E.G., a New York-based oil/gas/mining company, approached OST tribal officials in early 2007 with a written proposal to embark on a multi-phase plan to mine uranium on the reservation. Once this proposal was disclosed to the public, tribal members expressed outrage that a mining company had been on the reservation for so many months without following protocol. The treaty council, along with Owe Aku, a non-profit environmental activism group, took action and filed a motion in early September, to exclude the company from Pine Ridge.

"The Pine Ridge Reservation and 1868 Ft Laramie Treaty Territory has been declared a nuclear free zone by both the Tribal Government and the Treaty Council. The court action brought by Owe Aku and the Treaty Council to stop this

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Janis found guilty of stealing money

RAPID CITY (AP) - A former Oglala Sioux Tribe vice president was convicted last Thursday of stealing money from the tribe in 2004.

Eileen Janis was found guilty of one count of theft from a tribal organization.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mara Kohn said Janis became involved in a "financial snowball" after she started using cash advances available to tribal employees.

Kohn said OST employees are allowed to take payroll advances, which Janis did, but that Janis got in way over her head with spending.

Kohn said Janis owes the tribe more than $22,000.

U.S. District Judge Karen E. Schreier presided over the trial.

Janis faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and up to $250,000 in fines when she is sentenced Jan. 28.

Language

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many more of our children were speaking than really are.

Wil Meya helped to form the Lakota Language Consortium which now has produced a series of curriculum materials for use in schools across Lakota country.

When a school takes the curriculum materials, the Consortium provides assessment, a pre-test and a post-test and teacher training. Last month, the group completed a pre-test to 5,000 children in 35 schools.

The test was 20 questions with four pictures written for the second grade level of a seven year old.

Meya said the results were scary, only a small handful, most of that handful was in high school, and overall 95 per cent of the children finished at less than 50 per cent of knowing the words.

"The pre-test gives us an idea where the children are at, sets a baseline and allows teachers and administrators to set goals," said Meya, "teacher training has to be a priority, we sometimes get to work with teachers for maybe three days when we really could use three weeks to help prepare the teachers in language instruction; Sitting Bull College worked out a three credit class we did in three weeks."

A total of 35 schools have committed to using the Consortium materials with some schools purchasing enough so each student has a book, Level I was in the schools in 2004, Level II hit the schools in late 2005 or early 2006, Level III is scheduled to be out in September of 2008 with a new dictionary set for distribution in January of 2008.

"If teachers follow the guide to the letter, it'll work," said Meya, "where teachers are good, there is success, where there is stability in the administration and support, there is success; there are huge differences between schools and sometimes even classrooms but overall I have found many children, all ages who are really excited about learning the Lakota language."

Meya describes Les Ducheneaux, a teacher at Tiospaya Topa on Cheyenne River as one of the best Lakota language teachers, he just has had great success teaching the language. Ducheneaux swears that success came after he started using the Consortium materials.

"The curriculum materials are fantastic, the kids really benefit from them and they seem to learn it faster," said Robert Two Crow, Lakota Studies and Technology department director for Shannon County Schools, "I don't see the materials as the core though, I see them in a supportive role, their materials, the training and assessment pieces are all helpful and will help turn the situation around but in a school system the model where you have students receiving 30-40 minutes of instruction per week, that doesn't work, if they are going to grasp a language, they need 720-30 hours to get it. We might have a commitment to the language but not the model on how to do it - how do we get the kids to use it outside the classroom in the community or in their daily life?"

There is technology today that has been developed to help teach languages, Rosetta Stone has developed very successful software for a number of languages.

It costs about $200,000 to develop the software for a language and every other year they try to pick a language and do it pro bono; the only native language they chose was from a small tribe in Louisiana.

According to Dr. Archie Beauvais, director of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's language preservation office, they have postponed this year's selection until sometime in 2008.

"It probably costs about $200,000 to send a group of people to Rapid City for a weekend training," said Her Many Horses, "we choose to ignore the issue and think it is someone else's responsibility, if several tribal casinos chipped in we could have the technology developed rather quickly."

There are a number of individuals and groups that are trying to deal with the issue including: Leonard Little Finger, past service unit director of the local Indian Health Service hospital in Pine Ridge and Lakota Studies director for Loneman School has been working on a language immersion school in Oglala.

"We are in the construction stage still," said Little Finger, "we hope to open in the fall of 2008 with 15-20 students, five to eight year olds, boys and girls. The home is not working to continue the language, we want to teach it so that our youth think in the Lakota language not translate it from English to Lakota or back."

This is the second year for Oglala Lakota College to operate the Pine Ridge Reservation Headstart program with 26 headstart centers and five early headstart centers on the reservation.

This year they have turned one of the headstart centers in Porcupine into an immersion classroom and if successful they hope to add one or two classrooms next year.

So, it is not an easy subject, there are some initiatives in place today but is it enough?

Where is the leadership?

Where do the tribes stand, the tribal colleges or the treaty groups?

The series will continue.

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Winner ends Todd County season with 48-6 second round playoff win

WINNER - Winner literally rolled over the Todd County Falcons with 376 yards on the ground on their way to a 48-6 second round 11A playoff victory over Todd County Monday night. With the win, the Warriors travel to St. Thomas More for a semi-final battle on Saturday for the opportunity to play in the Dome for an 11A championship.

Winner scored on the ground and through the air, 21 points in the first quarter and were up 35-0 at the half. The Warriors added another 13 points in the second half before Gunner Krogman scored on a six yard run for Todd County.

Krogman continued to add to his record setting year; last week Krogman broke the Todd County career rushing record held by Andrew Schmaltz, he finished with 70 yards on 19 carries to give him a new record of 3,245 yards rushing for his career. CJ Spotted Tail finished with nine completions out of 16 attempts for 75 yards and three interceptions.

Todd County finished their season at 6-4 getting to the second round of the playoffs after going out in the first round last year. Winner is now 8-2 and will play the Cavaliers for the second time this year, losing 28-8 earlier in the year.

Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce to recieve $195,490

KYLE – U.S. Senator Tim Johnson, D-SD, announced that the Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce in Kyle will receive a $195,490 federal grant from the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families.

The funding will expand and implement social and economic development strategies for Native Americans.

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company from desecrating our sacred Mother Earth has been decided in our favor. It has been a challenging experience to fight an energy company, but worth the effort to protect our Treaty Territory. Companies who come to our land need to come with full disclosure of their intentions to do business with our people, our leaders need to enforce such a policy so we are not faced with a similar situation in the future," said Debra White Plume of Owe Aku.

South Dakota State High School volleyball tourney

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15, 16, 17 in Sioux Falls for all three classes, AA, A and B.

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Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 16, 17 and 18 at Sinte Gleska University Multi Purpose building in Mission for 10 team men's open double elimination basketball tournament, for information call Ken 208-5672 or Dave at 747-2539.

12 Step meetings

Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m. at the East Wakpamni College Center in Batesland.

Red Cloud closes out season in first round of playoffs

Comeback win over Todd County, tough loss to Stanley County ends 7-2 Crusader season

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent



Todd County's Canku One Star hustles to get around Winner's Taylor Novotny during Winner's 48-6 playoff win over Todd county on Monday night.

PHOTO COURTESY OF RANDY BACHELOR.

MISSION/PINE RIDGE - With the number two seed in the region, Red Cloud hosted the first round playoff game with Stanley County on Tuesday; the Crusaders marched down the field on their first offensive series, got stalled on the Buffalo 15 yard line, lost five more yards on a penalty and lined up for a field goal on fourth and long - Jesse Arthur faked the kick and hit Carl Swallow in the end zone for a touchdown and it seemed to be a good start in the first round of the playoffs. The TD pass was called back because of an illegal procedure penalty, after an incomplete pass and turning the ball over on downs, Stanley County marched down the field with an 80 yard drive and scored on a five yard quarterback keeper to go up 6-0, a lead they never relinquished on the way to a 12-0 win.

"We just couldn't get our offense going after that first series," said Keith Ferguson, wrapping up his first year as head coach for Red Cloud, "they played smash mouth defense and we just couldn't find any rhythm."

Red Cloud picked up three first downs on that opening drive and only one more first down the rest of the game on a 15 yard penalty in the second half. Stanley County scored their second touchdown on a three yard quarterback keeper with five minutes to go in the game.

Jeremy Blacksmith, Red Cloud's sophomore quarterback, finished with three completions out of 10 attempts, for 30 yards and four interceptions while Billy Scott, seeing limited playing time because of an ankle injury carried the ball ten times for 26 yards.

In the last game of the regular season, Red Cloud scored two touchdowns in the last two and a half minutes to earn a come from behind 12-8 road win over Todd County, their seventh win in a row.

"This team seemed to progress each week, they found a number of different ways to win," said Ferguson, "they showed real heart in the Todd County game with Art Vitalis coming up with a key punt return and Blacksmith keeping his head on a broken play to come up with a big completion for his first of two touchdown passes."

After a knock down drag them out scoreless first three quarters, the Falcons scored on a Canku One Star two yard run and followed it up with a Mike Neiss two point conversion for an 8-0 lead half way through the fourth. With a little over two minutes left in the game, Blacksmith dropped the ball after getting the snap, looked up and saw the planned play was no longer possible, saw Mike Cuny open in the middle of the field, hit him with a pass and watched Cuny break one tackle and score on a 61 yard pass play. Red Cloud's two point conversion failed and the Crusaders were still down 8-6.

After recovering the kickoff, Red Cloud turned the ball over on downs and Todd County tried to run out the clock. The Falcons had to kick a punt, Vitalis ran it back 40 yards and it took two passes, the second one a 14 yarder to Christian McGhee with seven seconds left for Red Cloud to gain a 12-8 win over Todd County. The win gave Red Cloud seven in a row and the All Nations conference crown.

Vitalis, subbing for the injured Scott, finished with 19 carries for 118 yards in his first game as a running back while Blacksmith was four of eight for 103 yards and two touchdowns.

Red Cloud finished the season 7-2, their best record in over ten years.

NOTICE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the St. Francis Indian School will accept sealed bids until 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2007, in the office of the Executive Assistant, Crazy Horse Administration building. St. Francis Indian School, St. Francis, SD for surplus property and they will be opened at the time by the Board Treasurer and Business Manager (Bidders are welcome to attend.)

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Bennett County prevails, wins District 14A shutting out Pine Ridge

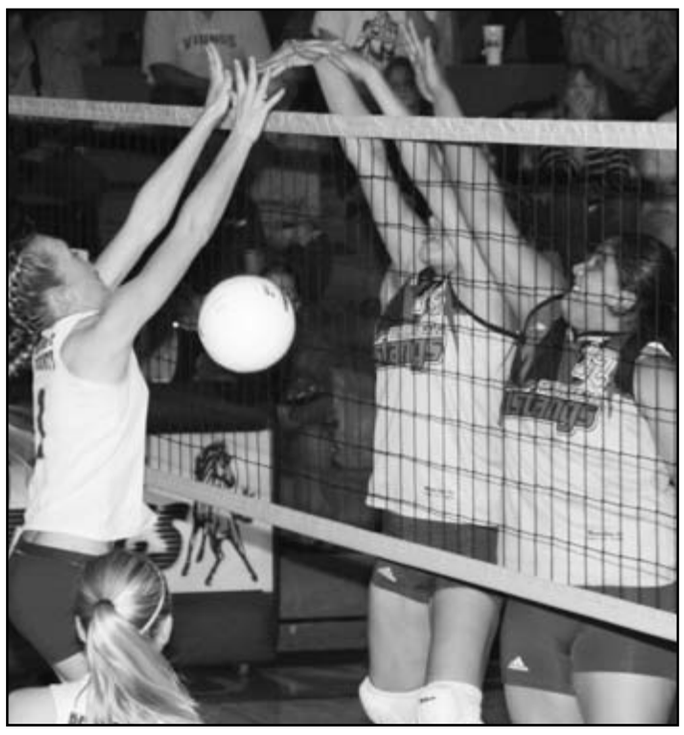
Red Cloud takes five to get by Custer, moves on to 15A championship match with Hot Springs

By Tom Crash
Sports Correspondent

KYLE - The Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes came into the 2007 14A volleyball tourney in Kyle on Tuesday as the number one seed with a 19-9 regular season record and a Douglas Invitational 25-21, 10-25 and 25-22 win over Bennett County while the Lady Warriors from Martin carried some tradition with them, state tournament appearances in 84, 85, 87, 88, 91, 94, 95, 96, 02, 03, 04 and 06 with a pair of state championships in 85 and 94; Bennett County shut out Pine Ridge 25-21, 26-24 and 25-18 to win the 14A title and the opportunity for another state tourney appearance with a slot in the 7A regionals on Tuesday.

Bennett County lost the services of Maggie O'Neill to graduation, she starts for Black Hills State University as a freshman and Cara Kratovil, an up and coming junior who chose not to play this year; the Lady Warriors used a solid team defense to hold Pine Ridge down as Amy O'Neill, Maggie's younger sister, Kelsie Harris and Shae Risse provided the firepower to knock off the Lady Thorpes. Bennett County defeated Little Wound in the first round 25-11, 25-8 and 25-19.

O'Neill was all over the court as she hit some key spikes, got some crucial digs and provided solid setting when needed. Laura Porch dominated the back row and Shawna Evans came off the bench to provide some quality support. Bennett County's four sophomores and four juniors provided the main thrust of the Lady Warrior attack.



Little Wound's Franki Villereal and Vanessa Around Him block the shot into Bennett County's Bobbi Porch, the Lady Warriors go on to beat Little Wound in the first round of 14A Tuesday night in Kyle.
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Saadia Tasso, Pine Ridge's six foot junior, provided most of the offense for the Lady Thorpes who defeated St. Francis in the first round 25-16, 25-18 and 25-12. Aimee Pond and Liane Her Many Horses helped with senior leadership.

Bennett County went up in the first game 18-11 only to have Pine Ridge close the gap to 18-17 before Bennett County closed them out 25-21. In the second game the teams were tied up late in the game at 18, 19, 21 and 23 when Pine Ridge went up 24-23 with the serve and game point on the line; after serving it into the net, Bennett County went on to close the second game out 26-24.

Pine Ridge finished the season 20-10 and will lose Pond and Her Many Horses to graduation.

Bennett County moved their record to 19-13 and will play the District 13A winner at Todd County on Tuesday, Nov. 6 for a trip to state. Todd County lost to Gregory on Tuesday night 25-19, 25-12 and 25-16; Gregory will play the winner of the Platte-Geddes and Winner match on Thursday for the District 13A championship.

In District 15A, Red Cloud got by Custer in five games 23-25, 25-7, 25-18, 18-25 and 15-11 while Hot Springs beat Hill City 25-14, 26-24 and 25-19, Red Cloud travels to Hot Springs for the 15A championship on Thursday at 7 p.m.

Additional district volleyball scores included 11A Miller over Crow Creek 25-7, 25-7 and 25-17; 5A Madison over Flandreau Indian 25-4, 25-8, 25-7; 11A Langford/Roslyn over Tiospa Zina 25-11, 25-16 and 25-17; 13B Kadoka over Crazy Horse 25-2, 25-5 and 25-8; McIntosh downs Tiospaye Topa 26-24, 25-14 and 25-18 and 16B Takini over Dupree 26-24, 25-11 and 28-26.

Big Crow, Mayville State open season with two wins

MAYVILLE, N.Dak. - Laura Big Crow, Pine Ridge graduate, led the way as Mayville State University defeated Brandon University 76-52 this past weekend to open their 2007/08 season, Big Crow knocked down 28 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

"When we signed up Laura last year, it was a big step for us, she is a huge piece of the puzzle, she is so strong for us and will be even stronger this year," said Dennis Hutter, Mayville State coach, "we will rely on her as a senior and for her leadership, for scoring and rebounding and our goal is to surround her with a good supporting cast. We have seven of our top ten players back, we have added a Division I transfer and a point guard from Minnesota so our goal is nationals and we need to keep Laura on the floor to get there, she is such a mismatch for anyone who has to guard her and when they double or triple team her, we will be ready and this year we are going to be more creative in getting the ball into Laura, there is a lot of excitement around our team this year."

The Comets made it two in a row to open the season with a 75-57 win over the University of Winnipeg on Saturday night scoring 47 in the second half. Big Crow finished with 18 points. Mayville State hosts Anoka Ramsey Community College on Saturday, Nov. 3.

On Nov. 24 they travel to Marshall, Min. to take on Northern State University and on Dec. 11 they are in Grand Forks for a game with University of North Dakota.

"When Laura decided to come to Mayville, I literally started dancing on my desk," said Hutter, "she works her tail off, she stays out of trouble, she's a great role model and really if you haven't seen her play and you look at her, she doesn't always seem like a ball player but she surprises you, she just keeps coming back and she just keeps fighting, she's a gamer."

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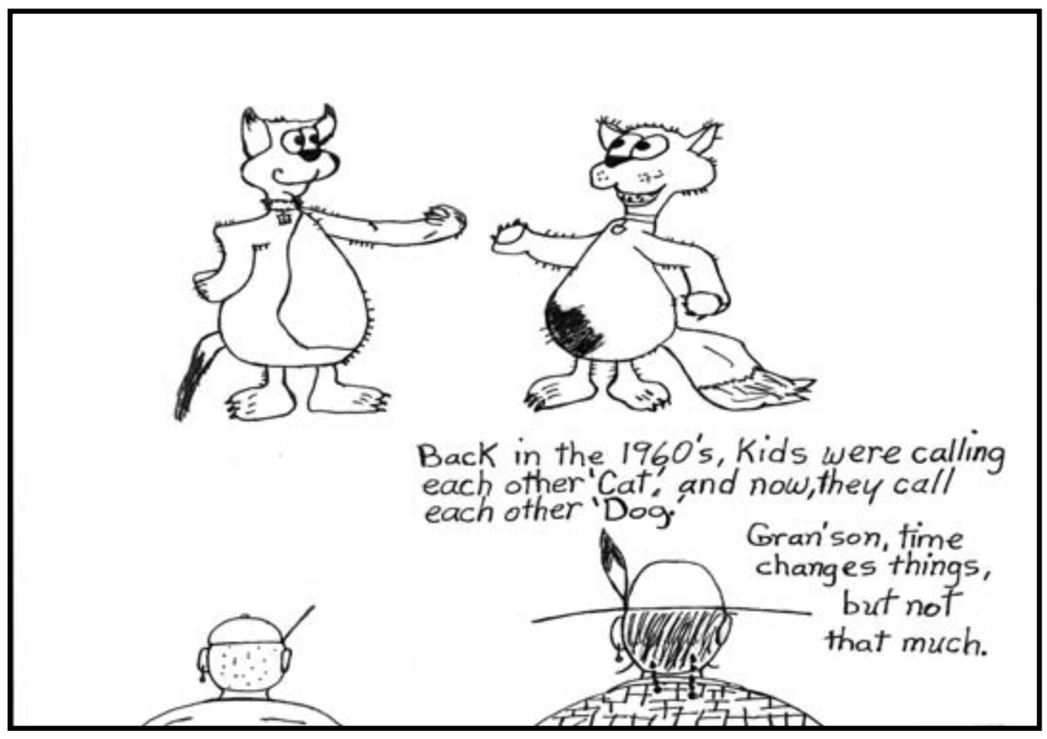
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Wiyukcan Wica Cante Ogna Heyu
Thoughts that come from the heart

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett

To my sister Charlene



Last week Dana Bad Milk had a wonderful column about family and how we make each other laugh.

As Lakota people, humor is a gift of healing and it is part of our culture. For sure though, when we have family support, we have a gift.

I come from a big family. Between my mom and dad, there were 12 of us and from those siblings more nephews, nieces and many, many grandchildren and some great grandchildren. My mom was good at keeping track of family, she kept a notebook with birthdays and special events. Another family trait my mom tried to teach us was to take care of each other and support each other through thick and thin. She said it promoted strong family ties.

My sister Charlene Bush is like that, she promotes strong family virtues. She is also my mentor and my hero.

Ever since I can remember she was there for me. I watched her stand up for her beliefs and her family. After her divorce, she raised her six children as a single mother and encouraged them to do good in their lives and get their education. She wasn't highly educated but she had high expectations and she knew how to get what she wanted for her family.

She encouraged me do good in my life. Whenever I got off track, she managed to find a way to remind me how to keep focused. There were times she couldn't say it but she managed to find a way to let me know.

When I was feeling down, I knew I could call her and she would say the right things. When I thought I was doing the right thing for myself, and it wasn't, she has helped me see a wider, futurist view of my situation and suddenly it wasn't worth the effort.

She is always there, always a pillar in our community and always a pillar in our family.

She has been sick for some time now but always managed to come through and express that vibrancy and strength she is known for.

But now she is getting ready to go home. We don't know when but I know it's the hardest thing emotionally to know someone you love is going to leave to the spirit world. And it is harder to accept, when you love them so much. It's even harder to accept knowing I am the weak one and she still is the stronger one.

Even at a time like this, she is a pillar of strength. She is ready to go and said she is excited to know she is going to Heaven and there is no pain or sorrow there, she said.

Loss is one of the toughest human emotions to deal with. It takes a great amount of coping skills and faith to get through loss of the death of someone you love.

Too many times we forget to learn and teach these skills to our families.

They are important skills, but in reality no matter how much we may think we know, nothing can heal the emotional pain of loss, except time. It's about getting through that time in a healthy way.

There are so many things she believes in and has supported. She was on the local Oglala Lakota College board because she believed in education, she supported the beginnings of the Bennett County Pow Wow in July because she wanted the community to have their own pow wow and celebration and to teach non-Indians to improve race relations.

The list goes on and on.

She believes in celebrations to honor the accomplishments of family and community. Most of all she promoted family.

So my sister Charlene, you are going to leave a legacy in your children, your grandchildren, your great grandchildren and all those you have touched in our family and community and all the beliefs you stood strong for.

I wanted to write these words for you to let you know you will never be forgotten and you are loved by many.

Amanda Takes War Bonnett is editor and publisher of Lakota Country Times. She has more than 20 years of experience in publishing and media relations. She comes from a family of 12 with four children and nine grandchildren of her own and more than 100 grandchildren from her siblings. She is a graduate of Oglala Lakota College.

Northern Perspectives

By Dr. Archie Beauvais

A Lakota language lesson



The Lakota language is so rich with words that most of us will never use and that is regrettable. In a lot of the language curriculum that targets our children there is repetition that is seen as children progress through school and that needs to be modified.

For example, children should know their shapes, colors and animals by the time they are in grade 3 or 4. After that there should be a progression to more difficult words and some basic dialogue that is meant to equip children with familiarity of the more advanced sounds.

They do not have to revisit their shapes and colors and in the middle school and high school they can begin to study how different letters and words are joined together to make a new word.

I have heard pros and cons about the value of breaking down words and having students understand where the root words came from.

I believe that might be a worthwhile exercise as long as it does not consume all of class time.

I remember asking ko-la, Francis Whitebird for the translation of titonwan and he assigned me the task of translating it into English before he would tell the meaning of the word. I believe that we sometimes get bogged down in making sure we understand the English equivalent of a Lakota word is and that may be a mistake.

We don't need English to validate or legitimize Lakota as it is an indigenous language that is just as complex and unique as any other.

I think it would be more desirable if we learned a new Lakota word and then, in our minds we were able to understand its meaning by using Lakota to form the setting and circumstance in which it is used.

For example, I first heard the word epah a couple years ago as it was used along side woglake and I correctly assumed that it meant someone who is talking inappropriately about someone or one who is not sticking to the topic at hand.

It could also mean someone who is talking outright negatively. The "h" in "epah" by way is the same "h" that is used in a word like "pahle" or "inahma." The "h" when used this way is called a glottal stop. Another example is "wowahwala" which means "peaceful."

I like words like that as the sound is like coming to a screeching halt, especially if it comes at the end of a word like "epah." It makes you feel as if you really do know Lakota if you can use the "h" in such a way.

Another mistake we often make as we study Lakoa is that we tend to impose an English sentence structure upon English as we attempt to make sense of a phrase or sentence.

Francis points out that most other languages of the world share a structure like Lakota and it is English that is in the minority when it comes to the way the words are ordered.

We have to avoid falling into the trap of comparing Lakota sentence structure to English as Lakota is in reverse order.

It is a difficult challenge to attend to that as we study Lakota on a daily basis, but we have to try.

I appreciate the fact that "ko-la" Francis is able to spend some time pondering these kinds of issues as I am able to share in them. A lot of such issues need to be included in a reflective journal that speaks to the uniqueness of Lakota; otherwise, they are easily forgotten until they are confronted again.

We also have seen the more "classic" Lakota writings of Father Apple and his work deserves a lot of attention as it represents the more sophisticated side of Lakota that may be lost forever as we work to retain whatever language we use on a daily basis.

By the way, I didn't successfully translate the assignment given me by Francis, however, he said it meant, "One who is from a family who lives in a tipi."

Dr. Archie Beauvais, (Sicangu) earned his Doctor of Education (Ed.D) degree from Harvard University and currently works as the director of the Lakota language preservation project for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

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Notes From Indian Country

By Tim Giago

The church pedophiles must not go unpunished

Writing about lawsuits can be like going to the dentist; it can be numbing and very painful. With that I will try to be as brief (no pun intended) as possible.

Two lawsuits involving the physical, mental and sexual abuse of Indian children while living and studying at Indian mission boarding schools will be heard by the South Dakota Supreme Court to determine if the suits should be dismissed because they have exceeded the statute of limitations.

Attorney Greg Yates of Rapid City, SD is representing the plaintiffs. Yates also has a law office in California, and he is a graduate of the University of South Dakota School of Law. He believes that some of the local news coverage has been inadequate and slanted toward the defendants.

The St. Francis lawsuit (Lloyd One Star and Marian Sorace) was filed in Rapid City and seeks damages against the Catholic Diocese of Rapid City; the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus; and the Denver-based Sisters of St. Francis.

The St. Paul's suit (Zephier and Cuny) was filed in Sioux Falls and seeks damages from the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls; Blue Cloud Abbey; Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, based in Pennsylvania; and the Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament of Marty.

I have read the suit filed by the plaintiffs and the charges are descriptive and they explicitly describe the acts of violence and sexual abuse performed upon the children. The children are now adults and many years have lapsed since the alleged acts of sexual abuse by the priests and nuns.



(Nanwica Kciji)

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The Indian mission boarding schools were often located far from the homes of the children and they were brought there as boarders. They lived at the schools nine months out of the year under the protection of the prefects, nuns, brothers and priests.

These were innocent children and many of them were barely able to speak English. It was their first experience at being away from home. They were entering an institution where they would be under the total control of the Catholic Church.

Having spent 10 years of my life at an Indian mission boarding school, I can readily attest to the physical, mental and sexual abuse of the children at the school I attended. I wrote about it in my book, "Children Left Behind."

These children were being indoctrinated into the rituals and beliefs of the Catholic Church. It was not out of the question for the abusers to warn the children that if they spoke about what happened to them that they would be committing a mortal sin and they would burn in hell. At most Catholic boarding schools the children were required to go to confession at least once per week. Can you imagine their fear when they looked through the confessional screen and saw the face of the priest that had been abusing them? What were they to think? Don't you know that they were already suffering from the guilt pushed upon them by their abusers? When they saw the face of that priest behind the confessional screen they knew that they had no one and nowhere they could turn to for help. They buried what happened to them deep inside.

Most Indian children are naturally very shy. And now they find themselves in a strange environment, far from home, and under the control of white people. Many of them had never been around white people. These people were not only strangers to them, but also strangers of a different race. Having heard the horror stories from their grandparents about the massacre at Wounded Knee, they were terrified of the white people. Having never witnessed or experienced corporal punishment at home because it was not the Indian way, it was a terrible shock for them to see a fellow student beaten with a leather strap. It reinforced the truth of the stories they had heard about whites before coming to the mission.

I have witnessed the frightening revelation of hidden thoughts and fears whenever I speak to a group of elderly Indians about the boarding school experience. Nearly every time I speak I can see the tears flowing down the faces of the elderly men and women. They remember. They recall the things they have kept hidden deep inside for many years.

Not long ago when I spoke at the Pueblo Cultural Indian Center in Albuquerque, an elderly Jicarilla Apache man, pulled himself up by his cane and said, "Mr. Giago, I have something to say about the mission boarding school I attended," and then he stopped, he tried to continue, but he could not. He broke down and cried.

Children abused by Catholic priests from Boston to Los Angeles have had their day in court and have been awarded restitution although no amount of money can ever heal the pain they have suffered. The Indian children should not be denied justice.

I believe that the South Dakota Supreme Court should not dismiss these cases because of the statute of limitations, but it should allow the jury to hear the cases and let them decide when it was that these terrible memories came back to these abused children of the Indian mission boarding schools. The pedophiles at the mission schools must not go unpunished.

(Tim Giago, an Oglala Lakota, was born, raised and educated on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in the Class of 1991 and founder of The Lakota Times and Indian Country Today newspapers. He founded and was the first president of the Native American Journalists Association. He can be reached at najournalist@msn.com)

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A free lunch will be served to all shareholders, council representatives, TLE officials and TLE employees.

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Giago to speak at Columbia/Barnard Heritage Month opening reception

NEW YORK - The CC/SEAS Office of Multicultural Affairs & The College Activities Office-Barnard College will be hosting Native American Journalist and Human Rights Activist Tim Giago at this year's Native American Heritage Month's Opening Reception. This year's theme, "Contemporary Native America: Envisioning Today's Kaleidoscope of Cultures, Keeping Yesterday and Tomorrow in Sight" speaks to the multifaceted and enduring contributions of Native Peoples on the past and present.

Giago, Oglala Lakota, has received many professional awards including the University of Missouri School of Journalism's Honor Award for Distinguished Service in Journalism in 1991, The South Dakota Education Association/National Education Human and Civil Rights Award in 1988, the Golden Quill Award for Outstanding Editorial Writing by the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors in 1997, and Best Local Column by the South Dakota Newspaper Association for the years 1985 and 2003 and the Great Spirits Award from the Navajo Institute of Social Justice in September of 2004. The Harvard Foundation honored him in 1991 for his contributions to the growth of American Indian newspapers and Indian journalism. He will be inducted into the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame on Nov. 10 at Brookings.

He has appeared on national television on shows such as Nightline and the Oprah Winfrey Show. He has also been featured in many magazines such as Newsweek and People Magazines.

His weekly column, Notes from Indian Country, appears nationally and also appears in many South Dakota newspapers as well as in many Indian newspapers and on the websites of indianz.com, nativetimes.com, lakotacountrytimes.com and huffingtonpost.com.

His weekly column is distributed by McClatchey News Service (formerly Knight Ridder) in Washington, DC.

This year's Opening Reception will take place in Brooks Hall's Lewis Parlor at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 1st on the campus of Barnard College in New York.

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OCT 11	WANBLEE PHN OFFICE	8 AM - 4 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 11,18, 25	PINE RIDGE PHN OFFICE	12:30-4:30 PM	4 Yrs. & Older
OCT 16	EAGLE NEST SENIOR CENTER	11AM -12:30 PM	50 & Older
OCT 17	BATESLAND COLLEGE CENTER	11 AM – 1 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 17	MARTIN OEH	10 AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 17	Wounded Knee Community Center	11AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 18	WANBLEE PHN OFFICE	8 AM - 4 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 18	OGLALA CHR OFFICE	10 AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 18	RED SHIRT SCHOOL	1 PM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 18	ALLEN CLINIC	10 AM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 19	Kyle PHN Office at Kyle Health Center	11:30 AM- 1PM	ALL AGES
OCT 22	Kyle PHN Office at Kyle Health Center	10 AM -12 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 22	ALLEN CLINIC	1 PM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 23	PORCUPINE CLINIC	11AM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 24	BATESLAND COLLEGE CENTER	11AM – 1 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 30	PORCUPINE CLINIC	11AM – 3 PM	ALL AGES
OCT 30	LACREEK CAP	1 PM - 3 PM	ALL AGES

November

NOV 1, 8, 15, 29	PINE RIDGE PHN OFFICE	12:30-4:30PM	4 YRS & Older
NOV 5	ALLEN CLINIC	1 PM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 6 & 13, 20, 27	PORCUPINE CLINIC	11 AM – 3 PM	ALL AGE
NOV 8	OGLALA CAP	10 AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 8	MANDERSON CLINIC	11 AM- 1 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 14	Wounded Knee Community Center	11 AM – 1 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 15	RED SHIRT SCHOOL	2 PM - 3 PM	ALL AGES
NOV 5,29	Kyle PHN Office at Kyle Health Center	10AM -12 PM	ALL AGES

December

DEC 3, 14	Kyle PHN Office at Kyle Health Center	10AM - 12 Noon	ALL AGES
DEC 4, 11, 18	PORCUPINE CLINIC	11AM – 3 PM	ALL AGES
DEC 6	MANDERSON CLINIC	11AM - 1 PM	ALL AGES
DEC 6	OGLALA CHR OFFICE	10 AM - 2 PM	ALL AGES
DEC 6, 13, 20	Pine Ridge PHN Office	12:30 PM-4:30 PM	4 YRS & Older
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Tribal Court Advocacy Training
With Justice Michael Swallow, Friday, Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. to all tribal court advocates provided by the Oglala Sioux Nation Supreme Court, mandatory for all Tribal Court Advocates, call Elizabeth to confirm attendance at 867-5266.

Movie Night
Friday, Nov. 2 at Porcupine School at 5 p.m. with Transformers, concessions served, admission one dollar.

Treaty and Sovereignty Rights meeting
Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2, 3 at Digman Hall in St. Francis from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. looking at water rights, treaties and tribal governments.

Hay Days
Friday and Saturday , Nov. 2 and 3 at the Green Tipi Gardens in White Clay, Neb. with Best of the Border art and craft show, youth and ladies horseshoe tourney on Friday, men's horseshoe tourney on Saturday, pony and hay rides, Indian taco sale, tipi erection contest on Saturday and Miss Indian Summer Pageant, for information call 862-4555.

Flea Market
Saturday, Nov. 3 in Red Shirt at old school gym from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., food clothing, knick/knacks.

Traditional Games Workshop
Hosted by OLC Native Science Field Center, Friday, Nov. 2 from 3-9 p.m. and on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Math and Science building at Piya Wiconi, meals will be provided, for information contact Rhonda at 455-6004; everyone is welcome.

Memorial Dinner
Jimmy John's memorial dinner, Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Wakpamni Cap office at 4 p.m.

3rd Annual I.H.S. Masquerade Pow wow
Saturday, Nov. 3 at Wolf Creek School with supper at 5pm and grand entry at 7 p.m.; November is Diabetes Awareness Month and National American Indian Heritage Month, come and get screened, for information call Dave at 867-3173 or Corby at 867-3044.

Oglala Boxing Smoker
Saturday, Nov. 3 in Oglala at the Rec center with weigh-ins from 12 noon to 3 p.m., match-ups at 3 p.m., physicals at 4 p.m. and bouts start at 5 p.m., for information call Marvin at 867-2664.

Annual Bazaar
Sunday, Nov. 4 at St. Isaac Jogues/Mother Butler Center in Rapid city at 231 Knollwood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with arts and crafts, quilts, plants, baked goods, games, bingo, food concessions, raffles and numerous prizes; for information call 343-2165.

Sacred Heart Bazaar
Sunday, Nov. 4 in Pine Ridge at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Honoring Dinner
An invitation to all American Legion posts, veterans and general public to attend an honoring for Lisa White Face, commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the SD National Guard 235th Military Police Company on Sept. 21, a dinner will follow the honoring at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Porcupine School gym.

OST Commodity Distribution
Monday, Nov. 5 in Kyle by CAP Office, Wednesday, Nov. 7 in Manderson by post office and Wounded Knee near upper housing, Friday, Nov. 9 in Martin at Sunrise Housing, Wednesday, Nov. 14 in Porcupine in Evergreen and at CAP Office, Friday, Nov. 16 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni Lake housing, Monday, Nov. 19 in Oglala at old store site, for information call 867-5511.

Four Direction Walk
In honor of those we have lost to diabetes on Friday, Nov. 9 with registration set for 9 a.m. and walk to start at 9:30 a.m., for information call JoAnn at 867-3054, Sawee at 867-3137 or Charlie at 867-1706.

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Grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9 at Loneman School in Oglala, Saturday, Dec. 1 at Batesland School sponsored by Rockyford and Batesland from Shannon County Schools and Friday, Dec. 21 in Rapid City sponsored by Wolf Creek School, Red Shirt Community School and Shannon County Schools, Friday, Jan. 25 at Pine Ridge School; for information call 867-5174.

Falcons repeat as team state champions



Back row L-R: Head coach Tonya Whirlwind Soldier, Arna Two Hawk, Kyla Marshall, Lottie Grimshaw, Emmy Her Many Horses, Josie Stone, Kylie Wilson, Julie Bernie. Front row pictured from left to right: Wes Running, Marc Whirlwind Soldier, LaBradford Eagle Deer, Domingo Tamayo, Jason Black Blance, Max Grimshaw and Assistant Coach Rich Winter.

MISSION - For the second year in a row, the Todd County cross-country runners are the best team in the state. The Falcon girls (4th) and Falcon boys (5th), teamed up to bring home the prestigious State Team Championship at the recent state cross-country meet.

"Winning this award for the second year in a row speaks very well of what we are trying to do with our cross-country program," said head coach Tonya Whirlwind Soldier. "Of course it takes tremendous athletes to win something like this, and we have some great runners on our team."

Lottie Grimshaw was the top Lady Falcon finisher as she garnered a third place finish in the girls class A race. Grimshaw's big finish, teamed with Julier Bernie, Kyla Marshall, Kylie Wilson, Josie Stone and Arna Two Hawk to bring home the girls fourth team finish.

"Julie Bernie has been an integral cog in the Falcon cross-country program as a six time state qualifier," said Whirlwind Soldier. "Our girls were a little disappointed with a fourth place finish, but once they found out they placed as a team, and won the combined team award they were all smiles."

1st - Kelsey Barrett - Britton/Hecla (15:38)
3rd - Lottie Grimshaw (TC) - 16:11
42nd - Julie Bernie (TC) - 17:34
47th - Kyla Marshall (TC) - 17:36
59th - Kylie Wilson (TC) - 17:45
108th - Josie Stone (TC) - 19:04
130th - Arna Two Hawk (TC) - 20:24

The Todd County boys finished in fifth place in the Class A boys race, getting strong individual races from Sophomore, Marc Whirlwind Soldier (3rd), and junior Wes Running (5th). Whirlwind Soldier has had a season long battle with race winner Eamin Entwistle (Hot Springs) and Hill City's, Andy Coy (second place). Falcon junior Wes Running took an early lead at Huron with Whirlwind Soldier, Coy and Entistle breaking from the pack midway through the race.

"Having two or our guys in the top five , speaks volumes about the commitment Todd County runners have to getting up front and running with the big boys," said coach Whirlwind Soldier. "We had some younger runners, Max Grimshaw and LaBradford Eagle Deer that will be counted on to move up next year and help us go after that team title next year."

1st - Eamin Entwistle (Hot Springs) - 16:12
3rd - Marc Whirlwind Soldier (TC) - 16:32
5th - Wes Running (TC) - 16:45
78th - Max Grimshaw (TC) - 18:56
91st - LaBradford Eagle Deer (TC) - 19:20
126th - Jason Black Lance (TC) - 21:47
130th - Domingo Tamayo (TC) - 24:38

"Winning the combined award is really fun for the kids," said Whirlwind Soldier. "It means those long hot practices in August and the over 200 miles of running during the fall season were all worth it."

Veterans Prayer Gathering Nov. 11

PINE RIDGE - There will be a Prayer Gathering on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 3 p.m. at the Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share. Veterans Day statements will be read from Sen. John Thune, Rep. Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin and Sen. Tim Johnson. For more information contact Lillian Tobacco at 867-1380, Duane Brewer, 867-5013 or Iva Good Voice Flute and Tia Grover at 441-9118.

Kyle Veteran's pow wow Nov. 10

KYLE - Little Wound School will be hosting their annual veteran's pow wow on Saturday, Nov. 10.

The Akicita Wicayuonihan Wacipi is also in conjunction of recognizing 30 years of local control and back to school events.

There will be two grand entries at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. with Lyle Noise Hawk as announcer, Marcel Bull Bear and MJ Bull Bear as arena directors. A supper will be served at 5 p.m.

Honorings include Little Wound School 30 years of local control, American Legion Posts of Pine Ridge reservation, school accomplishments, Naja's with war bonnets and spiritual leaders.

Memorial honorings for John Around Him and Cpl. Brett Lundstrom with a traditional men's contest and a women's traditional dance contest for gold star mothers.

Other specials include a rabbit dance, hand drum contest and a veteran's honoring dance. For more information call Imgone Roy at 455-6162 or Dorothy Thunder Bull at 455-6174.

Veteran's Day celebration Nov. 11

Sunday, Nov. 11 at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee with grand entries set for 1 and 7 p.m. with a noon meal and supper provided, for information call Ruth at 454-5273 or Elroy at 441-8154.



This was the scene on U. S. Highway 83 south of Mission. A Nebraska pickup truck driven by an unidentified driver partially slammed into the back of RST council representative, Norman Running, as he was pulling off the highway. Neither driver was injured. Photo by Archie B. Beauvais

Fender Bender south of Mission no injuries reported

MISSION - District 4 Rosebud Sioux council representative, Norman Running and wife Shannon, escaped serious injury on Saturday, Oct. 27 after being rammed from behind as they were turning west off the highway and onto the cut across road to Lakeview road and to Rosebud. Running was re-elected for another two year term in the RST general election held last Thursday.

At approximately 1:20 p.m. Running was driving north on U. S. Highway 18 eleven miles south of Mission and as he was approaching the turnoff to the gravel road, his turn signal was operational. He said just a few minutes earlier, he noticed a vehicle which came up on him quickly and then proceeded to back off a bit. As he began to slow down to turn he noticed that the vehicle was bearing down on him and he would have been hit if he did not quickly exit the highway.

As it turned out, Running was rammed at the same time as he turned left and the white pickup truck which was driven by an unidentified young male slammed on his brakes.

As he did so, the pickup truck with Nebraska plates which was pulling a small trailer with an all terrain vehicle and a motorcycle, jackknifed and caused the pickup to tip over on the right side and as it did so it ended up facing south. Running's pickup did not appear to be damaged.

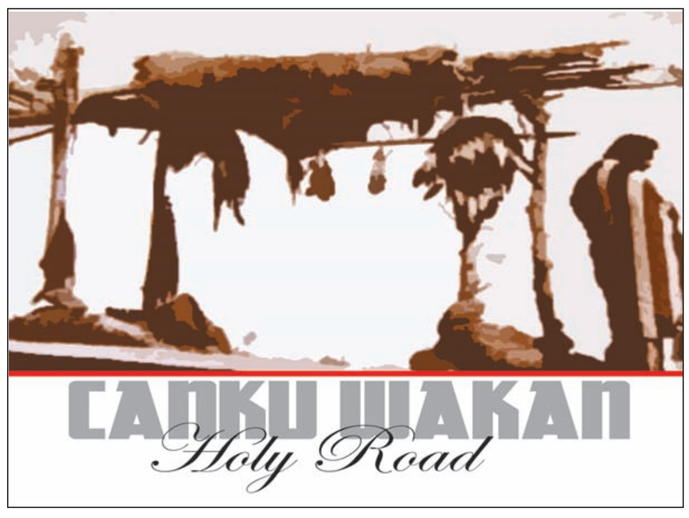
Immediately after the accident, Officer Robert Sedlmajer of Rosebud Law Enforcement Services, who was traveling south to Valentine, Neb. on his day off, was able to assist the young driver in climbing out of the passenger side door.

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~Olivia L. Black Elk-Pourier~

PORCUPINE - Olivia L. Black Elk-Pourier, 80, died Oct. 29 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

She is the granddaughter of Chief Ben Black Elk,

Survivors include a son Curtis Pourier, Porcupine; step sons Pat Pourier, Lester Pourier, Duane Pourier, Delbert Pourier all of Porcupine; step daughters Edna Pilcher, Carol Jacobs, Deanna Pourier and Phyllis Pourier all of Porcupine; Lavonne Richards of Hermiston, Ore. And numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hobart, and two grandsons.

One night wake begins at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2 at Porcupine School.

Funeral services will be 10:00 am, Saturday, at Porcupine School.

Officiating will be Rev. Chris Collins & Rev. Peter Klink with burial at Christ The King Catholic Cemetery, Porcupine.

~Benjamin Long Soldier Sr.~

WANBLEE - Benjamin Long Soldier Sr., 74, Wanblee, died Monday, Oct. 29, at Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, Colo. Arrangements are pending with Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge.

~Samuel J. Martin, Jr.~

OGLALA - Samuel J. Martin Jr., 72, died Oct. 29 at Fall River County Hospital, Hot Springs of natural causes. He was a veteran of the United Stated Air Force.

Survivors include sons Robert "Chop" Martin and Nathan Martin both of Oglala; Samuel Martin, III of Denver, Colo.; daughters Judy Martin-Hillman, Oglala; Jolene Martin, Omaha, Neb.; Sherry Martin and Jenny Martin both of Pine Ridge; brothers Frances Martin, Slim Buttes; Darrell Martin, Sr, Tony Martin, Melvin Martin, and Kenny Returns of Pine Ridge; Manuel Martin, Oglala; Dave Martin, Red Shirt; Chris Martin, Washington State; sisters Lema Martin, Pine Ridge; Marilyn Martin and Gerilyn Martin of Rapid City; Yvonne Martin, Hot Springs; Carmel Vegas, Reno, Nev and 25 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

A one night wake begins was October 24 at Br. Rene Catholic Hall at Oglala.

Funeral services were Saturday at Br. Rene Catholic Hall with Sr. Connie Schmidt officiating.

Traditional Lakota services were Ivis Long Visitor with burial at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Cemetery, Slim Buttes.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~Giselle J. Bettelyoun-Carpio~

PINE RIDGE - Giselle J. Bettelyoun-Carpio, infant, Pine Ridge, was stillborn Saturday, Oct. 27 at Pine Ridge Hospital. Survivors include her parents, John Carpio and Cherie Bettelyoun, Pine Ridge; one sister, Giani Bettelyoun, Pine Ridge; maternal grandparents, Lonnie and Sandra Bettelyoun, Pine Ridge; and paternal grandmother, Karen Carpio, Pine Ridge. Funeral ervices were held Oct. 29, at the Bettelyoun residence in Pine Ridge. Burial was at Bettelyoun Family Cemetery in Pine Ridge. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Robert A. Standing Soldier Sr.~

HISLE - Robert A. Standing Soldier Sr., 77, Hisle, died Friday, Oct. 26 at Bennett County Nursing Home in Martin.

Survivors include his wife, Delores Standing Soldier, Hisle; four sons, Mike Standing Soldier, Sioux Falls, Tim Standing Soldier, Rapid City, Norman Standing Soldier, Hisle, and Richard Standing Soldier, Martin; six daughters, Juanita Rodriguez, Sioux Falls, Helen Wright, Arlington, Va., Phyllis Myers, Cache, Okla., and Gloria Standing Soldier, Alice Standing Soldier-Bettelyoun, and Mary Standing Soldier-Reinhert, all of Martin; and 15 grandchildren.

A first-night wake was Monday, Oct. 29, at the Standing Soldier residence in Hisle. A second-night wake was Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee.

Traditional Lakota services was Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the school, with Richard Moves Camp officiating. Burial was at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Hisle. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Aurea Faith Anderson~

RAPID CITY - Aurea Faith "Grams" Anderson, 75, of Rapid City, died Oct. 23. She has taken her journey, after a long battle with lung disease, to be with her family and friends that have passed before her. Aurea, which is Latin for "Golden", was born Aug. 14, 1932 southeast of Kyle on the bombing range near Potato Creek.

Her parents are Edward "Pop" Janis and Ellen "Mom" (Rouse) Janis. Her brothers are Edward, Harry, Buddy, Jim, Otto, Little Albert, Albert, Joe, Robby, and Tommy. Her sisters are Edna, Dorothy, and Theresa. She attended Holy Rosary Mission School in Pine Ridge. She was married to Leroy Anderson (deceased).

Her children are Bob Anderson (Diane), Sandy Sullivan (Rick), Willie Anderson (Kim), Jeanie Ashley (Terry), Monte Dooner, and Perry Arpan. Aurea was blessed with many special friends. One very special friend is Tom Slattery. She was a member of the Elderly Council for Indian Education. She loved to donate to various organizations even though she never had a lot of money. Some of her hobbies were going to bingo, watching her grandchildren and playing with her cat Dittles. She is survived by her six children all of Rapid City, three brothers, Albert and Joe Janis of Kyle and Tommy (Josephine) of Hiawatha, Kan., 19 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, Oct. 29 at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Rapid City with Fr. David Matzko, S. J. as celebrant.

~Ann M. Cedar Face~

PINE RIDGE - Ann M. Cedar Face, 68, Pine Ridge, died Tuesday, Oct. 23 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include two daughters, Elizabeth "Becky" Brunke and Erika Dodds, both of Lincoln, Neb.; one son, Daniel Kosmicki, Lincoln; six grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law, Verine White, Rapid City, and Karen Dietrich, Alliance, Neb. Services will be held at a later date.

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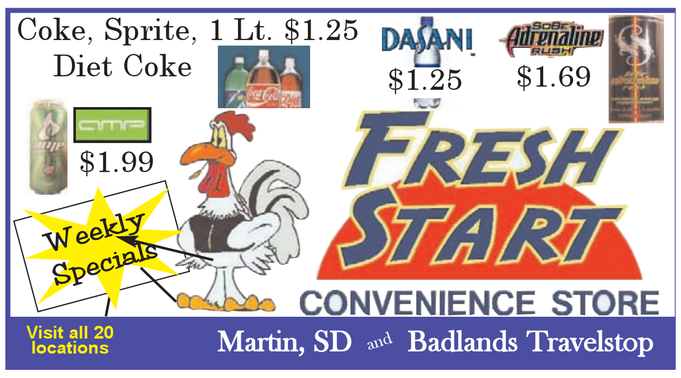
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Well here it goes. I'm a junior in high school and an adult in love. I love my boyfriend dearly he's my one and only as I'm for him, but there's a big problem, we've been fighting a lot over things that matter to one or the other you know what I'm talking about.

Things like when I feel offended when he smiles and laughs at me, but he says he doesn't mean to, he says he just wants me to understand him and stop fighting. We have been happy for about a year and six months. Not only that but we are so young and deeply in love. We've been through the hardest times dealing with cheating and how strong we are to overcome the lies around us.

In the past I was manipulated by a friend that said he was cheating and now days the mistrust is still lingering in my soul.

I feel very insecure about the way I look I know everyone goes through skin problems, but I can't stand mine anymore! What do you see about that? I gave him my heart and soul not to mention he did back. I do test him to see if does love me as much as I do him. I'm afraid to ask you if he likes anyone else though I don't think so, but I wanted to just ask.

I would love to hear the truth, but I don't want to hear something that would break my heart. I hope he doesn't like anyone else I know that I don't! I'm afraid of the truth and I'm afraid of not being loved. So you probably do see what I go through right? The nights I cried over the phone for him and praying that this works. I know he goes through the same pain as I do too Anna. His parents keep him on lock down all the time and we don't like it! What do you think we should do about that too? As a couple I know we are stronger than most of the others around us.

We don't want to break up, don't you see how happy we used to be? Don't you see that we still are, but we just need guidance. Well Anna I wanted to ask you what is it that you see in the future? I know that I and my boyfriend will work I just want to hear it from you.

You're my last hope, because we need to know what the future holds....Do you see me with my love still, and it all worked out? I hope so because we are strong Anna you can see that.. We need each other. Well I hope you write back. We need your guidance, so please help.

Young Love

Dear Young Love:

Sometimes in the world, young people meet, fall in love, grow up together, get married and it works. That is a dream that I love too. I know two couples in my immediate circle of friends where this story is true.

Both couples have had many hardships to face but they have managed to work them out together.

Being afraid of not being loved enough is the main problem behind every issue within an adult relationship. Self doubt is the underlying problem.

Doubting that you are wise enough to know what is good for you, doubt that you are not wise enough to know when someone else is good for you, and doubt that you are worth loving.

Know that there is no reason for your boyfriend to be with you if he didn't love you. You are not supporting him financially, not rescuing him from some terrible fate, and not offering him anything that he couldn't get elsewhere. Therefore, know that he is with you for the same reason you are with him: you love each other.

He has no other girl-friend. He does like almost everyone he knows, but that is not competition, that is a sign of good mental, spiritual and emotional health.

You are beautiful. Try vitamin A and vitamin E to help your skin problems. Be sure and wash your face with a clean wash cloth at least twice a day. Never allow make-up to sit on your skin over eight hours. Don't eat fried foods, too much refined sugar, colas, and high-fat foods. Wal Mart carries several excellent products for external application, talk with the pharmacist or the pharmacist's assistant to find the best one for you.

Good luck in your trust issues. Let your boyfriend tease you - it is part of what makes him so funny. Read the book (both of you), The Four Agreements by Don Miguel Ruiz - talk about it together.

There isn't anything you can do about your boyfriend's parents restrictions except to learn to live with them. As you both get older they will go away.

Good Luck. It looks like with a little effort, things will work out in a good way for you.

Dear Anna,

How have you been? Good I hope. Well for me I'm not doing so well. I have a lot of unanswered questions that are going through my head and it bothers me.

I have court at the end of this month, I was wondering do you see any good coming out of that day? I'm just really curious because I don't want anything to happen to me or any body else, but I guess all I can do is pray. Thank you for your time to read this and hopefully you will write back. Well God bless and take care.

Curious Young Lady

Dear Curious Young Lady:

I see things working out in a good way. The court will listen to your plea, take into consideration other evidence presented and find in a way that ends this conflict. I do see a young man having to really explain himself and the court will not be pleased with how he presents his side of the story.

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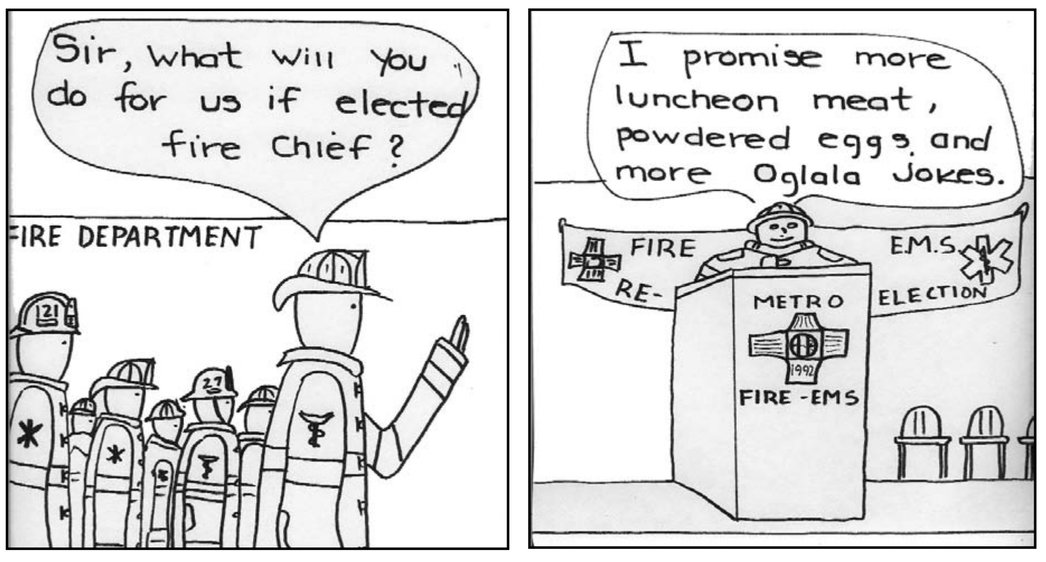
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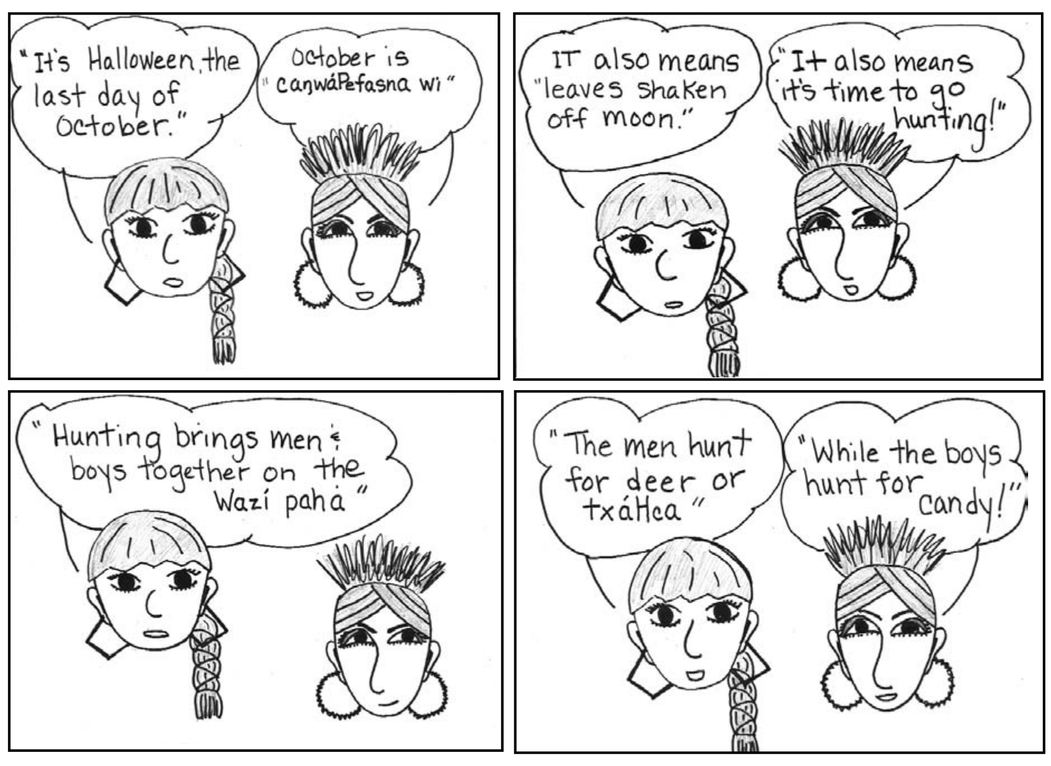
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General Description:
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14) Floor covering throughout complete house.

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3) Cost of the foundation, basement, or block materials
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Buyer is responsible for any and all financing cost associated with the purchase. The sale of this home is not dependent on financial status.

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Little Wound School Board Regular Meeting July 2, 2007 MINUTES

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School Board Members Absent:
School Board Members Excused:
Others Present: Linda Hunter, Dorothy Thunder Bull, Delores Pourier, Ronnie Shangreaux
CALL MEETING TO ORDER:@ 6:20 pm by Janice Richards, Little Wound School Board President.
WOCHEKIYE: Given by Taylor Little Whiteman
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve Agenda,
VOTE: 5-for, 0-Against motion carried.
COMMUNITY CONCERNS: 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
(No community concerns)
PERSONNEL:
Motion by Everett Janis to go into executive session @ 6:35 pm.
VOTE: 5-for , 0-against,motion carried.
Declare to come out of executive session @ 7:15pm.
MIDDLE SCHOOL
1. Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to accept the withdrawal of Charles Conroy as Middle School Principal. VOTE: 5-for,0-against,motion carried.
2. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis to offer Tom Raymond the Middle School Principal position for 2007-08 SY.
Vote: 4-for,1-not voting, motion carried.
3. Motion by Everett Janis to accept the resignation of Tammy Steele as SAP Counselor. VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.
4. Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to advertise the SAP Counselor for two weeks. VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.
5. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis to offer the Middle School Custodian position to Rayvon Rosales for the 2007-08 SY. VOTE: 5-for, 0- against, motion carried.
HIGH SCHOOL
1. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Everett Janis to offer the High School Athletic/Activities Director to Arlo Provost with stipulations and conditions, VOTE: 4-for, 1-not-voting, motion carried.
2. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer the High school custodian position to Len Pourier and to name Ron Janis as alternate for the 2007-08 SY. VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.
3. Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to accept the resignation of Jerry Ogden, High School Math Teacher, effective immediately.
VOTE: 5-for, 0- against, motion carried.
4. Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded accept the In-house transfer of Norma Ceron to the Exceptional Education Department as a SPED teacher. VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
1. Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to approve the June 4, 2007 regular meeting minutes with corrections. VOTE: 5-for, 0- against, motion carried.
2. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis to approve the June 18, 2007 budget meeting minutes with corrections. VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.
3. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve the June 19, 2007 special meeting minutes. VOTE: 4-for, 1-not voting, motion carried.
SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to accept the School Board reports. VOTE:5-for,0-against, motion carried.
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
Motion by Linda may seconded by Everett Janis to accept the Superintendents Report. VOTE: 5-for,0-against,motion carried.
OLD BUSINESS:
a. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis to table the request for disposal of inventory. VOTE: 3-for, 2-abstain, motion carried.
b. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis to assign Terry Albers
c. to designate an evaluator for the 2007 summer school programs. FACE, High School, Womanhood Ceremony, Middle School.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-not voting, motion carried.
NEW BUSINESS:
a. K-8 Library:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to to approve the K-8 Library in the amount of $45,000.00. VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.
b.Communications Bid:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Everett Janis to accept the Bid from Golden West in the amount of $39,613.37. VOTE: 4-for, 1-not voting, motion carried.
c. Out of State Travel Request:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the out of state travel request for LSAPP. VOTE: 5-for,0-againstmotion carried.
d.Annual Meeting Date:
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis to approve the proposed Annual meeting date for July 11, 2007 @ 5:00 pm.
VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.
e. Advertise for all Service Products:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to advertise for all products, services, contracts, etc. that will cost over $25,000.00 for the 2007-08 fiscal year. VOTE: 5-for, 0-against,motion carried.
This will consist of but not limited to the following:
Propane,
Heating Fuel, Bus/Vehicle Fuel
Janitorial Supplies, rugs, facial tissue, bath tissue, paper towels, copier paper,
General Liability, Property and equipment insurance.
Health Insurance
Work-mans Compensation Insurance
2006-07 financial audits
Plan year ending August 31, 2007 Retirement Audit
Special Education Services
Copier Management Plan
VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.
f. Technical Support / Tom Allen
Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve the Technical Support contract for Tom Allen and cap travel /mileage @ $4,500.00.
VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.
g. Business Office
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis that the Business Office and Facilities Department to alternate staff so that their departments can stay open for business on Fridays. VOTE: 3-for, 2-not voting, motion carried.
h. NAHA Donations:
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Archie Hopkins all donations be referred to the Medicine Root District CAP Office, and to no longer drop any donations off at Little Wound School. VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.
CONSULTANS: none
TRAVEL:
ADJOURNMRNT:
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis to adjourn @ 9:19pm
VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.
Janice Richards, Little Wound School Board President
Lh/Pp

Little Wound School Board July 11, 2007 ANNUAL Meeting

School Board Members Present: Janice Richards, Everett Janis, Linda May, Archie Hopkins
School Board Members Absent: Taylor Little Whiteman
School Board members Excused:
Others Present:
CALL MEETING TO ORDER: @ 6:02 by Janice Richards, Little Wound School Board president.
WOCHEKIYE: Given by Anne Montileaux
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to approve the agenda.
VOTE: 3-for1-excused, 1-absent, motion carried.
NEW BUSINESS:
a. Jr. Bettleyoun
Tom Allen
Dave Hillard
Lila Caspers
Jeff Hansen
b.Organizational Chart
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to approve the 2007-2008 Little Wound School Organizational Chart with changes. VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
c. Support Letter for OSEC - AYP
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to approve the Letter of Support for OSEC - AYP. VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
d. Dues & Fees School Board Membership
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to approve the Dues & Fees for DACTS Membership in the amount of $1,000.00. VOTE: 3-for,1-not voting, motion carried.
ADJOURNMENT:
Janice Richards, Little Wound Schooll President
Lh/ Pp

Little Wound School Board July 16, 2007 Budget Meeting

Little Wound Schooll Board Members Present: Linda May, Archie Hopkins, Taylor Little Whiteman, Everett Janis, (arrived @ 7:07pm)
Little Wound School Board Members Absent:
Little Wound Schooll Board Members Excused: Janice Richards
Others Present: Linda Hunter, Dorothy Thunder Bull, Terry Albers, Paula Pourier, Clint May
CALL MEETING TO ORDER:@ 6:35 pm
WOCHEKIYE: given by Archie Hopkins
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve agenda and would like to have an up-date on the Summer School Program.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
PERSONNEL:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Archie Hopkins to go into executive session @ 6:35 pm.
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:
1. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Archie Hopkins to accept the resignation of the Attendance Aide. VOTE: 3-for1-excused, 1-absent, motion carried.
2. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Archie Hopkins to advertise the Attendance Aide for two weeks. VOTE: 3-for,1-excused,1-absent,motion carried.
MIDDLE SCHOOL
1. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Archie Hopkins to accept the resignation of the Middle School Science Teacher and apply penalty as per policy.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-excused, 1-absent, motion carried.
2. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Archie Hopkins to advertise for Middle School Science Teacher until filled.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-excused, 1-absent, motion carried.
FACE PROGRAM:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to offer the Center Based Aide position to Rita Red Owl for the 2007-08 school year. VOTE: 2-for, 1-abstain,1-excused,1-absent,motion carried.
FINANCIAL REPORT:
Everett Janis enters meeting @ 7:00pm
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to accept the financial report submitted by Paula Pourier, Business Manager. VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
OLD BUSINESS:
a. Roofing Report by Clint May / FYI
b. Summer School /Linda Hunter
" Memos were sent out to all Summer School Coordinators to have all reports completed so that they can be submitted to the school board at the August budget meeting.
" Terry Albers and I are looking into an evaluator for the summer programs.
" We have the 21st century program report and will also include this.
NEW BUSINESS:
a. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve the request to bid out the 1999 GMC Van and bring the bids back to the August Budget meeting. VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
b. Computer Surplus Disposition
Refer back to business office to take off of inventory, record and bring back to Board. On August Regular meeting.
c. Out of State Travel request /LSAPP-Referred back to Superintendent /Denied.
d. SDHSAA School Board Resolution.
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the resolution for 2007-08 SY. VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
e. Approval for purchase over $5000.00/ Technology
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the Request for over $5,000.00 for Technology.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
CONSULTANTS:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to approve the (5) consultant requests submitted by Terry Albers, School Improvement Specialist.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
TRAVEL: FYI/ OSEC-August 6,7,8,2007 in Chamberlin, S.D
NIEA - Hawaii
ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to adjourn @ 8:13pm.VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
Janice Richards, Little Wound School Board President
Lh/Pp

Little Wound School Board Regular Meeting August 2, 2007

School Board Members Present: Linda May, Everett Janis, Archie Hopkins
School Board Members Absent: Taylor Little Whiteman
School Board Members Excused: Janice Richards
Others Present: Linda Hunter, Dorothy Thunder Bull, Tom Raymond, Cecelia Haas, Lila Caspers, Paula Pourier, Clint May, Gerald One Feather,
PUBLIC CONCERNS: 6:00-7:00pm
" Gerald One Feather, Lakota Language
" Lakota Language in Head Start centers
" Try to prepare them for pre-school and school"
CALL MEETING TO ORDER: @ 6:45pm by Everett Janis Little Wound School Board Vice-President.
WOCHEKIYE: by Linda May
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve agenda: VOTE: 3-for, 1-excused, 1-absent.
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to go into executive session @6:50pm
Declare to come out of executive session@ 7:55 pm
PERSONNEL:
SPECIAL SERVICES:
1. Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to offer the K-12 Social Worker to Jami Gropper for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 3-for,1-excused,1-absent,motion carried.
MIDDLE SCHOOL:
1. Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to offer the Middle School SAP Counselor to Warren "Bim" Pourier for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-excused, 1-absent, motion carried.
2. Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to offer the Middle School Lakota Language teacher to Dainna Red Owl for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-excused, 1-absent, motion carried.
3. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to offer the Middle School Science position to Cedar Around Him for the 2007-08 school year.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1-excused, motion carried.
4. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to accept the resignation of Ruth Ridgeway as Middle School Social Studies Teacher and advertise until filled.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-excused, 1-absent.
5. Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve the Dean of Students position description and advertise for two weeks with correction.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1-excused, motion carried.
HIGH SCHOOL:
1. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to offer the High School Counselor position to Lyle Noisy Hawk, Jr. for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1-excused, motion carried.
2. Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to offer the LSAPP Prevention Counselor for Pine Ride to Donna Eagle Bull as prevention Counselor.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1-excused, motion carried.
3. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to accept the resignation of
Amanda Carlow, Dean of Students and to advertise for two weeks.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1-excused, motion carried.
4. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to accept the decline of Amanda Carlow as Girls Basketball Assistant Coach.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1-excused, motion carried.
ELEMENTARY:
1.Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to offer the Kindergarten Teacher position to Angel Hernandez for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1-excused, motion carried.
2.Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to offer the 2nd Grade teacher position to Reva High Horse for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1-excused, motion carried.
3. Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to offer the 2nd Grade Teacher position to Minnie Pietz for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1-excused, motion carried.
4. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to offer the 3rd Grade Teacher position to Paulina Whitehat for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
5. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to offer the P.E Teacher position to Brenda Gene, for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
6. Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to offer the Counselor position to Vincent Whipple for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
7. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to offer Loren Two Crow the Attendance Aide position and to name Amanda Christensen as alternate,for the 2007-08 SY.VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
8. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Archie Hopkins to accept the resignation of Malcom Cary and apply the 5% penalty as per policy.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
9. Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to accept the resignation of Grady Brunch as 5th Grade Teacher and apply the 5% penalty as per policy.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
10. Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to approve the Technology Mentor position and advertise for two weeks.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
11. Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to advertise the 5th Grade Teacher position for two weeks for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
12. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to advertise for a 5th Grade
Teacher for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
FACILITIES:
1. Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to RIF the Night Security
Supervisor Position. VOTE: 3-for, 1- absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve the July 6, 2007 Regular Meeting minutes with corrections.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes with corrections and to add the reports from meeting.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to table the Budget Meeting minutes and bring back to August Budget Meeting with Summer School report information.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to accept the Superintendent Report
VOTE: 3-for, 1- absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
"July 2,2007 Regular School Board Meeting
"July 11,2007 Annual Meeting
"July 16,2007 Budget Meeting
" On leave status July 17-20,2007 and July 24-27,2007
"Terry Albers and Anne Montileaux were acting in my absence.
" Football Camp held on August 3,4,5,2007 (Approximately 20 students attended.
"Worked on finalizing the 2007-08 Policies and Procedures Manual for the August Meeting
"Held a LSAPP Meeting over summer activities.
OLD BUSINESS:
a. Approval of 2007-08 Policy Manual
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to approve the 07-08 Little Wound School Policy & Procedure Manual, SPED Policies & Procedures & Organizational Chart for 07-08 SY.VOTE: 3-for, 1- absent, 1-excused, motion carried.
b.Health Insurance Renewals:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to accept the Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
c. Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to table the Speech Contract for the Special Education Department.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve the Letter of
Agreement for Services for Special Education Department.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
NEW BUSINESS:
None
CONSULTANTS:
None
TRAVEL:
21st Century Program / Denver, Colo. August 13-17, 2007
FYI-
Dakota /Lakota Journal
" Pkt. with all info.
" Ares covered
" Sales writers
" Official media kit
" $8.00a column inch
" legal size standard news paper
" Board Announcements
" Proposals for bids
" Wachipi Guide
" 10/15 free papers /free drop off
" we have our own printing
" editorials
" classifieds
" back to school issue
" Publishing date 8/23/07- deadline 8/13/07
" 12 years in business
ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to adjourn @ 10:15pm.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-absent, 1- excused, motion carried.
Everett Janis, Little Wound School Board Vice-President
Lh/Pp

Little Wound School Board Budget Meeting August 20, 2007

School Board Members Present: Janice Richards, Everett Janis, Taylor Little Whiteman, Linda May, Archie Hopkins
School Board Members Absent:
School Board Members Excused:
Others Present: Linda Hunter, Dorothy Thunder Bull, Paula Pourier, Anne Montilaeux, Ron Shangreaux, Amanda Christensen, Ted Rowland, Donna Denker
CALL MEETING TO ORDER: By Janice Richards, Little Wound School Board President @ 6:00pm
WOCHEKIYE: given by Anne Montileaux
AGENDA:
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to approve Agenda with additions to item 4& 5. VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
Motion by Linda May seconded by Linda May to go into executive session @ 6:35pm
Declare to come out of executive session @
PERSONNEL:
SPECIAL SERVICES:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to offer contracts to the following for the 2007-08 SY .as per recommendations.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-against, 1-excused, motion carried
1. Recommendation to offer Earlene Rooks the High School student assistant position.
2.Recommendation to offer Stephanie Top Bear the High School student assistant position.
3.Recommendation to offer Jonathan Derby the High School student assistant position.
4. Recommendation to offer Colleen Bettleyoun the High School Teacher position.
5. Recommendation to offer Gloria Randall the High School Teacher position.
ELEMENTARY:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to offer the following contracts for the 2007-08 SY. VOTE: 4-for,1-excused,motion carried.
1. Recommendation to offer Diane Truckenbrod the 5th Grade Teacher position
for the 2007-08 SY.
2. Recommendation to offer Cheryl Locke the 5th Grade Teacher position
for the 2007-08 SY.
3. Recommendation to offer Devonna Bush the 2nd Grade Teacher position for the 2007-08 SY.
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to accept the resignation of Evelyn 4.Gregg . VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
MIDDLE SCHOOL:
1. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer Mitch Wisecarver the Middle School P.E Teacher position under a 30 day temporary contract.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
2. Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to approve the recommendation of Phinette Little Whiteman as Middle School Lakota Language Teacher.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-abstain, motion carried.
HIGH SCHOOL:
1. Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the recommendation to offer Misty Mousseaux as Math Teacher as per MOA.
2. Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the recommendation to offer Patricia Hammond on a one year temporary appointment
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
FACE:
1. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer Suzanne May the Family Mentor position for the 2007-08 SY.VOTE: 3-for,1-abstain,1 excused, motion carried.
FOOD SERVICE:
1. Motion by seconded by to offer Mona Ferguson a substitute Food Service Helper contract for the 2007-08 SY.VOTE:
EXTRA DUTY HIGH SCHOOL:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to offer the following Extra Duty contracts for the 2007-08 SY. VOTE: 3-for, 1-abstain, 1-excused, motion carried.
1. Recommendation to offer Dan Sneathen /Oral Interpretation /Drama
2. Recommendation to offer Darrell Hunter/ Rodeo Club Sponsor.
3. Request to approve the withdrawal of Rob Mendoza as Head Girls Coach.
4. Recommendation to offer Ted Standing Soldier Jr. / Girls Head Basketball Coach.
5. Recommendation to offer Rob Mendoza/ Boys Head Basketball Coach.
6. Recommendation to offer Lance Christensen / Boys Basketball Assistant.
7. Recommendation to offer Billie Hornbeck/ Senior Class Sponsor.
8. Recommendation to offer Delores Pourier / Boys Basketball Cheerleading Sponsor.
9. Recommendation to offer Shonna Hunter/ Track Coach Assistant.
10. Recommendation to offer Christopher Janis/ Trach Coach Assistant.
11. Recommendation to offer Melvin "Smiley Sierra" / Boys Golf Coach.
12. Recommendation to offer Steve Elwood / Scholarship Coordinator.
13. Recommendation to offer Vieanna Kills Warrior/ Consession stand Monitor.
14. Recommendation to offer Dawn Marie Janis / Student Council
15. Recommendation to offer Christopher Janis / Wrestling Coach.
16. Recommendation to offer George Apple / Boxing Club K-12
17. Recommendation to offer Vieanna Kills Warrior / Dance Club
18. Recommendation to offer John "Chepa" Little Sky / Drum Group Sponsor
EXTRA DUTY K-8:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to offer the following Extra Duty contracts for the 2007-08 SY. VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
1. Recommendation to offer Davis Lays Bad / Head Cross Country.
2. Recommendation to offer Thomas White / Head Boys Basketball Coach.
3. Recommendation to offer Linda Herman / Head Track Coach.
4. Recommendation to offer David Lays Bad / Track Coach Assistant.
5. Recommendation to offer Jackie Rouillard / Girls Basketball Cheerleading Coach
6. Recommendation to offer Howard Hunter/ Head Football Coach
7. Recommendation to offer Tyrone Red Blanket and Eligiah Whirlwind Horse / Football Assistant.
8. Recommendation to offer Denise Pourier/ Athletic/Activities Coordinator.
9. Recommendation to offer Denise Pourier and Delores Pourier/ Volleyball Coaches.
OUT OF BOUNDRIES WAIVER REQUEST:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Everett Janis to approve the out of Boundaries Request as presented.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
AUDIT REPORT: Donna Denker
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to approve the 2006 Audit Report submitted by Donna Denker. VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
"Financial Statements and independent auditors Report for the year ended June 30, 2006.
"Independent Auditors Report
"Management Discussion and Analysis
"Government -wide Financial Statement
"Fund Financial Statements
"Notes for financial statements
"Required Supplementary Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
"General Fund
"School Operations Fund
"Educational Support Fund
"Notes to required supplementary Information
Other reports and supplemental information
"Little Wound School 401K profit Sharing Plan/Management Letter August 31,2006
1.Preparation of Financial Statements
2. Plan Compliance
3. Loan Repayments
4. Loan Payment Deductions
"FINANCIAL REORT:
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to accept the financial report submitted by Paula Pourier.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the purchase request in the amount of $ 18,684.16, for 3 classrooms.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
SUPERVISOR REPORTS:
FYI : Update on enrollment :
High School Principal Ted Rowland: As of today they had 413 students enrolled.
Elementary: a total of 82 students.
Middle School: a total of

99 students.
OLD BUSINESS:
a. Budget Meeting Minutes
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to approve the July 16, 2007 Budget Meeting Minutes. VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
b.Speech Contract:
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the Speech contract for special Services with recommendation from school Attorney with correction on clause. in the amount of $ 34,300.00.VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
c.Computer Disposals
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to approve the computer disposals submitted by Paula Pourier. VOTE: 4-for,1-excused,motion carried.
NEW BUSINESS:
a. Bid Openings
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to accept the Bid from Dakota Business for copier paper. VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
b. Gas pump card system / No Vote FYI
Lakota Plains Propane:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the Lakota Plains Propane Bid and to negotiate with Business Manager Paula Pourier on percentage.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
Muddy Creek Gas and Oil:
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to accept the Gas and Oil Bid from Muddy Creek. VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to accept the 401K Audit Bid not to exceed the cost of $7,500.00. VOTE: 4-for,1-excused,motion carried.
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to accept the Financial Services with Kettle & Thorsenson with the option of the 3 year contract.
VOTE: 4-for,1-excused,motion carried.
c.Co-operative Employment Agreement:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman, seconded by Linda May to approve the request from O.L.C for High School. VOTE: 4-for,1-excused,motion carried.
CONSULTANTS:
None
TRAVEL: No Info.
ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to adjourn @ 10:15 pm.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.

Janice Richards,
Little Wound School President
Lh/Pp
(Unofficial Draft)

Little Wound School Board
Special Meeting
September 10, 2007

School Board Members Present: Linda May, Janice Richards, Everett Janis, Taylor Little Whiteman, (Archie Hopkins arrives @ 6:45pm).
School Board Members Absent:
School Board Members Excused:
Others Present: Anne Montileaux, Acting Superintendent, Dorothy Thunder Bull, Paula Pourier, Tom Raymond, Clint May, Theresa Mendoza, Betty Robertson, Matthew Janis, Tawni Shay Shot with Arrow. George Pourier.
WOCHEKIYE: by Tom Raymond
CALL MEETING TO ORDER: @ 6:20 pm
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve agenda with the addition of travel to agenda.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to go into executive session @ 6:25 pm
VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
Motion to come out of executive session @
PERSONNEL:
Elementary:
1. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to advertise for a K-2 student Assistant for 2-weeks. VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
2. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Everett Janis to offer a temporary appointment. to Ted Standing Soldier Jr. on a 90 day temporary appointment.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
3. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer a contract to Laura Craniey as Technology Mentor for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
4. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Everett Janis to accept the resignation of Rebecca Afraid of Hawk and apply the 5%penelty as per policy.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
High School:
1. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to rescind the motion of offering a contract to Misty Mousseaux as Math Teacher.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
2. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer a contract to Melvin "Smiley" Sierra as Dean of Students for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
3. Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer a contract to Valdon St. John as P.E teacher for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
4. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer a 30 day temporary appointment to Darlene Last Horse as Lakota Language Teacher.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
5. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Peggy Phelps to offer a 30 day temporary appointment to Peggy Phelps as counselor.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-exxcused, motion carried.
Middle School
1. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to offer a 30 day temporary appointment as counselor for Middle School. VOTE: 4-for, 1-excuse, motion carried.
2. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to continue advertising the Dean of students.
VOTE: 3-for,1-excused,1-not voting, motion carried.
Special Services:
1. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer contracts to the following as Mentors for the 2007-08 SY. VOTE: 4-for, 1-excusd, motion carried.
1.Anastasia Young Bull Bear
2. Amanda Clifford
3. Theresa Martinez
2. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer a contract to Willa Quick Bear as a Student Assistant for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
3. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to accept the resignation of John Derby as Student Assistant.
VOTE: 4-for,1-exused,motion carried.
Wolakota :
1. Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer a contract to Edwina Brown Bull as Wolakota Director for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-excused, motion carried.
Administration:
1. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to accept the resignation of Donita Little Whiteman .VOTE: 4-for, 1-not voting, motion carried.
2. Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to advertise the School Nurse position for two weeks. VOTE: 4-for, 1-not voting, motion carried.
3. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to revise the Job description for the Instructional Service Director. VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
Extra Duty High School 1. Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to rescind the hiring of Melvin Sierra as Boys golf Coach. VOTE: 4-for 1-excused, motion carried.
2. Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer an extra duty contract to Lance Christensen as Boys Golf coach for 07-08 SY.
VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
Extra Duty Middle School:
1. Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer an extra duty contract to Dawn Iron Cloud as the Indian Club Sponsor for 07-08 SY.
VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
2. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer an extra duty contract to Shilo Pierce and Jon Red Owl as the Football Assistant Coaches for 07-08 SY.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-abstain, motion carried.
3. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer an extra duty contract to Hope Cross as Hand Game sponsor for 07-08 SY.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-abstain, motion carried.
4. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to table the rest of extra duty. VOTE: 4-for, 1-abstain, motion carried.
CONFERENCE CALL WITH ASTHMA STUDY:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda may to approve the August 2, 2007 Regular School Board Minutes with corrections. VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
2. Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the August 20, 2007 Budget meeting Minutes. VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:
"Enrollment as of 9-7-07
Elementary - 296
Middle School - 132
High School- 407
TOTAL= 835
STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:
Report given by Matthew Janis, Little Wound High School Student Council President. & Tawni Shay Shot With Arrow , Little Wound School Student Council Vice-President.
"Homecoming Activities
"Preparations / for Homecoming scheduled for the week of September 24-28,2007
"No theme as of yet
"Submitted P.Os for supplies Quilts, Parade pay-outs, float items, King, Queen, T-Shirts, Shirts are ordered for High School students, staff and community, informed Elementary and Middle School to place their orders.
Concerns:
"Would like longer lunch periods/lines for lunch are to long 25 minutes isn't long enough.
"Salad bar, would like more to choose from.
"Handicap ramps need repair.
"Class periods are to long
"Recommended that incentive trips or activities on Fridays for those who have good attendance, this was promised last year and we didn't get them.
"We were promised last year that we would have a 95% club that didn't happen.
"Would like to see Ice Cream social on Fridays, to keep students in school.
OLD BUSSINESS: / None
NEW BUSINESS:
a. Frankie White Dress
b. Wellness Presentation /Yu'Owancha "Bringing together as One"
"Presentation given by Betty Robertson & Dorothy Thunder Bull, Group Members
"Information on how Group was organized.
"EAP Brochure , handed out
"Educational Information
"Cultural Information
"Trainings attended
c. E C P Trailer /Request to advertise the Spec's.
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to advertise the Spec's for two weeks, also cheek on heat pump, with a back-up of propane.
VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
d. Barbra Bush Literacy Proposal / FACE
FYI /no vote
CONSULTANTS:
a. Summer School Evaluations
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the Consultant for Richard Jones as the summer school evaluator in the amount of $2,000.00.
VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
b. FACE (2)
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the consultants for FACE, Brandon McBride, Drum Group and Lyle Noisy Hawk Sr. as Master of ceremonies, @ $100.00 each. VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
TRAVEL:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to approve the travel for the month of September 2007. VOTE: 5-for motion carried.
ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Everett Janis to adjourn at 10:10pm.
VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.

Janice Richards, Little wound School Board President
(Unofficial Draft)

Little Wound school Board
Budget Meeting
September 17, 2007

School Board Members Present: Linda May, Everett Janis, Janice Richards, Archie Hopkins
School Board Members Absent: Taylor Little Whiteman
School Board Members Excused:
Others Present: Linda Hunter, Paula Pourier, Terry Albers,
CALL MEETING TO ORDER: @ 6:30pm by Janice Richards, Little Wound School Board President.
WOCHEKIYE: given by Linda May
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to approve agenda.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to go into executive session @ 6:35pm
Declare to come to of executive session @7:15pm.
PERSONNEL:
HIGH SCHOOL:
1. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to rescind the decision to hire Valdon St. John as P.E Teacher for High School and offer him a 90 day temporary contract for 2007-08 SY as Middle School P.E Teacher. VOTE: 3-for, 1-not voting, 1-absent, motion carried.
ELEMENTARY:
1. Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to accept the resignation of Jolene Around Him .VOTE: 3-for, 1-not voting, 1-absent, motion carried.
2. Motion by Linda may seconded by Everett Janis to advertise the student assistant position for two weeks. VOTE: 3-for, 1-not voting, 1-absent, motion carried.
3. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to offer Jesse Pina the Student Mentor position for 2007-08 SY. VOTE: 3-for, 1-not voting, 1-absent, motion carried.
MIDDLE SCHOOL:
1. Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to accept the resignation of Morris Bull Bear. VOTE: 3-for, 1-not voting, 1-absent, motion carried.
2. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to advertise the custodian position for a period of two weeks. VOTE: 3-for, 1-not voting, 1-absent.
HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA DUTY:
1. Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to include Rob Mendoza as Co-Coach for Boys Golf as indicated and to split the coaches fee equally between both coaches. VOTE: 3-for, 1-not voting, 1-absent, motion carried.
2. Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to rescind the decision to hire Delores Pourier as Boys Basketball Cheerleading Sponsor.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
3. Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to offer Dorothy Thunder Bull the Boys Basketball Cheerleading sponsor for 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
4. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Archie Hopkins to offer Holly Poor Bear, Quinn the Girls Basketball Assistant coach for 07-08 SY.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
5. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to offer Mindy Hunter the Jr. Class Sponsor for 07-07 SY.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent.motion carried.
6. Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to offer Paulette Iron Crow the High School Girls Basketball Cheerleading sponsor for 07-08 SY.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
7. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to offer John Little Sky the Hand Game Sponsor for 07-08 SY. VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
8. Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to offer Susan Big Crow the Competitive Dance Sponsor for 07-08 SY. VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
9. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to offer Trevor Iron Cloud the Year book sponsor for 07-08 SY. VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
MIDDLE SCHOOL:
1.Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to offer the Girls Basketball coach positions to Norma Brown Bull and Denise Pourier.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
3. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis to offer the Softball coach to Timothy Lone Elk the Softball Coach position for 07-08 SY. VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
4. Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to offer Shilo Pierce and David Lays Bad the Boys Basketball Coaches for 07-08 SY. VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
5. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis to rescind the hire of Denise Pourier as Athletic/Activities Coordinator. VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
6. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to offer Ted Standing Solider the Athletic/Activities Coordinator for 07-08 SY.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
7. Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to offer Shon Janis the AAU Coach. VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
9. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis to offer the K-8 Rodeo Club Sponsor to Billie Amiotte and to name Lana Christensen as alternate for 07-08
SY. VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
10. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May approve for the Superintendent to hire certified teachers for 007-08 SY. VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent.motion carried.
FINANCIAL REPORTS:
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis to accept the Financial Report.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried. To have David Hilliard come down before next meeting.
SUPERVISOR REPORTS:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to approve the monthly reports.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to publish Little Wound School Principal reports for parents.
VOTE: 4-for 1-absent, motion carried.
Terry Albers oral report /Little Wound School STATS 2006-07 Reading and Math
OLD BUSINESS:
NONE
NEW BUSINESS:
a. Work Comp.
Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to accept First Nations Compensation Plan @ $36,100.00
VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
b. Vendor Payroll
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to support ZEES payroll plan as a vendor. VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to add Lakota Fund to Little Wound School vendors list.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
c. LWHS Seniors /
d. Taopi Cikala Owayawa Wolakiciyapi (FYI) (bring back to next meeting)
CONSULTANTS:
NONE
TRAVEL:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to approve travel for the month of October 2007. VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to adjourn @ 9:00 pm.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.

Janice Richards,
Little Wound School Board President
lh,dtb,pp,

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CLOSING DATE: November 16, 2007

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P.E Teacher

Elementary Dept.
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Middle School: 5)Football Cheerleading Sponsor6)Boys BB Coach7)Student Council8)K-8 Drum Group Sponsor
Elementary:

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

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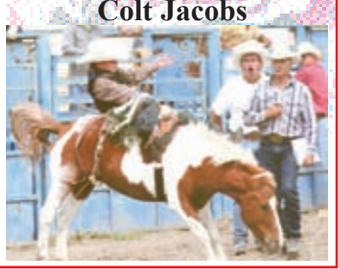
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97 years and still going . . . . .

KYLE - Cecelia Montgomery celebrated her 97th birthday Nov. 2 with family and friends. See story on Page A2.

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OST suspends treasurer, council members pending completion of drug tests

PINE RIDGE - Wednesday afternoon, KILI Radio received a terse two line memo from Crystal Eagle Elk, OST treasurer stating that due to the suspension of the tribal treasurer, there will be no payroll or program checks until further notice and if you have any questions contact William Shorty Brewer, OST vice president.

According to Garfield Little Dog, council representative from Wounded Knee district, the action goes back to resolution 07-173 passed by the council recently that required all tribal council representatives and executive board members to get a hair follicle drug test or face suspension.

"As far as I know, Crystal Eagle Elk, myself, Kim Claussen and Austin Watkins have done a urine test but not the hair follicle test and have been suspended," said Little Dog, "Kathy Janis, Tom Poor Bear and Jim Meeks have also been suspended and it is my understanding that Crystal's hair follicle test was scheduled and a relative died and she wasn't able to complete it, I've tried to get it done twice and Kathy Janis has gotten it done but is waiting for the results.

There were no further comments or any additional information available by press time.

Newly elected RST council take oath of office

ROSEBUD - The RST tribal building was noticeably packed with Sicangu Lakota tribal members who had come to witness the installation and oath of office by the newly elected RST tribal council and vice-president. The oath was administered by RST tribal court judge, Sherman Marshall. RST tribal president, Rodney M. Bordeaux presided over the official event; however, his candidacy was challenged by former RST vice-president, Louis Wayne Boyd, and as a result he did not take office until in the afternoon.

Three former RST tribal chairmen were in attendance, including Webster Two Hawk, Charles Colombe and William "Willie" Kindle. Kindle, elected as the new RST vice-president was also sworn in. BIA superintendent, Cleve Her Many Horses, was also present for the ceremony.

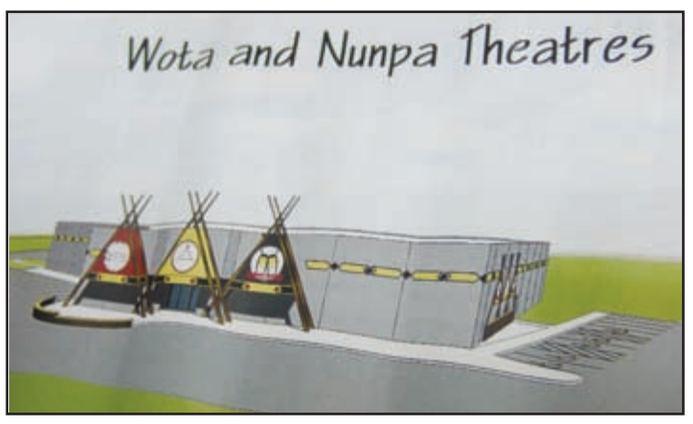
The RST election board which accepted the challenge last week apparently reviewed the complaint and settled the

Please turn to RST council: A2

Lack of infrastructure holds up new Kyle Wota and Nunpa Theatre construction

Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor





Above: The vacant area, south of Kyle, where site work will take place this week. Right: Wota and Nunpa Theatres will provide a wider selection of groceries and will make it possible for movie patrons to see the latest films near home. The architectural for the store was designed by ARC International.

KYLE - Site work will begin this week for a 22,000 square feet grocery store and theater Wota and Nunpa Theaters, just south of Kyle.

Wota meaning to eat and Nunpa meaning Two Theaters is the latest building development in Kyle and will be built just south of Kyle. RAMP, Inc. (Reddest Angel Mona Patton) has contracted Hahn Construction to begin the site work this week for their new store. Angel Reddest and Mona currently own Lil' Angels, a convenience and gas store in Kyle.

Mona 'Sis' Patton, said getting the infrastructure in place for the new building has been a struggle. Although, they are ready to select a contractor for the new building, they need to know that infrastructure of the roads, the sewer and the water will take place.

The new store and theater will connect to the BIA Allen Road but a turning lane is needed along with paving the gravel road that leads Lakota Funds building from the BIA road. By paving the gravel road will allow the community of Kyle to have a secondary road and ease traffic in front of the school. The Oglala Sioux Tribe's Transportation Department has been working to prioritize funds to get the road paved and provide turning lanes to the new store.

Another part of the infrastructure is a line from the sewer main, which involves three fourth of a mile of sewer line. The design is to construct a main that allows others to tap into the sewer line, which means there is need for a lift station. Patton said there are other homeowners and another business that would benefit from the extended sewer line, as well as future developers in the southeastern side of Kyle.

The last part of infrastructure that is needed is a water main. There are no water lines in place now to the new store development area. There is currently a water pump in place near Lakota Funds and funding is needed to expand water pipelines to the building site. Cangleska, Inc, has applied to USDA to get construction funding to expand the water infrastructure. Patton said she is unsure if Cangleska will get the 100 percent of the funding needed for construction.

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Minnie Bordeaux, not your typical pow wow royalty

Red Cloud, Carthage College graduate, youth minister, screenwriter

Tom Crash
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PORCUPINE - "Basically, I was in a state of shock when they chose me," said Clementine "Minnie" Bordeaux following her selection as Miss He Sapa Win during the 21st annual He Sapa Wacipi in Rapid City the first weekend of October, "of course you want to win but it's a surprise especially when you can't always have your expectations too high."

Bordeaux is the daughter of Chris and Deb Bordeaux and is enrolled at Rosebud even though she grew up on Pine Ridge and went to school at Red Cloud. Chris is the director of the Oglala Sioux Tribe's new department of education while Deb is the principal at Loneman School in Oglala.

"Many of my educational endeavors are because of my parents," said Bordeaux.

Minnie graduated from Red Cloud High School in 2002 as the valedictorian of her class. In 2006, Minnie graduated from Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisc. with a bachelor of arts in theatre and a minor in religion. Following her graduation, Bordeaux attended a film institute at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe where she learned the basics of making films; she wrote a script for a film, directed and edited it. It was call Rez Toll, it was eight minutes and I learned so much from it and met a lot of great people. An earlier script got selected for production and in November of 2006, she went to Las Angeles for a week to participate in the production and filming of her script.

"He can't be caught" will premier at the American Indian Film Festival in L.A. at the end of November.



Minnie Bordeaux, 21st Annual HeSapa Win.

"Down the road I want to go back to school and develop my writing skills," said Bordeaux, "I'm looking around now, maybe in California, I need to learn more about film schools, maybe fall of 2008 or 2009."

Currently, Bordeaux is the youth minister for the Catholic churches on the reservation operating out of Porcupine's Christ the King with plans to expand the ministry to other areas around Pine Ridge. She is working on setting up a variety of activities for youth, first in the Porcupine area and eventually beyond. They took four youth to a youth rally in Belle Fourche and have set up a movie night on Tuesdays.

"I'm really honored and humbled to represent the Black Hills pow wow and Lakota people for the next year," said Bordeaux who has already gone to the Native American Day celebra-

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New store in Kyle

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Meetings were held in the spring on who was responsible and where the funding will come from to expand Kyle's infrastructure. Those involved have been Rural Water, OST Water and Sewer, OST Transportation, Cangleska, Inc., Medicine Root District and the Indian Health Service. She said resolutions were drafted and approved through the district levels and the tribal council to promote infrastructure expansion but still yet it is unsure if and when it will fall in place. The resolutions detailed who will maintain the road and the water and sewer lines. Cangleska, Inc. of Kyle was given approval at the spring meetings to apply to USDA for water and sewer funding. They are hoping for a 100 percent funding from USDA.

"We don't have a contractor and can't get one until the infrastructure is resolved," Patton said. We can't do major commitments regarding the new store, until those infrastructure plans are in place and have timelines, she said. She said they can't take the chance of building, until they have what is needed for the sewer, water and roads.

More discussion will be held at at meeting on Nov. 16 at the health center at 8:30 p.m.

Planning the infrastructure for the new grocery store and theatres has been frustrating for Patton, "Are we land developers or future business people," she said. There are no earmarked monies for the infrastructure development, only continuing budgets that don't allow for development. So the planning takes more than designing the infrastructure, but commitments from the entities involved, "if" they will be done and "when", she said.

In the meantime, the site work will begin this week for the Wota and Nunpa Theatres with leveling the land, and putting in the culverts for the road.

On one side of the building will be a grocery store featuring four check out lanes, a customer service, a produce and diary department and the other side of the building will be two movie theatres, one will seat about 70 people and the other, about 100 people, including handicap seats.

RST council

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issue as incumbent, President Bordeaux, was sworn in by Judge Marshall at 2:30 p.m.

After the swearing-in ceremony, a prayer was said followed by a honoring song by the Red Leaf drum group.

A wiping of the tears or 'ista mni bakintapi' ceremony was held for St. Francis council representative, Mike Boltz, who recently lost a grandson. Lester Kills The Enemy said a prayer in which he explained that the purpose was to strengthen Mike and welcome him back into the circle after a mourning period of four days. Pat Bad Hand explained that the late uncle Leo Chase In Timber said people used to grieve for a year before going out into public, but now four days is the norm.

Later, each council representative introduced themselves over KINI FM radio for those unable to attend the historic ceremony. The new RST council will be charged with implementing several amendments which were passed by the Sicangu Nation this summer. Council terms will be staggered, while term limits will be in place, as well as enrollment by lineal descent which will likely increase the tribal population.

On the official agenda was the appointment of new 2007-2009 RST constitutional officers, which will be done by popular vote the next time around, as well as planning for the inauguration ceremonies of President Bordeaux. Current RST secretary, Gerri Night Pipe was re-elected by the tribal council for another term, while Louis Wayne Boyd replaced current treasurer, Mary Greaves as the new RST treasurer. Finally, former tribal chairman, Webster Two Hawk, was elected as the new Sergeant-At-Arms.

Newly elected Rosebud council representative, William "Bebe" Long said that he wanted to introduce legislation immediately to restrict council travel and reduce their salaries. Okreek representative, Steve DeNoyer said that he wanted to install the youth affairs program which was cut during the last council term. He said, "We need to put our focus as a priority on the youth." Louis Good Voice Eagle from Horse Creek and Corn Creek expressed his appreciation to all of the grandpas and grandmas who supported his election bid. He said, "I am an advocate for the elders and the youth. They are looking for role-models. We need to humble ourselves in front of them."

Finally, Claudette Sabors of Grass Mountain community said, "I hope we all work together and bring some dignity back to the council chambers. Let's work it out if there is a problem. The people who elected me are my bosses."

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tion at Crazy Horse Mountain and did a keynote address to the Headstart Conference in Rapid City, "I'll be attending a number of pow wows throughout the year, visiting schools in the area, working to be a positive role model for all of our youth and working to encourage and support more creative arts in our education system across the reservation and beyond; more opportunities in creative arts will give our youth more choices and a chance to choose something other than gangs, violence, drugs or alcohol."

Bordeaux remembers when she participated in the Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye and would look up to all of the royalty and thought it would be good to be a positive role model for our youth and to stay in touch with our culture.

"This year will help me make a transition, to become an adult, I've been a student for 16 years of my life," said Bordeaux, "this will help me grow as a person and as a woman, it'll help me reach more kids and make more of a difference - if I have self confidence in myself, it will help more of our youth to realize or work for the same level of confidence."

To be eligible for the position of Miss He Sapa Win, you need to be between the ages of 18 and 25, be an enrolled member of a Black Hills area tribe, be alcohol and drug free, write and submit an essay and elicit a number of letters of recommendation. In the talent portion, Minnie read poetry, some of her own and some other authors; she was interviewed by a panel of judges about her future goals and about her platform and she was required to do an introduction during one of the grand entries and answer a question publicly.

"I knew I was not your stereotypical "res" chick, it was nerve-racking though, to be judged," said Bordeaux, "I wish I knew my Lakota language better though, we have such a rich culture and the language ties us to our ancestors."

Minnie said that it wasn't until she got her degree and went to the Institute in Santa Fe that she realized that she had a lot of passion for Native performing arts, that she has a lot of ideas and that she wants to support native artists.

"During this year, I want to a positive example for Native women, I see myself as a forward thinker, thinking out of the box at times," said Bordeaux, "I really want to do film and I want to come back to the plains area and help network Lakota filmmaking, there are lot of really talented artists who just happen to be native, not only beads, feathers and horses, I want to be a screenwriter, write stories; there are a lot of stories out there and not just ones about abuse, drugs and alcohol - I'm a newcomer just wanting to figure out how to create my own path into that world."

Elizabeth Cook-Lynn to present at OLC

KYLE - Woksape Tipi Academic and Public Library at Oglala Community College in Kyle will be hosting author Elizabeth Cook-Lynn on Friday, Nov. 16 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. for a book signing and question and answer session. Elizabeth Cook-Lynn, considered one of the founding scholars of Native American Studies is the author of her most recent book "New Indians, Old Wars" from University of Illinois Press. Cook-Lynn is a writer, poet, and professor emerita of Native American studies at Eastern Washington University.

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Cecelia Montgomery:
97 years old and still going

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Times Editor

KYLE - This past Friday, on Nov. 2, the community of Kyle helped Cecelia Montgomery "Wanbli Waste Win" celebrate her 97th birthday.

This year's birthday celebration was coordinated by her grandchildren and her great grandchildren, many friends and family attended the birthday celebration. She was honored with gifts, precious words and a tribal flag and plaque was presented to her by the Oglala Sioux Tribe. She is now living among her seventh generation of family and has lived in Kyle for the past seven years after living at Rapid City for many years.

Cecelia was born Nov. 2, 1920 at Three Mile Creek, west of Kyle. She was the oldest of ten children and is the only one left. Her parents were Sophie and Ambrose Hernandez. Her father was a cattleman and her great grandfather came from old Mexico as a cattleman.

She has seven children, three of them are still with her, a son and two daughters. All three live in Rapid City. She said she has more than 30 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. "I lost count of them, so I can't tell you how many I have," she said. She also raised her grandson Tad Montgomery, who attended Little Wound High School. Since he was little, she taught him to speak fairly fluent Lakota.

Cecelia still leads an active life, despite having hip replacement and recovered from brain surgery, where she had blood clots removed.

"I am a day older, and deeper in debt," she said. "I seem to be in good health." "The Lord isn't ready for me yet. St. Peter won't let me in the door," she teased. She said has lived a good life and is happy to be living in Kyle, where she likes it. She lives with her grandchildren and part of her day includes going to the Kyle Senior Citizen center to eat and socialize.

The last time she lived in Kyle was in the 1930s, where her and her husband John Montgomery worked at the school. "The town of Kyle sure grew, it spread all over," she said.

Cecelia is a devout Catholic and her faith has given her strength in life and has kept her in good health. She met her husband John at Genoa Indian School in 1929 and they were married in 1932.

He was veteran of the United States Navy. They raised their children in Rapid City and her husband died in 1978.

Cecelia is a storyteller and can weave story after story about her life and the changes she has seen in her lifetime. "I always remember the old days, how the changes came about, and there have been lots of changes up to this day," she said.

She went to the school at Holy Rosary Mission boarding school and at Genoa Indian School, where she learned music, she played the organ and the piano and even played the saxophone she said. With those skills, she enjoyed playing at services and at community functions. It was a gift she loved sharing until her eyes got bad and she couldn't read the notes anymore. "I cried because I couldn't see the notes anymore," she said. She hoped someone in her family would carry on the love of music.

Her name Wanblee Waste Win was given to her by her Grandmother Good Moccasin. It was done in traditional naming ceremony. "Nowadays we don't do that anymore," she said.

Students at Oglala Lakota College's television vocational program recently filmed an interview with Cecelia and broadcast it on the college's station KOLC, a feed from Golden West Telecommunications.

In the interview, Cecelia talked about her life with her husband, her children and how their life was when they moved to Rapid City. She spoke of the discrimination they experienced as Indians living in the city in the 1940s.

During that time, establishments still had signs that said, No Indians Allowed. She recalled working at a café and moving her way up to a salad lady, then a breakfast cook. Regarding racism, she stayed strong in her attitude as "I am just as good as you."

She spoke of the Indian camp near the creek, where many Indians lived. The Indian camp is where the old packing plant used to be. She said it wasn't long before the city complained about the Indian camp and they took it down. The Indians moved back to the reservation or elsewhere in the city.

She said in 1953, the Sioux Addition was developed on some 20 acres, north of Rapid City. "It was like a prairie dog town, we went without water and lived like that for about 17 years, pretty soon the city put lights up for us," she recalled.

Eventually more homes were built and it now called Lakota Homes. At meeting when the city decided to establish lights for the Sioux Addition, Cecelia said she trilled, "lee lee lee." "We are as good at they are,' she said.

Lakota Funds honors first loan client



Jennifer Richards
Information Specialist
Lakota Funds

KYLE - Lakota Funds was blessed with the honor of presenting Milton Fineran, our first loan client, a certificate of appreciation Sept. 24.

Milton said "I first heard about starting a bank on Pine Ridge at the Tatanka Iyacin conference and applied for the loan the following year at the conclusion of the 20/20 conference held at Piya Wiconi in 1987. I was the first one to apply. I was a full-time college student at the time and needed some way of supporting myself for the summer. My plan was to set up concession stands at all the area Pow-wows for the summer. It worked out great as I more than doubled the loan amount in profits, fixed my ride up a nd was even able to hire 3-4 people near the end of the summer season. I went on to finish my studies at OLC that academic year, go to Europe in the spring and graduate in June with my Bachelors in Human Services. (Dowel Smith was the chair of the department at the time). I still think it's a great idea to have a lending service right in the community and I encourage others in the community to look into applying for a loan."

This year Lakota Funds has provided 14 loans to tribal members this past year in 2007 to assist with their various dreams of small business success. With every successful loan the Lakota Funds approves there is more opportunity for future business entrepreneurs to begin their vision of a new business for their family and community.

The Lakota Funds and Wawokiye Business Institute have scheduled or rescheduled the following three activities in November:

1) Lakota Funds Homebuyer Club Meeting-Monday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. at Eagle Nest College Center in Wanblee.

2) Free Financial Literacy Classes-First class begins Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 5 p.m. at the Pine Ridge College Center in Pine Ridge

3) Native American Artist Meeting-Monday, Nov. 26 at 6 to 8 p.m. at the Manderson College Center in Manderson. Please call 455-2500 if you have any questions about any of these activities or need more information.

Walk to Iraq and back meeting

PINE RIDGE - A Walk to Iraq and Back meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 12 noon in the Health Administration Conference Room. The meeting will cover organizing the Christmas Packet mailings for deployed soldiers overseas. Planning will also begin for the Lakota Nation Invitational Opening Ceremony Walk will be discussed. For more information contact Pauletta at 454-1111 or Freda at 441-2420.

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Maker of Tanka Bar first to be honored in new Pine Ridge Chamber project

KYLE - Following a string of long days spent methodically packing boxes with its signature buffalo and cranberry Tanka Bars, the owners of Native American Natural Foods admit that only a few weeks after its official launch, the company is working overtime to keep up with its own success.

And now that success is being recognized by the Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce under its new "Business of the Month" project. According to Ivan Sorbel, executive director of the Chamber, the project will honor a different Pine Ridge Reservation-based business each month.

"We are so honored to be chosen by the Chamber," said Karlene Hunter, CEO of Native American Natural Foods, which is headquartered in Kyle. "This start-up period has been a real challenge for us, and this recognition really puts a spotlight on what we're trying to accomplish."

Overwhelming demand for Native American Natural Foods' Tanka Bars and Tanka Bites has taken the tiny company by surprise. Following major national press coverage by The Associated Press and The New York Times, calls to Native American Natural Food's toll-free number exploded.

"The orders started rolling in before our launch date," said President Mark Tilsen. "Basically, we were sold out of our initial run before we could even officially launch the product. We have inquiries from several national chains that we have not even begun to address."

Since Tanka Bars are essentially artisanal-style products, trying to ramp up production quickly to meet the demand has been a real challenge, according to Mr. Tilsen. Each bar is slow-smoked for nine hours.

"We've had a couple of missteps these past few weeks," he said. "We underestimated demand and we had a packaging machine issue that put us behind in our production."

Even though Tanka Bar production is running behind its original schedule, the orders keep rolling in. According to Ms. Hunter, Native American Natural Foods is working on an agreement to add a second meat processing plant, which would exponentially increase its production capability.

"Our build-out plan always included increasing production capacity," she said. "We just didn't realize we would have to implement that solution so soon."

The company hopes to announce the addition of the second plant in the next few weeks. In the meantime, the staff at Native American Natural Foods is working its way through the original order backlog.

"I guess there are worse things than having a product people seem to really want," Ms. Hunter said.

According to Mr. Sorbel, the "Business of the Month" project is funded by an Administration for Native Americans grant in the amount of $195,490 for 2007-2008. The new project, titled Marketing Alliance Project, will focus on a number of marketing ideas for Chamber members and other businesses on the Pine Ridge Reservation, including "Business of the Month," continual radio programming on KILI, Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce web site development and a "Shop Local" campaign.

Giago among four to be inducted into the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame

BROOKINGS - Four longtime newspapermen with outstanding careers in South Dakota journalism will be inducted into the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame on Nov. 10 in Brookings.

The four honorees include: Wayne Bertrand, former publisher and editor of weekly newspapers in Scotland, Tyndall and Springfield; Gordon Garnos, former editor of the Watertown Public Opinion; Tim Giago, founding publisher and editor of Indian Country Today; and Ralph Nachtigal, former publisher and editor of the Platte Enterprise.

The four newspapermen will be honored at a Nov. 10 luncheon at the Performing Arts Center on the campus of South Dakota State University. The luncheon begins at 11 a.m.

Preceding the luncheon, a ceremony to unveil a new display for the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the first-floor lobby of Anson and Ada May Yeager Hall on the SDSU campus. Bronze plaques recognizing all 100 Newspaper Hall of Fame members are displayed in the lobby of the SDSU journalism building, which is named for former longtime Sioux Falls Argus Leader editor and Hall of Fame member Anson Yeager and his wife.

Tim Giago, a member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe, founded the Lakota Times on the Pine Ridge Reservation in 1981. Giago and his newspaper withstood firebombs, office windows shot out and multiple death threats. The newspaper was renamed Indian Country Today in 1992. Giago served as editor and publisher for 18 years, building it into the largest independent Indian newspaper before selling it in 1998. He started the Lakota Journal in 2000 and served as its editor and publisher until his retirement in 2004. He was a founder and first president of the Native American Journalists Association. He was awarded the prestigious Nieman Fellowship in Journalism to Harvard University in 1990. His weekly column, "Notes from Indian Country," appears in newspapers across the country and on prominent news Web sites. He will be the first Native American ever inducted into the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame.

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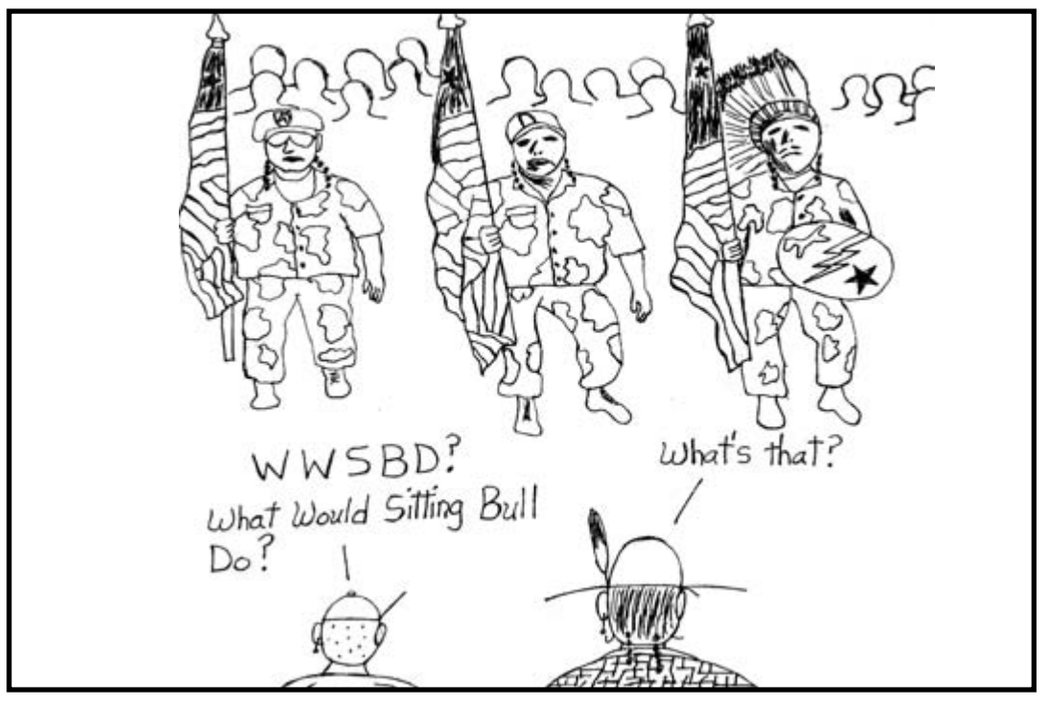
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Lakota Wicoiye

By Frances Apple

Lakota social control

(Editor's NoteThe following the translation for the Lakota Wicoiye article 'Wo'ignu')***

Because our Lakota Language was so sacred (wakan), there was no room for any foul language.

There was a Lakota word which was used very effectively to keep each other in check- "The shame system."

That powerful word was Woignu. Which pertains to a truth about a person or a family member.

Let me share a story of this example. A young lady in the community who became well-off was putting people down because they lacked material possessions. One day she rubbed one of the elders wrong so to speak. So the elder brought her past up in front of the Oyate. She said- "Is this the woman whose family used to live in a tent during severe cold winters?" The elder put the young lady into abyss.

Today the new age don't talk about our sacred language so our Lakota values and the sacred circle (cangleska) is fast disintegrating.

Hoka Hey
Rev. Francis Charles Apple

Guest Columnist

OST Council special session: report reveals impeachable offenses

By Natalie Hand
Special to the Times

In a special session of the OST Council on Monday, Nov. 5, 2007, the Black Hills Sioux Nation Treaty Council Oglala Delegation and Bring Back The Way presented the Council with a "Findings Report on Native American Energy Group."

Debra White Plume, Director of Bring Back The Way, read the 11-page report to the Council, citing that through meetings, court testimony, and subpoenaed documents, there is evidence that, "… OST President John Steele… exhibited unethical and dishonest conduct in his relationship of action and inaction with the Native American Energy Group."

Additionally, the report shows that Steele acted in collusion with Eileen Janis, former OST employee, in a scheme to misrepresent the Oglala Sioux Tribe while meeting with N.A.E.G. investors in New York City. N.A.E.G. invited Steele and Janis to the meeting to promote a multi-phase uranium mining project on Pine Ridge. The report urges the tribal council to take legal action against Janis, based on criminal acts of fraud, forgery, and perjury she committed while working as N.A.E.G.'s liaison.

Treaty Council Delegate Floyd Hand called for impeachment proceedings to begin against Steele based on the report findings. Hand further requested that tribal ordinances be enforced that would ban tribal members from OST employment if they have committed "dishonorable acts", such as fraud or embezzling. "If this council refuses to take action, we will through federal court."

Wounded Knee District Representative Kathy Janis asked Steele to respond to the report. Steele stated, "There was never any relationship with N.A.E.G. The tribe was never in any harm." Pine Ridge District Representative, Ella John Carlow, asked, "Why didn't you ever send N.A.E.G. to a standing committee?" Steele responded that there was no reason to do that because there was no relationship.

The tribal council advised Hand that there is a procedure to follow and encouraged him to put the complaint in writing and submit it to the OST Secretary. The purpose of this meeting was to hear a complaint and motion for impeachment against OST Secretary Elizabeth Waters for altering tribal meeting minutes and resolutions. Valerie Two Eagle, the complaintant, argued that Waters altered wording in a tribal resolution. The tribal council voted 9 for, 5 against to dismiss the charge and verbally reprimanded Waters for her conduct.

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Letters to the Editor

If we are do something about Lakota language loss, we must first admit the reality of it

Dear Editor,

Finally, the plight of our Lakota language is in the news, locally at least. I am referring to the recent articles by L*akota Country Times* Correspondent Tom Crash. Historically, indigenous language loss was never an item of interest for the greater public.

Actually, a small group of early Europeans engaged heartily in turning our language into a written one.

It was not until 1970 that the consequences of that effort appeared in a book titled That These People May Live (Maynard & Twiss). Although that study involved nearly all areas of reservation life, it indicates a definite decline in language use among Lakota speakers. Recent studies indicate a continuing decline.

Although there may be more studies and surveys, I am only aware of two during the 1990s. The first is Time of Awakening (Karlene Hunter, 1994).

The second is Accessing Lakota Language Shift, (Karen Lone Hill, 1997). Then, as Tom Crash indicated in his story, there is the most recent survey completed by Pete and Sandy Catches of Calico.

These scholarly works established the fact that language loss has been occurring for a long time. As real as it is though, many are still are unwilling to grasp it - refusing to acknowledge the truth of the matter. Language loss is not a delusion; it is real. If we are to do something about our situation, we must first acknowledge the reality of it.

Although tribal legislative ordinances have the force of law, some of our public officials tried to curb this ongoing decline via resolutions and proclamations.

I think these people deserve honorable mention for their attempts to dissuade the possible death of our beloved Lakota language. Presented here are our tribal government's executive and legislative efforts.

President Paul Iron Cloud signed Executive Resolution No. 90-06XB on Jan.10, 1990 to establish the Lakota language as an official language. Vice-president Harold Salway, for Paul Iron Cloud, signed OST Resolution No. 90-14 on Jan. 12, 1990 to "establish the Lakota language as the official language of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

President Wilbur Between Lodges signed OST Resolution No. 94-64 on May 16, 1994, which supports "the Medicine Root District/Communities' application for funding to develop a community driven language development initiative to preserve, enhance, and assure the survival and continuing vitality of the Lakota Language".

Vice-president Mel Lone Hill signed OST Resolution No. 95-26 on Feb. 23, 1995 declaring "the second Wednesday in February annually as Lakota Language Day on the Pine Ridge Reservation" and that "a summit be called to make a document assessment of Lakota language." It also directs all tribal programs to support language preservation.

President John Steele signed Resolution No. 02-133XB on Aug.1, 2002 approving "the Lakota Language Consortium, encouraging schools on the Pine Ridge Reservation to participate and requesting the United States Congress to support Lakota language revitalization."

It states that the Executive Committee "supports the goals, strategies, and measures of the Lakota Language Consortium, to reverse the problem of Lakota language loss, and to return the language to its former levels of use, both spoken and written."

It further recommends "school boards, administrators, and teachers, in all schools to join the consortium and support the revival of the language." Lastly, I know there is a Presidential Proclamation in the tribal archives because I recall seeing a photocopy of that particular document in 1997.

The unilateral effort to turn our language into a written one is long (230 years). The earliest written form of our language appeared in 1778 as a short Vocabulary of the Nadowessie Language (Jonathan Carver). Carver, an early explorer, studied the language three years prior.

Then an Italian, Giacomo Costantino Beltrami, did some work in the spring-early summer of 1823 along the northern tributaries of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers. His work, published more than 170 years later, is The Sioux Vocabulary, 1823 (Lakota Books, 1995).

Dakota Educator, Carolynn I. Cavendar Schommer (Forward to Reprint, Dakota/English Dictionary, MN Historical Society, 1992) noted that missionaries Samuel W. and Gidgeon Pond, Steven R. Riggs, and Dr. Thomas S. Williamson were in the forefront, among scholars, linguists, and anthropologists, in transforming an oral language into written form.

In 1852, Rev. Riggs produced a Grammar and Dictionary of the Dakota Language and in 1892 produced a Dakota-English Dictionary. In 1886 Rev. William P. Williamson (son of Dr. Williamson) published a Dakota-English Dictionary and in 1893 a Grammar, Texts, and Ethnology and finally in 1902, an English-Dakota Dictionary.

Reverend Eugene Beuchel (Wanbli Sapa-Black Eagle) published a Bible History (1923), in 1939 A Grammar of Lakota, and in 1970 a Lakota-English Dictionary.

Dr. Agnes Picotte published An Introduction to Basic Dakota, Lakota, Nakota (Dakota Indian Foundation, Inc., 1987). Subsequently, several local residents also developed language texts: Sidney Keith, Ellis Brings Him Back, and Max Blacksmith (all deceased). Albert White Hat (Rosebud Lakota) is the latest author of a book on the Lakota language.

So, what does all this mean? We have a long history of effort to transform our ancient oral language into a written one.

This is okay; however, we have some quirks; 1) each work is different from its previous one leaving us with a confusing array of orthographies and 2) it contributes to sapping the strength of the oral use of the language.

Since 1976, every elementary and high school on the Pine Ridge engaged in "teaching" Lakota language under federal bilingual education guidelines and its constrained funding.

As part of this group, I can say we tried everything available to us: dictionaries, linguistic training, culturally relevant materials, language masters, audio/video recordings, and CD-ROM.

Despite all the applied technology and millions of dollars spent, recent surveys tell us the language is still dying. My only hope is that someone will accept this history and apply it to reviving our language. It is vital for our youth to be able to know how, why, and what happened, what we did, and more importantly, what to avoid.

The bottom line is we used everything available to us to transmit our language and fell seriously short.

Now, I am convinced that we cannot teach language as a separate single unit, which is exactly what we did for three decades. Like the spokes of a wheel, Wicowoglake (language) is only one part of a complex unit embracing several interdependent essentials.

Other cultural essentials completing the wheel or the multifaceted tiospaye are: Otokahe wicowoyake (Creation chronicles); Wowakan (Spiritual teachings/rites); Wowicala (Belief system); wowahokunkiye (Imparting cultural knowledge); and Wicowe/Wotakuye (generational protocol). Of course, there are others and they all go hand-in-hand.

In my opinion, three recent developments seem to stand out as pillars of hope for our children as well as our language: Wakanyeja Pawicayapi Inc., the tribe's new Child and Family Code, and immersion schools.

Echoing Mr. Brian Charging Cloud's comment though, a nagging question remains, "Are we capable of working together?"

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Finding My Voice

By Dana Lonehill

A challenge to live on $3 a day for food

Last week, I opened the *Rapid City Journal* to see on the front page a challenge issued out to South Dakotans everywhere. The challenge is from the food stamp office and food banks everywhere to try and live for one week on what the state issues out in food stamps per person.

The challenge is for $21 in one week. That includes three meals a day so basically you would take it as one dollar per meal. Do you think you can live on just three bucks a day?

I do get food stamps, so I know how hard it is to make it stretch from one month to the next. In fact, you can't do it, it's impossible when you have two teenage boys and a nine year old boy who eats like a horse and is the only documented member of



Dana Badmilk

my extended family that could eat two whole Indian tacos in a row. It don't matter if you use coupons, your food stamps never cover you from one month to the next. That is when it is handy to have relatives with magical commodity cupboards that appear out of nowhere.

So I contacted the people who are putting on this challenge and they told me that it was nice for me to offer to do the challenge but not when I am already a recipient of food stamps.

So here is my reason for doing the challenge. I have a few readers on two different blogging websites plus the few people who read my column from the bathroom. I would like to bring awareness to them for that one week and have already recruited a couple not from South Dakota into taking the challenge with me. I would also like to better budget myself, so maybe this will help. Plus, who knows I might lose weight.

I was told some of the Senators took this challenge and the outcome was not good.

So being that you only have $21 there are some rules and guidelines.

You can't use food you already own. Like your own salt, sugar, ketchup. Although you can take them from places you may eat at, not like stealing...but you know what I mean. Take more than you use, and don't act like none of you don't have a junk drawer at home full of condiments. Big Bat and Patty, I will pay you back with a cheap plug at the end here.

Here are the GUIDELINES

Spend only $21 on food and beverages during the week for your total food intake.

In other words,

o Include in the total all food purchased and eaten during the Challenge week, including fast food and dining out.

o Do not eat food you already own. (A family fleeing domestic violence would not have garden produce or even seasonings or condiments, though they might pick up salt & pepper packets somewhere.)

o Avoid accepting free food from friends, family, at work or elsewhere.

o Exclude sales tax from your $21. Fortunately, food stamp purchases are not taxed.

So by next week when I am looming in front of my deadline, I will only be two days into this challenge. If I say anything that offends you, let me apologize now because I might not be in the best of moods from all the oatmeal I will be eating.

So do you think you have it in you to take this challenge. I think if I can do it, you can. To anyone related to me, no taking bets on how long I will last...you might curse me.

Anyone interested in taking the challenge can email sdfoodstampchallenge@gmail or you can check out the challenge here on their blog http://www.sdchallenge.blogspot.com/.

So wish me luck and remember to shop at Big Bat's, but probably not if you're going to take this challenge. (That's my cheap plug for the extra ranch dressing I took.)

Dana Badmilk is a 35 year old self employed artist who recently moved back to the Pine Ridge Reservation. She lives there with her husband and four children. She can be read at her blog http://danasvoice. blogspot.com.

The Indian Land Consolidation Program at Pine Ridge Agency has a **NEW** phone number: **(605)867-1314**. To inquire about your ILCP land sales, please call Vina Roan Eagle OR JoHanna Good Crow at: **(605)867-1314**. The current FAX number we use is: **(605)867-1141**. You may also call Acquisition Center at: **(888)703-5487**. Thank You.

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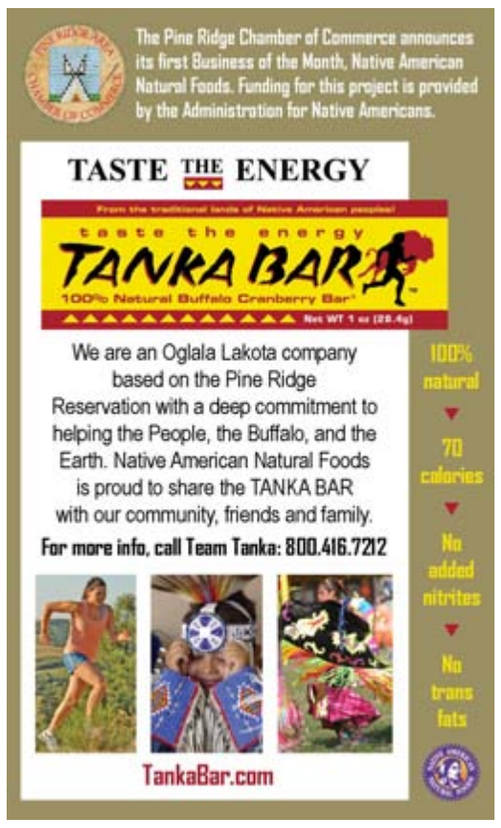
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NOTICE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the St. Francis Indian School will accept sealed bids until 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2007, in the office of the Executive Assistant, Crazy Horse Administration building. St. Francis Indian School, St. Francis, SD for surplus property and they will be opened at the time by the Board Treasurer and Business Manager (Bidders are welcome to attend.)

Highlander Scottsman Trailer Houses (#T13 and #T14) designated as surplus:

Two (2) unfurnished three-bedrooms, 1-1/3 baths, living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room. No appliances. Trailers only. (blocking, propane tank, tires, skirting, porch and step are not included.)
The floor plans are 14x70 square feet.
The trailer houses are being sold "AS IS."

The trailer houses may be seen at the school's faculty housing area by contacting:

Fred Leader Charge
O-M Director
(605) 747-2020
between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (central time.)

Both trailer houses are located in the west trailer court north of the school entrance.

The bid must be accompanied by a check, cashier's check, or money order for ten percent (10%) of the total amount of bid.

Removal of surplus property must be in thirty (30) days.

The approval of bids will made at a meeting of the Board of Education.

Bids should be addressed to:
BID-SURPLUS PROPERTY
c/o Executive Assistant, Sicangu Oyate Ho, Inc.
PO Box 379
St. Francis, SD 57572

Fax transmittals will not be accepted.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

For more information please contact:
Superintendent, Larry Parker
(605) 747-2299 or
O-M Director Fred Leader Charge
(605) 747-2020

Cross country, volleyball, football wrapping up, its hooping time!

Coaching turnover makes impact on upcoming season

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

PORCUPINE - Officially, the girl's basketball season gets underway, Monday, Nov. 19 when the first formal practices may be held. The boy's season starts the following Monday, Nov. 26. Some schools have been holding open gyms for the interested ballplayers, some have a conditioning program going on to get the players ready for the upcoming season.

Cross country finished with the State cross country meet on Oct. 20 in Huron; football is wrapping up this week with State championship games in the Dakota Dome in Vermillion while girl's volleyball is set for their last act with all three state competitions scheduled for next week in Sioux Falls.

On the girl's side of the basketball, the two state tournament teams, Cheyenne Eagle Butte and Red Cloud both have new coaches; Alissa Kingfisher Benoist is now coaching the Lady Braves, she was Arlyn Wohlleber's assistant last year and Jerome LeBeau is the new girl's coach at Red Cloud, Ted Standing Soldier Jr.'s contract was not renewed after a parent led campaign convinced the administration to look elsewhere. Standing Soldier is now coaching the girls at Little Wound, Mary Tobacco chose not to put in for the job.

Dusty LeBeau is returning to coaching after a three year lay-off, he will coach the Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes, a team ranked number one last year with a 20-0 record late in the season before losing to Bennett County in the District 14A finals; Dusty last coached in the 2003/2004 season where he took both the girls and boys from Pine Ridge to state tournaments, losing the State A girl's championship game to Sisseton. Bill Mendoza stepped down after one year as head coach.

Shawn Peterson will coach the girls at Takini, Fran Vogel at Crazy Horse and Cory Roberts will return at St. Francis while Roger Crow Eagle chose not to return to Todd County. Todd County is presenting a person to the board next week for approval.

On the boy's side of basketball, long time coach, Jess Mendoza returns for another season at Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Jess has taken ten teams to state tourneys, Pine Ridge four times, 84, 85, 86 and 87, winning it all in 1987 and Eagle Butte six times in 94, 95, 98, 99, 01 and 03, taking fifth in 98. Bill Pourier returns to Pine Ridge, Mike Hammer to Todd County, Shannon Jewett to Takini, Luke MacLean to Crazy Horse and Matt Rama to Red Cloud.

Rob Mendoza is replacing Jamie Feather Earring at Little Wound and St. Francis has yet to select a boy's coach.

Hammer and Todd County lost to Little Wound in the Region 7A finals last year while Rama and Red Cloud lost to St. Thomas More in the Region 8A finals; Little Wound and More played for the State A championship last year, the Cavaliers winning their second straight championship. Todd County and Red Cloud will both be banging on the door to state again this year, both looking to earn their ticket to State.

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The Diabetes Prevention Program in conjunction with the OST Diabetes Prevention Program has come together to remember those people we have lost due to Diabetes . We are making it known that Diabetes is Preventable and we can prevent it.

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Pine Ridge IHS & OST Diabetes Prevention Program

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Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178.
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District 3
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November is Diabetes Awareness Month...



The RST Diabetes Prevention Program will be hosting a number of activities during the month of November in observance of National Diabetes Awareness Month.

Connie Brushbreaker, director, and her staff would like to encourage all communities in the Rosebud Reservation to take control of their health.....Do you know your Risk for Diabetes? Keep in mind that *"Diabetes Prevention is Proven, Possible and Powerful"*



- **Stay fit, even walking to the store counts!!!!**
- **Eat healthy, give your kids a good example...say NO to pop**
- **And visit your doctor at least once every year and ask to be screened for diabetes risk!**

The monthly activities are:

I. **"Global Diabetes Day 4 Directions Walk"** Wednesday, November 14 8:30 am in Rosebud, (Tribal Building)
II. **"Holiday fat burning 5K Walk/run"** November 24, Saturday after Thanksgiving, at 9:00 am Rosebud, (Tribal Building)
III. **"Native American Diabetes Awareness Day Walk"**, November 30, at 10:00am wherever you are at the time... 1 block or 1 mile, let's unite in prayer and give support to those with the disease and those who lost their battle.

For additional information
call: 747-4600 or visit us on the web at:
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Oyate Teca Project activities for November

KYLE - The Oyate Teca Project is taking new enrollments throughout the month of November for interested parents who want to enroll their child for a sponsor. Parents are invited to stop by their local CAP when the Oyate Teca Project is in their district or stop by the office located a half mile north of Angel's Store in Kyle.

Parents will need to bring the following items to enroll their child:

1) Income Verification

2) Child/children must be present for photo to be taken

3) Copy of Immunization Record for children 0-24 months that are being enrolled.

4) Completed Application (staff will have them available)

The Oyate Teca Project is Affiliated with the Christian Children's Fund. A reminder to those parents who apply for sponsorship that it does take awhile to receive a sponsor for a child. Parents should cooperate with the program by updating their family card on a yearly basis, keep their address updated and notify the office of any changes in information.

All reported information is confidential. Oyte Teca Project is currently collecting completed Child Progress Reports and are asking all parents to bring their child/children in to complete CPR's for their sponsors.

These are due once a year, and any child that has not completed one by the deadline on December 15, 2007 will be removed from the program. Parent's requesting additional information are invited to call 455-2544.

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OST Commodity Distribution

Friday, Nov. 9 in Martin at Sunrise Housing, Wednesday, Nov. 14 in Porcupine in Evergreen and at CAP Office, Friday, Nov. 16 in Allen, Batesland and Wakpamni Lake housing, Monday, Nov. 19 in Oglala at old store site, for information call 867-5511.

Four Direction Walk

In honor of those we have lost to diabetes on Friday, Nov. 9 with registration set for 9 a.m and walk to start at 9:30 a.m., for information call JoAnn at 867-3054, Sawee at 867-3137 or Charlie at 867-1706.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye

Grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9 at Loneman School in Oglala, Saturday, Dec. 1 at Batesland School sponsored by Rockyford and Batesland from Shannon County Schools and Friday, Dec. 21 in Rapid City sponsored by Wolf Creek School, Red Shirt Community School and Shannon County Schools, Friday, Jan. 25 at Pine Ridge School; for information call 867-5174.

2007 Veteran's Day Pow wow

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10 at the Bill C. Bear gym in Batesland with grand entry nightly at 7 p.m., daily specials, all veteran organizations welcome, for information contact Robert at 288-1873, Wilma at 288-1922 or Pat at 288-0037 or 867-2393.

Akicita Wicayuonihan Wacipi

Honoring the veterans pow wow on Saturday, Nov. 10 in Kyle at Little Wound School with grand entries at 1 and 7 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m., Lyle Noisy Hawk, master of ceremonies, Marcel and MJ Bull Bear, arena directors; honoring 30 years of local control, memorial honorings for John Around Him and Cpl. Brett Lundstrom, Gold Star mothers, for information call Imogene 455-6162 or Dorothy at 455-6174.

Veteran's Day Celebration

Sunday, Nov. 11 at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee with grand entries set for 1 and 7 p.m. with a noon meal and supper provided, for information call Ruth at 454-5273 or Elroy at 441-8154.

Prayer Gathering

Sunday, Nov. 11 at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge at 3 p.m., for information contact Lillian at 867-1380, Iva at 867-5013 or Tia at 441-9118.

Veteran's Memorial Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 11 in memory of David "Butch" Flying Hawk, Jr. with unveiling of headstone at St. Peter's Catholic cemetery at 11am and dinner and giveaway at 1 p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Hall in Manderson, for information call 209-9981.

Abandoned uranium mine public meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 13 in Ludlow Hall at SD School of Mines in Rapid City regarding the abandoned uranium mines in the Cave Hills area at Riley Pass, for information call 399-1868.

Thanksgiving Community Dinner

Wednesday, Nov. 14 at the Pahin Sinte College Center in Porcupine at 5:30 p.m., everyone welcome.

South Dakota State High School volleyball tourney

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15, 16, 17 in Sioux Falls for all three classes, AA, A and B.

Weekend Warrior Basketball tournament

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 16, 17 and 18 at Sinte Gleska University Multi Purpose building in Mission for 10 team men's open double elimination basketball tournament, for information call Ken 208-5672 or Dave at 747-2539.

Men's Wellness Basketball tourney

Saturday, Nov. 17 at Loneman School gym in Oglala with free men's wellness screening for blood pressure, diabetes, depression, for information call 441-6133, 867-1756.

Open Flea Market

Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Pejuta Haka College Center in Kyle from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., all vendors are welcome, food for sale, for information call Deloris or Naomi at 455-2450

Thanksgiving Sobriety Dance

Saturday, Nov. 24 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Mother Butler Center in Rapid City with Country Charm.

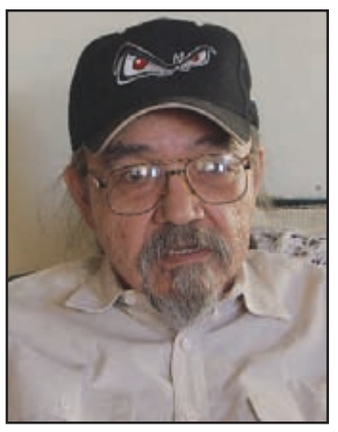
Scrubs Camp

Health career exploration camp at the Oglala Lakota College nursing department in Pine Ridge on Friday, Nov. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. sponsored by SD departments of Education and Health, registration needs to be completed by Nov. 16, for information call Deb or Judy at 867-5856.

Whirlwind Soldier; disparity between "haves" and "have nots" growing

By Archie B. Beauvais
Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - George Whirlwind Soldier, 63, is one of those Sicangu Lakota tribal members who you know is accomplished in life, but you never know in what regard unless you inquire. In recognition of the upcoming Veteran's Day observation, he agreed to sit for an interview and share some of the insights and philosophy he has gained over the course of a successful career as a Physician's Assistant and U. S. Army veteran.



George Whirlwind Soldier , Sicangu Lakota, is a retired physician's assistant and U. S. Army veteran who lives at the senior center in Rosebud and reports that the center is comfortable and secure.

A product of the boarding school environment he was fortunate enough to learn the Lakota language from his mother, who was a pipe carrier and a sun dancer. He said, "Lakota opens a lot of gates to understanding between ourselves and what is out there. Each of us has a confidential relationship to tunkasila and we need to respect that in each other."

His parents are Pius and Evelyn Whirlwind Soldier who were from Bad Nation and siblings are Pius, Marie, Lydia, Louis and Clement. His late brother Clement is also a veteran and Veterans Day is a difficult reminder of the family's loss.

Whirlwind Soldier earned his Physician's Assistant credentials from the University of North Dakota in 1971 after serving in the U. S. Army from 1963-66 as a medic and field trauma technician. Many people do not know that he was one of the early protesters against UND using the nickname "Fighting Sioux" and allowing other caricatures to be used during sporting events.

He also earned college credit while attending South Dakota State University and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

His work years were spent with the Indian Health Service and National Health Service Corp in the southwest with the Havasupai tribe. He also worked in Tucson and Phoenix, AZ, Seattle, WA and then spent his last 12 working years with the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe.

Now retired and living in the Rosebud Senior Citizens center he reports that the quality of life is good there. He said, "At first I missed it, climbing the walls with nothing to do. You learn how to kick back. There are a lot of things that can and should be done. There is a lot of disparity between the "haves" and "have nots."

He says that people tend to be forgotten by the "haves" and once they get to the top they pull the ladder up. Whirlwind Soldier seems to possess a wealth of knowledge as he has traveled extensively and even read the Koran. His ability to reflect back on life is indicative of someone who has lived life to the fullest and learned from it.

His grandfather often told him that no matter what the obstacle, "Give it time, take care of it and it will subside." He said no one has patience these days. Alcohol represented an obstacle for Whirlwind Soldier, however, he learned to cope with it. He said, "Alcohol became a big deal in my life. I was a functioning alcoholic. If we can keep one young person from doing that, it is a dead end. I have been sober for seven years."

"I grew up anti-social, rebellious and cried a lot of tears in life. Tears of anguish and frustration" he said as he continued to describe what he believes is a healthy lifestyle. He said "The way toward a healthy life is the Lakota way, non-alcoholic, non-violent and the way of the pipe."

Having come back home to Rosebud a couple times in his life to live and work, he said, "We should appreciate being here on the reservation, instead of pre-occupied with the bad." At the senior center, life is good, the food is good; the place is secure and comfortable. He also praised the Rosebud Ambulance Service as being the best in the state.

Whirlwind Soldier is also a traditional dancer and he and Ted Standing Soldier took it upon themselves to spearhead an effort to honor a young Lakota soldier who spent two tours in Iraq.

The young soldier, Richard O'Rourke, was honored at the Rosebud Sioux tribe's Veteran's Affairs building over the weekend by some 100 people.

An accomplished Lakota veteran, Whirlwind Soldier has seen both good and bad and traveled the world. He worked at the bottom of the Grand Canyon with the Havasupai and visited a beautiful cathedral in Paris, France and all the while managed to return to his homeland on the Rosebud after such rich and diverse experiences. He said, "*Blihiciyapo. Canku luta akan omanipi tehki elo* - Be strong, the red road upon which you walk is tough."

Maza Tiopa program seeking mentors

PORCUPINE - Maza Tiopa is a mentoring program for children who have a parent incarcerated. The program is recruiting mentors and children for the program so if you're interested or know of anybody who is please contact us. It only takes a few hours a week and can change the life of a child who has an incarcerated parent

Upcoming events for the program are as follows:

Wednesday., Nov. 14 - FUNDRAISER - Pancake Supper 6-8 p.m. at the Wakanyeja Pawicayapi Bldg. Blueberry Pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, hashbrowns, juice, coffee. $5.00 per person, all you can eat! For more information contact: Laretha or Colleen at 455-1226, 1227 or 1228.

Friday., Nov. 16th - FUNDRAISER - Indian Taco Sale 11 a.m. - until sold out! at the Wakanyeja Pawicayapi Bldg.

For more info. or delivery contact: Laretha or Colleen @ 455-1226, 1227 or 1228. $3.50 per plate or $4. with a drink.

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Please come and join us for the First Annual Rosebud IHS Diabetes Scavenger Hunt. It will take place on November 20th, 2007 in the Hospital Lobby. We will begin at 1:00 PM and continue until 3:00 PM. You need to be at least 15 years old to participate. You do not have to be a diabetic to enter the contest. Our grand prize is a complete Thanksgiving Day meal.

Let's have some fun & learn more about how we can take control of diabetes!

Ask Anna

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I have a number of personal concerns I wish to share with you, and I also have a few questions to ask of you. My dilemma seems to revolve around the situation of uncertainty between my son's mom and myself, at the time being I am living here with my son, with the ex living out of state. I have to admit my ex is a good mother, to all her children; she had kids from a previous relationship.

Let me say it was never my intention to be a single parent, and I'll admit my ex and I tried several times to work things out, always separated though. Her reasons were I wasn't a good step dad to her older children and I wasn't sensitive to her feelings and lacked maturity; note she's several years older.

So is she right? Personally I am doubtful now if I could be a good step dad and if I could ever meet her sensitivity and maturity that she wants in a partner. Right now all I can be is me, in time I know my prospective of values will hopefully improve. So do I continue to believe maybe one day my ex will see the potential I see in myself?

You see it's important to me to know where I stand in my ex's life, unfortunately she hasn't clarified what she really wants when it comes out, only to realize once again we can't stand each other.

As for my son, I feel its unhealthy for him to be volley balled back and forth, so if the relationship with my ex is really over, would it be better for my son to stay in one place, with one parent, if so it is a wise decision to file custody, will I win if I do? The last question I have hardly relates to the above letter, but does have a value of importance; I need to find a data, disk, where can I find it?

Walks the hard road

Dear Walks the hard road:

It is somewhat traditional among women and men that are unhappy in their relationships to come up with "reasons" why the other person is not a good mate.

Your ex has her so-called reasons...and to her they may be true; but personally, I wouldn't take it too personally. I tend not to believe what my exes think about me...because they do not have a very healthy respect for who I am and how I think. Does that make sense to you?

What may appear to be immature to one person will not feel that way to another. Am I immature if I slide down the slide at the park? If I yell at a football game? If I eat candy and it melts in my hands and gets on my clothes and my face? If I burp after dinner? Am I immature if I laugh at dumb jokes? If I make faces when something doesn't taste good to me? If I yell out loud when I bump my head? If I cheat at checkers or Monopoly when I play them with my kids, or make up words in Scrabble? Am I immature if I only have $10 to my name and I give it to a friend? If I sing off key really loudly in my car to the radio? If I fight with you over the last cookie or piece of pie? I think I am fine, but a person that doesn't like me very much would think I am immature. Nuff said. My thirty year old son said, who wants to be old and boring, there is plenty of time for that after your funeral. Immaturity is the spice of adulthood. Find someone who enjoys your immaturity.

Were you a good step-parent? You have to answer that. It isn't easy stepping in and up for parenting a child of a spouse. It is fraught with pitfalls. Different approaches to parenting, rights of the step-parent to correct behavior, approaches in conversation, discipline principles, spiritual understandings, the ages of the children, attitudes of passiveness, and the attitudes of the children.

You have to fall in love with children, in my opinion, in order to be a good parent of any kind. Love is always the key and the best point of origin to come from. You had a tough time, and were constantly being tested during your parenting attempts with your mate's children. There needs to be alignment between both parents, especially, when one is not a natural birth-parent. You guys were not aligned.

I am glad your mate is a good mother. That says everything. Do not inhibit the relationship between your son and his mother - even if you do not live in the same vicinity. I arranged with my ex (many years ago) to move out of state, and as a result, both of us agreed that every effort would be made to afford transportation and or a delivery system at regular intervals so that my ex could stay active in his son's life. I think any two reasonable adults that love a child can work together for the highest good of that child - which is to be involved with both parents (provided that the parents are reasonably good parents).

Should you go for custody? That seems smart to me. You already accept the majority of the responsibility for your son so legal custody just would make life simpler - however, I would avoid a battle and making prohibiting rules. Yes, you can get full custody, and this would be very easy if your ex agrees, so approach her with your heart and your brain and don't get pushy, nasty or personal.

Your data disc in inside of an incorrect cover. It is underneath another disc, and is in a round (sort of) container of some sort.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

All requests may be subject to publication.

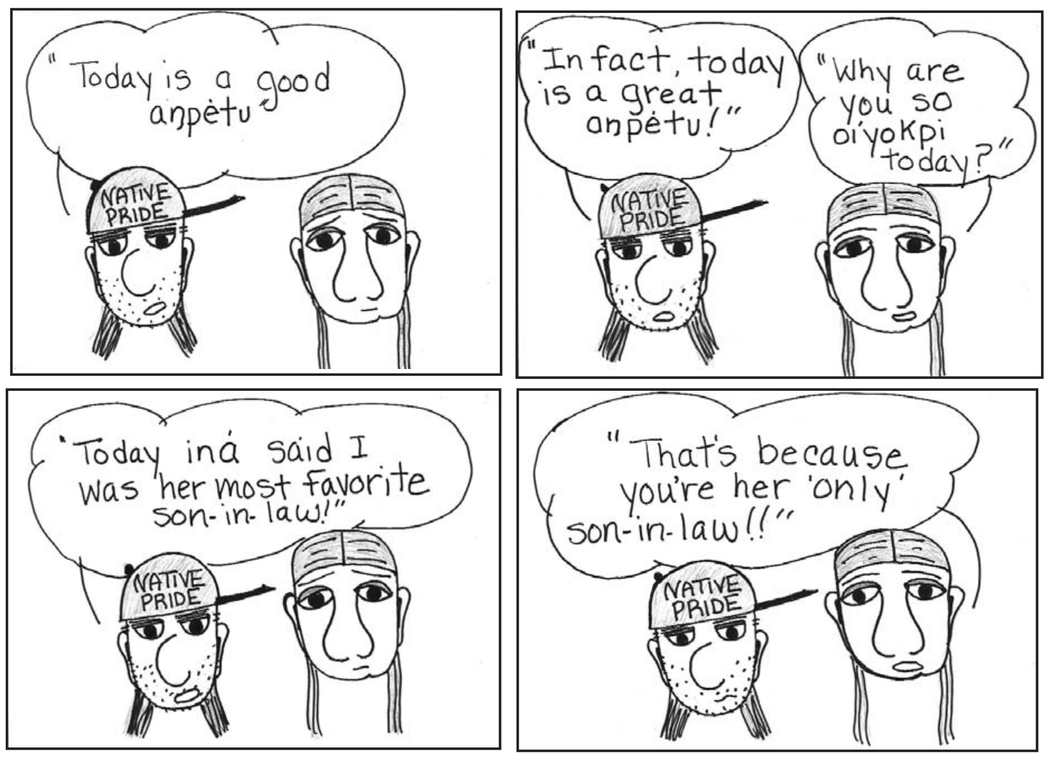
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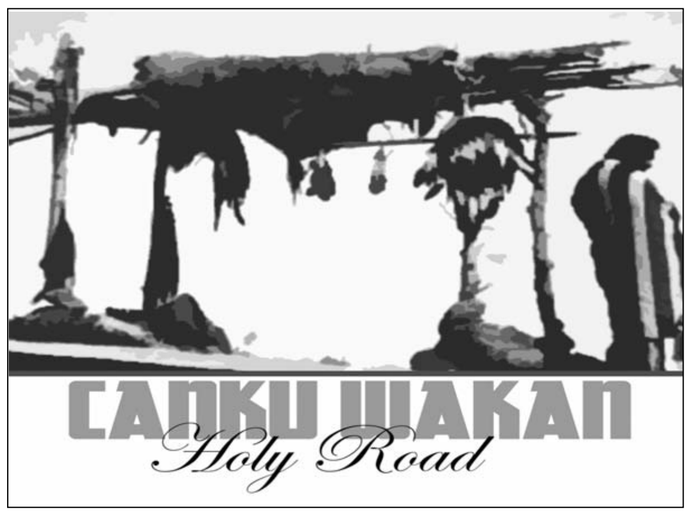
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~Jamie L. Morrison~

PINE RIDGE - Jamie L. Morrison, 18, died Nov. 1 at Pine Ridge. Survivors include a son Neil Hicks of Pine Ridge. Parents are Ronnie Smallwood Sr. of Rapid City, Erna Morrison of Pine Ridge and brothers Clint Morrison and Ronnie Smallwood Jr., both of Pine Ridge.

A two night wake service was Tuesday, Nov. 6 at Billy Mills Hall. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8 at Billy Mills Hall. Officiating will be Rev. Richard Lee with internment at St. Timothy's Episcopal Cemetery, Potato Creek, SD

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

~Kathleen Marie Garnette~

MINNEAPOLIS - Kathleen Marie Garnette, 61, Minneapolis and formerly of Eagle Butte, died Oct. 27, at Hennepin Medical Center in Minneapolis. A wake service was Sunday, Nov. 4, at the gym in Red Scaffold.

Funeral services were Monday, Nov. 5, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Red Scaffold, with the Rev. Ted Knffe and Byron Buffalo officiating. Burial was at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Oster Funeral Home in Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Perry D. Twiss-Hawkins~

WANBLEE - Perry D. Twiss-Hawkins, infant son of Jesston Hawkins and Latasha Twiss of Wanblee, was stillborn Monday, Oct. 29 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include his parents; two brothers, Preston Hawkins and Mason Hawkins, both of Wanblee; one sister, LaNoah Twiss, Wanblee; maternal grandmother Barbara Twiss, Wanblee; maternal great-grandmother Gloria Cottier, Wanblee; and paternal grandparents Mabel Red Kettle, Minneapolis, and Wesley Hawkins, Wanblee. Funeral services were. Friday, Nov. 2, at the Wanblee CAP Office, with the Rev. Rick Abert officiating. Burial was at St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery in Wanblee. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Charles A. Hacker~

CHEYENNE, Wyo. - Charles A. Hacker, 55, Cheyenne, formerly of Hot Springs, died Tuesday, Oct. 30 at his home. Survivors include one daughter, Trecil Shaun Hacker, Hot Springs; his father, Bill Hacker, Hot Springs; five sisters, Bev Johnson, Anna Amos and Dee Ann Loyd, all of Cheyenne, Regina Esche, Hot Springs, and Ruth Kazmer, Rapid City; and three brothers, Robert Hacker, Rapid City, Art Hacker, Aberdeen and Richard Hacker, O'Neill, Neb. Wake services were Friday, Nov. 2, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hot Springs. Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, Nov. 3, at the church, with the Rev. Peter Kovarik officiating. McColley's Chapel of the Hills in Hot Springs was in charge of arrangements.

~Laverne C. Richards~

UMATILLA, ORE. - Laverne C. Richards was born on July 30, 1928 in Wanamaker, to parents, Theodore and Zona Rooks Richards. He died on Nov. 3 at his home in Umatilla, Oregon at the age of 79 years.



Laverne was raised and attended school in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He served on the USS St. Paul in the United States Navy from 1945 until his honorable discharge in 1947. He returned to South Dakota and married Lavonne Pourier on June 25, 1949 in Porcupine. Laverne worked at the Black Hills Ordinance Army Depot in Igloo, he also worked at Sioux Army Depot in Sidney, Neb., and later at the Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City.

They moved to Hermiston, Ore. in 1968 and he went to work at the Umatilla Army Depot as a mechanic. He retired in 1973 although he continued to keep busy working as a groundskeeper at the McNary Golf Course for a time. Laverne enjoyed his children and grandchildren and going to their sporting events.

He also enjoyed going woodcutting as a family outing, as well as building and fixing things around his home. He was an avid rodeo fan.

Laverne cherished his trips to South Dakota to visit family and friends.

He is survived by his wife: Lavonne Richards, Umatilla, Ore.; sons:

Laverne C. "Rick" Richards Jr., Hermiston, Ore., Kelly Richards, Richland, Wash., Mark Richards, Highland, Calif., Art Richards, Umatilla, Ore., Anthony Richards, Tacoma, Wash., and Russell Richards, Portland, Ore.; daughters:

Connie Richards, Pendleton, Ore., Donna Richards, Battle Mountain, Ore., Jackie Gohring, Rockaway Beach, Ore., Karen McGowan, Portland, Ore., and Diane Ferguson, Hermiston, Ore.; brother: Leroy Richards, Pine Ridge; sisters: Ann Schriner, Pine Ridge, Ramona LaPointe, Rapid City; 20 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Laverne was preceded in death by his son: Theodore Michael "Ted" Richards in 1973, his parents, sister: Elfreda Amoitte, and brother Calvin Pourier.

Memorial mass will be held on Friday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Mission, Ore.

Burial with military honors will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Ore.

Those who wish may make contributions in Laverne's memory to the St.

Anthony Hospice at 1601 SW Court, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon is in care of arrangements.

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Firms/individuals wishing to submit bids may request additional information from Carrie Rowland, Energy Coordinator by calling (605) 867-5161, or by faxing to (605) 867-1095. Inquiries about the contract process should be directed to Doyle Pipe On Head, Chief Contract Officer.

All Bids must be received at Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing, Attn: Doyle Pipe On Head, Chief Contract Officer, P.O. Box 603, East Hwy. 18, Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770, no later than 4:00 p.m. Mountain standard time, Friday November 16, 2007.

Bids shall be submitted in triplicate in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Propane Bid."

Bids not received by that time and date will be rejected.

OSLH reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all deficiencies.

Oglala Sioux Tribe
Human Resource Department
Pine Ridge, S.D.

Request for Proposal

TPA (Third Party Administrator and Fully Insured Carrier Services Medical, RX, Dental, Vision and Short Term Disability

The Oglala Sioux Tribe is requesting proposals for benefits insurance coverage for the following:

1. Fully insured medical, RX, dental, vision and short-term disability;

2. Partially self-funded medical, RX, dental, vision and short term disability;

3. Self-funded, medical, RX, dental, vision and short term disability.

The health plan will provide coverage for eligible employees, Tribal Officials and Officers of the Oglala Sioux Tribe including all departments and programs located throughout the Pine Ridge Reservation and South Dakota.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe Benefits Committee reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and offers. The Committee is requesting all quotes be net of agent commissions.

E-mail your intent to quote to dbluebird@gwtc.net by November 16, 2007.

Proposals will be received by the Oglala Sioux Tribe Human Resource Department until 4:30 PM, MST, November 23, 2007. Mail five (5) hard copies to Debbie Blue Bird, Human Resource Director, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Box 439, Highway 18 Old Hospital Building, Pine Ridge, SD 57770 and one (1) e-mail response to dbluebird@gwtc.net . For further information and to request a copy of the RFP packet please contact Debbie at (605) 867-6014. Proposals received after the deadline will not receive consideration.

MINUTES

Shannon County Commissioner
MINUTES
November 2, 2007

The Shannon County Commissioners met in regular session on November 2, 2007, in Hot Springs, South Dakota. Present Connie Whirlwind Horse, Vanessa Roubideaux, Lyla Hutchison, Sue Ganje, County Auditor and Julie Graham, Clerk. Absent Deb Rooks-Cook and Inez White Hawk.

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

The agenda was reviewed for conflicts, none were found.

Motion by Roubideaux seconded by Hutchison to approve the agenda as written. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison seconded by Roubideaux to approve the minutes of October 5th, 2007. All voting yes, the motion carried.

The September 2007 General Fund Cash Surplus Analysis was reviewed by the Board, as follows, and placed on file.

GENERAL FUND SURPLUS ANALYSIS

The amount of General Fund dollars that counties can retain as surplus is restricted by SDCL 7-21-18.1 which states: "The total unreserved,undesignated fund balance of the general fund may not exceed forty percent of the total amount of all general fund appropriations contained in the budget for the next fiscal year. The total unreserved, undesignated fund balance of the general fund of the county as of March thirty-first and September thirtieth shall be published in the minutes of the proceedings of the board of county commissioners and reported to the Department of Legislative Audit. The report shall be on forms prescribed by the Department of Legislative Audit."

The following analysis should be completed as of March thirty-first and September thirtieth of each year. Thereafter, the unreserved, undesignated fund balance amount should be published in the minutes of the governing board. This analysis should also be filed with the Department of Legislative Audit.

SHANNON County
DATE 09-30-07
ASSETS:
10100 Cash 232,824.24
10800 Taxes Receivable -- Current 81,849.60
11000 Taxes Receivable--Delinquent 15,378.34
11700 Accounts Receivable 0.00
13100 Due from Other fund 17,590.00
TOTAL ASSETS 347,642.18
GENERAL FUND SURPLUS ANALYSIS
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:
20200 Accounts Payable 7,728.67
22400 Deferred Revenue 97,227.94
FUND BALANCES:
27199 Reserved for Other Purposes (Specify) Reserved for Hava Machines 752.62
Reserved for Hospital Claims 52,000.00
27201 Designated for Next Year's Appropriations (one of the following) March - 3/4 of the current year
September - 1/4 of current year + subsequent year
December - subsequent year 80,751.00
27209 Undesignated 109,181.95
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 347,642.18
Following Year General Fund Budget
(use current year for March analysis)
355,976.00

The unreserved, undesignated fund balance, account 27209, divided by the following year General Fund budget resulting in the fund balance percentage 30.67%

A request was made by Shawn Burke, County Extension agent, to advance travel funds for training.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to approve the request for advance travel funds for training. All voting yes, the motion carried.

A work schedule for the Highway Department was presented, which allows for four ten hour days, while having the shop open Monday thru Friday.

Motion by Roubdeaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve the Highway Department to continue four ten hour days, staggered, to have the shop open Monday thru Friday. All voting yes, the motion carried.

A private road contract was presented for approval.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to approve the petition for private road work for Benedict Scabby Face, estimated time 2 hours ($150.00), location, Section 25, T38R47, to blade road to corral for truck. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Fuel quotes were presented as follows:
500 GALLONS UNLEADED #1-RED -DYED DIESEL
Westco, Bid, $2.6275, $3.017
Muddy Creek, Bid, $2.989, No Bid
Pine Ridge Oil, No response

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve Westco bid of $2.6275 per gallon for 500 gallons of Unleaded and $3.017 for 1000 gallons of #1 Red-Dyed Diesel. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Lyla Hutchison presented information on the Weed Board and sprayer. Hutchison brought questions and concerns including Board members appointments and enforcements.

Unused chemical was discussed, along with a place to store the weed truck. Spraying contracts were also discussed along with upcoming meetings and grants. A transfer pump and 2000 gallon tank was requested for purchase.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to reinstate David Hauck as Weed sprayer, immediately at the same rate of $15.00 per hour. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to authorize purchase of transfer pump and 2000 gallon tank. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison seconded by Roubideaux to approve the following bills. All voting yes, the motion carried.

GENERAL
Commissioners Salaries (5-Comm), October Salaries, $550.00;
Auditor Office Salaries, October Salaries, 1,277.20; Treasurer's Office Salaries, October Salaries, 1,275.66; States Attorney Salary, October Salary, 825.00; Dir. Of Equal. Office Salaries, October Salaries, 1,267.75; Reg. of Deeds Salaries, October Salaries, 1,273.56; Vets Service Office Salary, October Salaries, 900.36; Sheriff Salary, October Salary, 2,826.42; Coroner Fees, Sheriff Car, 559.4; Golden West Telephone Co. Phone, 239.41; State Treasurer, Mental Illness, 120.00; Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, 661.46; Minnesota Child Support, Child Support, 130.00; South Dakota Retirement System, October Retirement, 1,113.60; US Postal Service, Postage, 350.50; Wells Fargo Bank. Oct W/H/SS/MDCR Tax, 1,703.06; Alltel, Cell phone, 207.00; Andersen, Norma, Mental Illness Board, 30.00; Boos, Carole, Mental Illness, 239.50; BP, Gas, 379.07;Culligan, Supplies, 25.25; Diamond Pharmacy, Prisoner Meds, 120.50; Dietrich, Donna, Mental Illness, 440.96; Farrell, Farrell and Ginsbach, Mental Illness, 490.92; First Western Bank, Supplies, 1,087.82; Fox, Youngbert & Lewno PC, Mental Illness, 160.32; Great Western Tire Inc., Car Maintenance, 59.95; Halls, Terri, Travel, 130.00; Hopkins, Archie, Dues, 25.0 Kennedy, Rokahr, Pier, Mental Illness, 89.00; Lakota Country Times, Publishing 275.20; Lincoln County Treasurer, Mental Illness, 30.00; Martinez, Audrey L. , Travel, 152.81; Neve's Uniforms, Uniform, 228.95; Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rent, 1,000.00; Ortner, Michael P., Mental Illness, 121.82; Pennington County States Attorney, Mental Illness, 400.00; Pennington County Sheriff, Mental Illness Transport, 640.80; Regional Behavioral Health, Mental Illness, 72.11; Rehfuss, Cathy, Mental Illness, 30.00 Rapid Lube, Car Maintenance, 46.75; Roubideaux, Vanessa, Travel, 47.36; Serenity Springs, CP Funeral, 1,095.00; Sioux Sales, Equipment, 250.65; Slate Creek Counseling, Mental Illness, 1,271.40; Whirlwind Horse, Connie, Travel, 167.24; Yankton County, Mental Illness, 197.10; Yankton County Sheriff, Mental Illness, 25.00; Hutchison, Lyla, Travel, 59.20;
COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE
CRBR Admin. Salaries, October Salaries, 10,601.89; Including Overtime for Lloyd Thompson, Overtime, 40.50; Fleming, Harry, Gravel, 8,325.00; South Dakota LTAP, 70.00; South Dakota Retirement System, October Retirement, 1,072.98; Wells Fargo Bank, Oct W/H/SS/MDCR Tax, 2,568.62; A&B Welding, Supplies, 30.00; Alltel, Cell Phone, 26.22; Butler Machinery Co., Supplies, 240.00; Culligan, Supplies, 45.85; Farm Plan, Supplies, Phone, 241.76; Great Western Tire Inc., Car Maintenance, 3,490.70; Husker Auto Parts, Repair, 843.47; LaCreek Electric Association, Utilities, 163.40; MCI Comm. Service, Phone, 42.64; Office Depot, Supplies, 59.99; Pine Ridge Auto Parts, Repair, 76.90;Presco Sales and Service, Supplies, 1,336.00; Quill Corporation, Supplies, 107.92; Radio Shack, Equipment, 262.96; Sioux Nation Shopping Center, Supplies, 42.92; True Value, Supplies, 103.55; Westco, Fuel, 4,186.41; Western Communications, Utilities , 40.00;
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
EM Salary, October Salary, 323.00; South Dakota Retirement System, October Retirement, 38.76; Wells Fargo Bank, Oct W/H/SS/MDCR Tax, 49.44;

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to enter into executive session for personnel at 11:57 a.m. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Came out at 12:34 p.m.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve the Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer. All voting yes, the motion carried.

To The Honorable Board of Shannon County Commissioners,

I Hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 31ST day of October, 2007.

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN BANK OF THE WEST, $ 4,038.38
TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN WELLS FARGO BANK, $ 1,389.43
TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN FIRST WESTERN BANK, HS, $ 4,230.94
TOTAL AMOUNT OF ACTUAL CASH, $ 135. 60
TOTAL AMT OF CHECKS IN TREASURER'S POSSESSION NOT EXCEEDING THREE DAYS $ 11,730.87
MONEY MARKET SAVINGS: BANK OF THE WEST $ 2,244.04
WELLS FARGO BANK - $ 1,136.69
FIRST WESTERN-HS $471,579.23
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT-FIRST WESTERN-HS $250,000.00

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts which have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:
Sheriff Change fund: 200.00
RETURNED CHECKS:
Returned Checks:
Atkinson, Jennifer, $40.00; Mesteth, Perry, $63.00; Big Crow, Duane Sr. $63.00; Morrison, Nadine $15.00; Black Feather, David $75.00; Old Horse, John $15.00; Brings Patton, Linda $55.00; Pourier, Joel $349.00; Burgess, Jeanne $45.00; Red Cloud, John $45.90; Eagle Bull, Annette M. $43.00; Ross, William $53.00; Feather Earring, Tamera $42.55; Blethen, Rene $48.25; Garnette, Aqualyne $64.00; Goings, Tanya L $71.00; One Feather, Delmar $187.02; Broken Nose, Leroy $44.50; Parton, Joy $32.00; Janis, Jennifer $90.50; Puckett, Derek $24.15; Lone Hill, Trina $20.70; One Feather, Delmar $105.00.
Total $778,252.25
DATED THIS 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2007
/S/Sue Ganje
SUE GANJE, COUNTY AUDITOR OF SHANNON COUNTY.

The above balance reflects county monies, monies held in trust, and monies collected for and to be remitted to other entities: schools, towns and state.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to authorize the States Attorney to write a letter to the Sheriff about working with the OST Chief of Police on serving Tribal and non-Tribal members and offer explanation as to why he is unable to respond to vandalism or attempted burglary calls.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to adjourn at 12:40 p.m. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Connie Whirlwind Horse, Chairwoman
Board of County Commissioners
Shannon County
ATTEST:
Sue Ganje, County Auditor
Shannon County

MINUTES

Shannon County School Board Meeting
October 22, 2007
Batesland, S.D.
MINUTES

The Shannon County School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 22, 2007 at Batesland, SD. President Angie Eagle Bull called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Members present:
Angie Eagle Bull, Todd O'Bryan, Chuck Conroy, Tom Conroy, Barbara Dull Knife

Others present: Dr. Curt Voight, Superintendent, Maurice Twiss, Special Services Director, MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager, Monica Whirlwind Horse, Rockyford 5-8 Principal, Bob Hall, Rockyford Pre-K-4 Principal, Barbara Ice, Red Shirt School Principal, Connie Kaltenbach, Batesland Principal, Robert Two Crow, Lakota Studies Director, Dana Christensen, Technology Director, Darrell Eagle Bull. Ann Red Owl, Russell Budmayer, Wolf Creek 5-8 Principal , Patti Nelson, Administrative Secretary. Alberto Solomon, Solomon Sanitation, Donna Solomon, Solomon Sanitation

All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

8096. Approval of Agenda
Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by T. Conroy to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried. (O'Bryan absent)

8097. Approval of Minutes
Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by T. Conroy to approve minutes of September 24, 2007 regular meeting. Motion carried. (O'Bryan absent)

8098. Executive Session
Motion by Dull Knife, seconded by C. Conroy to go into executive session at 5:21 p.m. Motion carried. President Eagle Bull declared executive session ended at 5:45p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

8099. Reports
School district directors and administrators delivered verbal and written reports to the school board.

President Eagle Bull granted a request for a brief recess at 6:11 p.m. and reconvened at 6:18 p.m.

8100. Five-Year Plan
Superintendent Voight presented a draft of the district's proposed five-year plan for the board's review.

8101 Red Shirt Punch List
A report was given to the board in regard to the Red Shirt School construction project. All obligations of the general contractor have been met.

8102. Teach for America Contract
The Superintendent introduced the Teach for America contract, a non-profit entity. A presentation will be given at the next board meeting.

8103. November Board Meeting
The November board meeting will be held at Wolf Creek School on Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

8104. State Funding Lawsuit
Dr. Voight updated the board on status of the state funding lawsuit.

8105. Dakota Character Grant
Discussion was held in regard to the Dakota Character Grant, which the board agreed to implement during the 2007-08 school year. Administration will report again at the November meeting.

8106. Solid Waste Disposal Bids
The school district advertised for solid waste disposal at each of the four school sites, including housing. Bids were received as follows:

Solomon Sanitation, Pine Ridge, SD
$3,925.00/mo through June, 2008

Waste Connections, Inc. Rapid City, SD
$6,200.00/mo. Through June, 2008

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by Dull Knife to accept the low bid from Solomon Sanitation in the amount of $3,925.00 per month for four school sites. Motion carried.

8107. Financials
The board requested information from the Business Manager in regard to the school district's savings account.

8108. Personnel
Motion by Dull Knife, seconded by O'Bryan to approve all personnel recommendations as listed, with the exception of one of the recommended Title I Aides,.pending discussion with the principal. Motion carried.

8109. High School Contracting Agreements

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by C. Conroy to disapprove the contracts for high school tuition between the Shannon County School District and the two schools located in Nebraska; Hay Springs and Gordon High Schools. Motion carried.

8110. High School Tuition

Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by T. Conroy to deny the requests for students requesting high school tuition in Nebraska. Motion carried.

8111. Applications for Open Enrollment & Public School Exemption

Motion by C Conroy, seconded by T. Conroy to approve one application for open enrollment and one request for public school exemption for the 2007-08 school year. Motion carried.

8112. Emergency Response Manual

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Dull Knife to approve an Emergency Response Manual for the Shannon County School District, pending amendments to pages 3 and 4. Motion carried.

8113. Board Representatives

Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by T. Conroy to designate Todd O'Bryan and Barbara Dull Knife to serve as board representatives for certified staff negotiations. Motion carried.

8114. Financials
Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by C. Conroy to approve the financial and payroll reports, in addition to all disbursements, as listed. Motion carried.

8115. Cooperative Tuition Agreements
Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Dull Knife to approve cooperative tuition agreements between the Shannon County School District and Wounded Knee, Porcupine, Pine Ridge, Little Wound and Loneman Schools. Motion carried.

8116. Adjournment
Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by C. Conroy to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried.

8117. Motion to Rescind
Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by C. Conroy to rescind the motion to adjourn and the second to the motion. Motion carried.

8118. Policy Reading
The Board acknowledged the Parent Involvement Policy and the policy amendment for the first reading.

8119. Adjournment
Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by C. Conroy to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager
Approved by the school board this 26th day of November, 2007.
Signed Andrea Eagle Bull, President

Personnel:
All recommendations are made by the Building Administrators and are submitted to the Personnel Office and employment will be offered pending negative drug test results and negative background check.

Resignations and access fees: Cornell Conroy, Sr.-Virtual High School Red Shirt Coordinator-effective 10-2-07, Ronald Rowland-Wolf Creek Cook Manager-effective 10-22-07.

Classified Termination Recommendations:
Tom Patton-Special Education Aide-effective 10-22-07,Naomi Condon-Special Education Aide, Pam Blue Horse-Special Education Aide. Contract Amendment Approvals: Candance Foltz-Hall-Literacy Coordinator-$55,183.15 (Masters lane change), Leonore Monnens-Red Shirt Teacher-$39,500 (approved for transfer from Aide to Teacher)

Contract Approvals: Marvin Goings-Wolf Creek Maintenance-from 9-25-07 to 6-30-07 to 6-30-08-$16,300 (Probationary Completion), Deetta Terkildsen-Rockyford Librarian-from 10-1-07 to 5-23-08-$26,654.32 (New Teacher), Catherine Kills Warrior - Rockyford Cook-from 9-26-07 to 5-23-08-$9,301.50 (Probationary Completion) Helen Buckman-Wolf Creek Special Education Aide-from 9-17-07 to 5-23-08 - $11,070 (Probationary Completion), Deada Pevo- Rockyford Special Education Aide - from 10-9-07 to 5-23-08-$12,2109.00 (Probationary Completion)

Rockyford School Recommendation: William Jumping Eagle, Jr. - Mechanic Alternate Jonathan Tenario, Gordon Red Owl - Custodian Alternate Gordon Looks Twice, Sr., Cheryl White Eyes - part time cook-no alternate, Abigail Reed - Registered Nurse (Transfer from Sped Aide) No Alternate, Brian Hornbeck - One on One Special Education Aide no alternate, Susan White Eyes - Math Aide no alternate.

Red Shirt Recommendation: Vanessa Roubideaux - Student Advocate/School Resource Officer no alternate, Louis tyons - Part-time Counselor no alternate, Randy Thompson - Title 1 Aide Alternate Sarah Fields

Virtual High School Coordinator Recommendation: Janet Whiting - Rockyford Coordinator, alternate Laura Craniely (previous alternate Phyllis Hollow Horn disqualified for no valid license), Monica Knuppe - Red Shirt Coordinator (certified salary approval) alternate Randy Thompson, Carolyn Tail - Project Assistant no alternate. Tina Mills - Registrar no alternate (transfer from Rockyford Coordinator)

Wolf Creek School Recommendation: Vernon Briggs - Cook No alternate, Theresa Colombe - Kindergarten Teacher No alternate. Batesland School Recommendation: Dallas Yellow Shield - Aide alternate Carol Sager Upon Completions 45 day Probationary Period: Pete Plenty Wounds-Batesland Cook Prorate until August 23, Sandra Cuny - Rockyford Preschool Prorate until May 23, Tracy Amos - Rockyford In School Supsension Aide, Anthony Wounded Head - Rockyford School Resource Officer, Myla Budmayr - Wolf Creek Special Education Aide Prorate until August 23, Oma Perez - Wolf Creek Birth-03 Aide Prorate until August 23, Wade Lone Elk - Preschool Aide Prorate until August 23, Wade Lone Elk - Preschool Aide Prorate until August 23, Rose Gordon Librarian Aide Prorate until May 23, Vina Holiday - Red Shirt Cook Prorate

45 day Probationary Extensions: Duane Hernandez - Preschool Aide. Extra Curricular Assignments for Approval: Stacie Big Crow - Rockyford Girls "C" Basketball Coach - from 10-22-07 to 12-17-07, Stephen Red Owl - Rockyford Girls Basketball Coach - from 10-22-08 to 12-17-07, Amaris Swallow - Red Shirt Volleyball Coach - from 10-22-07 until end of season, Russell Schwartz - Red Shirt Boys Football Coach - from 10-22-07 until end of season, Karla Winters - Girls Rockyford Basketball Coach - from 10-22-07 to 12-17-07, Ricky Gray Grass - Batesland Girls Basketball Coach - from 10-22-07 to 12-17-07.

Special Service Agreement for Approval: Carolyn Tail - virtual High School Projects Assistant - from 10-22-07 to 1-25-08-$30 per hour up to 8 hours a day not exceed 480 hours.

Disbursements:
Description of goods or services: Ted Hanson - $58.54, Ted Hanson - $58.54, Ted Hanson - $58.54, Ted Hanson - $58.54, Div. of Criminal Investigations - $924.00, Sped Parent -

Shannon County School District
Disbursment Report
September 30, 2007

Fund/Account	Amount
General Fund	$339,831.20
Capital Outlay Fund	$365,741.90
Special Education Fund	$24,349.96
Impact Aid	$36,492.96
Food Service Fund	$6,356.37
T/A Support Services	$6,963.71
T/A Wolf Creek	$0
T/A Batesland School	$0
T/A Rockyford School	$0
Total of All Funds	**$772,772.39**

Shannon County School District
Payroll Report
Septermber 30, 2007

Types of Services	Salaries	Benefits	Total
1000 Instruction Service	$397,304.65	$100,684.86	**$497,989.51**
2000 Support Services	$226,965.55	$ 60,868.04	**$287,833.59**
3000 Other Community Serv	$ 90.00	$ 6.88	**$ 96.88**
6000 Co-Curricular	$ 2,749.73	$,226.18	**$ 2,975.91**
General Fund Total	$627,109.93	$1161,785.96	**$788,895.89**
Special Education	$144,434.35	$40,859.21	**$185,293.56**
Food Services	$24,881.73	$ 6,735.79	**$ 31,617.52**
Total All Services	**$796,426.01**	**$209,380.96**	**$1,005,806.97**

Shannon County School District 65-1
REVENUE REPORT
September 30, 2007

Revenue Sources	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Education Fund	Pension Fund	Food Service	T/A Service	Impact Aid
Local sources							
Taxes	$ 61,166.21	$1,452.09	$677.56	$145.19	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$ 41,102.54	$5,010.34	$0.0	$0.00	$6,273.31	$0.0	$0.0
County Sources							
County Apportionment	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
State Sources							
State Aide	$359,213.00	$0.0	$121,199.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$2,847.19	$0.0	$0.0
Federal Sources						$0.0	$0.0
Other	$0.0	$0.0	$56,342.50	$0.0	$14,467.44	$0.0	$ 0.0
Operating Transfer In							
Total Revenue For Fund	**$461,481.75**	**$6,462.43**	**$178,219.06**	**$145.19**	**$20,740.75**	**$0.0**	**$0.0**

$588.32, Div. of Criminal Investigations - $117.75, Div. of Criminal Investigations - $825.25, Sped Parent - $44.62, Barbara Dull Knife - $466.00, Total- $9,603.62

General Fund

A & B Welding - Vendor Total-$147.00, ASBSD - registration - 140.00, AT&T - long distance - 1,153.33, A-1 Drain Masters - repairs - 546.00, Abold Appliance Repair - repairs - 576.30, Abourezk & Zephier PC-attorney Fees - 100.26, Ad Pad (the) - supplies - 576.30, Advanced Business Business & Computing - services - 4,225.00, Alco Store #204 - supplies - 267.92, All Season Sports - supplies - 210.00, Apex Learning, Inc. - tuition - 15,944.60, Apple Computer, Inc. - computer supplies - 11,007.02, BHSU - tuitions - 6,464.00, Batesland School - TV1 08-09 - 3,535.00, Bennett Country Booster II - forms - $180, Big Foot Conference - Batesland Fee - 100.00, Bingos - football - 209.15, BP - gasoline - 10.00, Brown, Bryan - travel - 161.00, Business Office Systems, Inc. - supplies - 32.38, Cedar Shore Resort - travel - 491.70, Chris Supply Co., inc - computer supplies - 2,683.06, Christensen, Dana - Sioux Falls - 1,124.14, Cole Pest Control - RS Pest Control-855.00, Committee For Children - supplies 607.76, Computer Village - computer supplies - 1,475.00, Conroy, Charles - mileage - 22.31, Conroy, Tom - mileage - 29.10, Consuming Fire School of Dance - supplies - 250.00, Corporate Card - credit card chgs - $15,662.21, Crescent Electrical Co - supplies - 973.49, Culligan Water Conditioning - water - 1,216.90, D & R Service, Inc. - repairs - 570.89, Dairy Queen - Custer - field trip - 480.00, Dakota Supply Group -supplies - 509.83, Datacomputer products - computer supplies - 980.58, Debbie's Cakes & Floral - supplies - 113.00, Dull Knife, Barbara - mileage - 30.07, Eagle Bull, Andrea - mileage - 448.82, Education Week - Subscription - 74.94, Evergreen Office - supplies - 2,384.88, Family Thrift Center - 479.59, Farm Plan - Diesel - 2,014.14, Fedex - supplies - 81.64, Florida Micro, LLC - video camera-WC - 2,724.26, Foltz-Hall, Candance - travel - 180.08, Foreman Sales and Service - parts - 656.97, Fortin, Tracey - reimbursement - 290.69, Genpro Power Systems, Inc. - repairs - 388.00, Giago, Loretta - NIEA - 410.00, Gibbons, Terri Jo - travel - 106.70, Godfrey Brake Service - parts - 196.63, Golden Corral Family Steakhouse - travel - 51.91, Golden West Telephone Co - telephones - 1,707.42, Gopher Sport -Play with a purpose - supplies - 1,700.97, Gordon Super Foods - supplies - 122.45, Grant, Vickie - travel - 513.64, Great Plains Communications - telephones - 1,178.82, Great Western Tire Company - parts - 512.20, Grocery Mart - football - 40.07, Hauff Mid-American Sports - supplies - 760.75, Hills Tire & Supply - parts - 106.20, Hillyard - supplies - 5,622.99, Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach - lodging NIEA - 6,695.21, Hobart Sales & Service - 465.95, Holiday Inn-Sioux Falls - travel-46.50, Homestead Building - supplies - 401.96, HSBC-Office Max - supplies - 151.10, Husker Auto Parts - BS Parts - 2,369.48, Ice, Barbara-supplies - 453.84, Idville - supplies - 666.69, Industrial Electric & Supply - supplies - 523.50, Internal Revenue Service - taxes - 3,333.99, International Laser Group - computer supplies - 2,372.76, JEFCO Glass - repairs - 644.85, Johnson Machine - parts - 795.72, Johnson, Mark - presenter - 1,000.00, Kaltenbach, Connie L. - NIEA - 419.70, Kaplan Early Lerning Co. - supplies - 185.78, K-Mart - supplies - 144.80, Lacreek Electric Ass'n - utilities - 12,104.52, Laker - Team Chemical, Inc- weed killer - 8,790.00, Lakeshore Learning Materials - supplies - 668.19, Lakota Country Times - virtual HS- 1,486.16, Lakota Plains Propane - propane - 3,507.01, Lawson Products - supplies - 311.73, Lifes Great - supplies - 347.22, Little Wound School - Make & Take LNI - 6,000.00, Lodestar Casino - football - 265.82, Lonberger, Dawn - travel - 389.40, LRP Publications - supplies - 1,031.00, LTD Commodities, LLC - supplies - 20.90, Mailbox Yearbook - supplies - 69.90, Martin Auto Parts II, Inc - 83.96, McGraw-Hill Companies - supplies - 1,372.16, McLeod's Printing - supplies - 83.60, Medco Supply - supplies - 118.40, Menards - supplies - 4,339.16, Metzger, Jeanine - travel - 161.00, Mike's Heating & Air Conditioning - supplies - 99.32, Minervas - Rapid City Ventures - SDABBE - 7,139.72, Modern Farm Equipment - supplies - 9.50, MT. rushmore Telephone Co - telephone - 291.37, Muscle Mustangs & Past Fords - supplies - 27.97, NIEA - J Seirra - registration - 900.00 - NIISA - membership - 1,500.00, Norm's Carquest Auto Parts - 19.69, North Central Supply - supplies - 1,355.00, Northwest Pipe Fittings - supplies - 310.00, OST Water & Sewer - 1,550.67, O'Bryan, Todd - mileage - 135.15, Ofstedal, Kathleen - services - 6,733.25, Ogden Consulting, LLC - consultant-LNI - 3,900.00, Oglala Lakota College - supplies - 1,688.70, Oriental Trading Company - supplies - 165.60, Panhandle Sales & Service - 53.00, Parent Teacher Outlet, LLC - supplies - 287.06, Pearson Digital NCS - licenses - 2,400.00, Pearson NCS/Assessments - supplies - 78.00, Peterson, Madonna - travel - 749.40, Petty Cash - Batesland School - reimburse Acct - 290.81, Petty Cash - Rockyford School - reimburse ACCT - 357.00, Petty Cash - Wolf Creek School - reimburse ACCT - 275.79, Pitney Bowes - supplies - 253.95, Pizza Hut of Chadron - football - 153.20, Plumdone ompany - supplies - 76.44, Positive Promotions - supplies - 1.022.34, Prairie Edge-supplies - 293.48, Quill Corporation - supplies - 257.78. Ramkota - Pierre - travel - 523.00, Really Good Stuff - supplies - 190.49, Red Shirt School - TVII 08-13 - 78.95, Reichert, Duane - SD Arts - perform - $2,500.00 - SDASBO - registrations - 400.00, SD Dept Revenue -motor vehicle - title transfer - 18.00, SD Federal Property Agency - supplies - 230.00, SD Municipal League - registrations - 60.00, SDSTE - membership - 90.00, Salomon Sanitation - WC Garbage Service - 3,895.00, Sam's Club - supplies - 2,049.83, Scheels - RS supplies - 125.96, Scholastic Book Clubs, Inc. - supplies - 771.98, School Specialty - supplies - 1,231.41, Schwartz, Russell - supplies - 28.88, SDN Communications telephone - 1,870.22 , Sears Commercial One - supplies - 689.33, Valentine Office Supply - supplies - 470.00, Voight (DR), Curt - travel - 1,758.20, Walmart Community - supplies - 76.31, Wechsler, Brian - refund - 867-08, Weekly Reader Corp - supplies - 2,214.00, West River International - parts - 319.94, Westco - gasoline - 19,095.62, Whirlwind Horse, Monica NIEA - 361.20, White Clay Grocery - supplies - 450.00, William V. MacGill, & Co. - supplies - 285.55, Wolf Creek School - TV11 08-11 - 993.75, Workers Comp Fund - work comp - 4,508.00, Zee Medical Service Co. - supplies - 12.6.20 Fund Total: 261,388.46

Capital Outlay Fund: All American Roofing & Sales - Rockyford roofing - 14,846.00, Apple Computer, Inc. - computer supplies - 3,168.00,Best Business Products - copier lease - 702.78, Chris Supply Co., Inc. - computer supplies - 1,700.00, Delta Education - Textbooks - 521.40,Dial Virtual School - textbooks - 9,625.00, Florida Micro, LLC - computer supplies - 3,018.13, Houghton Mifflin Company - textbooks - 248.00, Native American Office products - students desk - table - 1,769.00, SD Federal Property Agency - 2004 Chevy classic - green - 8,750.00, School Specialty - supplies - 2,509.95, Tatonka Capital Corporation - copier lease - 4,186.00, Temperature Technology - compressor/freezer - 6,554.00, Fund Total: 57,598.2

Special Education Fund:

Black Hills Special Services - tuition - 2,841.46, Cedar Shore Resort - travel - 163.90, Center for Education & Employ Law - supplies - 164.95, Childrens Care & Rehab Development Cntr - services - 9,614.00, Childrens Care Hospital & School - Tuition/RM & BD - 17,994.24, Children's Home Society - tuition - 2,707.92, Conference Connections- registration - 700.00, Conroy, Rena - travel - 106.70, Donovan, Mark - travel - 259.96, Golden Corral Family Steakhouse - travel - 46.66, Governor's Inn - travel - 474.99, Servall Towel & Linen Supply - supplies - uniforms - 6,996.28, Shannon County Imprest - reimburse Acct - 5,561.19, Shedeed, Nancy - travel - 152.70 - Sheridan Country Journal - Auction Ad - 32.32 - Sign Express - supplies - 328.19, Simpsons Printing - supplies - 569.00, Sioux Nation Shopping Center - supplies - 289.82, Speed Fulfillment Center - supplies - 95.85, Speed, Ryan - Travel Madison - 404.62, Stecher, Sam - Presentor - 1,000.00, Steele, William - carpet install - 1,200.00, Tatonka Capital Corporation - copier lease - 839.20, TECA WACIPI Okolakiciye, Fern Denny, TREA - Redshirt fees - 600.00, Teeco Products, Inc. - supplies - 1,218.24, Temperature Technology - supplies - repairs - 261.12, Time Equipment Rental - machine rental - 470.80, Town of Batesland - utilities - 500./00, True Value - supplies - 293.87, Twiss, Maurice - travel - 120.00, Just For Kids Speech Therapy - services - 8,533.00, McDonalds - supplies - 45.98, Micro Sonic - supplies - 30.25, Moon, Jim M. - travel - 68.38, Pearson NCS/Assessments - supplies - 1,285.64, Ross, Dona Ruth - Services -supplies - 2,550.25, Shannon Country School Imprest - reimburse ACCT - 2,175.43, Sioux National Shopping Center - supplies - 29.20, Sky Ranch For Boys, Inc. - tuition-Rm & Bd - 3,827.93, Stein, Marcia - 10/29-30/07 - 97.00, Parent - Travel - 628.56, Fund Total: 53,991.41

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
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Women's Health Update : Common Questions about HPV and Cervical Cancer

Information provided by the Women's Health Clinic at the Rosebud Indian Health Service Unit. For further questions or if you need the HPV vaccine, please call us at 605-747-3362. We care about your health!

What is HPV?

HPV is a common virus. There are about 40 types of HPV that affect the genitals or sex organs of men and women. Some HPV types can cause genital warts. Other types can infect a woman's cervix and lead to cervical cancer over many years. But most of the time, HPV causes no symptoms or health problems and goes away by itself within two years. Experts do not know why HPV goes away in so many, but not all women.

How did I get HPV? Who gave it to me?

HPV is passed on through genital contact, most often during vaginal and anal sex. Most people never even know they have HPV or that they are passing it to their partner. For this reason, it may not be possible to know who gave you HPV or when you got it. HPV is so common that most people get it soon after they start having sex. In cases when HPV does not go away on its own, it may only be found years later.

Are there other ways I could have gotten HPV?

There are many myths about how people get HPV. You cannot get HPV from being unclean, from toilet seats, or from having an abortion. Also, you are not more likely to get HPV from having rough sex or sex during your period.

How does HPV cause cervical cancer?

HPV can cause normal cells on your cervix to turn abnormal. Most of the time, HPV goes away on its own. When HPV goes away, your cervical cells go back to normal. But if HPV lingers for many years, these abnormal cells can turn into cancer.

Can I prevent cervical cancer?

Yes. You can get screening tests that can find early signs of cervical cancer before you ever get sick. That way, problems can be found and removed before they ever become cancer. The Pap test and HPV test are cervical cancer screening tests.

How is the Pap test different from the HPV test?

Both of these tests help screen for cervical cancer, but they look for different things. The Pap test looks for cell changes on your cervix that could develop into cervical cancer. The HPV test looks for HPV, the virus that can cause these cell changes.

How likely am I to get cancer if I have HPV?

Few women who have HPV get cervical cancer—as long as they follow their doctor's advice for needed testing or treatment. If you have HPV, your doctor may check up on you more often and do more tests to look for changes on your cervix. That way, your doctor can find and treat any changes early, so you don't get cervical cancer. Be sure to follow up with your doctor!

Is there a treatment for HPV?

There is no treatment for HPV, but most people's bodies do eventually fight the virus off. There *are* treatments for the health problems that HPV can cause—like genital warts, cervical cell changes, and cervical cancer. Once abnormal cells are treated (removed), you may need to get Pap tests more often to make sure they do not come back.

Will I have HPV forever?

In most women, HPV goes away within two years. We do not know why it lasts longer in some women than others.

If HPV goes away, can I get it again?

If you have one type of HPV that goes away, you may not get that type again. But you still can get a different type. Remember, there are about 40 types of HPV that can infect the genital area.

Does having HPV affect my chances of getting pregnant or having healthy babies?

Having HPV does not make it harder to get or stay pregnant. The type of HPV you have should not affect the health of your future babies. But if you need treatment for abnormal cells (caused by HPV), the treatment *could* affect your chance of having babies. Ask your doctor if your treatment can impact your ability to get pregnant.

Will I pass HPV to my current partner?

If you have HPV and have been with your partner for a while, your partner is likely to have HPV too. There is no way to know if your partner gave you HPV, or if you gave HPV to your partner.

Can I prevent passing HPV to a new partner?

Condoms may lower your chances of passing HPV to your new partner, if used all the time and the right way. But HPV can infect areas that are not covered by a condom—so condoms may not fully protect against HPV. The only sure way to prevent passing HPV to a partner is not to have sex.

Can my male partner get tested for HPV?

Right now, there is no HPV test for men. HPV is just as common in men as in women, but its health complications tend to be more serious in women. The types of HPV that put you at risk for cervical cancer rarely cause health problems for most men.

How do I talk to my partner about HPV?

You and your partner may benefit from talking openly about HPV. You can tell your partner that:

HPV is very common. It can infect the genital areas of both men and women. It usually has no signs or symptoms.

Most sexually active people get HPV at some time in their lives, though most will never know it. People with only one lifetime sex partner can get HPV, if their partner was infected with HPV.

Most of the time, the body fights off HPV naturally. But in some people, HPV does not go away.

There is no test yet for men to find out if they have HPV. But the most common health problem caused by HPV in men is genital warts. And the type of HPV found on your HPV test does not cause genital warts.

Partners who have been together for a while tend to share HPV. This means that your partner likely has HPV also, even though your partner may have no signs or symptoms.

Having HPV does not mean that you or your partner is having sex outside of your relationship. There is no sure way to know when you got HPV. A person can have HPV for many years before it is found.

If your sex partner is female, you should talk to her about the link between HPV and cervical cancer, and encourage her to get screened for cervical cancer.

I heard about a new HPV vaccine. Can it help me?

A new HPV vaccine is now available for females, ages 9 to 26 years. It protects against the four HPV types that cause most cervical cancers and genital warts. But it does not treat existing HPV, cervical cell changes, or genital warts. The vaccine will be most effective in females who have not yet had sex since they are unlikely to have HPV. But young sexually active females may still benefit. The vaccine has not yet been tested with women older than 26 years. It may be available one day for women over 26, if it is found to be safe and effective for them. In the meantime, if you are 26 years or younger, ask your doctor if this vaccine is right for you.

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Truth, Integrity & Lakota Spirit

OLC set to start new year as tobacco free institution

KYLE - Oglala Lakota College in a press conference on Wednesday, announced effective Jan. 1, 2008, OLC will become a tobacco free campus at each of its college centers and the Piya Wiconi Administrative Headquarters.

The main administration buildings are located on the Piya Wiconi campus, west of Kyle and has 11 centers across the reservation, including a campus in Rapid City with an average of 1,400 students.

OLC has previously had its facilities smoke free, but at its August 2007 meeting, the OLC Board of Trustees passed a policy that campuses of each of the college centers and the Piya Wiconi Administrative Headquarter would be tobacco free effective January 1, 2008.

"I am proud of our decision to become a tobacco free campus," said Newton Cummings, OLC Board of Trustees president, "We are committed to providing a healthy, comfortable and productive environment for our students, faculty, and staff."

The policy prohibits the use of all tobacco products, including spit tobacco, on all Oglala Lakota College properties. The policy applies to students, faculty, staff and visitors and includes all college facilities, including buildings, sidewalks, parking lots, building entrances and common areas.

The policy has no effect on sacred use of traditional tobacco.

The OLC college centers are at Pine Ridge, Oglala, Batesland, Manderson, Porcupine, Rapid City, Allen, Martin, Kyle, Wanblee, and Eagle Butte. The OLC Nursing Program Campus had previously implemented a tobacco free campus.

"The reason that the Board of Trustees passed the new policy is that it wanted to send a message to our students, staff, and reservation citizens of its great concern that tobacco use causes major health problems with Indian people", stated OLC President Thomas Shortbull.

"Due to one of the highest uses of tobacco among racial groups, Indian people have a higher incidence of lung cancer, heart trouble, and other tobacco associated illnesses among Indian people." said Shortbull.

"Our college has a responsibility to its graduates to not only provide them with a fine education, but also put them on the path of a healthy lifestyle." Shortbull also said.

In its effort to reduce tobacco use, Oglala Lakota College applied for and received a $25,000 grant from the Tobacco Prevention Program with the South Dakota Department of Health.

The funding will be used to have tobacco cessation workshops with the OLC students.

For information, contact Thomas Shortbull at 605-455-6020 or Marilyn Pourier, OLC Development Director, at 605-455-6045.

Lakota language needs to be a gift that we give to each of our children

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

LAKOTA NATION - "We give each child a gift by teaching the Lakota language," said Wil Meya from the Lakota Language Consortium, "kids today get to be 18 or 19 and look back and say we've been fed 18 years of bs; teachers have bs'ed us all the way - we don't have an identity, we want to walk the walk, there has to be something there to be proud to be a Lakota."

Mike Carlow is a young man, a tribal member who did not grow up learning the language but today is the Lakota culture teacher at Wolf Creek School outside of Pine Ridge for students in grades K through eight. He also has been instrumental in the formation of a non-profit organization called Tusweca Tiospaye that is dedicated to the promotion and strengthening of the Lakota language on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

"Today, we are working with children to create a new generation of Lakota speakers," said Carlow, "I'm trying to do my little part to keep the language alive, we are planning a summer camp and we are developing materials - many times I've sat around with people who are so busy shooting each other's ideas down, when are we going to stop talking about it and do something?"



The Tusweca Tiospaye organization has a mission of creating a strong, healthy and prosperous environment where Lakota children and their families can learn and incorporate the Lakota language in their daily lives with a vision that one day children of Pine Ridge Reservation will feel safe and comfortable in using the Lakota language as their primary language at home and in the community.

"The Lakota language is the foundation of Lakota identity and culture and through the language, Lakota children can reclaim their identity which will empower them to live to their full potential as

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Veterans Day celebration honors veterans and tribal presidents

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

WANBLEE - According to former Oglala Sioux council representative, Ruth Brown, eight people from the community have died in the last three months, however, Brown, Elroy and Deb Cross and her cousin Linda Marshall of Rosebud decided that they wanted to hold the 4th annual Veterans Day celebration as scheduled in the Eagle Nest District on the eastern edge of the Pine Ridge.

The colors were posted by American Legion Post 269 and the Eagle Nest singers provided the beautiful traditional songs for the entire event which ended with a roast beef dinner, pie, wojapi, and soup. The VA Black Hills Intertribal color guard from Hot Springs was also in attendance as was Legion Post 240 of Martin.

Held at Crazy Horse School, the event attracted hundreds of visitors to the quiet community that some say was once a part of the Rosebud Sioux reservation. It apparently began with a veterans program held outside at the memorial wall in the morning. Brown said that the wall which names both Lakota and white veterans needs to eventually be redone. The afternoon event was emceed by veteran, Johnny Wilson, a 20 year Navy veteran and featured the Gold Star Mothers who sat prominently and patiently throughout the afternoon. They are Mary Moran, Delores Standing Soldier, Marie Randall and Yvonne Bald Eagle.

Marie Randall, a elder and gifted Lakota speaker spoke on behalf of the Gold Star Mothers and explained how such families in the Wanblee have always honored their military veterans. She said, "I want to thank all of the mothers…the veterans are here to celebrate their fallen comrades. Thank you for all you did for the Eagle Nest community."

The fact that many from the community have always faithfully protected their families and served their country was borne out by most of the speakers. Linda Marshall, an assistant to Rosebud Sioux tribal president, Rodney M. Bordeaux, spoke on his behalf as she noted, "I like to remember that Native Americans have the highest percentage of those who served in the military. Thank

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Lieutenant Colonel, Delane F. Boyer-Quiver was speaker at the veteran's event.

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Veteran honorings

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you for the sacrifice you made."

Several youngsters wrote poems for the event and also decorated the gym. Opi Chipps read "A Tribute to Veterans" while Gerard Baker, Mandan-Hidatsa, Superintendent of the Rushmore National Park took to the stage and delivered an inspirational message about such gatherings. He said, "We have always had warrior societies that fought for their families. We are honoring those who fought for us. I have been with the Park Service for 30 years. I propose we challenge our young to be warriors of tomorrow. Our enemies take many forms."

Another poem on the agenda included, "A National Strength" by Marsha Janis, while the juniors and seniors from Tasunke Witko owayawa were

Local veterans were seen moving about and assisted where needed, including Lavon White, Kim Conroy, Abel. Alvin No Horse was introduced to the crowd and was given an ovation with his newly awarded Medal of Valor. Sicangu Lakota Vietnam veterans, Robert "Boney" Moran of White River.

Veteran, Bryant High Horse originally from Rosebud and who now teaches at North Middle school in Rapid City explained that the Lakota people were always spiritual and that such honorings followed a certain protocol where Lakota was freely used.

The afternoon's agenda included OST president, John Yellow Bird Steele, who noted that his travels take him to many honorings for veterans. He said, "I want to thank Elroy Cross and Ruth Brown. We lost a lot of our own active veterans here in Wanbli. The Oglalas are the only warriors to have always fought for freedom. We're still fighting for freedom…It is psychological damage. You have to remember being from a warrior society, I think our ancestors knew of this psychological damage. That's why the Oglalas honored their warriors. It's healing to the mind to accept the warriors."

Lieutenant Colonel, Delane F. Boyer-Quiver was the distinguished speaker. An enrolled Oglala Lakota originally from Wanbli, LTC Boyer was the recipient of the Legion of Merit, 2 Army Commendation Medals, a Combat Infantry Badge, several unit citations and wore the green beret. His biography was lengthy and detailed his military assignments, which included two tours of duty in Vietnam. Boyer also earned a doctor of education degree.

Special guest and Lakota code talker, Clarence Wolf Guts was on the agenda, but was unable to attend. The speakers were presented with star quilts, while Carol Herrera was scheduled to present the traditional foods of choke cherry juice and wasna.

Boyer apparently grew up in Wanbli and knew many older veterans who have since passed on, but who have become household names in the community. He asked all Lakota veterans to stand and be acknowledged as well as the non-Lakota veterans. He said, "You have a bond; a band of brothers and sisters. Only you know the feeling….I would like to thank hankasi Ruth Brown and tahansi Tom Poor Bear and the school principal. I pay my respects to the distinguished visitors."

Gerard Baker summed up the successful veteran's day honoring when he said, "This community did an excellent job and the kids heard a message today, each one is a warrior…I look at gatherings, we never stopped them. It takes our members to do that. It is an extension of traditional times. It is an honor to be here." Linda Marshall said, "We came here to celebrate on November 11. It almost died out and we said, 'let's revive it' and here we are today to honor our veterans.



The Gold Star mothers sat patiently all afternoon during the 4th annual Veterans honoring as they presided over the events held at Crazy Horse School. The Gold Star mothers are Mary Moran, Delores Standing Soldier, Marie Randall and Yvonne Bald Eagle.

PHOTO BY ARCHIE B. BEAUVAIS



KYLE - Above: MJ Bull Bear looks over the wall of veterans at Little Wound School's veteran's day honoring on Saturday, Nov. 10. The wacipi included dance specials, veterans honorings, honoring of Gold Star mothers and a special recognition of 30 years of local control of Little Wound School. A special honoring was held for John Around Him and Cpl. Brett Lundstrom, two veterans who have journeyed on.

PHOTO BY AMANDA TAKES WAR BONNETT

Below: The color guard at the first grand entry of Saturday's Taopi Cikala Owayawa Akicita Wicayuonihan Wacipi.

PHOTO BY JERRY MATTHEWS.



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beautiful, proud, confident and strong Lakota people," said Carlow, "people who are able to make better lives for themselves and a more prosperous future for the entire Lakota Nation."

Believing that the Lakota language is becoming alarmingly close to being lost, the organization is working to revitalize the Lakota language by creating new generations of Lakota speakers through programs that focus on the teaching and learning of the language and the promotion of its use. Programs include year round Lakota language classes for children and their families, development of new language teaching and learning materials, development of language awareness and promotional materials, having year-round Lakota style hand game classes with annual Lakota style hand game tournaments, creating an annual Lakota culture summer camp, provide traditional foods workshops and have a community traditional foods garden.,

"Earlier, I came across writings of Darrel Kipp on the Blackfeet," said Carlow, "he said you don't need permission, begin now or fall further behind; if you are serious and have one student, then start, you have to do it; he left the reservation and when he came back he knew only 15 words of his traditional language, today he dreams in that language, he started a school and the language is the biggest part of the curriculum - my goal is to open a school where the curriculum is driven by the language, teaching students but doing it in our language."

"Today, we have very few speakers left and even fewer who teach teachers how to teach the language," said Meya, "as I said earlier, we are lucky to get a three day workshop to work with teachers; currently we are developing a three week language institute for June on the Standing Rock, an institute that will be open to everyone, with college credit available and that will focus on the language, the teaching of the language, materials and the future."

Robert Two Crow heads up Lakota Studies and Technology for Shannon County Schools on Pine ridge and he agrees, we need to focus on the teachers, develop men and women who are very capable at teaching the language inside and outside the school, it is imperative, he added.

"We have to stop worrying about how people feel about the materials we are using," said Carlow, "we need to look at how the materials are working with the students, are they using the materials and do they work, not criticizing it because it is new or different or that two white guys are developing the materials - we want to construct and operate a Lakota language learning center on Pine Ridge Reservation."

Editor's NoteThis is the third in a series of stories about the Lakota language. Originally it was going to be one or two but the subject is important, complex, has a lot of interest and there will be more.***

Judge Adams upholds suspension of some OST tribal council members

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) _ An Oglala Sioux tribal judge has upheld the suspensions of some tribal council members who reportedly refused to take a drug test.

``My ruling was really simple,'' Lisa Adams said late Friday after a day-long hearing.

It was not clear how many council members were suspended. Adams listed six and possibly a seventh, but council members put the number at four or five.

She said she thinks the tribal council can require drug tests of its members. ``The goal is to promote a drug-free council. And if you test positive, you probably should step down,'' Adams said.

Also in her ruling, Adams reversed the suspension of tribal treasurer Crystal Eagle Elk, saying the council had no authority to suspend her. Suspending Eagle Elk would have resulted in a ``crisis'' because the tribe then could not pay employees or provide vital assistance, the judge said.

She also voided parts of a council resolution that would have required publication of the hair-follicle drug test results in newspapers and would have required council members who failed the tests to resign or be impeached.

Adams said drug-test results should be private because they could expose council members to criminal prosecution.

Tribal council member Floyd Brings Plenty of Oglala, who introduced the original resolution last month, said it was a response to federal charges in New Mexico against council member Don Garnier, who has been suspended pending the outcome of the case against him.

Brings Plenty said the resolution shows the council's commitment to a drug-free reservation. He also said John Steele, the tribal president, ignored the council's original resolution.

William ``Shorty'' Brewer, tribal vice president, was the one who enforced the council mandate requiring all tribal council and executive committee members to submit to a hair follicle drug test on Wednesday.

Adams said she expects her ruling will be appealed to the tribe's supreme court.

Former Rosebud Casino management firm wants new trial

ROSEBUD - BBC Entertainment, the firm that formerly managed the Rosebud Casino filed a petition for a new trial on Nov. 2 for several reasons. Charles Colombe, sole owner of the firm noted in a press release that the ruling by Judge B. J. Jones in favor of the Rosebud Sioux tribe was politically motivated.

Tribal attorneys claimed that BBC overpaid itself by $399,353.61 when the firm's contract was about to expire. Under the 1994 contract BBC Entertainment was to receive 35 percent of the net proceeds.

When RST filed suit in 2001 to contest the amount a tribal judge ruled in favor of BBC and the tribe appealed to the tribal Supreme Court. A new trial was held in August and Judge Jones issued his ruling which was released to the media the day before tribal elections at 4:51 p.m. according to Colombe. Colombe said that the timing of the ruling affected the outcome of the tribal presidential candidacy of Louis "Wayne" Boyd who was a former partner of BBC.



Charlie Colombe

Boyd subsequently lost his bid and was successfully voted into the position of RST tribal treasurer by a role call vote of the tribal council shortly after their swearing in ceremony.

In his press release Colombe wrote, "Judge Jones totally disregarded five years of casino audits completed by the Rosebud Sioux Tribal auditors that resolve, "BBC was not over paid and in fact never received the thirty-five percent net profits due them under the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) approval contract."

Colombe pointed out further that tribal officials had chosen the auditors and who based their findings on BBC's monthly financial reports.

He said that the auditors used a cash accounting system instead of a cash accrual system. Colombe said that BBC never received the 35 percent due them under the NIGC contract.

Finally, his press release noted that, "I believe that the ruling for the RST/BBC lawsuit is a political decision, nothing more. I also believe that the credibility of our tribal court has been severely eroded."

Porcupine AA meeting

Every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Pahin Sinte College Center in Porcupine, for info call Janice at 867-5404.





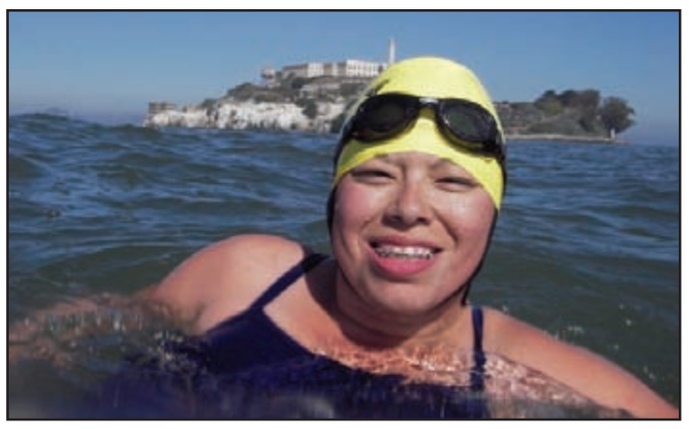
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Mills family swims Alcatraz with focus on health

By Lynn Taylor Rick
Rapid City Journal
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Above: James O'Daniel (Rapid City), Terry Mills (Pine Ridge), Adam Bad Wound (presently San Francisco, formerly of Rapid City), Nakina Mills (Pine Ridge), and Kenny Mills (Pine Ridge).
Below: Nakina Mills with the Alcatraz Island in the background.
PHOTOS BY NANCY IVERSON



SAN FRANCISCO -The water is cold, the shark legends scary and the currents formidable, but Nakina Mills didn't let that stop her.

In September, Nakina joined her father, brother and two other Lakota swimmers in a 1.2-mile swim from Alcatraz Island to the San Francisco shore.

"I think it's 80 percent mental and 20 percent physical," said Nakina, who at 27 has swum Alcatraz twice as part of a program called Pathstar.

Created by retired pediatrician Nancy Iverson, Pathstar focuses on restoring the health of Lakota people on Pine Ridge Reservation. Pathstar's Alcatraz project includes a week of programs about healthful eating and exercise, and daily swims in the San Francisco Bay. The week finishes with the Alcatraz swim.

In 1993, Iverson was working as a pediatrician in San Francisco when she began offering her services, in short stints, at Indian Health Service at Pine Ridge.

Iverson, a South Dakota native, unofficially started Pathstar that year as a way to help promote health among the Lakota population. "One of my focuses has always been health and wellness ... disease prevention, healthy diet, healthy lifestyle," she said.

During that same period, Iverson began swimming in San Francisco Bay while at home in California. The cold water of the bay, with temperatures ranging from 46 to 63 degrees, helped to relieve pain from a degenerative back condition.

In 2003, Iverson organized and hosted the first Pathstar Alcatraz program, which attracted only two Lakota people from Pine Ridge. Initially, Iverson thought the pair would do the Alcatraz swim as a relay but changed plans when both decided to swim the entire way.

The swim stretches about 1-1/4 miles, but because of the currents, most swimmers swim closer to two miles. Swims usually last from 1-1/2 hours to 1-3/4.

Each year, Iverson has worked to bring in more Lakota participants from Pine Ridge to participate in Pathstar. In 2004, Terry Mills decided to be one of those participants.

"It was last minute. I had a few days' notice, and I loaded up my car and drove to San Francisco," Terry said.

At the time, Terry worked as a coordinator for a youth program at Pine Ridge. Today, he serves as the director of economic development.

The health focus of the program initially piqued Terry's interest, but he admits that the Alcatraz swim was the big draw. "I'm excited about challenges in life. Good clean challenges," he said.

Terry has completed the Pathstar Alcatraz swim for three years. The thrill has never dulled. "The actual day of the swim and doing the swim is the highest level of excitement," he said.

After his first Alcatraz swim, Terry persuaded his daughter Nakina to join him. Nakina has since participated for the past two years. This year, his son Kenny also attended the program, swimming Alcatraz for the first time.

Both Nakina and her father see the biggest challenge of the week as the cold water. For people who don't swim a great deal and rarely in frigid water, the first days of acclimation swimming can be intense.

"The first year, it was a shocker," Nakina said. "We're used to cold ... but not being in it. It's making it past that first jump in."

"That is the toughest part ... the cold," Terry said. "Every day that you get into the water, your mind has to be set to accept the temperature change."

During the swim, swimmers are paired with an experienced swimming partner who swims beside them. Each swimmer also is accompanied by a canoe or kayak. A guide boat keeps watch for larger watercrafts.

Nakina admits that one of the biggest challenges for her was getting over the fear of what's swimming beneath her. "Last year, it was all about hurry up and get across and get out," she said. "This year, I made it more of a team thing. I was looking around, looking at Alcatraz."

Terry said people ask about the sharks and other animals in the water, but he has reassuring words for them. "I tell people ... don't fear those animals, just respect them."

This year, all five participants finished the swim in 45 minutes. In addition to the Mills family, Adam Bad Wound, who is originally from South Dakota and is now a student at Stanford University, participated, as did James O'Daniel of Rapid City.

Iverson said that while the swim is only one part of the program, it tends to inspire participants in all aspects of their lives.

"After the first year, just knowing I could do something like that - it gave me a lot of confidence," Nakina said. It also made eating healthy seem like a pretty simple matter

"It gets me to thinking of other ways to try to eat healthy," she said.

Terry found the same thing. "It was so rewarding. It built my confidence," he said. He runs, walks and lifts some light weights, but the program has helped keep healthful eating in the front of his mind.

"I have changed my diet ... it has changed drastically. I watch my cholesterol level. I eat more healthy food instead of fried foods," he said.

Iverson hopes that others like the Mills family will see the opportunity that Pathstar offers and attend a future program. She's already looking ahead to next year's swim.

"It's a huge deal to do an Alcatraz swim," she said. "I think it's important to have opportunities to shine and ... personally accomplish something. It's really a major, major experience."

To find out more about the Pathstar organization and about next year's Alcatraz swim, go to www.pathstar.org or call (415) 648-3707.

Kyle dance on Nov. 16

Little Wound Senior will class will be having a dance on Friday Nov. 16 from 9-12 in the small gym.

Turkey and Ham Bingo

Turkey and Ham Bingo at Little Wound School dining room on Sunday Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. Sponsored by LWS senior class.

Weight watchers class

Large conference room at the Indian Health Service Hospital in Pine Ridge, weigh in at 5pm and meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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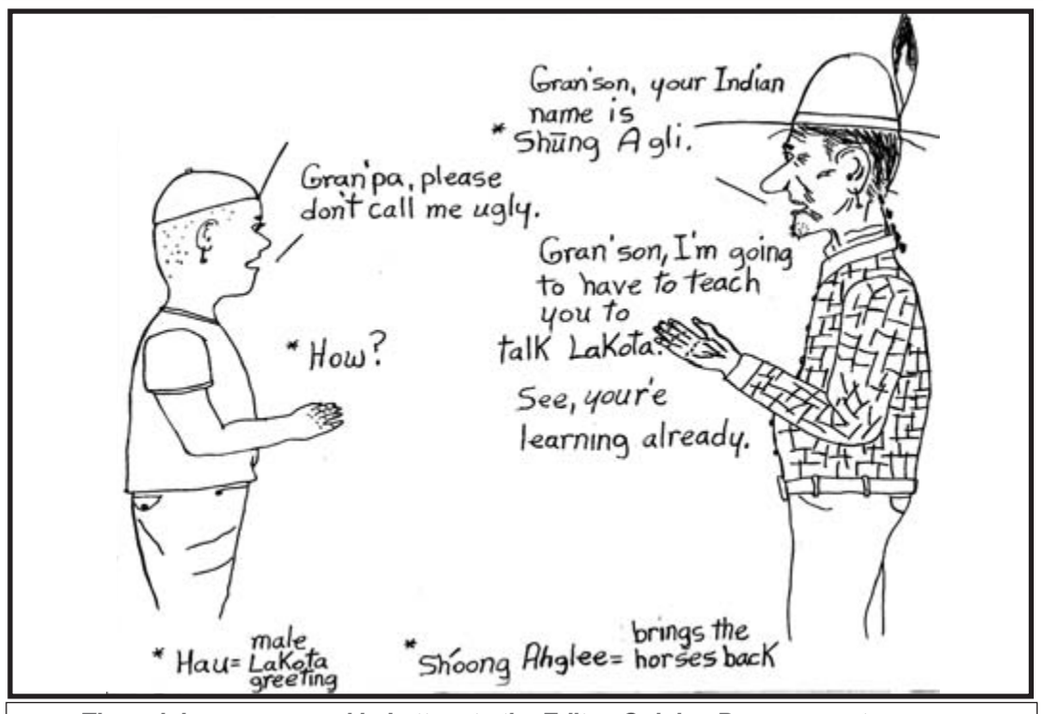
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Wiyukcan Wica Cante Ogna Heyu
Thoughts that come from the heart

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett

Giago paved the way for Indian media



Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Lakota Country Times Editor/Publisher

This past weekend, Tim Giago was inducted into the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame. I wasn't able to attend because of personal reasons but was so proud that the South Dakota Newspaper Association chose Tim as one of their four inductees for the year. Over time, there has been 100 people recognized in the Hall of Fame from South Dakota and Giago is the first Native American to be selected for the honor. For South Dakota, that is an honor.

Giago has paved the way for Indian media way back when ignorance and racism was thicker than what it is today. He started the Lakota Times back in 1981 and it was renamed to Indian Country Today in the early 1990s and then eventually the Oneida Nation of New York purchased it and took it to a wider national scale. The ink is still not dry in his blood: he published the *Lakota Journal* until 2004 when he retired and sold it to the Flandreau Sioux Tribe on the east side of the state

In 1982, I was struggling to attend Oglala Lakota College full time, raise two children with my husband and fit a job in there somewhere, I worked part time for Tim and Doris Giago. I worked at their newspaper in Martin in post production, getting the newspaper ready for distribution. Soon, I made it to typist, mailing, then design and after a couple of years Tim tacked on Editor to the back of my name.

He gave me books to study and taught me how to handle that red pen fairly well. He was patient with me, he taught me about editing and writing and what he couldn't teach me he sent me to places where I could learn. One day he placed the Associated Press Manual on my desk and said that was like the Bible language to professional journalism. The contents of that book were used by mainstream newspapers. It basically makes reading news easy.

It took time but I learned it.

One of those first places was Columbia University in New York with funding from the *New York Times*. I attended a seminar for news editors for a week and in my spare time, did a tour around New York City.

It was a learning experience for me and what I retained was the knowledge that technology was changing the world and what the news media had to look forward to regarding technology.

Knowing those things helped to shape the foundation of my career. It was also a trip that tempted me to do more traveling through my career to see the 'culture' of mainstream America.

Not only is Tim a gifted writer and committed publisher but he was an independent business man.

He published his papers on his own, which meant owning his own press because he wanted to see freedom of the Indian press.

He didn't fold or give in to pressure when it went against his beliefs. I saw him time after time stand up for his beliefs about the news media, about racism, about freedom of religion, about tribal government, state and local issues.

I especially enjoyed his symbolic way of rolling up his newspaper and thumping the non-Indian press on the forehead with it to bring attention to their ignorant behavior towards Native Americans, especially to members of the South Dakota Newspaper Association, who inducted him to the Hall of Fame.

He believed they had the tools to educate South Dakota about the Lakota people and their respective nations. That is why I am so pleased he is now in their Hall of Fame.

In the 14 years, I worked for Tim, I could write story after story of what went in an Indian newspaper news room but what sticks with me most is a phrase he used to fire at me, which I finally learned in my heart, "A good editor can make a mediocre writer good and a good writer great."

It was knowing we had the skills and the means of making great Indian writers that developed the ink in my blood. I watched him work with many writers, columnists, graphic artists, cartoonists, sales people and others and knowing that they have moved forward in their lives with the knowledge that they learned and used it somewhere in their lives to make change.

Since then I have worked with writers, columnists, graphic artists, cartoonists, high school students and others and I hope that even the tiniest thing they learn from me will benefit them and their community just as I learned from him.

Tim wanted to see change in Indian country so he used his papers to promote change. Because of his beliefs and his methods there were times he wasn't very popular in Indian communities but he is a true pioneer for Indian journalism. He did it his way.

When the *Lakota Journal* was sold to Flandreau in 2004, I jumped on the bandwagon to start *Lakota Country Times* in 2004 for Pine Ridge and Rosebud to fill that void.

Information is important because information can make change and that is why I made the choice to take the newspaper helm again.

Every time I log onto *Indian Country Today* to see what is happening on the national front, I feel pride in how it has grown and I remember those late nights of putting the 'paper to bed' and remember when it was all about making change.

It was about one man's desire to profile the plights and joys of Indian county.

Every week, when we put the *Lakota Country Times* 'to bed' I am proud we are providing information that will make someone curious, provide information that makes people think about issues, to make someone smile and feel proud of achievement, to feel inspired or just plain laugh at our cartoons.

Amanda Takes War Bonnett is editor and publisher of Lakota Country Times. She has more than 20 years of experience in publishing and media relations. She comes from a family of 12 with four children and nine grandchildren of her own and more than 100 grandchildren from her siblings. She is a graduate of Oglala Lakota College.

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Guest Editorial

Respect to the spirit of life needs to be brought back

By Chief Arvol Looking Horse
19th Generation Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe

Mitakuye Oyasin (all my relations),

Another great message has come to us from the animal nation. This time, it is more urgent then ever! It has come to my attention of another birth of a white buffalo, this time it is more different then any other sign.

So far since 1994, the same time that Global Warming was being announced; there have been at least 4-6 every year of these sacred buffalo calves that have stood upon the earth. Not only the buffalo have showed these signs to tell us of this great urgency that is upon us, but in many parts of the world, there have been other animal nations showing this sacred color.

This color represents the south, the direction in which we pass through to the spirit world, a completed cycle. This interpretation has to do with the Bundle I take care of; that carries a prophesy from the White Buffalo Calf Woman. She told of a time when her spirit would stand upon the earth, a time of great changes were about to come to us all.

A time when the two legged would have to make a decision to change their ways to heal the damage that they have created. Boundaries in respecting life and spirit will have become violated.

This birth is yet another sign, but brings more awareness of this urgency. This new birth has to do with 2 female buffalo kept in captivity, with no male buffalo present.

It would be hard to believe, but in this instance, the place they live has kept this quiet, because they did not want to be accused of artificially inseminating the female buffalo. There have been these types of instances that have been done in the past, concerning publicity in owning a white buffalo calf.

The Woodland Zoo in Farmington, Pennsylvania decided to bring in two female buffalo to their facility. One of the females was pregnant when she arrived. After she had the calf, it was sold, 6 months later, she gave birth to another calf, this time it was white. Buffalo carry for 9 months as humans do. The other female she lived with, gave birth 9 months later to a black buffalo after the white calf stood upon the earth, again no male buffalo present.

This was brought to my attention a while back. I did not want to state anything till I took this through ceremony, to understand the truth and the message.

Since 1994, these kinds of signs have been coming, but it seems that people do not listen or want to see anything important from the animal nation's messages. This has a lot to do with faith.

What was told is as follows: This is a very dangerous time we are in! The minds of the people on Unc'i Maka (Grandmother Earth) are choosing to focus on a new way of life that is hurting us all in the global community. This way of life chooses war, hurting one another physically and verbally, and continued desecration to Unc'i Maka in taking more then what we truly need in her resources.

These decisions not only hurt our own People, but the animal nations are dying in large numbers to extinction by this new way of life we are accepting. Unc'i Maka is going to have a hard time to continue to bring food to all life.

These decisions need to be changed very soon and are in each and every one of your hands more then ever.

Respect to the spirit of life needs to be brought back; boundaries need to put back into place and faith needs to be present in everyone's life once again.

We have no choice but to listen!

Letters to the Editor

Warriors among us, the Lakota woman veteran

Dear Editor:

You probably haven't heard much about this group of female warriors but they are right here, possibly sitting next to you at the local Veteran's Day ceremonies. Ever thought of Sacagawea as a U.S. Army Veteran?

Recruited by the U.S. Army as a Shoshone scout for an expedition in the Western Plains territory, some would say she certainly qualifies. In 2002, journalist Maya Dollarhide, wrote "Native American women have been supporting the United States in wartime since the American Revolution. Little has been documented about them, historians say, and thousands of their stories have been lost or forgotten."

Retired Lt. Colonel Brenda Finnicum, Lumbee Nation, and the Women In Military Service for American Foundation want to change that. Native American women have served in World War I through Desert Storm and today.

According to the Foundation, one of the oldest documented cases of Native American women serving the United States military is that of four Lakota nuns who worked as nurses in Cuba during the Spanish Civil War. Eight years after the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre, The Daughters of the American Revolution Hospital Corps had four Congregation of American Sisters of Fort Pierre (Fort Berthold), tending to the sick and wounded soldiers of Camp Cuba Libre (Jacksonville, Fla.) and Camp Onward (Savannah, Ga.). Susan Bordeaux (Reverend Mother M. Anthony), Ella Clark (Reverend Sister M. Gertrude), Anna B. Pleets (Reverend Mother M. Bridget), and Josephine Two Bears (Reverend Sister M. Joseph) lived in tents and earned $30 a month for their service. The nurses were soon transferred to Havana, Cuba. While there, Sister Anthony died of disease and was buried with military honors. Oglala Ola

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Lakota woman veteran

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Mildred Rexroat joined the Women's Air force Service Pilots directly out of high School. After World War II "Rexy" then served almost ten years in the Air Force. Darlene Yellow Cloud was inspired to join the Army because the men in her family had served since World War I.

Iva Good Voice Flute discovered that she came from a family of four women military veterans after enlisting in the Air Force in 1991.

Iva chartered the first all women American Legion Post on the Pine Ridge and served as the first female Native commander. In 2002, the Foundation with the help of Lt. Colonel Finnicum developed a memorial exhibit in Washington, D.C. featuring Native American women who served in the U.S. armed forces. Native American women veterans are urged by historians and activists alike to register with the 'Women In Military Service for American Foundation http://www.womensmemorial.org) to bring their stories to the public through its Oral History Archives.

Lakota women, let your voice be heard. For this generation and the next.

Roseanna Renaud, Oglala Lakota
Martin, S.D.

Lakota Wicoiye

By Frances Apple

Ptehincala Cannupa

(Editor's noteThe following is a message by Frances Apple of Kyle in Lakota and the transalation will be published the following week.)***

Pte San Win wan Ptehincala Cannupa wan oyate ki wicakahi nan topacan toske ilagyapi kte ki un waunspe kiya keyapi. Yunkan ehakehci oyate ki wicoiye ya yuha awicakiyustan k'un he le ya keyapi.

Tanyan nahu'unpe, "Tohanl Lakota iyapi wan wakan ca nitunkasila nic'upi ki he wowapi akanl oyawapi ki hahanya oyate henicapi kte sni ye."

Ho, he iyukcan pica ki heca. Lehanl wapiya wicasa ki ataya otuntunkapi eyas nahanhci wo'asniye ki owas iyeyapi sni sam eyes'e wicokuje ki lila s'agya u.

Sakowin Wicoicage Wicoiye
Words of the 7th Generation

By Anson Black Calf

Man who dropped Atomic bomb on Japan dead, leaving behind distorted history



Wanblii Ake Glii

Recently, I watched a Fox News Report announcing that the man who piloted the plane which dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, back in August, 1945, died at the age of 91. What caught my attention was the brief explanation the news reporter gave why America dropped that bomb in the first place. He said, "so America could avoid a bloody ground war with the Japanese." I wasn't surprised at his response because that is the same old lie the American government told the people back in that era, and apparently the same old lie is still being told today.

I thought about the millions of people who have already lived and died since then and never knew or had a clue as to what really happened behind the bombing of Japan.

I thought about the millions of people now who still don't know and the many that never will and I felt disheartened so I thought I'd do what I could to set the record straight.

The spokesperson who gave this false history report was just another person recounting what has always been told for truth.

The truth is that the U.S.'s justification for this action claimed that it would end the war quickly, and it would be unnecessary to invade Japan, because such an invasion, the government said, "would cost a million lives." Nonsense, this was only said to justify the bombings and convince the people it was the only thing to do.

When in reality the Japanese had been talking about surrender a year before this and had been trying to surrender three months before A-bombs were to be dropped on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but America didn't want surrender. And when Hiroshima was hit some 100,000 civilians were killed, three days later when Nagasaki was hit it left another 50,000 dead, all for a grand total of about 150,000 innocent civilians, men, women, and children of all ages slaughtered.

America would've dropped the A-bomb on the Nazi's, but by then it was too late because they had surrendered so Japan would do. It wasn't about winning the war for America at that time because they had already won it. They were actually in a race with Russia to see who could drop the first nuclear weapon, and as we all know now, America won the contest.

If one questions or is to make sense of all this A-bomb history, one has to look back even further to the beginning of these nuclear weapons, and ask the question, "What was needed to make a nuclear weapon and where was it found and taken? Well, uranium is needed and the uranium "taken" for these bombs in particular was on and around the Navajo reservation in the early 40's.

The U.S. called this plan to develop nuclear weapons The Manhattan Project, where all uranium mined for weapons production was taken to an area next to Navajo on another reservation, the San Ildefonso Pueblo Indians, where a big portion of land was taken from them and on it was built a huge facility called the Los Alamos National Scientific Laboratory, where the first three atomic bombs were made and called "Trinity."

So originally there were three bombs, and in case you are wondering what happened to the third one, it was tested three weeks before the bombing of Japan next to the Mescalero Apache reservation in New Mexico, making them the earliest known victims to experience nuclear warfare.

History just like this involving uranium mining, nuclear weapons production, and testing goes even deeper and gets more corrupted than you can imagine unless you know.

It is repeated over and over involving Indigenous peoples throughout America and it gets even darker on islands outside of the U.S. where more bombs were later tested after the ending of the World Wars on other Indigenous peoples and their lands.

Of course like the lies told about the Trinity bombs these were covered up as well, as best could be, the truth hidden or distorted, as always.

Anson Black Calf, Sicangu/Navajo, is 27-years old and temporally lives in southern California with his wife Angelina and child. Every summer, he comes back to Lakota country to be a part of the renewing ways. Soon his family plans to make South Dakota their home.

Notes From Indian Country

By Tim Giago

The pain of losing a child never ends



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Parents aren't supposed to outlive their children. But it happens sometimes.

Her name was Roberta, but I always called her "Birdie." When she was just about two I bought her a tiny, toy pony. She loved that little horse and she carried it with her wherever she went. When I first handed her the pony I said, "Now here is a little toy for you." From then on she called the pony "Toy."

One Sunday evening we were visiting her grandma who lived in the South Valley of Albuquerque in a place where there was still plenty of open pastures. I was carrying Birdie down a little dirt road by grandma's house when a black horse came galloping along the fence by the road. Birdie looked at the toy pony in her hand and then she looked at the real live horse and she pointed at the horse and said, "Toy."

She grew into a beautiful young lady. Her mother and I had separated and I had moved back to my home in South Dakota.

She wanted to come up and stay with me and work at my newspaper. I was only too happy to have her with me.

Whenever I would introduce her to my employees and friends they would inevitably say, "What a beautiful girl."

Roberta worked really hard at the newspaper, but she missed her mother and after several months she decided to return to Albuquerque. I know that she had been in some trouble down there with an ex-husband who ended up in prison.

I was reluctant to let her go back because I didn't want her to get back into the same situation she had just left.

I tried to get down to Albuquerque to visit her as often as possible and I ended up opening a branch of my newspaper down there and Roberta came to work for me once more.

In early 2006 I went to visit her and my grandchildren. I helped her find a house to live in and then we had a lot of fun getting the furniture for it.

By this time Roberta had four daughters and they were all happy and unique young girls. Before I returned to Rapid City I took Roberta and the kids to the local mall in Los Lunas.

While the kids were shopping, Roberta and I walked out to the car to wait for them. We sat down on a bench in the shade of a mall building. Roberta told me that she was glad that her life was finally on track. She had enrolled at an extension of the University of New Mexico and was studying journalism. Her children were all doing well in school.

She put her head on my shoulder and said, "Dad, I just want to make you happy and I want you to be proud of me." I told her that no matter what, I was always proud of her.

I left for South Dakota early the next morning and that was the last time I saw my Birdie. On April 6, 2006, she was racing home in the middle of the afternoon with my granddaughter Crystal seated next to her in their old pickup when she missed a curve. She threw herself across the seat to shield her daughter and she was killed. Crystal held her in her arms as she died. She had just turned 34.

Roberta always said that if anything ever happened to her she wanted to be cremated. So that is what we did. There was a beautiful place north of the Jemez Indian Pueblo up in the mountains that she loved. She used to take the girls there on picnics and she would relax and listen to the radio while they climbed and played in the boulders near the road. She had discovered an old cottonwood tree and it became her shade tree.

Her mom, her children, her brother Timmy, and I put her favorite song in the CD player of my pickup truck, Free Bird by Lynyrd Skynrd, turned the volume on high, and we buried her ashes beneath that beautiful tree as the sound of that song reverberated off of the mountains.

My granddaughter Crystal, who had just turned 15, was the only one to speak.

With tears running down her face she said, "My mom saved my life for a reason and I won't let her down."

As my son and grandchildren climbed the rocks above her resting place, I sat beneath that cottonwood tree next to her ashes and looked at the deep blue skies and the clouds that floated gently like cotton candy, and in the sky I saw that little girl I had held in my arms on that Sunday evening so many years ago, and I heard her voice as she pointed at that real live horse and said, "Toy."

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Finding My Voice

By Dana Lonehill

Writing for the Fun Factory in the *Rapid City Journal*



Dana Badmilk

I am doing okay on the food challenge so far, except that for some reason my daughter decided she likes ALL of the cheap stuff I bought, like pretzels. So I am having to hoard them.

But I didn't want to talk about that until it is over.

So here is what I am going to talk about.

When I was a 7-years old, I lived out by Denby Dam, in an old farmhouse.

In this old farmouse there were hundreds of first editions of beautiful books by Louisa May Alcott, John Steinbeck, Laura Ingalls Wilder, and many others. I filled my days and nights finding a queit spot to read and eat wild plums.

One day a trailer was moved in, so that even out in the middle of nowhere we all of a sudden had neighbors. The new neighbors were a young couple with a baby and a yellow German Sheperd named Taco. I loved that dog.

One day my stepdad told me who our neighbors were. He showed me the newspaper they had worked at.

I remembered seeing Tim taking pictures around the place and being proud when even our old chicken coop appeared on the front page of *The Lakota Times*.

I was encouraged by my stepdad to write, and inspired by Tim. I used to send my short stories and poetry into

The Fun Factory in the *Rapid City Journal* and would be so proud to see my name in print.

A few years and another stepdad later, we bought the trailer from Tim, as he had moved it into Pine Ridge,by then When we bought the trailer we sort of inherited Taco, who didn't pass away until I was 22.

In my 20's I moved along with my family to Rapid City along with my very miserable cat. When she became pregnant, we kind of paid Tim back for Taco and gave him one of the kittens for his daughter. Tim recently informed me that the cat is still alive and well living in Brookings.

So our paths have crossed a few times in life, usually via pets.

But I have always looked up to him and admired what he has done for Natives in the world of journalism. He has opened many doors and started a pathway for the rest of us to follow. I admit, when I need his shoulder, I cry around to Tim.

To which he gave me some great advice that I have hanging in my room.

"A turtle cannot move forward unless it learns to stick it's neck out."

So to Tim Giago, I would like to thank him for doing all he has done for journalism in Indian Country, for that yellow dog Taco that I grew up with, and congratulations on your induction in the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame.

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Powwow protocol must be made with accuracy and honesty

Dear Editor,

Powwow! These modern-day large gatherings of native people are fantastic events. For those who have never attended one, the grand entry is an incredible sight. Hundreds of native dancers from a wide range of nations usually take part, especially if there is a large amount of money involved. Unfortunately, a dancer will not dance or a singer will not sing without it.

On the other hand, I grew up on the homeland, an environment where people still speak Lakota and live according to ancient cultural protocols. This is why I have to point to how far we have strayed from the old ways at these particular events. First, let me try to set the stage for the majority. Primarily, we have to know who we are and where we come from.

Some say the old ways are meaningless and extinct; that we must move forward in the new world. These old ways are not so outdated when one lives them. My contention is that the old ways are our lifeline in these changing modern times. A person who is unaware of these things weakens the nation.

Therefore, we have to take into account several vital elements comprising our culture. If we expect our children and grandchildren to maintain our language and culture, we have to teach them these prerequisites. If we look forward to remaining a distinct group of people in the future, we must transmit all of these elements as a single unit to our youth; we cannot separate them.

I see a serious situation and that is the primary reason for this article. Are we in deep denial of the fact that we are losing our ways? Personally, I feel many of us are. We cannot procrastinate any longer. This means today, not tomorrow. Also, there is effort involved for both teachers and learners.

Perhaps we are hoping that some marvelous and magical phenomenon will restore us to our former distinctive status as Lakota people. Can we ever be of one belief, one language, one history, again? It is difficult to imagine; however, it is not impossible. With some proactive effort, it is achievable.

We must analyze and enhance our efforts to transmit vital cultural elements to our youth, such as: wicowoglake (language); wowahokunkiye (imparting cultural knowledge); wowakan (spiritual rites and teachings); otakuye or wicowe (generational protocol); and the most important is otokaheya woyakapi (origin chronicles).

Arguably, there are more; I agree and add, "Let's stop trying to outdo each other and start teaching our youth". Too many times, I have witnessed people using this information for their own advancement or performing cultural traditions at large commercial type powwows to impress non-Indians, or the paying customer.

This situation effectively transmits altered cultural data to our youth. The real losers here are our children and grandchildren. We have older people now who have retained and actually live according to the old way.

I suggest using them collectively to mold our youth into Lakota people again. In other words, don't rely on one source.

I attended the Black Hills Expo celebration (Oct. 5, 6, & 7, 2007) at the Civic Center in Rapid City. I do not deny that it was an impressive event. I sat there at our drum and tried to imagine what it was like to be in the shoes of a non-Indian attending the event for the very first time. I think those people got their money's worth.

Anyway, I am not completely partial to these big events simply because they are immensely diverse. In addition, the things I see at these gatherings regarding our culture often trouble me. Actually, the waywardness of some of these things - a slow destruction of my revered ancient way - is distressing and oftentimes downright embarrassing.

I am not blaming or accusing any one individual of anything. I know all the people involved with the Black Hills Expo are good people. Actually, most of us are reluctant products of the federal government's brutal assimilation policies of the 1800s. The new government wanted us to forget our old ways and, sad to say, it nearly succeeded.

Actually, I commend all the people who worked hard to make the Expo possible; they did their best to maintain our old ways; however, some things do fall through the cracks, so to speak. I believe it is up to all of us, as Lakota people, to stand up and teach not only our youth, but also those relatives who are into the new, modern way of thinking and living.

For instance, I heard a young participant state to his cohorts that modern powwows are true images of the best of the Indian world; "pure evolution", he said. The young "Indian" man shaved his head, wore oversized trousers, bandana tied on the head, ball cap worn sideways, and spoke with an air of arrogance and authority.

I understand evolution is a change for the better. Can we truly call these modern powwows evolutionary? Not when we disregard our ancient proven ways and cast them aside. When we create new customs with wrong or enhanced information, we are disrespecting our ancestor's culture, language, and history, just to impress non-Indians or to enhance our own status.

Here are some examples of what I witnessed during the Black Hills Expo powwow. Please be informed that I have seen the same things at the few large powwows I attended across the land. The reason I am adding this little "disclaimer" is that too often people jump to conclusions without looking at the situation first, another deviation from our culture.

Let us begin. A memorial song is much like a ballad, a narrative poem. Such songs are composed to honor and venerate the memory of a deceased person. The words are in Lakota, therefore, the words have to be sung to transmit the meaning; otherwise, it is merely another melody. I heard at least one memorial song minus the words.

Another grossly misconstrued song follows: "Kola maopelo, kola maopelo, Iyasica ki kola maopelo. Wapaha wan sina wayin na tehiya waglihunni yelo". (translation: My friend, I have been shot. The enemy shot me. I have come home in a bad way, with a flag for a blanket). Somewhere, somehow, this particular memorial song became a "wounded veteran's song".

The late Richard "Dickie" Elk Boy composed this song to pay homage to the soldier's killed in action (KIA) on the battlefields of World War II.

Those young men came home to their grieving Lakota parents and families in American flag-draped caskets. I was saddened to hear this song being transmitted to our youth as a "wounded veteran's song".

At least one-half or more of our total population are young and somewhat gullible because they are not aware of the history and culture of Lakota people nor are they knowledgeable of powwow protocol. This fact makes them susceptible to accepting new and oftentimes skewed cultural information.

Another instance is the rendition of a song that falls under what is commonly called a modern-day "snagging song". It is sung inappropriately for the men's traditional dance: "Dearie, oiyokipi na ohan iha yau canna, iyokipi mayayin na wacinyanka wacin yelo" (translation: Dearie, when you come smiling during a powwow, you make me happy and I want to see you).

Our youth appear disrespectful by wearing their headgear during honoring songs, the singing of the flag song, and the grand entry. The truth is they are simply unaware because of the serious cultural deviation. Even some of the older ones seemed lethargic. These people must know that younger generations are looking to them for guidance.

In addition, one of the women competitors dropped a plume and a group of male veterans retrieved it. I have heard that the proper protocol is for female veterans or older women to retrieve such plumes. Likewise, male veterans or older men retrieve feathers. The reason for this is simple; women give plumes and men give feathers.

I do not know much about Host and Honor drums. One thing though, when a drum group is hosting, it means the group is knowledgeable of powwow history, culture, and protocol, including appropriate songs. Such a drum is to facilitate the proper performance of all cultural activities for the function or event. I could be wrong though.

I have seen Host Drum members become immensely angry because they did not get to sing all the songs for the specials in a powwow. Host Drums must realize that some families (doing the special) prefer selecting a certain drum to do the honor. I don't really know what to think about this Host Drum idea.

I am not the expert on contemporary powwow protocol; I am only responding from what I saw and learned throughout the 23 years that I have been a member of a drum - Oyate Teca (Young People).

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Complacency with mascots is genocide of the mind

Dear Editor:

Granted you could still be an indigenous world-view practitioner and support the use of Indians as mascots; then it would not be genocide. It would simply mean you are being tricked. It kills me whenever I hear Natives claiming they are "full-blood(ed)" and support the use of Indian mascots.

It does not matter if you are .001 percent "blooded"; the heart of the problem is a fundamental flaw in the actual practice of using Indian Mascots. We don't want change simply because we disagree semantically with the word "Sioux"; we prefer Ikce Oyate or Lakota/Dakota/Nakota. No, we want change because our very identity is under attack. Recently, there is another development in the mascot debate that hits close to home.

The University of North Dakota, which uses the nickname/moniker/mascot "Fighting Sioux," has agreed to retire the mascot if it cannot secure the approval of both Sioux Tribes of North Dakota within three years. UND has narrowed the field of tribes to persuade to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe - two of the 15 or so federally recognized Sioux Tribes in the Upper Midwest. Therefore, Standing Rock and Spirit Lake have an immense duty to the remaining tribal governments of the Oceti Sakowin (Great Sioux Nation). Most likely UND will again offer money, scholarships, or some combination of the two, to individual tribal members or the tribal governments.

I attended UND from 1997 to 2000. During that time I was honored to be involved with other individuals seeking to effect change from within the University. Since then, it seems we are still divided as a people about how to handle this issue.

Why do so many organizations such as UND choose to "honor" us by making us their mascot or using our name without our permission? A majority of organizations chose to use us as mascots at times when we were not empowered to impose our will, make our own decisions, or even influence decisions regarding this issue. We most likely would not have our namesake associated with games played for America's entertainment purposes. It is time for a change.

It has been time for a change since socially conscious people began seeking change at UND over 30 years ago.

This issue is not about Indians crying around because of the next degrading treatment or policy from the non-Indian. This is about our own existence, our own place on this earth in this day and age, our own spiritual health, and self esteem.

Since we lost control of our spiritual self-determination, due to the overwhelming forces of European/American influence, it has been extremely difficult for our children to learn that their sense of self worth comes from our living religion, our ways of life and knowing. The most devastating aspect of Indians as mascots is the objectification of our race.

A transformation happens, or happened, when a collective Euro-American consciousness began to dictate what made up the essence of a Native American. This transformation makes the existence of mascots possible. Conversely, the practice of using Indians as mascots is evidence of that transformation. This transformation is also called "Objectification".

Objectification goes back to the days of the pre-Columbus papal bulls, claiming non-Christians had no rights of their own, and post-contact dime novels and stories about the white experience in Indigenous country. Stories were widespread of "the savage red men just beyond the frontier." Just think of the white women held captive by the lusty Sioux… I guarantee they were not "captive" but remained with the Sioux of their own free will. Ok, this is not the time for jokes. But still, the very fact that a group of folks attempted to "define" a culture demonstrates that "Sioux" identity was under attack from a forceful objectification that would supplant all conceptions, even our own, of Native identity.

No longer are we living our identity; we are looking at it through a lens created by the European a lens in which Indians are inferior and Whites are superior. We are looking through a lens created and evidenced by the use of Indians as mascots. Inevitably, we judge our own "Nativeness" based on the whole of our life experiences and learning.

Largely, the whole of our learning consists of foreign perceptions and views on the world, including us, learned in schools, television, internet and other outlets. Creating a mascot, based on a race of people, makes it easier for Indians and non-Indians to perceive that object group of people (Indians) as something different than the group creating the mascot (Humans). This process is dehumanization. There is a subtle shift in thinking that takes place when we are used as mascots.

There was a change in the way of knowing ourselves that continues today. For example, today we may not grow our hair long because that's the way we know; we grow it to stake a claim, to make a statement. We also cut it so we don't have to put up with all inconvenience of "looking the part". Likewise, some of our own people were ashamed to speak our own language or pray in the manner of our ancestors. The Indian mascot dilemma is so dangerous because it is doing significant damage while a large portion of us are unaware of it.

Because the objectification of Indians is so widespread, accepted, and institutionalized, we unwittingly buy in to the idea that Indians as mascots is harmless; it's all fun and games; they're not disrespecting it; they're honoring us. In reality this objectification of our essence is undercutting our self esteem. It is damaging the way we see ourselves and the way the world sees us.

So, this is how Indians and non-Indians are desensitized to the offensive nature of Indians as mascots. We are now either fully bought in, (most of the time unknowingly), pressured from the whole set of paradigms and experiences that are "American" to buy in, or we don't have time to worry about matters such as this so… guess what? You are bought in to the idea that your very own identity and self worth is something foreign to you; that does not already inhere in you. You may feel it is something you have to question, something you have to justify, something that may bring ridicule to yourself if you are caught acting too Indian in front of others that do not respect or know what it means to be Indian.

We may feel these things because of the larger attack on our esteem, including the attempted eradication of our religious ways, family, social and governmental systems. We were the targets of outright genocide. The attacks on our people are still among us, including the use of Indians as mascots.

Well, the Indian as a mascot is nothing new. It is the same practice of usurping our resources. Only this time it's not our natural resources. It is our cultural/intellectual resources being taken from us -our identity.

This seems to have started with the forced indoctrination of Indigenous people into foreign faiths and educational upbringings. We have survived nothing but ridicule and disdain for our faiths, cultures, and identities. Our kids and people are still subjected to scorn for our identity when they see that our essence is being objectified.

So I say this to our people and our leaders: we are counting on you to do the right thing. We know you will do the right thing and maintain the stance you have taken in years past. Nobody knows if America will ever come along in realizing the seriousness of this problem. Yet, the only way we can make things better is to try for change with our own lives.

There is obviously no shortage of compelling and convincing information available that counsels in favor of dropping the use of Indian mascots.

I think people don't have the time to care or learn about something so seemingly abstract. People see this as something not affecting their day to day lives. But make no mistake, the problem is not abstract; this practice causes damage to our own individual and national self esteem.

By not allowing our essence to be misappropriated and outright disrespected by others, we are promoting proper spiritual, and thus mental, and emotional health for our Wicoicage or Future Generations.

We will not see this debate go away any time soon. It will remain so long as Natives with informed senses of identity are alive and kicking in the new millennium.

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Big Crow tops returning class, O'Bryan training hard, Casey set to redshirt

By Tom Crash
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MAYVILLE/VERMILLION /BROOKINGS - Pine Ridge graduate, Laura Big Crow, returned to Mayville State University for her senior year this fall, she spent two years at Williston State college before coming to Mayville for her junior year last year.

"She works her tail off, she stays out of trouble, she's a great role model," said Mayville head coach, Dennis Hutter,"she doesn't always seem like a ball player but she surprises you, she just keeps coming back and she just keeps fighting, she's a gamer."

After opening the season this year with two wins, Mayville State picked up their first loss Tuesday on the road, a 74-61 defeat against Dana College; Big Crow had 31 points and 11 rebounds in the loss. She had 28 points and 13 rebounds in their season opening win over Brandon University while hitting 18 points in their second win of the season over University of Winnipeg. Big Crow is averaging 25.6 points a game for the young season.

Mayville is 2-1 now on the season and travel to the Adams State Classic for a game against Adams State on Friday and the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs on Saturday.

Marissa O'Bryan, a 2006 Red Cloud graduate, returns for her sophomore year at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. In her first year at USD, Marissa ran the 60, 100, 200 and 4 X 400 relay during the indoor season and the 100, 200, 4 X 100, 4 X 200, 4 X 400 and the 200 in the medley relay. The women's team at USD was the North Central Conference outdoor



Laura Big Crow spent her first two years in college at Williston State in northwest North Dakota before moving on to Mayville State last year.
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conference champs this year. The university has decided to move up to NCAA Division I and after one more year in the NCC, USD track teams will have the opportunity to be the first athletic teams from USD to compete at the Division I level.

This school year, Marissa will run the 400, both the 4 X 400 relay and the open 400 and in the indoor season some 500s to get prepared for the outdoor season.

"When my coach, Matt Rama, first encouraged me to run the 400 in addition to the 100 and 200 during my senior year in high school, I really wasn't comfortable with it and when I ended up being ranked in the top ten in Class A in the 400 I would go around hiding the newspaper from Matt, he didn't need that kind of encouragement," said O'Bryan, "but now after a year at USD, my college coach, Lucky Huber, will do his best to prepare me, I just have to be dedicated and put in the hard work and on top of that, I have some great role models on my team, some awesome runners."

Mackenzie Casey, a 2004 Red Cloud graduate, spent the summer in Brookings, working out and getting ready for his senior year at South Dakota State University, setting his sights on a starting position on the SDSU men's basketball team. Scott Nagy, Jacks head coach, proposed red-shirting this year and extending his scholarship into next year when the team will have no seniors and will be eligible for both the conference season ending tournament and the NCAA tournament.

"Obviously working out and practicing with the team all year but not playing in any games will be hard," said Casey, who has been described as the emotional leader of the team, "but this year will allow me to get that much stronger and better prepared to have a really solid senior year and I'll be on the bench for each game working to provide energy for the team throughout the season."

Casey played in all 29 games as a freshman, played against current NBA players Rajon Rondo of Kentucky and Dee Brown and James Augustine of Illinois on national television as a sophomore and started seven games as a junior last year. Majoring in education and coaching, Mackenzie helped with youth basketball camps in Brookings, Winnebago and Red Cloud this past summer.

McLaughlin's Brittni Walker is a 6'0 junior at Minot State University in North Dakota. Last year, Brittni averaged almost 23 minutes a game, averaging 11.1 points per game and grabbing 5.8 rebounds a game. This year, Walker is the team's leading rebounder with 8.9 a game and their second leading



SDSU's Mackenzie Casey started seven games last year as a junior for the Jacks, Scott Nagy, SDSU coach has decided to redshirt Casey so the team will have some senior leadership when the school will be eligible to play in the conference and NCAA tournaments.
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scorer with 13.1 points a game; the Lady Beavers are 4-3 on the year. Minot State hosts Rocky Mountain College on Saturday, travels to Brandon University on Monday and is at Montana tech on Friday.

Quana Higgins, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, is finishing up her senior year at South Dakota Tech, majoring in civil engineering and playing on the women's volleyball team. She is the daughter of Randy Higgins and Marilyn Wounded Head.

Other student athletes returning to school this year include Valene Pretends Eagle, a 2006 Crazy Horse graduate and a sophomore on the United Tribes women's basketball team, Ray Graham, a 2004 graduate of McLaughlin and a 6'2" sophomore along with his 6'4" sophomore brother Lane Taken Alive Taken Alive on the University of Mary men's basketball team; after red-shirting his first year, Daelan High Wolf, a 2006 Cheyenne Eagle Butte graduate is back at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence Kan. where he will be playing as a freshman; Terrance Little Thunder, a 6'11" center from Cherry Creek is a junior on the Haskell team along with freshman Cory Barker from Ft. Thompson.

John McDaniel/Todd County, returned for his senior year as a defensive lineman at Dakota Wesleyan, Dennis McDaniel/Todd County was a junior offensive lineman for DWU; Keva Mendoza/Cheyenne Eagle Butte played as a sophomore on the Haskell volleyball team; Rosebud Haukaas/Todd County played as a sophomore on the Dakota Wesleyan volleyball team.

Rapid City Central's Landon Lupi ran track for South Dakota State this past spring and this fall is playing football for the Jacks who on Saturday will play North Dakota State for the Great Western Conference championship.

Derrick McCauley, a 2004 Aberdeen Central graduate, has enrolled at Black Hills State University in Spearfish this fall; he is red-shirting this year for the men's basketball team. Derrick took last year off after attending Central Community College in Columbus, Neb. and playing basketball in the spring semester.

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Busch survives difficult first year, looks ahead to sterling sophomore year at Chadron

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

CHADRON, Neb. - "You know, I wasn't really planning on playing college ball until the end of my high school senior season," said Sunni Busch, a 2006 Todd County high school graduate who is in her sophomore year at Chadron State College, an NCAA Division II school in northwest Nebraska, "we did not accomplish what we set out to do, make state and do well there, so I felt I needed to keep playing basketball; Chadron was close and they offered the best scholarship package."

During her freshman year, Busch, played in 24 of Chadron's 27 games, started 15 games and averaged 21 minutes a game. Sunni led her team in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots; she averaged 11.9 points a game, 7.0 rebounds and blocked 10 shots from her guard position. She also was third in assists and fourth in steals.

"If I was going to quit basketball it would have been last year, it was the most difficult year I have ever had," said Busch after looking back on struggles with her coach, "I felt that I wasn't learning a thing and the team just wasn't going anywhere; after I told a few people that I probably wouldn't come back to Chadron, the coach called me in and I just told him how I honestly felt - he told me that I'd probably spend the rest of the year on the bench."

Following a meeting with the athletic director where Sunni was advised to just tough it out, Sunni admitted it was awkward for a while, especially when the team was heading towards a 2-25 year.

"Chadron ended up as my choice also because I knew they hadn't done well in previous years and I thought I could play right away and not red shirt and



Chadron State's Sunni Busch drives on the defense during a home game last December against Ft. Lewis College of Durango, Colo.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CHADRON RECORD

maybe have an impact immediately," said Busch, "I just didn't realize how tough it could be. I had also come from a winning high school program where we won a good majority of our games, losing game after game it was hard to get your winning mentality back."

After 13 seasons, Tom Anderson decided to resign as Chadron head coach. Mike Maloney was hired at the end of the school year, one of 87 candidates for the job. He is looking forward to getting the Chadron program back on a winning track.

Sunni is majoring in human services and wants to return to the Rosebud and work with kids, troubled children; I would like to be able to show them that there is something better, said Busch. Some of her classes have made an immediate impact.

She took a nutrition class and feels she is eating much better and her death and dying class talked about suicide in Tuesday's class, a subject that is having an incredible impact on her reservation today.

"With what is happening at home, you can't help but think about it all the time, we need positive role models for our youth," said Busch, "they don't have any support, there doesn't seem to be anyone to help them along, to offer them a little hope and when they take their own life, they just don't realize how many people it affects, they do not understand that it is not just their problem that it affects tons of people and affects the lives of so many family and friends. Schools should get more involved and include a course like death and dying in the curriculum."

This year's Chadron Lady Eagles scrimmaged Sheridan College and Western Nebraska Community college before playing an exhibition game with the University of Wyoming, last year's WNIT champions. Busch and teammate Samantha Duncan both scored 10 points each in the loss.

"The whole college game is different, you have to work hard to play with a number of players you've never played with," said Busch, "in high school we played together for many years so college was a real adjustment. Also, we always played zone defense in high school and even with last year, I really never understood man to man defense but this year it is a totally different story, we practice defense over half of each practice every day and college ball is more conservative or more structured, you run plays and you really stress fundamentals of the game, it seems to hold you back sometimes but in a good way you play more fundamentally sound and if you don't do it that way you would be hurting your team."

Busch admits that some days you enjoy it and other days it is more like work, that it can be stressful, long days of hard work; sometimes it seems that you are playing basketball half the day but if we are going to meet our team goals of winning more games than we lose and qualifying for the RMAC tournament, the work is necessary, she admits.

"Stay in shape throughout the summer and if you are just entering college, you should arrive in the best shape of your life," Busch said about high school students thinking about going to college and participating in a sport, "I just wasn't as motivated as I should have been, I struggled working out by myself but don't be discouraged, play the game as you know how to."

Chadron opens their formal season on Saturday, Nov. 17 hosting Southwest Minnesota State before traveling to Kearney to play Upper Iowa and Kansas Newman on Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving and playing South Dakota Tech on Nov. 30 in Rapid City and Black Hills State in Spearfish on Dec. 1.

"College is not as hard as people make it out to be, it is doable and everyone should consider it," said Busch, "and yes I was homesick for the entire first year up to a month before school let out then sometime during the summer, I started to look forward to coming back, more than I thought I would. I've definitely grown by being in college, I've had a chance to get my priorities in better order, family is definitely up there, you lose a number of friends when you go to school and your family is there; the experience has been great, there are so many different and diverse people with no stereotyping going on and more than anything else there are many opportunities for Native Americans to go to school, financial aid is available, cost shouldn't be a factor, so do it."

McCauley sets the pace at Bismarck State for new freshman crop

BISMARCK - After helping to lead Lower Brule and Little Wound to Lakota Nation Invitational titles and Pierre and Little Wound to State championship games, TJ McCauley, a 2007 Little Wound graduate enrolled at Bismarck State College this fall where he received a scholarship to play basketball.



McCauley

Bismarck State took third in this past weekend's preseason Mon-Dak tournament hosted by United Tribes in Bismarck. They are 4-1 on the season, McCauley is averaging 17.6 points a game. In the Mystics opener, a 111-73 win over Canadian Mennonite University, TJ had 19 points, two rebounds and three assists; Bismarck downed Red River College 97-76 as TJ had 18 points, nine rebounds and four assists; in a 91-83 win over Lake Region State TJ totaled 23 points, three rebounds and four assists, in the 89-76 loss to Williston State, TJ had 23 points, four rebounds and two assists while in their 82-78 win over Miles Community College, TJ finished with five points, four rebounds and four assists. Bismarck will play Salish Kootenai College and Sitting Bull College in the Warren Arman Classic on Friday and Saturday in Bismarck.

Tyann Pourier, a 2006 Little Wound graduate is playing ball for Bismarck State College as well, Kansas and Kyal Middletent/Lower Brule played football for Dakota Wesleyan this year, Wendy Schmaltz/Todd County, played volleyball at DWU, Rich Charging Cloud/Red Cloud and Kenny St. Pierre/Wagner played football at Haskell and Kelsey Brave Eagle/Little Wound is playing basketball at Haskell.

Robin Webber, a 2007 graduate of Pine Ridge is playing basketball for Brown Mackie College, a junior college in Salina, Kan. Webber hit a double double with 11 points and 13 rebounds in a 62-59 loss to Kansas Wesleyan JV, hit five three's and finished with 16 points in a 70-46 loss to Labette and scored 11 points in a 63-42 win over KWU JV. Matt St. John, Little Wound's Tyson Heart and Pine Ridge's Tyrel Salway are playing for United Tribe's men's basketball team. Cheyenne Eagle Butte's Brittany Azure and Jordyn Brown are playing basketball for Williston State College in North Dakota.

NOTICE

The Rosebud Comprehensive Health Care Facility has requested assistance from the Department of Defense (DoD) to provide health care assistance under the Innovative Readiness Training Program. The healthcare services are provided at no cost to the Rosebud Comprehensive Health Care Facility, and without the assistance of the Department of Defense (DoD), the Rosebud Comprehensive Health Care Facility would be unable to complete this healthcare project. The requested healthcare assistance will include deployment of National Guard, Air Force and Army Reservists Units to the Rosebud Reservation to assist in providing healthcare at the Rosebud Comprehensive Health Care Facility. These services will include assistance to the Surgery, Dental, Nursing, Outpatient and Urgent Care Clinics, Public Health Nursing, Health Education, Optometry and the Office of Environmental Health. Any qualified organizations or private individuals interested in conducting the listed healthcare services or who have questions or who wish to voice opposition to the Department of Defense assistance on this project may contact Shelly Harris, CEO of the Rosebud Comprehensive Health Care Facility at 605-747-3242 no later than November 15, 2007. Persons not filing comments within the timeframe noted will be considered to have waived their objections to the participation of the Department of Defense in this project.

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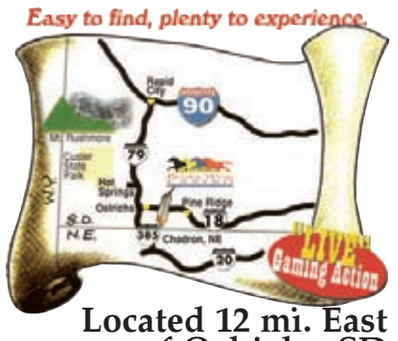
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Pourier steals show in Rockyford School Halloween costume contest

ROCKYFORD - Terri Dawn Pourier, a fifth grader at Rockyford School entered the Halloween costume contest disguised as long time local KILI Radio fixture, Tom Casey, and brought the house down at Rockyford School. With a long beard, a bright yellow bandana, bib overalls, a large pot belly and a KILI Radio portable broadcaster, Pourier won the third through fifth grade division and gave everyone a good laugh as she paraded into the gym

The school's Halloween costume contest was divided up into four student divisions and one adult division on Halloween day. In addition to Pourier, Maioha Kingi took second in the third through fifth division and Dustin Gourd was third. In the PK through Kindergarten division Xavier Big Crow took first, Jaron Phelps was second and Lalissa Watkins was third. In first through second grade Sarge Denny was first, Darren Cross was second and Tyler Bettelyoun was third. In the sixth through eighth division Jory Williams took first, Robert Little Dog was second and Angel Jumping Eagle was third.



Terri Dawn Pourier, a fifth grade student at Rockyford School, part of Shannon County Schools, won the third through fifth grade Halloween costume contest last week dressing as Tom Casey from KILI Radio; PHOTO COURTESY OF ROCKYFORD SCHOOL

In the adult division, Ardis Iron Cloud was first, Cindy Lakota second and Daeda Pevo was third.

"We had great school participation in the event," said upper elementary principal Monica Whirlwind Horse, "but Terri Dawn's Tom Casey costume had everyone laughing, they all thought it was a good representation of that crazy guy on Porcupine Butte."

Kiyuksa Men's Holiday basketball tournament

KYLE - The Kiyuksa Men's Holiday Basektball Tournament will be held on Dec. 27, 28 and 29 at Little Wound School in Kyle.

It will be a Double Elimination Tournament sponsored by Kiyuksa Waci Okolkiciye 2008, Kiyuksa New Years Fund Raising Event.

Entry fee for the cash tournament is $200. Champions will be awarded $750 and 10 hooded tops. Second place will receive $350 and Third place will receive $200.

Fourth place winners will receive a "good pat on the back and hand shake".

Award categories will be 10 All Star, Fastest Man Contest, M.V.P., 3 PT. Shooter, Mr. Assist, Mr. Rebound, Sportsmanship, Mr. Hustle, Slam dunk Contest, and the Cry Baby Award.

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American Horse School dance club places in Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye

By Julie Bad Wound
American Horse School Dance Club Sponsor

ALLEN - On Nov. 9, the Wakiyan Peta dance club along with the hand game team traveled to Loneman school to attend the Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye pow wow and hand game tournament. Out of 20 registered dances for the school 14 attended and 8 placed.

The winners were:

K-2 Girls Jingle, 2nd place, Alexandria White Woman

K-2 Boys Grass, 5th place, JaCory Bettelyoun, 2nd place, Jay Waters

3-5 Girls Jingle, 4th place LaVera Bad Wound, 3rd place, Elania Red Shirt

6-8 Girls Jingle, 2nd place Keanna Rowland

6-8 Boys Traditional, 2nd place Jonas Bear Heels,

6-8 Boys Grass, 3rd place Paul Waters

The others that attended were Chelsea Stone, Marissa Bear Heels, Xandra Brave-Dixon, Machela Bear Heels, Shantell Sholdier Wolf-Dewey, Emily DuBray. The Sponsors for this year are Julie Bad Wound and Lolita Attack Him.

Winners from the Oct. 19, 2007 Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye pow wow held at Red Cloud were:



Back Row: **Hermus Bettelyoun, Quentin Red Bear** *Middle Row:* **Edwin Fire Thunder, Star Swallow Emily Dubray, Machela Bear Heels, Mekko Bear Killer, John Attack Him**
Front Row: **Francis Thunder Hawk, Jonas Bear Heels.** PHOTO SUBMITTED

K-2 Girls Jingle, 1st place , Alexandria White Woman

K-2 Boys Grass 1st Place, Jay Waters

3-5 Girls Jingle, 1st place ,LaVera Bad Wound

6-8 Girls Jingle, 3rd place, Keanna Rowland

6-8 Boys Grass 2nd place Paul Waters

The handgame team did exceptionally well. This was thier first handgame tournament. The Coaches/Sponsors are Quentin Red Bear and Hermus Bettelyoun. The players that went were Edwin Fire Thunder, Star Swallow, Emily DuBray, Machela Bear Heels, Mekko Bear Killer, John Attack Him, Francis Thunder Hawk and Jonas Bear Heels.

In the first round American Horse played the team from Red Shirt School which the beat to advance to the next round. In the second round they played Oglala Watoglapi from Wounded Knee School. During this game they almost lost and was down to one stick but with the lucky and killed guessing of Emily, Francis and Jonas, the team made a comeback and defeated the team to move onto the Semi-Finals round.

They played and defeated The Rugrats II from Pine Ridge Elementary school to make it into the Finals.

In the finals they played Pahin Sinte from Porcupine School and defeated them to become the champions of that hand game tournament in the Elementary school division.

The next Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye is Dec. 1 at Batesland School hosted by Batesland and Rockyford.

Sicangu Nation treaty and sovereignty rights meeting discusses water projects, treaty issues and tokala societies

ST. FRANCIS - Digmann Hall was the site for the Nov. 2 and 3 Sicangu Nation Treaty and Sovereignty Rights meeting. Attendance was fairly good for the two day event at 72 participants. The meeting called by Darrell Kills In Sight was sponsored in part by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Mni Wiconi Project.

On opening day, Sam Wounded Head, Sicangu elder of the RST Min Wiconi Project gave an opening Lakota prayer and Archie Little of the Itahcan Omniciye traditional council gave a welcome address.

The agenda items contained a number of vital topics including, water rights, treaty issues in the Cobell case, I.R.A tribal governments, treaties and the oyate, and treaties and the tokala societies.

As in past meetings, all those present were able to properly introduce themselves, while the Yankton Sioux treaty oyate were recognized for their attendance. RST Water Resources, Syed Huq gave an overview on the Mni Wiconi Project which included the future of the project, non-Indian water rights on the Rosebud, 2013 funding from Congress and a statement about the Winter's Doctrine.

Huq also noted that his office monitors 28 wells on the RST water system. A discussion also ensued on the rights of underground water

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South Dakota State High School volleyball tourney
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15, 16, 17 in Sioux Falls for all three classes, AA, A and B.

Weekend Warrior Basketball tournament
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 16, 17 and 18 at Sinte Gleska University Multi Purpose building in Mission for 10 team men's open double elimination basketball tournament, for information call Ken 208-5672 or Dave at 747-2539.

Men's Wellness Basketball tourney
Saturday, Nov. 17 at Loneman School gym in Oglala with free men's wellness screening for blood pressure, diabetes, depression, for information call 441-6133, or 867-1756.

Open Flea Market
Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Pejuta Haka College Center in Kyle from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., all vendors are welcome, food for sale, for information call Deloris or Naomi at 455-2450.

White Buffalo Tiospaye pow wow
Saturday, Nov. 17 at the student center ballroom of Chadron State College, grand entry at 1 p.m., exhibition dances, hand games, potato dance, rabbit dance, coffee gallery activity 10 am to 12 noon, speakers 1-4 p.m. with traditional feed at 4 p.m., for additional information call 308 432-6401.

Homebuyer Class
Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., first in a series of six classes that will help you achieve your dream of becoming a homeowner, for information and to make a reservation call 867-1555.

Turkey & Ham Bingo
Sunday, Nov. 18 in the Little Wound School dining room at 2 p.m., sponsored by the LWS senior class, for information call 455-2199.

Turkey Bingo & Flea Market
Sunday, Nov. 18 from 2-4 p.m. at the Wounded Knee District School gym in Manderson, for information call Ruth or Lisa at 455-6350.

Thanksgiving Sobriety Dance
Saturday, Nov. 24 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Mother Butler Center in Rapid City with Country Charm.

Heart of the Rez boxing
Saturday, Nov. 24 at Little Wound School in Kyle, weigh-ins 12 noon, physicals 3 p.m., matching 4 p.m. and bouts start 5 p.m.; sanctioned by USA Boxing, for information call George at 455-2274 or Arlo at 455-6226.

Scrubs Camp
Health career exploration camp at the Oglala Lakota College nursing department in Pine Ridge on Friday, Nov. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. sponsored by SD departments of Education and Health, registration needs to be completed by Nov. 16, for information call Deb or Judy at 867-5856.

Community Meeting
For parents, grandparents and guardians of children attending Loneman School at the gym, Friday, Nov. 30 at 1 p.m.; a meal will be served before the meeting, door prizes, bus pick-up, for information call 455-6875.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
Grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1 at Batesland School sponsored by Rockyford and Batesland from Shannon County Schools and Wednesday, Dec. 19 in Rapid City sponsored by Wolf Creek School, Red Shirt Community School and Shannon County Schools, Friday, Jan. 25 at Pine Ridge School; for information call 867-5174.

40+ Loneman Legend Basketball Challenge
Saturday, Dec. 1, double elimination, a fundraiser for Loneman students, for information call Bill 455-6875 or 455-6907.

Memorial Pool Tournament
Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2 in memory of Phil Red Owl at the Swett Tavern starting at 12 noon sharp, for information call Erik at 441-4364 or 308 862-6326 or Kristy at 441-5785.

32nd Lakota Nation Invitational
Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 19-22 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, 16 high school team boy's basketball tournament, 16 team girl's basketball tournament, wrestling, hand games, knowledge bowl, language competition, for information contact Bryan Brewer at Pine Ridge School.

Treaty

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tables and water permits issued by tribes and the states.

Legal matters and the courts was an agenda item and it was determined that most courts have a tendency to ignore or shy away from the issue of treaties and that some treaty members felt that the only way to refer a case into the federal system was by international law with support from United Nations member countries who may be sympathetic to treaty tribes.

On the Cobell case, there was a concern that it might spell doom for the future of land issues and could affect current court cases which are currently being litigated. On the issues of treaties and the oyate, there was concern over the Commerce Clause, the Wheeler-Howard Act and the 1934 and 1936 Acts and whether or not these gave Congress complete control over tribal nations.

Meanwhile, the Yankton Sioux discussed their litigation with the state over jurisdictional issues, while the Fort Peck Sioux discussed their treaties as natural laws designed to protect them in today's more contemporary society.

Treaties and their relationship to tokala societies was also a topic of discussion. Such societies still exist within traditional governments and were seen as a safeguard for protection and beliefs.

To encapsulate the sentiment of the closing session, Darrell Kills In Sight wrote on behalf of the gathering, "Why do we shy away and not support those that still believe in an honored system, the language of treaties we carry. We still pray for you in our language that you will not forget us. The 1934 I.R.A Act and its 100 year contract is almost expired as of 2014 and Congress knows this."

Basketball tourney for 6' and under Nov. 30

KYLE - A cash basketball tourney for those men 6 foot and under will be held at the Little Wound School in Kyle on Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2, 2007. Proceeds will be used for drum money for Kiyaksa Wacipi 2008. No high school students will be allowed to play.

The Double Elimination Tourney is sponsored by Medicine Root District Kiyaksa Waci Okolakiciye, Little Wound School. Entry fee is $150 with champions receiving $500 plus hooded tops. Second place winners will receive $250, 3rd Place-$150 and 4th Place receives a *"good handshake!"*

Concessions will be sold. Interested men should call Marcell Bull Bear at 455-2690 or 441-1235. Marcell says "you will be measured!"

7th Annual Holiday Hoops Classic Dec. 8

PORCUPINE - The Seventh Annual Holiday Hoops Classic will be held at the Porcupine School Gym on Saturday and Sunday Dec. 8 and 9. This will be an 8 team Men's Double Elimination Tourney. Only staff teams will be allowed.

Those participating must have been employed at least 30 days prior to the start of the tournament on Dec. 8, 2007. Jackets, hooded sweaters and t-shirts will be awarded as prizes.

No drugs or alcohol will be allowed and security will be on duty. For more information contact Harold Hollow Horn Jr. at 441-4199 or 441-9822.

Eagle Nest homes provides Homebuyers Program

By Jennifer Richards
Lakota Funds

KYLE - Lakota Funds originally partnered with several corporations to develop and build Eagle Nest Homes located in Wanblee between 1994 and 1997. The homes were developed through a program known as the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program.

This program allows for homes to be offered for rental at a lower than normal amount of rent, and can provide the renter with an opportunity to purchase the home at the end of the rental period. The Low Income Housing Tax rental period is a fifteen year time commitment.

Lakota Funds is coming close to the end of that fifteen year period, and is working with current residents of Eagle Nest Homes to prepare them to purchase their home, at the end of the rental period.

Lakota Funds has developed an Option to Purchase Program. Current residents that are interested in reviewing the possibility of purchasing their home are entering into an Option to Purchase Contract.

This contract does not obligate or commit the resident to purchase the home, but provides the opportunity for them to purchase the home, if they decide to move forward with the purchase.

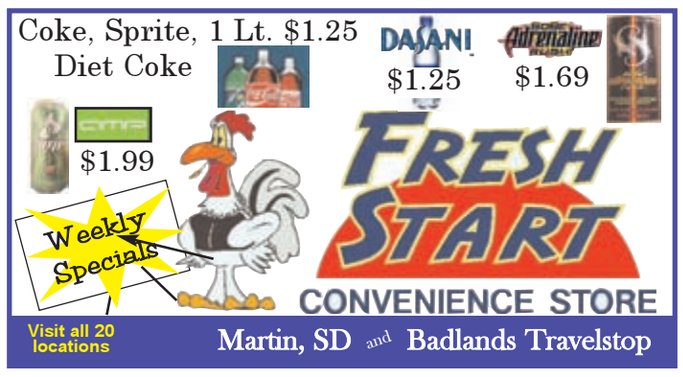
Lakota Funds has been holding monthly Homebuyer Club meetings. These meetings are offered for a period of an hour. The meetings present a variety of different topics regarding homeownership. To date, we have discussed how to be approved for a mortgage, how to complete a budget to prepare for homeownership, how to review home and life insurance needs, how to repair your credit, and how to increase your credit score.

This program will continue, as we want to work with any homebuyers on the reservation, who may be interested in purchasing a home.

We are not limited to the services that we can provide, in preparing you to meet your homeownership dream. Currently Lakota Funds has (2) two bedroom vacant houses awaiting occupancy.

Homeownership is the quickest and easiest way to establish personal wealth. By purchasing a home, you can begin to develop a saving program, provide future housing for your children, and gain money on the value of the home, as you continue to pay for the home, and as the home increases in value.

The Lakota Funds is interested in working with you. Please contact the Lakota Funds office at 455-2500, if you have any questions.

















Long Warrior chosen for Leadership Training in Policymaking

MISSION - Tamra Long Warrior of Mission has been selected to participate in the statewide leadership program Partners in Policymaking.

Coordinator of the leadership program, Sandy Stocklin Hook, of South Dakota Advocacy Services in Pierre noted, "The committee who selected the participants for Partners in Policymaking does an awesome job in filling the class. Choosing the 25 participants is always difficult as we receive so many excellent and qualified applications. For this coming year's class, we received around 55 applications and the committee felt the application from Long Warrior was exceptional and she will be a valuable asset to the class. Her application showed desire to learn and advocacy qualities, along with leadership qualities and knowledge that will



Tamra Long Warrior

definitely add to the class atmosphere."

Partners' training gives individuals knowledge of available resources and assistance to vastly improve their futures. It helps to open doors to a new world of opportunities, not only just for themselves and their families, but also for the entire disability community

One weekend per month from November through April these individuals make time from their own hectic schedules to participate in a unique program that ultimately leads to richer, fuller, and more productive lives for themselves and their family members.

Partners in a national leadershnip, empowerment program. South Dakota is beginning its 16th year of providing the program and has 354 graduates state-wide.

Partners is funded in part by grants from the South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities, Center for Disabilities at Sanford School of Medicine at USD, Children's Care Hospital & School and South Dakota Parent Connection. South Dakota Advocacy Services facilitates and coordinates the training.

Project aimed at ending shortage of American Indian educators

PIERRE (AP) - A federal grant is funding an effort to recruit, educate and place more American Indians as administrators in schools that have larger numbers of Indian students.

The Indian Leadership Education and Development program, called I LEAD, is a partnership of the U.S. Department of Education and Montana State University in Bozeman.

``There's a big need there,'' said Keith Moore, Indian education coordinator for the state Education Department. He said that fewer than 1 percent of administrators in South Dakota's schools are Indian.

``Montana State has developed a model that we think will be effective in getting more American Indian teachers into administrative positions in our state,'' Moore said. Overall, 20 applicants are being accepted into the program.

It's the first time South Dakota has taken part in the project, which has been under way in Montana.

``We are thankful that they invited South Dakota to be a part of this important project,'' Moore said.

Educators in the program can either earn their master's or specialist's degree in educational leadership and their certification as a principal or superintendent, according to Moore. The federal grant covers the cost of their education.

``We're hoping to train and prepare folks who are going to be highly effective, who can go back into the communities and into the area of Indian education,'' Moore said.

Participants must belong to a federally or state-recognized tribe or have a parent or grandparent who is.

They also must agree to be an administrator in a school or education-related agency with a substantial Indian population, and they must be certified to teach in South Dakota and hold a bachelor's degree.

``They need to understand the culture of the schools they'll be working in and be a stabilizing force in those schools,'' Moore said.

Classes will be offered using online and in-class instruction. Participants will also spend six weeks during the summer studying at Bozeman.

Poor Bear attends Dartmouth College Native Fly-In Program

MARTIN - Jolena Poor Bear recently attended this year's annual four-day all-expense-paid Native Fly-In program at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire in October. The program provided 35 very talented Native American, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian seniors from across the nation an opportunity to gain knowledge about Dartmouth's academic, admission, and financial aid resources.

In addition to learning more about Dartmouth College as an institution, Jolena was able to interact with a large cross section of minority college students, several faculty members; and also attend a variety of information sessions, academic presentations and social events.

The demand to accommodate every student interested in attending this program often exceeds the capacity; last year over 300 students applied. To be accepted, participants must have challenged themselves by taking upper-level college prep math and science courses, earned excellent grades all four years of high school, scored high on the ACT test, and have a strong connection to their Native American community, and/or tribe.

This spring, Jolena will graduate with honors from Bennett County High School. She is the daughter of Cindy Wheeler of Martin. Next fall Jolena will pursue her undergraduate degree in International Health at either Dartmouth College, or Georgetown University, in Washington D.C.

Virtual High School Registration

Continues at Red Shirt Community School, Wolf Creek School, Batesland School and Rockyford School for interested students who are not going to school but would like to enroll for high school and work for a high school diploma at the new Shannon County Virtual High School, call Vicki Grant at 288-1921.

Free EMT Training

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Ask Anna

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I know I wrote to you before, I am wondering what do you see for me, I am having a hard time, financially and with school, really with my whole life.

I just don?t know what to do, the kid's dad wants to give me a hard time again.

I was trying to talk to somebody else and here he comes along again and ruins everything for me. Why can't he just move on and leave me alone. I can't even think straight anymore, I was doing fine talking to someone until he came along. Now he hardly talks to me, it looks like I can't even go back to school, I just can't even think I really need to finish school can you give me some advice?

I am under a lot of stress that I just want to leave the rez and also my kids and start drinking again. Can you help me with some advice?

Totally confused

Dear Totally confused:

One day at a time. God will give you an excuse to drink every day - but don't use any excuse for what you do. How upset can your ex make you?

What if you just didn't care what he said? What if when you saw him approaching you just went inside, or drove away, or didn't acknowledge him? If he is violent, call the police. If he is drunk, call the police. If he threatens you, call the police.

I think you like to complain about him. I see you thinking about how mad he makes you and thinking about it and thinking about it and thinking about it.

You can go to school regardless of how nuts your ex is. You can do anything you need to do, if you decide that it doesn't matter if he is nuts or not.

If he is bothering you then get a restraining order and call the police and keep calling them until he gets the message.

Ignore him, and if he won't let you, then that is harassment and that is a crime so get a restraining order and once again, call the police. Other than that, quit using him as an excuse for what you can or can't do, where you can or can't go, and how you do or don't act. He is not responsible any longer at all for you - you are.

The thing about life is, if you live long enough, and didn't choose the very best mate for you the first time, then you may have a lot of exes - and life does go on.

I know that financially you are having a rough time. Be sure and sign up for financial aid at school. Be sure and check into all the programs available to help you.

If you don't finish school you will continue to have a rough time financially for a very long time - and if you do go, then your rough time just equals the amount of time it takes to graduate plus about six months. Go for the best route.

Good luck to you dear. Please don't fool yourself into blaming anyone for what you can or can't do it really is all up to you.

Your ex will leave you alone, by the way, pretty much in about two or three weeks because he is going to have another girl friend to drive crazy. She will keep him busy following her.

Blessings to you.

Dear Anna,

How are you? Well, I had a few questions to ask you. Any answers would be appreciated. I've been talking to others, getting different answers and being judged for the decisions I have made. I thought I knew what's best for myself, but confusion got the best of me, leaving me truly "lost."

So here goes, I have three beautiful children and a supportive boyfriend of five years.

On the outside, our relationship looks ,perfect, stable.

But there's a twist, as always. In the very beginning of our relationship, he cheated.

We built up trust, and I loved him again.

About five to six months back, at the end of my pregnancy, he cheated again. It still hurts. Then rumors started to circulate.

He won't tell who she is because he says she's embarrassing. Is that true, or does he keep her a secret so he can do it again?

Does she really live somewhere else? Do I know her? Does he really love me and is he really sorry?

I think I took him back too fast, I know I should leave and think on my own. But it tears me up just thinking about leaving.

We use to always laugh and have fun. We still do, "but in a don't let him get too close" sort of way. I don't trust him anymore.

What do I do? Is what we have true love or momentary love?

When we first met, a medicine man gave us two tobacco pouches to wear and keep always, for protection, was the pouch really meant for me? Or his ex girlfriend? The man said, "give it to your girlfriend."

Thanks to his actions, I am insecure and feel like I was being used all along.

Did he go out on me without me knowing it? When we split in December, was he with somebody then?

And did he keep a friendship with her until we split again in February?

How do I get over being hurt and confused? Will paying him back and giving him a taste of his own medicine teach him a lesson? Or will leaving for awhile do it? Do you see us getting married and moving, or do we stay stuck in this rut forever?

Did I really change him for the best or is that something he just says. Is he really the one for me?

Or is my Mr. Right somewhere? Also I saw a friend at the casino recently, I used to have a crush on, does he think about me too? Or is that someone I should stay away from?

Living with a cheater

Dear Living with a cheater:

Tough huh? I know that this is rough on you. I want you to understand that you are not doing anything wrong right now by staying where you are.

You are just trying to figure things out and giving yourself enough time to do that. The only one that will look bad if you try to teach him a lesson is you. Healing of the heart does not come with a punch, pinch, yelling, or getting even.

It can only come when the gentleness of love that you feel, returns.

Can your love return? Yes, sometimes it does, and sometimes it doesn't. Wait and see. If you can't let it go then make a decision to leave.

At this point in time, that seems to be the decision you are getting to. I see you reaching this decision because you just don't feel that you can ever get the trust back for this man that you feel is necessary inside of a successful mate relationship.

Your boyfriend doesn't want you to know who he messed up with because it would just cause everybody grief.

He isn't being unfaithful right now, and that is what really counts. It may be too much for you to continue to wonder about, because you will start to suspect everybody.

I wouldn't pursue marriage until you are sure of you.

He may ask you to marry him sometime very soon because he really doesn't want to lose you, and he feels that if he marries you then you will stay with him.

The biggest question is however, do you really want to marry him? Can you let the past go?

Was he faithful when you two split up? What do you think?

Please dear, give yourself a break, stop spinning in your head, feel with your heart.

Can you see yourself with this man ten years from now...or has his shine diminished with the tarnish of not one indiscretion, but at least two.

Dear Anna,

How are you doing today? Hope you are in good health with all these questions you guide us with.

I wanted to ask you about my relationship future. I went back to college and I think I am doing good so far.

As you told me the last time that I was headed for something that I was honestly not ready for.

I want to know about my ex-boyfriend. will we ever be together again? He is a little bit older than I am. And I have been trying to actually get over him then when I think he has forgotten my phone rings and there he is on the other end I try so hard to not answer but I have to. I call him also but I think I get him in trouble with his girlfriend. Will it just be better if we were just friends?

Wondering about my ex

Dear Wondering about my ex:

Yep. Unless he is without a girl friend he is no friend to either of you. Keep heart, there is a new man coming. I think his name may be Don or Donald.

He is a while away yet, until you get over your ex and are ready for him. Your ex, by the way, is just sort of using you honey. Get as smart as you are.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

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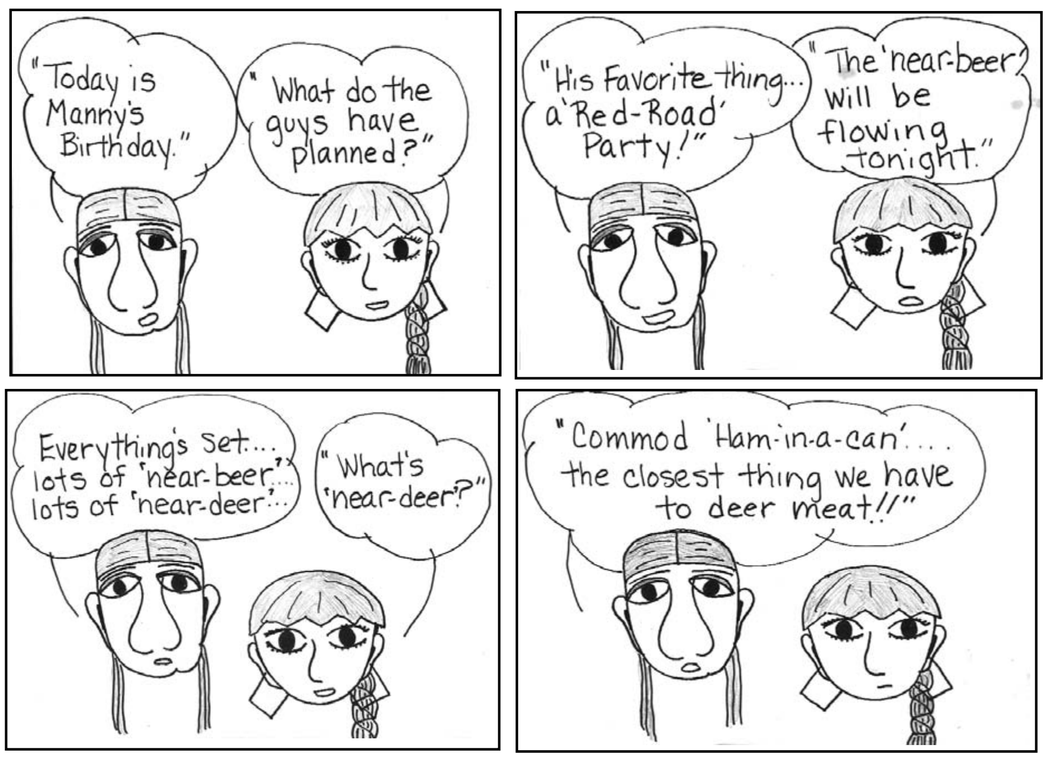
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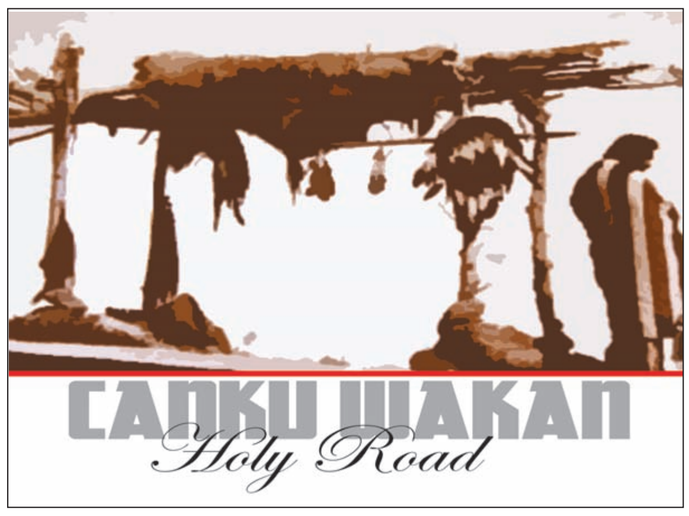
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~Grace Mae Smith Waln~

"Pte Yuha Win"

PARMELEE - Grace Mae Smith (Pte Yuha Win) was born Oct. 26, 1917 at Hay Stack Butte in eastern Todd County. She was the youngest daughter of Todd and Margaret (Afraid Of Eagle) Smith. Grace spent most of her childhood years in Salt Camp near Parmelee with her extended family, the Mni Skuya Tiospaye. Grace attended school until the eighth grade.

Joseph "Bad" Waln often told the story about when he first saw Grace Smith. It was around 1937 and he rode his horse from his folks' ranch into Parmelee one day. Grace caught his eye immediately and she was the most beautiful woman he ever saw. His horse whistled at her and Bad thought "I'll be back." He rode back into town that evening, introduced himself to Grace and their courtship followed.

They were married in a civil ceremony in Winner on April 13, 1938. On June 14, 1938 they had their marriage blessed by Father Eugene Buechel, S.J. at the Catholic Church in Parmelee. In 1988 they celebrated 50 years of marriage by renewing their wedding vows at the Old He Dog Catholic Church.

Grace and Bad celebrated 60 years of marriage on April 13, 1998. Their extended family surprised them with an anniversary dinner at He Dog School and it was clearly one of the happiest days of their lives as they again renewed their wedding vows. The saddest day of Grace's life was when Bad passed away quietly in his sleep at their home in He Dog on Feb. 16, 1999.

Grace and Bad started ranching in the Parmelee area around 1949. In the early 1950s they established a string of bucking horses and sponsored several local rodeos. In 1968, Grace and Bad, along with Bud Whipple and Jim Bradford, founded the B & W Rodeo Company.

For many years, B & W Rodeo Company put on hundreds of rodeos throughout the country. Pickup trucks, horse trailers and semi-rigs would caravan down the roads in the tri-state region. Grace was always right there in the middle of the work. She did everything from pulling bucking horses, serving as rodeo secretary, cooking for the entire rodeo crew, cleaning up after everyone and getting them to bed, along with everything else in between.

Not only did Grace work side by side with Bad in the rodeo business, she also helped Bad build one of the most successful Indian ranches in the country. Bad used to say he "couldn't have done it without Grace."

Grace was a rather quiet woman and she never said too much about the business. When she did speak up, everyone listened. She was extremely smart and she was able to do everything that needed to be done to make the ranch and rodeo businesses succeed.

When anybody stopped in at the Waln Ranch in He Dog, Grace would welcome them with a cup of coffee and something to eat. She never forgot a birthday or an anniversary. You could always count on getting a greeting card from Grace and Bad.

Grace's heart was as pure as gold, her arms were always there when you needed a hug, she gave you shoulder to cry on and she was never afraid to tell you that she loved you. Grace was always there for her extended family members under any circumstances.

Grace left the world she lived in for 90 years and one day on Oct. 27, 2007. She passed away quietly in her sleep, surrounded by her grandkids, great grandkids and great nieces and nephews. She left us to join her husband Bad, her great-great granddaughter Aaliyah Grace, her parents Margaret and Todd, her brothers Clarence Sr., Todd Jr., Gilbert, Elijah, Hardin, Claude, her sisters Florence, Eva, Corrine, Stella, Jenny, Edith, Ruth, Doreen and Elizabeth.

She is survived by her grandchildren: Vi, Kathy, Bud, Joanna, Chris, Charlotte, Sara and Elijah, adopted son Carl, her youngest brother Alonzo Bordeaux, and special in-laws Bud and Sing Bradford. Grandma/Aunt Grace also leaves to mourn 15 great grandchildren, 7 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

An all night family wake with a Catholic Rosary was held at the Waln Ranch in He Dog on Oct. 28. A public wake was held at He Dog School on Oct. 29 with Chief Lorenzo D. Shields, Sr. offering traditional Native American Church prayers. Funeral mass was offered by Father Tim Manatt, S.J. at the St. Charles Catholic Church in St. Francis on Oct. 30.

Mike and Jake, the Shelbourn's team of horses, pulled a wagon carrying Grace to her final resting place next to her husband Bad on the Waln Ranch in He Dog. The wagon was followed by horseback rider Beez Waln, who led a rider less horse in Grace's honor.

Pallbearers were great grandsons: Courtney Waln, Tim Flammond, Brian Red Feather, and great-great nephews: Frank Waln, Nicodeamus Waln and Charles Waln. Honorary pallbearers were all grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and brother Alonzo Bordeaux.

Sandoz Chapel of the Pines was in charge of arrangements.

~Malcolm DuBray~

ALLEN - Malcolm DuBray Sr. 19, Allen, died Saturday, Nov. 10 in Allen, as the result of an automobile accident. Survivors include his fiancee, Nicole Herman, Allen; one son, Malcolm DuBray Jr., one daughter, Cante DuBray, Allen; his mother, Faith Richards, Allen; two brothers, Shaun Two Bulls, Allen, and Jonathan Doyle, Martin; and three sisters, Aimee One Horn, Allen, and Donna DuBray and Kathy DuBray, both of California.

A two night wake was Tuesday, Nov. 13 at American Horse School in Allen.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at the school, wth the Rev. Rick Abert officiating. Burial will be at Salway Cemetery in Allen. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

~Vera Flying Horse-Ratliff~

CHEYENNE, Wyo. - Vera Flying Horse-Ratliff, 53, died Saturday, Nov. 10 at Davis Hospice Center in Cheyenne. Survivors include her husband, Ed Ratliff, Cheyenne; her father, Ed Flying Horse, White River, S.D.; and one sister, Darlene Flying Horse, Cheyenne.

Wake services were Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Ben Looking White Memorial Hall in Norris.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at the hall, with the Rev. Herbie Starr and the Rev. Pedro Sharpfish officiating. Burial will be at Red Leaf Community Cemetery in Red Leaf, S.D. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge, S.D., is in charge of arrangements.

~James Chasing Hawk~

FAITH - James Chasing Hawk, 67, Faith, died Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Medical Center One in Bismarck, N.D.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the gym in Red Scaffold, with the Rev. Marian Rectenwald officiating. Burial was at St. Stephen's Episcopal Cemetery in Red Scaffold. Oster Funeral Home in Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Pete Shangreaux~

KYLE - Pete Shangreaux, 82, died Tuesday, Nov. 6 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. He served in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include three sons, Elroy Shangreaux, Joe Shangreaux, and Bill Shangreaux, all of Kyle; two daughters, Glenda Hopkins and Elvira Shangreaux, both of Kyle; four brothers, Donovan Shangreaux, St. Francis, Bat Shangreaux and Mike Shangreaux, both of Kyle, and Corbin Shangreaux, Ontario, Canada; two sisters, Wildene Rice and Marliss Manderez, both of San Francisco; 32 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

A two night wake was Nov. 10, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall in Kyle.

Funeral services were Monday, Nov. 12, at the hall, with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating. Burial was at Shangreaux Family Cemetery, No Flesh Creek in Kyle. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Genola J. Rowland~

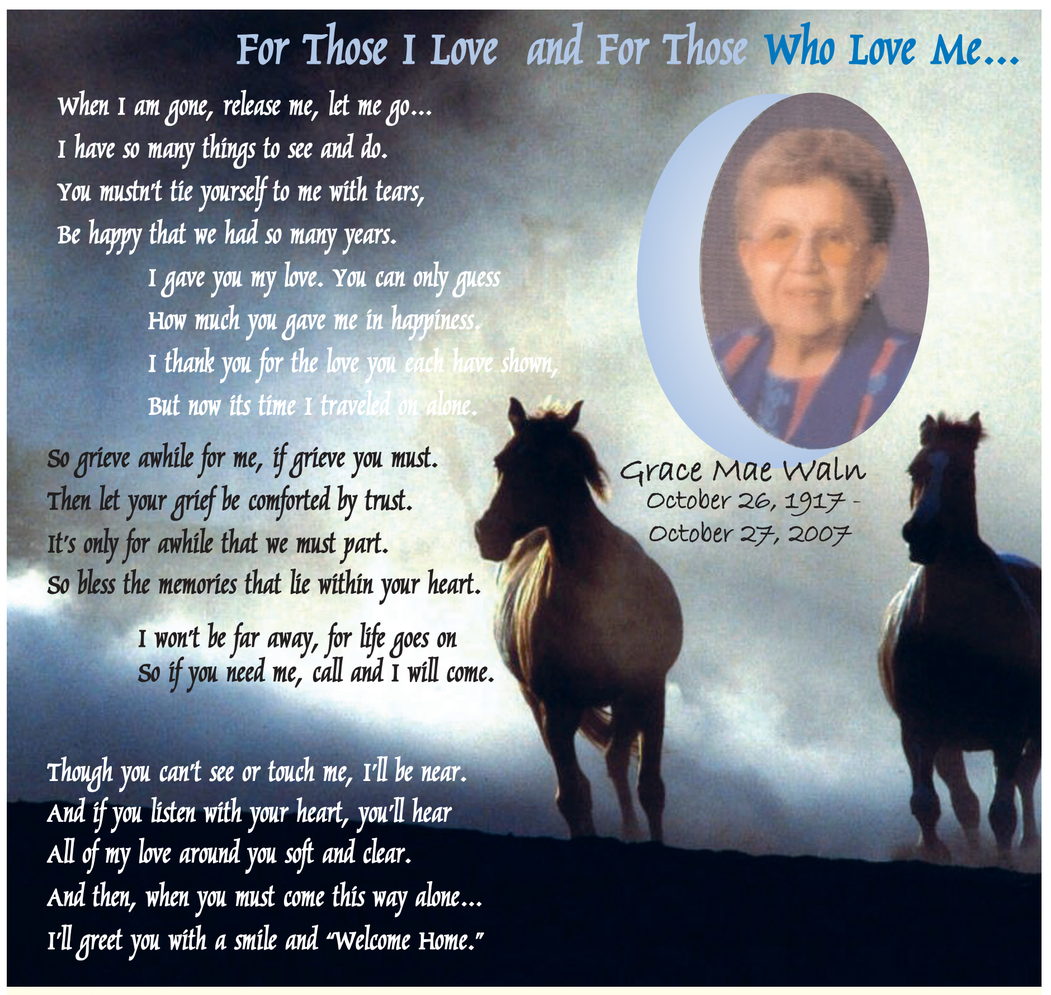
WOUNDED KNEE - Genola J. Rowland, 31, Wounded Knee, died Monday, Nov. 5 at Pine Ridge Hospital. Survivors include three sons, Clarence Rowland, Justin Byrd and Ethan Eric Cortier, all of Wounded Knee; two daughters, Fallon Rowland and Alyssa Byrd, both of Wounded Knee; her parents, Rodell Eagle Hawk, Florence, Colo., and Dorothy Rowland, Wounded Knee; four brothers, Willis Rowland, Raymond Eagle Hawk, Jess Sun Bear and Mark Rowland, all of Wounded Knee; and three sisters, Lana Rowland, Allie Sun Bear and Rhiannon Sun Bear, all of Wounded Knee. A two night wake was Nov. 8 at Fire Lightning Tiospaye Center in Wounded Knee. Funeral services were Saturday, Nov. 10, at the center, with the Rev. Darrell New officiating, and traditional Lakota services by Leonard Crow Dog. Burial was at Fire Lightning Tiospaye Cemetery in Wounded Knee. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Theodore E. Wright Sr.~

RAPID CITY - Theodore E. Wright Sr., 87, Rapid City, died Sunday, Nov. 4 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Survivors include his wife, Mary Wright, Rapid City; five daughters, Linda A. Dicesare, Florida, Gloria G. Wright, Patricia T. Wright, Angela L. Wright, all of Rapid City, and Crystal D. Paterakis, Texas; four sons, Alexander S. Wright, Theodore E. Wright Jr., Aaron W. Wright, and Orrin T. Wright, all of Rapid City; two brothers, Vere Wright, Rosebud, and Lewellyn Wright, Rapid City; two sisters, Pauline Night Pipe, Rosebud, and Della Richards, Rapid City.

Prayer services were Nov. 8, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Rapid City. Funeral services were Friday, Nov. 9, at the church, with the Rev. Paul Sneve officiating.

Burial was at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, with military honors provided by the Rosebud D.A.V. Arrangementsvwere with Kirk Funeral Home in Rapid City.



The family of Grace Mae Waln would like to extend a special Wopila to all who helped during the time of our loss. Thank you to all who offered prayers, songs, words of encouragement, food, flowers, cards, monetary gifts and your presence at the wake/funeral. Your support is greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. The Waln and Smith families would also like to extend a special thank you to:

Ruth Thomas
Dr. Matthew Cazan
Dr. Robert Schreiber
Larry Harrison
Maria Wilke
Norman Keeler
Ursula Gabriel
Jackie Iron Shell
Deb Jackson
Monica Rahn
Roy Stone, Sr. & family
Lorenzo "Duane" & Crystal Shields
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Bernadine Broken Leg
Rose Elk Looks Back
James Neiss
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Florentine Blue Thunder
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Kirk & Calinda Fool Bull
Laurie Russo
Irene Bordeaux
Betty Young
Sharon DeCory
Zane Swimmer
Mike & Leota Colombe
Marie Kills Plenty
Jim & Wayne Shelbourn
Todd County Sheriff
Fred Little Bald Eagle
Sherry Farmer
Justin Dorian
Andy Roan Eagle
Silas & Marita Metcalf
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James Big Crow
Mario Black Spotted Horse
Ann Fish
Wilma Whipple
Adell Boyd
Jacinda Begay-Hacker
Melanie White Eagle
Sharon Fool Bull
Mary Janis Whipple
Ira High Pipe
Ted & Lynn Means
Travis Tinant
Eileen Shot
Vicky Cumbow
Mick & Peri Strain
Ruth Potter
Rose Bizardi
RST Ambulance Service
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Also, all Waln and Smith extended family members who are too numerous to mention.

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BIDS

Oglala Sioux Tribe
Human Resource Department
Pine Ridge, S.D.

Request for Proposal

TPA (Third Party Administrator and Fully Insured Carrier Services Medical, RX, Dental, Vision and Short Term Disability

The Oglala Sioux Tribe is requesting proposals for benefits insurance coverage for the following:

1. Fully insured medical, RX, dental, vision and short-term disability;
2. Partially self-funded medical, RX, dental, vision and short term disability;
3. Self-funded, medical, RX, dental, vision and short term disability.

The health plan will provide coverage for eligible employees, Tribal Officials and Officers of the Oglala Sioux Tribe including all departments and programs located throughout the Pine Ridge Reservation and South Dakota.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe Benefits Committee reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and offers. The Committee is requesting all quotes be net of agent commissions.

E-mail your intent to quote to dbluebird@gwtc.net by November 16, 2007.

Proposals will be received by the Oglala Sioux Tribe Human Resource Department until 4:30 PM, MST, November 23, 2007. Mail five (5) hard copies to Debbie Blue Bird, Human Resource Director, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Box 439, Highway 18 Old Hospital Building, Pine Ridge, SD 57770 and one (1) e-mail response to dbluebird@gwtc.net . For further information and to request a copy of the RFP packet please contact Debbie at (605) 867-6014. Proposals received after the deadline will not receive consideration.

South Dakota STAR Academy
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Department of Corrections Juvenile Division

If you have a passion for making a difference in people's lives and working with youth, STAR Academy in Custer, SD is the workplace for you! STAR Academy is a juvenile corrections facility for female and male youth. Applications are being accepted for the following positions:

- Wellness Instructors
- Youth Counselors
- Youth Supervisors
- Teachers

Interested applicants can apply on-line at www.state.sd.us/jobs or print out a SD state application and send it to: Bureau of Personnel, 500 East Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501. Phone (605) 673-2147.

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- OMBUDSPERSON WANTED -

Winner School District is accepting applications for an Ombudsperson.

- This person will serve as a liaison between the Native American students/families and the schools.
- The selection for this position will be from a list of names provided by the Native American community through TSTED.
- Salary based on education and experience
- Benefits.
- Closing date: 11-21-07

Complete job description and application are available at the Winner Career Center.

INDIAN LAND CONSOLIDATION

The Indian Land Consolidation Program at Pine Ridge Agency has a **NEW** phone number: **(605)867-1314**. To inquire about your ILCP land sales, please call Vina Roan Eagle OR JoHanna Good Crow at: **(605)867-1314**. The current FAX number we use is: **(605)867-1141**. You may also call Acquisition Center at: **(888)703-5487**. Thank You.

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PORCUPINE SCHOOL - JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE: STUDENT-FAMILY RESOURCE SPECIALIST
SUPERVISOR: HEAD COUNSELOR
QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum of Bachelor's Degree with current, valid certification or licensure in: education, human services, or social work;
- Demonstrated quality, interpersonal skills;
- The ability to interact positively with angry or hurting people in stressful situations;
- Prefer 3-5 years verifiable positive, experience in working with people in an eduction al setting;
- Be able to pass a drug background investigation and/or test;
- Be able to satisfactorily pass a background investigation.

DUTIES:

- Teach – provide weekly instruction;
- Maintain daily contact with supervisor to establish work plan;
- Work collaboratively with student, parents, and teachers for the best interest of the student;
- Meets with students, their parents, teachers and/or other persons as assigned or determined by the Principal, his designee, or the Counselor;
- Assists students, parents, teachers, and other school staff person to work collaboratively;
- Works to improve individual and/or group student behaviors;
- Loyal to, and supports the Porcupine School Staff and Board;
- Attends staff meetings regularly or as assigned;
- Teaching social skills, coping skills, bullying, etc. in the classroom; and
- Must be able to use common sense to make needed decisions and be able to communicate these decisions to all parties involved.

SALARY: DOE
WORK SCHEDULE: Must work a minimum of an eight (8) hour day and will workthe same number of contract days per year as a certified teacher.

Contact:
Human Resource Office
Porcupine School
605-867-5588 Ext: 218

United States Department of the Interior
Vacancy Announcement
Readvertisement

Position: Realty Specialist, (Contracts Management)
GS - 1170 - 5/7 1 Position # 4200055
GS - 07: $35,752 - $46,478 Per Annum
GS - 05: $28,862 - $37,519 Per Annum

Vacancy Announcement #: AB-08-02
Opening Date: 11/5/07 **Closing Date: 11/26/07**

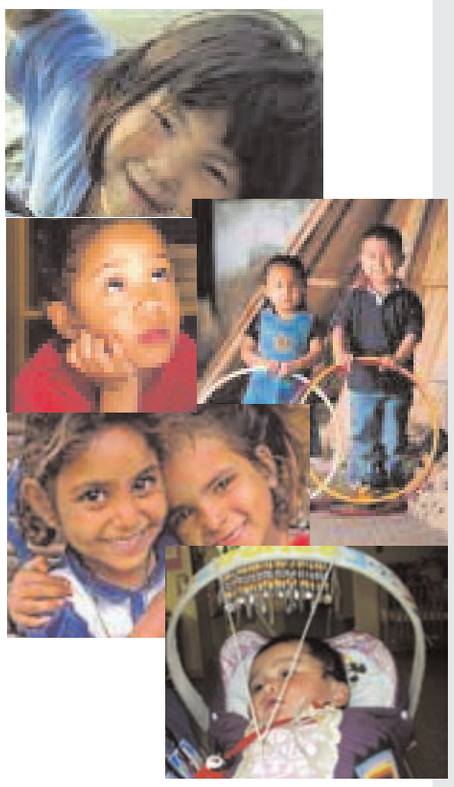
Summary of Duties: The incumbent performs a variety of assignments for the management of trust and restricted property which involves familiar uses, little or no environmental impact or controversial issues, and to ensure the protection, conservation, and prudent utilization of Indian Lands.

Duty Station Location:
BIA, Realty
Pine Ridge Agency, Pine Ridge, SD

Procedures on How To Apply:
Mail applications to the BIA Southern Plains Human Resources (FedEx: 1 mile north on Hwy 281) PO Box 368, Anadarko, OK 73005. **Applications and all accompanying documents must be received by the closing date of this announcement.** Applications may be faxed to 1-405-247-4991. Please submit the forms as indicated in the position vacancy announcement.

Contact Information:
Contact BIA, Pine Ridge Agency, Superintendent or Trust Services Offices, Pine Ridge, South Dakota,
For further information: 605/867-5125 or 5126.

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Pine Ridge, SD 57770

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Alcohol Treatment Program
7 Hospital Lane
P.O. Box 348
Rosebud, South Dakota 57570
Phone: (605) 747-2342
Fax: (605) 747-2111

POSITION: Chemical Dependency Counselor
SALARY: Negotiable
CLOSING DATE: Open Until Filled
LOCATION: Rosebud, Sioux Tribe
Alcohol Drug Treatment Center

REQUIREMENTS: Must have Bachelors Degree in Human Services field, 4-5 years of experience in working with Chemical Dependent individuals and families. Prefer State Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor Level I, must be alcohol and drug free and pass background investigation. Must have drivers license.

For more information please contact Travis Hamilton, Clinical Supervisor or Marcida Eagle Bear, Executive Director, Rosebud Sioux Tribe Alcohol Drug Treatment Program (605)747-2342. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Personnel Department, PO Box 430, Rosebud, SD 57570 or calling them at (605)747-2381

THE HERITAGE CENTER

THE HERITAGE CENTER
RED CLOUD SCHOOL
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

November 15, 2007

The Heritage Center at Red Cloud School is now accepting applications for the following full-time position:

Gift Shop Manager/Buyer
Closing Date: December 7, 2007

- To oversee a vibrant and ever-changing gift shop that buys and sells locally produced arts and crafts.
- Detail oriented, self motivated, meets deadlines, good communication skills and multitasking ability.
- Computer knowledge is a must and supervisory experience and knowledge of fine and/or tribal arts is a plus.
- Previous retail and/or purchasing experience desired.

All persons selected for employment must complete a federal background check. A favorable result of this background check is required prior to employment. Native American preference applies. Salary commensurate with experience.

Mail cover letter, resume, and two references to Peter Strong, Director, The Heritage Center, 100 Mission Drive, Pine Ridge, SD, 57770.
Phone: (605) 867-5491

Little Wound School
Kyle, South Dakota
JOB VACANCIES
11-6-07

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school term:

The following positions are open until filled:

High School Dept.	Middle School Dept.	Elementary Dept.
Math Teacher(1)	P.E Teacher	P.E. Teacher
P.E Teacher	Lakota Language Teacher	Counselor
	Custodian (Closes 11-21-07)	

$1,000 Sign On Bonus to all new certified teachers!

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Special Education Teachers

Extra-duty positions Open until filled (4)

High School: 1)Girls Golf Coach 2)Wrestling Coach
Middle School: 3)Boys BB Coach 4)Student Council
Elementary:

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178.
www.lws.k12.sd.us

NOTICE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the St. Francis Indian School will accept sealed bids until 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2007, in the office of the Executive Assistant, Crazy Horse Administration building. St. Francis Indian School, St. Francis, SD for surplus property and they will be opened at the time by the Board Treasurer and Business Manager (Bidders are welcome to attend.)

Highlander Scottsman Trailer Houses (#T13 and #T14) designated as surplus:

Two (2) unfurnished three-bedrooms,
1-1/3 baths, living room, dining room,
kitchen, utility room. No appliances.
Trailers only. (blocking, propane tank,
tires, skirting, porch and step
are not included.)
The floor plans are 14x70 square feet.
The trailer houses are being sold "AS IS."

The trailer houses may be seen at the school's faculty housing area by contacting:

Fred Leader Charge
O-M Director
(605) 747-2020
between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (central time.)

Both trailer houses are located in the west trailer court north of the school entrance.

The bid must be accompanied by a check, cashier's check, or money order for ten percent (10%) of the total amount of bid.

Removal of surplus property must be in thirty (30) days.

The approval of bids will made at a meeting of the Board of Education.

Bids should be addressed to:
BID-SURPLUS PROPERTY
c/o Executive Assistant, Sicangu Oyate Ho, Inc.
PO Box 379
St. Francis, SD 57572

Fax transmittals will not be accepted.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

For more information please contact:
Superintendent, Larry Parker
(605) 747-2299 or
O-M Director Fred Leader Charge
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Lakota Oyate Wakanyeja Owicakiyapi
(LOWO)

is a tribal child welfare agency, chartered in April 2003 by the Oglala Sioux Tribe. LOWO provides comprehensive services that ensure the safety, permanency and well-being of **OST** children and youth who have entered or are at risk of entering the child welfare system.

Family Support Specialist (2 Positions)

These are full-time positions. The responsibilities of these positions include but are not limited to: providing overall case management to a specified caseload, utilizing clinically focused social work services, including Lakota culturally-based services, case planning, documentation, family support, consultation and coordinating services with schools, counselors, foster parents, birth family, extended family and other child and family service providers.

A Bachelors Degree in Social Work/Human Services plus two years experience in an employment capacity working with children and families.

Knowledge of Lakota culture and protocol, and sensitivity to the social and economic issues faced by Lakota children and families is essential. Must have knowledge of child development, strength-based service delivery, and permanency services (family preservation, reunification, guardianship, adoption, and foster care). The ability to functionin a team setting and effectively collaborate with community partners is critical.

Salary is dependent on qualifications and experience, based on LOWOS's salary structure.

Please send resumes by Friday, November 16, 2007 to:

Lakota Oyate Wakanyeja Owicakiyapi
PO Box 604
Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770
Phone: 605-867-5752 605-867-5941

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Justin James Hawkwing

Happy 10th Birthday to our son You've brought us alot of joy and happiness!
We are very Proud of you! Have a great day!
God Bless You, son
Love Always,
Dad and Mom
& brother Jordan

Faye Kills Enemy

Happy Belated Birthday to our friend Faye Kills Enemy On 10-10-07 May you have many more to come. From: your friends at WKDS-Kitchen Karen AOH-Marvin J.M.-Frank G Eldwin L.D- David S.- Lenora A.

Lori Hunter

Happy belated Birthday Lori Hunter
From: your big sis T.

Gerome Guitterez

Happy Belated Birthday to Our son & brother Gerome Guitterez. Hope you have many more to come. We love you. Lori, Darrel, Kevin DJ Cashus, Missy, Chelsea

Rose Brown

Happy Birthday to my Mom Rose Brown
I love you, and I hope Your day is special.
Love, Shawn - T. Brown

Floyd Afraid Of Hawk

Happy Birthday to Uncle Floyd Afraid Of Hawk On 10-28-07 my you have A bunch more. From: Karen, Georgia, Brandon Victor in R.C, Mom Martha, and also Marvin J. Mesteth

Kiddie Brown

What up
Kiddie Brown
Try to whistle with them big teeth.
Toyer

Kevin Hunter

Happy Birthday to my Hero & God father #2 Kevin Hunter. I love You Bro. & look up to you.
From: your Mesu Casus John Hunter

Rose Little Thunder

Happy Birthday Rose Little Thunder
From: Toyer & Rae

Layne Red Bear

"Happy Birthday" to our uncle Layne Red Bear. Oops! We mistakened, "Happy Halloween."
Fm: Laila Rose & Dalila Marie

April Little White Man

Happy B-day April Little White Man 10/14/07
From Vanna and Carrie

Isaiah No Help Him

Happy Birthday to my crazy cousin in Oglala - Isaiah No Help Him on Oct 23. I hope you have a great day and get all that you ever wanted!
From Damon Thomas in Kyle SD

Danny Boots

Happy 18th to my Fave Cuz Danny Boots Have Fun! Your cuzins
Angie & Sara

John & Anthony Waters

We Would like to say "Happy Halloween" to: John & Anthony Waters
I miss you boys alot and I'll see you soon.
xoxo-Aunty Heather, Laila, Dalila, and Aaron

Bonnie Has No Horse

Happy Birthday Bonnie Has No Horse from Da Brown's in Wanblee

Sharon L.T. and Jamie L. T

Happy B-day to my two sisters Sharon L.T. and Jamie L. T. I Love you girls have a good one
Love Ashley Dawn

Jackie Mausseaux & Keith White

Happy Belated Birthday 2 my friends Jackie Mausseaux on 10/17 and Ashaley Colhof 10/20, Keith White on 10/18 Love you hope you had fun Gaylynn

Lucian John Fraser

Happy 2 month birthday to Lucian John Fraser on Sept 28 from Mommy and Daddy Jodi Fraser & Marcel Boyd

Robbie Apple



Happy Birthday to my husband,
Robbie Apple!
Thank you for all you do and for being you….you fill my heart with joy each day! I'm so lucky to be your wife…. Best wishes go to you on this day and all my love, Wiyan

Harry, Harle & Demi

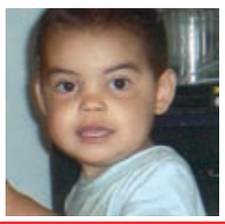
To: Harry, Harle & Demi I Love U From Lynelle Yanez

Happy Halloween

Happy Halloween 2 Kessa Valandra

Happy Birthday

HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY,TO OUR #1 GRANDSON ON NOVEMBER 16TH. LOVE GRANDPA WAYNE AND GRANDMA LINDY



Cetan, Dani, Calvin, Mom, Jo - D

Happy Halloween to Melvin, Cetan, Dani, Calvin, Mom, Jo - D, and all the little ones Love you Eddie & Melorie

Shelby Jo

Happy Halloween to Shelby Jo wherever you may be Have fun
Tash & Ciara

Toby, Carla, Kim, Mike, Eric, Lola, Maliyah, Darja, Lwoblu, Erin Tex

Happy Halloween to Toby, Carla, Kim, Mike, Eric, Lola, Maliyah, Darja, Lwoblu, Erin Tex
From
Eddie & Melonie
In loving memory of Arta M. Winters It's been a year since you left not a day goes by I don't think about you
Love you Angie TB

De'Jah Featherman, L J Romero, Harley Janis

Happy 1st Halloween to De'Jah Featherman, LJ Romero, Harley Janis from You Mamas

Sandy Harmon

Happy Birthday Nov.19th to my sister Sandy Harmon in Denver Have a great day we're all thinking of you Love and miss you From your sister Stella. Also Happy Birthday from Floyd.

LOVE YOU CONNIE LOVE MANUEL!

HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY TO MY PRIDE AND JOY ,NOVEMBER 16TH.LOVE MOM ,CANDIDA.

(TURTLE BOY)

HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY TO OUR LITTLE KEYA HOKSILA (TURTLE BOY) JADEN TAKES WAR BONNETT. YOU ARE A JOY IN OUR LIVES. WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH. LOVE ALWAYS GRANDPA, GRANDMA AND UNCLE RAYJAY PAINTE IN PORCUPINE ND

Jeannette L. Apple

Happy B-Day
Jeannette L. Apple
From Your Husband

Kevin James

Happy 15th Birthday to our son Kevin James Hunter. We are so proud of the young man you have become. You bring so much joy & happiness to our family. Good Luck with all your challenges in life. We Love You a lot
son Mom & Dad

Hello

Hello to my friends Emily, Samuel, Missy
Love you guys
Cree Dawn

Alex Laine Hunter

Happy 14th Birthday Alex Laine Hunter
October 28, 2007
Love Lyn & Nisa

Missy

Hello Missy, Call me Laters! Love you & Happy Halloween
Samuel

Louis Vocu

To: The man that rocks my world, Louis Vocu, out there in K-town its been pretty lonely not seeing you the phone ain't enough, I miss you and can't wait till the next time "Yours Truely"

Happy Halloween

I want to say Happy Halloween to my family in Rapid City Love ya
Guys Tisha

Happy Halloween

I want to wish my girls a safe Happy Halloween Laila, Lainna, Milly, Ayannah and Kayla with all my heart

I like to say "move it" "move it " to Thea, Lyss, Kevin, Annisa from your Lovely Karie

Stephanie & Jake Janis

Happy 5th Birthday on October 31st to Stephanie & Jake Janis from Dorothy & Kids

Happy Birthday to Lyle Long Wolf on Oct. 31st. (josh) That would be scary. Also, a "Happy Halloween" to our grandma Nancy Broken Rope
Fm: all the grandkids
We want to say " Happy Halloween" to Elizabeth & Tony Waters (dad).
Fm: your girls in Alliance, Ne.
"Happy Halloween" to Clarence Broken Rope and his goblin Delonnie Wounded Head
Fm: U'r sisters

"Happy Halloween" to my Aunty Julie Broken Rope, don't be too scary! xoxo-Heather, Laila, and Dalila "Happy, Happy Halloween" to" Jodie & Ira Antoinette & Lyle Lillian & Juan Pearl & Jake Louis & Cindy John & Regina Jillian & all the nieces and nephews Fm: Heather and Aaron We would like to say "Happy Halloween" to our grandma Maria and our Aunties Marissa & Larissa Love, Dalila Marie & Laila Rose To our Grandpa John & Uncle Ryan in Allen, "Happy Halloween." Fm: Dalila & Laila A Happy Halloween shout out to: Reno, Pam, and Baby Maggie Lynn Fm: Aaron & Heather Mariah, Rosalyn, and Baby Ira would like to say "Happy, Happy Halloween" to their grandma's Mona Mesteth and Jeri Brown Bull. Happy Halloween to: Mona Mesteth and Jeri B.B. Fm: Ira & Jodie Happy Halloween to our grandma Ladonna and Aunty Paula in Wanblee. Hope to see you soon. Fm: Lariah, LeBryant, and Emilio

Alica Perkins

This is to my BaBy Girl Alica Perkins I Love You Baby Come Back James McLaugh

Sheryal Janis

Happy Birthday Sheryal Janis from Donna & Gladys

, Kevin Hunter

Happy Birthday on 10-17-07 to the Famous #2, Kevin Hunter. I love you brother, you are my favorite football player! And good luck in the play offs. Mustangs! Love your big sis, Missy Boo XO

Bernice Black Bear

Happy Belated Birthday to our grandma & Mom Bernice Black Bear on 10/17 We love you lots hope you had fun From Ruby & Boys in Allen

Donna Shae & Gladys Jane Rose

I love Donna Shae & Gladys Jane Rose Always forever From you true friend Lexxi Ann Hunter

George Cuny

Happy B-lated Birthday to our Uncle George Cuny We luv you lots!! Your niece & nephew Ohiniyan & Wakinyou and Happy Halloween too! XOXOXOXO

Robert Little Dog

Happy Halloween to Robert Little Dog

Wesley Rooks & Justin Rooks

Happy Halloween to my two uncle's Wesley Rooks & Justin Rooks were everything they may be…We miss you, thinking of you guys everyday Love Ciara M. & Tasha

"Papa Lee"

Happy Birthday to my favorite "Papa Lee" on Oct 28 - thankx for everything you do for me & my mom Love your Grand-daughter Ciara M

Grandma B @ LWHS

Happy Birthday to Grandma B @ LWHS, Hope you have fun not too much Love Girls @ LWHS

Brittany Rose Poor Bear

Congratulations to my grandchildren Brittany Rose Poor Bear and Jason Drapeaux for placing first the Loneman School's Teca Wacipi last week. Doing Good!
From Grandma Amanda, Taela and Vanessa.

Jason Drapeaux

Congratulations to my grandchildren Brittany Rose Poor Bear and Jason Drapeaux for placing first the Loneman School's Teca Wacipi last week. Doing Good!
From Grandma Amanda, Taela and Vanessa.

Mabel Janis

To my Nana Mabel Janis (in Kyle) Just a quick note to let you know that no matter where I am, near or far, I am always thinking of you. Your always in my heart and I love you Your one and only grandon Damon Thomas Janis

Hayley Happy B-day Hayley 10-23-07

Happy Birthday to my Auntie Big Head-Rose Little Thunder From: JoJo Brown

Addison, Camden Tanner

Happy Halloween to my 3 crazy cousins - Addison, Camden, Tanner From Ciara M.

Benny Apple and Kathleen Janis

Congratulations to Benny Apple and Kathleen Janis on their Marriage on October 17th 2007. Remember (Kathleen) Marriage is forever faithful. From the Crew at 301

Rose Brown

Happy 25th Birthday to my love Rose Brown on 10-22-07 thanks for everything have a good day Love Jon LT

Big Bat's Workers

To all the Big Bat's Workers Hang in There! We support you guys Have a great day
The Boss

Amber Has No Horse

To my daughter Amber Has No Horse Stay strong and enjoy Baby Boy Gabriel I Love you Mom Bette Has No Horse

Tommie Winters

Happy Birthday Tommie Winters 10-20-07 Karla Winters 10-23-07 We Love You Both Have Fun! Love Rose, Jon & Shawn-T

Kevin J Hunter

Happy Belated Birthday to a very special young man Kevin J Hunter We Love you bunches Missy Chelsea DJ & Cashus

"Whats up"

I would like to say "Whats up" 2 all my baby girls and Luv's - What would I do without you guys! Teg Binx

Jesse K.B

I wanted to say thank you for always being here for me and I love you too Jesse K.B.
From Tish

Happy Halloween

Happy Halloween to the following Chris, Tasha & Ciara M, Bethel, Brice & Baby B, Loretta, Jesse & Boys, Lorie & Alexia, Kim, Sonny & Girls, Jenny & Joe, Eileen & Family Woniya, Stan & girls Enjoy all the candy…

Tyler Rowland Jr & Adrean Rowland

I just want to tell my 2 beautiful sons I love them, Tyler Rowland Jr & Adrean Rowland, and my beautiful future husband Tyler SD I am so happy I can spend my life w/you Always

Breyauni D Morton

Happy 5th, Oct 23, Birthday to our precious little girl, Breyauni D Morton. We Love you (Mom Amber) Grandma Bette, Auntie Emily and Brother Gabriel

Grandma Vinnie

Happy Birthday to my Grandma Vinnie On Oct 29th I love you so much
Sadie Rae

Happy B-day

Happy B-day 2 Twin at LWHS Hope U have fun on Halloween
Love Your Twin

Gas Can

Gas Can: Time to settle down. You're a wife now and soon to be mother. Ha! Ha!

Casey M

Happy B-day to Casey M

Aliza Preze

Aliza Preze I Love you and Miss U Joe Keith

Loretta TWB

Happy Birthday Loretta TWB on Oct 30th Happy Birthday!! From the Angel's Crew

I love you Cree, Missy Poo, and Samuel G Dawg. Always & Forever
From: Emily C.

Sandra Harmon

Happy Birthday Nov 19th To a very special lady our Aunt Sandra Harmon in Denver,Colorado we Love and Miss You and hope you have a great day! God Bless You Auntie we love you Justin and Jordan Hawk Wing.

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Wind turbine to provide electricity for KILI Radio

PORCUPINE BUTTE – Last month engineers out of Montana, representatives from Honor the Earth and the Intertribal Cooperative on Utility Policy, a crew from Rosebud, KILI staff and interested community members were present as the foundation was poured for KILI's planned 65KW wind turbine. Most recently, the plan was to install the tower and turbine Nov. 8 and 9 but it has been postponed until sometime in December.

"We hope this project becomes a model for Indian Country, small housing projects, businesses, non-profits and small groups to tap into a renewable energy resource and save electricity costs," said Pat Spears, Intertribal Coop director, "the project will cost about $117,000 with Honor the Earth finding over half of it from their Energy Justice Campaign, Icoop has an interest with Native Energy and the Bureau is committed to $43,000 and that's where the holdup is, the federal government's continuing resolution process each year when they are approving a new budget."

SFM teams with Betty Ford Center to provide family recovery, training

ST. FRANCIS - On. Nov. 19, St. Francis Mission entered into a historic three-year partnership with the Betty Ford Center to bring family counseling and support services to the residents of the Rosebud Reservation. Through the partnership, St. Francis will offer unique family recovery counseling and programs beginning in January of 2008.

St. Francis Mission staff will receive training from the Betty Ford Center enabling them to conduct week-long family recovery programs and provide one-on-one individual counseling. The Center will support and consult with St. Francis Mission's staff on an ongoing basis to help them address the problems of drug and alcohol addiction on the Rosebud Reservation.

As part of the agreement, the newly created Betty Ford Institute will be working with local Lakota people to design a program which is culturally specific and sensitive.

It's goal is to train local Lakota people to run family counseling programs.

"This partnership opens up wonderful new ways by which families on the Rosebud Reservation can heal from the effects of alcoholism and other addictions." Said Fr. John Hatcher, S.J., Superior of St. Francis Mission.

The Mission had already shown its commitment to addressing the addiction issues by opening two drug and alcohol recovery centers in the past four years. "Our partnership with the Betty Ford Center will assist us in developing a model to address addiction in a way which is culturally sensitive and which takes into account the family dynamics of addiction." Fr. Hatcher said.

Resources and individuals from Alkali Lake Reserve in Canada will be consulted in program development, since the Alkali Lake Reserve is a native community with a long and strong sobriety movement.

Patrick Haggerson, a counselor at the Betty Ford Center, who worked for many years on the Alkali Lake Reserve, will be the main counselor from the Betty Ford Institute to work on the Rosebud Reservation.

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Johnson poses questions on suicide prevention to Indian Health Service

WASHINGTON - In the wake of a suicide epidemic which is plaguing Lakota tribes on the northern plains and Indian Country, Sen. Tim Johnson posed several questions to the acting Director of the Indian Health Service, Robert McSwain, last Friday.

The letter was sent on the eve of the National Day of Observance for Survivors of Suicide which was Nov. 17. The senator wrote, "We are not doing enough to fight this deadly epidemic that is taking the lives of our most precious resource, our children." Johnson asked McSwain to focus more agency resources on the youth suicide epidemic that plagues Indian communities, in response from tribal members.

"One of the most important resources we can provide is the availability of mental health services that include prevention, intervention and aftercare services," Johnson said in the letter to McSwain. "While I understand your agency cannot fix many of the hopeless conditions that face our native youth, your agency can do more to provide mental health resources to our reservations."

"As you know, this deadly plague is not waning and in some cases we are seeing an increase in 'suicide clusters.' Almost all of the recent studies indicate that suicide is most prevalent in American Indian youth and especially our young Native males. We are not doing enough to fight this deadly epidemic that is taking the lives of our most precious resource, our children," said Johnson.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website, in 2004, Indian suicides accounted for half of the total suicides in South Dakota for the age group of 24 and under. This was at a rate of 33.2 per 100,000 as opposed to the national average of 10.1 per 100,000 for American Indian/Alaskan Native youth up to age 24. For non-natives nationally the rate is 4.49 per 100,000 for the same age group. I am certain, however, that you are aware of the statistics.

"In these economically impoverished areas that are riddled with problems such as substance abuse, strained economic environments, and high rates of mental and physical abuse, we must concentrate our efforts on combating the factors that lead to suicide. One of the most important resources we can provide is the availability of mental health services that include prevention, intervention and aftercare services. Recently, I was contacted by the mother of a victim with her plea to focus on the suicide crisis facing the reservation. In her letter, she stressed the lack of mental health professionals working on her reservation and the significant expectations put on those that do work there. In addition to this letter, I was forwarded a tribal council-passed resolution that passed

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TWO SECTIONS

Oti Wote coffee shop and office products store open

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

MISSION - At a time when a large percentage of disposable income is leaving the Rosebud and not being re-invested, Eric and Melissa Nixon and their extended family are working to change that, one business at a time. Make that two businesses; the Nixons have opened the Oti Wote coffee shop and Native Solutions office products out of the same building.

Eric says Native Solutions was created long before Oti Wote was envisioned, however, both are currently open for business and offering full service to local patrons.

SGU Lakota Studies instructor, Duane Hollow Horn Bear, is credited with naming the coffee shop and the name implies a place where one may have been born or a homestead.

The Oti Wote coffee shop is a welcome option for those folks who wish to grab a quick bite to eat over noon hour or simply visit over a good cup of Starbucks coffee during the morning or late afternoon. The café specializes in sandwiches, soup and salads in addition to muffins, cake and skillet bread or "gabubu" bread as Lakota people call it. Tracy Spotted Calf who won first in the "gabubu" cooking contest at the Rosebud Fair makes the delicious bread.



The interior design of the Oti Wote coffee shop.

Nixon said he had a tribal business license for Native Solutions over four years ago with the help of the Rosebud Economic Development Corporation and with the business up and running, he understands the discipline and hard work that goes into making a small business successful. The office products business is able to offer patrons and area programs a full line of office products from their supplier Arrow

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earlier this year which echoes her very sentiments. It is not my intent to disparage those medical professionals that are currently working to address the problem, but to recognize them and provide them with the additional help and resources they need," said Johnson.

Johnson also inquired as to whether or not the Federal Emergency Management Agency had additional mental health providers who could come to South Dakota and the Aberdeen area to assist. He wrote, "I implore you to focus whatever resources that you have at your disposal for mental health services that include prevention, intervention and aftercare services that will help relieve this dreadful epidemic that continues to spread throughout South Dakota and across Indian Country."

Johnson asked the status of Commissioned Corps staff, specifically the Ready Responders division at the Health Service Corps, and their ability to be in South Dakota to assist with the immediate crisis, specifically the situation facing the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Another was about the number of mental health care positions that were vacant in the Aberdeen Area service units and included providers and behavioral mental health technicians.

Finally, Sen. Johnson inquired as to the accuracy of the suicide data that is collected by the Indian Health Service. He asked why there was a disparity between that of I.H.S. and law enforcement.

SFM: family recovery

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St. Francis Mission will also have access to the full resources of the Betty Ford Center in its attempt to create a family recovery model for its programs.

Robert Doody of RES, said, "Our connection to the Betty Ford Center goes back three years when several of the staff from St. Francis Mission participated in the Professionals in Residence Program at the Betty Ford Center." Furthermore, he notes that St. Francis Mission has devoted significant resources in the partnership. Four people are already receiving training from the Betty Ford Center and will be involved in structuring a recovering program that will be offered at SFM.

The new programs will be offered once a month at the Ici Mani Ya Waste center next to the St. Charles Catholic church. Plans are to extend to Spring Creek, White River and Mission and offer one on one drug and alcohol counseling at the White River Recovery Center.

Some examples of cultural sensitivity that will be built into the new programs will be sensitive to traditional Lakota spirituality and customs.

The capacity for the week long family evening programs will be 20-30 people and staff from the Betty Ford Center along with staff in training from SFM.

The new partnership is the fruit of many years of contact between St. Francis Mission staff and the Betty Ford Center.

For additional information please contact Robert Doody at 605-747-2361.



LWHS Winter Festival banquet honors

KYLE - Last week, the Little Wound High School student council coordinated a winter festival and banquet for grades 9-12 students. High School Fall Winter Festival King Micheal Pretty Voice Crane was crowned king, Sydnee Ferguson queen, Archie Red Owl was selected prince and Alyssa Whirlwind Horse was crowned princess. Above are some of the participants in the Winter Festival: Back row *L-R*: Jessica Yellow Boy, Katie Hernandez, Mia Gomez, Alyssa Looks Twice, Bethany Brewer, Dakota Rose Flying Hawk, Jill Black Hawk, Emmy Clifford, Georgia LaDeaux, Katie Novotny

Front row *L-R*: Anthony Rowland, William Yellow Bull, Brad Hussman, Roger Big Boy, Jeremy Clifford.

Rosebud Soup Kitchen hosts Thanksgiving dinner

ROSEBUD - The Rosebud Soup Kitchen played host to several tribal members with a turkey dinner with "all the trimmings" last Sunday evening. The event was a part of the regularly scheduled menu which the soup kitchen offers to the hungry, homeless, children and elders each week.



The soup kitchen Thanksgiving meal was coordinate by Marian and Bill Sorace.

Lori Burritt of the American Indian Relief Council of Rapid City was on hand to serve on the line and conduct a brief site visit for AIRC. She noted that her office does outreach in Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and most of the Lakota reservations in South Dakota. On this particular evening the AIRC had provided turkey and mashed potatoes for the event. AIRC also assists several other local Rosebud entities.

Burritt also noted that her office extends a Breakfast in the Bag for residents of the Rosebud and will soon have applications ready for elders to apply for a Christmas fruit basket.

Marian One Star-Sorace began the soup kitchen in her basement in 1994 and then moved to the Rosebud Sioux tribal building where she has offered some very delicious and nutritious meals to the hungry and homeless ever since. Bill, Sorace's husband later joined her volunteer efforts along with Valerie Sorace and Kay Kary who often make bread and also serve the food. Another one will be held for Christmas.

Bennett County leads the way in all conference selections

MARTIN – Bennett County, West River conference football champs, received nine all conference selections with four honorable mentions while Red Cloud, conference runner-up, and Todd County received seven with two honorable mentions each, Little Wound had six and one while Pine Ridge earned three with four honorable mentions.

Three seniors and two juniors earned selections on both sides of the line – Brice Hornbeck/Little Wound was named first team all conference as a wide receiver and as a defensive back, Red Cloud's Dave Giago was selected as a defensive end and a tight end on offense, Todd County's Mike Neiss was chosen as a wide receiver and return specialist while Little Wound's Jacey Mesteth a junior, earned selections as a linebacker and fullback and Clint Sasse a junior at Bennett County was chosen as a defensive back and running back.

West River 2007 all conference selectrions included:

Bennett County-D.J. Toczek/fullback, Clint Sasse/running back, Trent Vandermay/center, Lloyd Two Crow/guard, JP Slattery/kicker, Nick Kaltenbach/defensive tackle, Dillon Marrufo/defensive end, DJ Toczek, Clint Sasse and honorable mention Nathan Novak/running back, JP Slattery/tight end, Zach Dailey/guard and Alex Bakely/tackle; Red Cloud-Billy Scott/running back, Dave Giago, Jeremy Twiss/tackle, Charles Eagle Bull/tackle, Andrew Twiss/linebacker, Art Vitalis/defensive back and honorable mention jeremy Blacksmith/quarterback, Jacob Franks/center; Todd County-CJ Spotted Tail/quarterback, Gunner Krogman/running back, Jaden Allen/tight end, Mike Neiss, Aaron Stoddard/linebacker, Ocean LeHauli/defensive tackle and honorable mention Canku One Star/defensive back and Jaden Allen/linebacker; Little Wound-Jaycee Mesteth, Brice Hornbeck, Anthony Tallman/defensive tackle, Enoch Yellow Hawk/defensive end and honorable mention Casey Montileaux/defensive back; Pine Ridge-Shawn Keith/offensive guard, Harley Cottier/punter, Ezra Zephier/defensive back and honorable mention Jay Pond/defensive tackle, Marquez Black Water/defensive end, Mike Wilson/linebacker and Stan Brewer/wide receiver.

Coffee shop

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Business Products which is Oneida owned and operated business.

Christian "Tuffy" Morrison is a close friend of the business owners and was instrumental in helping to initiate the business products line. Nixon says that he and Dave Espinoza operate the office products portion of the business, while Melissa, Jeri and Marge run the coffee shop.

After serving as a Rosebud Sioux tribal council representative, Nixon, said that he and Melissa continued to do consultant work and that enabled them to put more planning into their businesses. The original intent was to create a family run business where family could all chip in and work in an area that highlighted their skills. For example, Margie Moran, Melissa's mother, originally received her training in the culinary arts from UTTEC and now is able to utilize her cooking skills. Jeri Oliver takes orders, bakes, makes a variety of delicious coffees and operates the cash register.

Oti Wote features Indian tacos on Mondays and "gabooboo" bread with soup on Thursdays and one can call ahead for a takeout order.

Plans are to expand Oti Wote so that more dining space is available for customers as it currently has four tables. Nixon says that the business will be open on Saturdays and pancakes will most likely be the specialty that day.

Oti Wote and Native Solutions are located on Highway 18 and their phone number is 856-2102.

West River announces volleyball all conference selections

MARTIN – Bennett County won District 7A and lost to Platte-Geddes while Pine Ridge and Red Cloud made it to the district championships.

All tourney selections included: Todd County-Shelby Hunger, Shawndai Prue, Christine Crow Eagle, Jordan Rahn; Pine Ridge-Lacey Weston, Saadia Tasso, Rebecca Ten Fingers with honorable mentions Liane Her Many Horses and Alleiy Janis; Red Cloud-Marque Lunderman, Ida Clarke, Lisa Bear Robe and honorable mention Danielle Locust and Desiree Blacksmith; Little Wound-Tawni Shay Hunter, Nichelle Red Owl and honorable mention Jhacie Long Soldier and Kirsten Clifford.

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The Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce announces it's second Business of the Month,
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On behalf of the Veterans Day PowWow Committee we would like to express our gratitude to all those that helped to make the event a huge success!

First, we would like to say thank you to the Maintenance crew for making our school grounds look great. Next, thanks to the CHS Administration/School Board for help with the funding. We would like to also thank Reva for the great posters and Veterans program, the shop class for the really cool flag posts, to all those that helped cook and prepare the meals, Gertie Yankton and family, to those that helped with the clean up, to the 21st Century students that made the wonderful decorations and did a beautiful job at decorating, and to the 21st Century program for buying the decorations. If we forgot to mention anyone we apologize.

We had a very successful Veterans Program and powwow because of all those that helped.

Pila Miya!

Congratulations to Angel Yankton for Post 269 Queen! You do a great job at representing our legion.

Pine Ridge Vision Center selected November business of the month

PINE RIDGE -The Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce has selected the Pine Ridge Vision Center as the November Business of the month.

The unique 4,400 square foot facility is the new kid on the block in Pine Ridge and also houses two rental suites occupied by Alltel Wireless and a University of Colorado program.

Dr. Vernon C. Rockey, administrative director of Pine Ridge Vision Center, as well as the two vision centers in Gordon and Chadron, envisions the new center carrying the bulk of the major patient load. Four full-time doctors keep each center fully staffed by rotating at all three locations.

In Pine Ridge, the vision center began as an idea to help patients with the adjustment of their glasses and dispensing free lens cleaner at a table in the back of Big Bats in 2003. It grew into its first tiny office on Main Street in Pine Ridge and finally to it present brand new location filled with nearly 25 of Dr. Rockey's hand-made, rustic, cabinetry.

"We decided if we were ever able to build we wanted the building to have all the frills that we had ever wanted. We always had thoughts of cutting back but the closer we got to the day of building we decided to go all the way. Fully handicap accessible, the entire building exterior is metal but the front is made out of T1-11 which is wood and the board walk is cedar and there are also some cedar steps."

Putting the comfort and well being of the patients first, was the innovative idea behind a majority of the new planned frills. They include a full service 600 frame dispensary, three preliminary examining rooms, a visual therapy room where young people are actually taught the ability to see. He said there are many people that have never learned to see properly, and a Visual Field room, where both side vision and front vision is tested for various eye diseases.

"We are now able to treat glaucoma and even perform pre and post surgical cooperation with an ophthalmologist when eye surgery is indicated for a patient," he said. There is also a room where people may sit comfortably while their eyes are being dilated.

Pine Ridge Vision Center has always contributed to the employment in Pine Ridge but more so now with the new larger floor plan. They have increased the number of locally hired employees from one and a part time to five employees. The employees are provided with weekly on-line training through resources from Vision Source and Office Mate.

Dr. Rockey credits the Indian Health Center with their successful welcome into the Pine Ridge area. "In the beginning IHS welcomed our 300 frame dispensary as they were writing so many prescriptions that had to be filled somewhere, so why not right in Pine Ridge," he said. Once the dispensary opened, five to six people a day wanted eye exams and the business began to grow.

Patients can log on to Pine Ridge Vision Centers interactive website by entering Pine Ridge vision into any search engine. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. five days a week Monday through Friday. The phone number for Pine Ridge Vision center is 867-2772.

Lakota Funds presents to Vucurevich foundation, lists activities

By Jennifer Richards
Lakota Funds

KYLE - On Nov. 15, the Lakota Funds staff presented to the John T. Vucurevich Foundation visiting staff at the trade center.

Lakota Funds is hoping to achieve assistance from the foundation to continue to provide more services and classes to all members of the Pine Ridge Reservation interested in obtaining the information.

The Vucurevich Foundation was established in 1989 by its founder John T. Vucurevich who fully funded the foundation. The visitors from the foundation were Sandy Diegel, executive director, Paul Phelan, chief financial officer and Carmen Hansen, grant manager.

Lakota Funds staff and two clients presented all the programs that Lakota Funds has to offer.

The Individual Development Account program was discussed and the need for financial literacy in our communities was presented. All classes and training are open to the public wanting financial literacy and entrepreneur information. Lakota Funds mission is a community development organization actively promoting socio-economic sustainability of Oglala Lakota people on the reservation. It's culturally appropriate strategies include business loans, technical assistance, and targeted community and business development. This is possible with the collaboration of various funding resources and programs at Lakota Funds are to help make small business dreams, and hope for our future entrepreneurs' a reality.

Lakota Funds upcoming meetings/trainings are:

1. Financial Literacy Nov. 21 at the Pejuta Haka College Center in Kyle. This course is free and required for Individual Development Account Participants and for clients requesting a loan from Lakota Funds.

2. Native American Artist Meeting Nov. 26 at the Manderson College Center.

3. Lakota Nation Invitational Youth Financial Literacy Sessions Dec. 19-21 during the Lakota Nation Invitation Tournament for all interested high school students. The workshop sessions for students will be offered with five classes, the 1st session will be Wednesday Dec. 19 at 1:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday will have two sessions each day with one in the morning at 10 a.m. and one in the afternoon at 1:30 p.m.. The students can pick which session they can fit into their schedule.

4. Core Four Business Planning Course starts January 2008 it will be one night per week for six weeks at Pine Ridge College Center. This course is free; it does require participants to purchase their book for $ 40. at the Oglala Lakota College Book Store. This course is required for Lakota Funds clients who will be requesting a loan.

For more information call Lakota Funds at 455-2500, check out our website at www.lakotafunds.org, or listen to KILI Radio 90.1 FM on Mondays at 3 p.m.

Elders to be honored Dec. 4

PINE RIDGE - A Gathering of Lakota Elders will held Tuesday, Dec. 4 at the Prairie Winds Casino from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Invited are elders who are 70 years of age and older and one chaperone.

For more informaton contact Nellie Bald Eagle at 856-6300 or 441-1092 or 1-800-705-WIND.

How to cook a turkey

KYLE - The following 'How to cook a turkey' were submitted by Little Wound School elementary students in anticipation of the Thanksgiving holiday.

First Grade
Heather Yellow Boy's Class

First you put it in the sink. Next put it in a pot. Then you put it in the oven.
By Brent Tallman

First you put it in the pan. Then you put it in the oven.
By Marissa Young Bull Bear

First you put it in the pan. Then turn on the oven. Last cook it.
By Talia One Horn

First you put it in the sink. Cut off the wrapper. Put it in a pot. Cook it.
By DeShane Pourier

First you put it in the pan. Then you cook it.
By B. Red Owl

Third Grade
Sharon Engling's Class

Take off the orange plastic, put it in the oven for two hours. The temperature is 550 degrees and take it out of the oven and eat it.
By Utah Whirlwind Horse

When I get my turkey I'll take off the wrapper. Then put water in the bowl. Then put the turkey in the oven for 70 degrees. Then when it's done you clean inside of it to put the stuffing in. When you are done you get to pull the wish bone. Then you put it on the table and eat.
By Lucy Montileaux

Cook in the oven 2 hours and 15 minutes with the temperature at 66 degrees. Stuff the turkey, take out t he wish bone, put water in it first. When you take the wishbone make a wish, whoever gets the bigger half gets their wish. Don't forget the stuffing. Gently push it in, make sure you use the right recipe.
By S. Montileaux

You stuff it first, then cook a turkey in a oven for 1 hour 45 minutes. When it's done, lit it cool for awhile. Then when its done you can eat it. It's good even the smashed potatoes and corn.



By Tamyra Running Hawk

Take the plastic off and put it in the oven. The temperature should be 100 degrees. Set the time for 20 minutes. Check it every 5 minutes. Don't forget to stuff it.
By Ty Apple

Cut the plastic off, put it in the oven and leave it for 10 minutes. And take out and wash plate, put on the plate and cut it and then eat it.
By Jesse Red Feather

How to cook a turkey, put it in the oven and leave it for 5 minutes. Then we eat the turkey.
By Alyssa Young Bull Bear

You put it in a oven, the time is 2 hours, the temperature is 67 degrees F. And cut the plastic off, get a pan and put it into it and put it on the rack. Gently push it in the oven. And stuff it and then eat it.
By Jesse Shangreaux

Put it in the oven, put the time up to two in temperature. And get it out and chop it up. If you don't know how go to your mom or dad, and put it in the pan and eat it on Thanksgiving and put it on the table.
By Yvonne Loafer

Pejuta Haka College offers early registration

KYLE - Beginning Nov. 12, Pejuta Haka staff will be on hand to advise and help students to register for the 2008 Spring Oglala Lakota College semester.

If you are a new student, call the college center at 455-2450 to know what documents you must bring to registration. Returning students are reminded to bring income verification and tax forms and FAFSA Pin number.

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Guest Columnist

An afternoon at Woksape Tipi Academic and public library

By Roseanna Renaud
Special to the Times

I spent several hours online reading up on Elizabeth Cook-Lynn before attending her author presentation at the Oglala Lakota College Library in Kyle on Friday, Nov. 16.

And nothing, as they say, prepared me for the real deal.

A peek at Cook-Lynn's bio reveals that she is a member of the Crow Creek tribe, born in Fort Thompson and raised on the reservation. She is Professor Emerita of English and Native American Studies at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington.

She comes from a family of Lakota politicians - her father and grandfather served on the Crow Creek Sioux tribal council for many years and from Native scholars.

Her grandmother was a bilingual writer for early Christian-oriented newspapers at Sisseton, and a great-grandfather, Gabriel Renville, was a Native linguist instrumental in developing early Dacotah Language dictionaries.

Michelle May, Woksape Director, introduced Cook-Lynn as one of the founding scholars of Native American Studies, her writings reminiscent of Vine Deloria Jr.

And as if on cue, Cook-Lynn stepped to the podium and began reading a tribute to Vine from her 2007 Notebooks of Elizabeth Cook-Lynn, a collection of poems and musings, what she deems casual writings. Her soft words floated over the crowd and ever so gently pulled us in.

Much like televisions' Journeyman, who travels between this time and that, I found myself smack dab in the middle of Nov. 19, 2005, an aptly named Cook-Lynn piece about the day many came together at the Prairie Edge bookstore to pay tribute to Sioux intellectual Deloria "There has been only a handful of scholars in my lifetime who have changed the ways that Indians think of themselves after years of being told we were defeated and vanished."

Cook-Lynn then brought out a large extraordinary black and white historical photograph, 'U.S. Commissioners and Delegations of Sioux Chiefs visiting Washington D.C. Oct 15, 1888'. Each individual in the group was identified at the bottom of the photo.


Elizabeth Cook-Lynn

Cook-Lynn challenged us to think about why the image was important. It was two years after Sitting Bull was shot protesting the illegal allotment system, an emerging Ghost Dance, and the Crook Commission opened land to white settlement.

Cook-Lynn reminds us that no Chief in the photograph signed the land cessation agreement and that perhaps some in the library may be descendants of these Chiefs. "Nothing informs my writing more than this history" she said.

Elizabeth comments that the reservation based community college is "the best idea in 200 years." She moved on to her most recent book, New Indians,Old Wars, and declared, "I write about politics." She is not shy about tackling issues of colonialism or Indian nationalism and proclaims in her book that it is 'the sacred responsibility of every human being to work toward establishing harmony and social justice on earth.' She envisions the training obligation for all Indian Studies programs resting upon two principles, Sovereignty and Indigenousness. "This must encompass everything we do in Indian Studies".

Instead of luxuriating in the West's past glories or accepting the widespread historians' view of it as a shared place, Elizabeth Cook-Lynn argues that the American West should be fundamentally understood as stolen."

After the presentation, I overheard Elizabeth telling an audience member that she was retired from teaching and would never teach again. I reminded her that this was not so. She had just finished teaching us a thing or two. New Indians, Old Wars will make you think about what you thought you already knew. I know I did.

Roseanna Renaud, Oglala Lakota, retired to Martin after 25 years in law enforcement. She developed and taught 'Police and the American Indian Community' curriculum at the Dallas Police Academy and was a volunteer at the Urban Inter-Tribal Center of North Texas. She encouraged the DPD to recognize the American Indian Officer in a specific category instead of 'Other'.

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Words of the 7th Generation

By Anson Black Calf

Good or bad: non-Indians in culture and ceremonies?

'The only thing that matters, is what we pass down to our children.'

We all have seen non-Natives participating in Native ceremonies and culture today. And while some support this for whatever reasons, I'm concerned and wondering is this really good for Native people or is it just leading to further injury?


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Meaning is this just another obstacle that is inhibiting Native people from keeping their cultures alive and passing their languages on to their younger generations?

For myself in thinking about the difference between Native peoples who allow easy entry to non-Natives into their culture, and those who are more protective of it, I see that the Natives, who guard their ancestral ways, hold their language and culture more intact than those who don't guard it as well.

It seems to me that when non-Natives get involved in tribal ways, there are problems with passing the language and culture on to the young people.

I think this reality is a very elusive problem that negatively affects Natives everywhere, especially the ones that don't know much about their peoples' traditions.

And for me I would think when they see their culture seemingly up for grabs to any "wanna be Indian" who hungers for Native spirituality, they could interpret the ways of their ancestors as not having much value or importance to their people.

I would also think this would lead them to even further confusion when they know their people are concerned about keeping the language alive, but at the same time still allow non-Natives to participate in cultural ways.

Because I have never liked the fact that non-Native peoples can easily get involved in some Native cultures, particularly sacred ceremonies, I've often wondered, is there a connection to a people's cultural survival and growth in guarding their cultural ways or not?

The way I see it, keeping in mind Native peoples never had a problem before with passing their Native languages on until non-Native relations began to dilute tradition and promote division, my answer to that question would be, yes!

Ever since I've come to realize the importance of where my blood comes from I've been concerned about this seemingly hard to pin down problem among some Native peoples.

And I've been even more so concerned in recalling some of the stories I've heard from Native and non-Native peoples in the past few years about the Sun Dance.

I have heard everything from Hollywood stars dancing in the Black Hills, to little kids acting like proud roosters learning to dance from their older relatives who look like rodeo clowns parading around with flashy costume additions.

I've heard about people trying to pierce babies that can't even walk or talk yet and have seen "Sioux" sun dances advertised in southern Arizona which attracts picture happy tourists.

In the same state, but in the northern part, I heard a short story about a so called heyoka (Thunder dreamer) who felt up a woman during the water round, and then all the heyokas being angered by his actions, held him down and pierced his behind.

I've seen spirituality turned into "new age" bastard religions by non-Natives and my own people claiming to be "healers" either telling me their powers are authentic or they come from a range of other traditional practices.

And not forgetting to mention the many Natives who have retained the knowledge of their ancestors but would rather cater to non-Indians than their own people, while some feeling content in selling prayers, songs and ceremonies on the reservation, and off the reservation, and in other countries around the world all for money.

I've been on the Internet and have seen "authentic Native ceremonies" advertised for ridiculous amounts of money and have looked at books written by white men and women with made up "Indian" names about White Buffalo Calf Woman and other sacred spiritual matters.

I've read books by "tribal enrolled" authors telling every Native who reads his book that we as Natives must teach the white man how to treat the earth by welcoming all non-Natives with open arms into our ancestral ways.

And all the while I cannot forget that this is only the tip of the iceberg.

We as Native people coming from whatever tribe or band or nation, having very rich culture that goes a long way back in time, have attracted many non-Natives who want to get involved in our culture and pretend to be "Indian."

We as distinct peoples and nations cannot survive without a culture, which is our beliefs, principles and way of life through our customs, practices, and social behavior. If we continue to allow non-Natives to participate in our ways, our unique cultures will slowly become more watered down by outside "mainstream" influence as time goes by. What will our future hold for us then?

Culture is vital for societies to be healthy and language and tradition is what keeps the culture strong and holds it together.

And being that the future of Native people is in the hands of their youth I think those who allow the intrusion of non-Natives into their peoples' culture, need to ask and seriously listen to the opinions of their young people about this issue and other issues.

Because the only thing that matters in this physical world is what we are going to pass down to our children.

Anson Black Calf, Sicangu/Navajo, is 27-years old and temporally lives in southern California with his wife Angelina and child. Every summer, he comes back to Lakota country to be a part of the renewing ways. Soon his family plans to make South Dakota their home.

Letters to the Editor

North Dakota's first meeting with Standing Rock vets on the logo

Dear Editor:

I'm absolutely amazed with how University of North Dakota's first meeting with Standing Rock tribal veterans group was conducted.

In the beginning of the meeting there was no set forum or agenda, and the floor was open for questions directed toward Native American students here at UND. In my eyes no respect was paid to the veterans and elders who attended the meeting. If Mr. Hodgson took some time and cultured himself to how we respect and honor our veterans and elders he would have a better understanding in how we communicate culturally in meetings.

One of the veterans stood up and said, " In our meetings we offer a prayer before we start" and he began to pray. This is a perfect example of how UND does not respect or honor us by using the logo.

The meeting was full of racism, harassment, and embarrassment testimonies that

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Guest Columnist

Badlands boy



David Rooks

Last Sunday at 7 a.m. I met my Dad in front of his apartment. The rose hued dawn and still air spoke well of that November day. Good prospects. I had planned and waited some time for it. Dad's 85 now, and you never know.

Down to Oglala we hopped on the old fire road and made our way to Manderson. As with most elders it wasn't long and the old stories were percolating. By the time we crossed Cuny table and passed Cedar Butte we were knee-deep in Rez lore from the 1920s, 30s and 40s.

Just as I planned.

At Interior, the memory was a cattle drive. It was 1935 and Eugene Rooks, aka: Badlands Boy, was all of 13 years old. Looking across the White River I well imagined the scene. Longhorn cattle splashing across the brown water. Busy and near full sets of corrals near the railhead. I imagined, too, that 13 year old half asleep that night under late September stars, hearing the soft snorts of drowsy horses and the light tinkle of some piano playing in a yellow lit window off in the distance.

It was another time. After the cattle drive, pop took his summer wages and hitchhiked to Pine Ridge to boarding school. It took two days. He said he made pretty good time.

As for boarding schools, apparently he'd spent some time in just about all of them. From Rapid City Indian School to Oglala Community School to Holy Rosary Mission. Like many others, he also ran away from them a time or two.

At St. Francis, where he graduated high school, his stories were about the boxing team. Back then every school had one and the "manly art" was at least as popular as basketball. Hard to imagine, but true apparently.

As he spoke, a vivid picture materialized. In the old playroom at Holy Rosary big square plaster pillars held the ceiling up.

I saw ropes stretched across them to create a ring. Two skinny Lakota boys, dukes up, circling each other. All their dorm mates yelling for their fighter. A light smoke hanging in the air. Yep, like something from an old Cagney movie.

Different times.

By the time we neared Bear in the Lodge Creek near Wanblee it was early afternoon. Down along that creek, known mostly now as Bear Creek, is where Dad grew up. He grew a little quieter.

Try as we might, and kind of like old memories sometimes, there was no way in. Thanks to kind help from a longtime local rancher named Fogelsang, we were able to approach a bluff overlooking the location of his boyhood home.

It was his stepmother, Nellie Standing Bear's allotment, and Dad spoke lovingly of her. Down below, no buildings, not even an old trail came to sight.

After some time, we moved on.

There are many beautiful spots around Pine Ridge but few to match that one. Fashioned by time, rugged, various, timeless. Like the Lakota people themselves.

If you haven't done it yet, and there's still a chance, you might want to approach your Mom or Dad and say: "Hey, you want to go for a drive." You won't regret it.

David Rooks is an old mush eater, class of 1974. He lives near Hot Springs where he and his wife are raising their sxi kids. He also coaches the Hot Springs High School varsity soccer team. You can contact him at: lakinst@gwtc.net.



Notes From Indian Country

By Tim Giago

Thanksgiving was the only holiday they celebrated



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Rupert and Jeannette Costo, now both deceased, celebrated only one national holiday and that was Thanksgiving Day.

Rupert, a member of the Cahuilla Band of Indians of California, and Jeanette, an Eastern Cherokee, were the publishers of the Indian Historian Press of San Francisco, a publishing house dedicated to publishing authors of Native American heritage.

Both were historians of note when it came to the First Americans. They had researched all of the tales of how Thanksgiving came to be and dismissed these stories as so much rubbish. Growing up, Rupert had witnessed the unfolding of these untruths every year as the teachers told and retold the story of how Thanksgiving came to be. He witnessed the white children putting cardboard feathers in their hair, painting their faces, and trying to pretend they were Indians. To Rupert, it was an insult.

Jeanette was raised in the East and early on she realized that she felt uncomfortable with the school events leading up to Thanksgiving Day. Over dinner one year she said, "The other children knew that I was Indian and when they donned their Thanksgiving costumes they would circle around me making those 'whoooo, whoooo' sounds by cupping their hands over their mouths just like they had seen it done in the movies. To me it was not only disgusting but it was also frightening." She said that one time she went home in tears and asked her father why the kids were so cruel to Indians.

But Rupert and Jeannette both agreed that they had much to be thankful for. They had been together for more than 40 years. They had built a successful publishing house and at one time had published the only national Indian newspaper, Wassaja, in America. It was a monthly paper that distributed as many as 60,000 papers each month. They had also given many aspiring Indian authors a chance to see their works published.

And so they decided that Thanksgiving was the only holiday they would ever celebrate.

I met Rupert and Jeanette in the early 1970s we became friends. I handed them a shoebox full of poems I had written over the years and that is how the small book of poetry, The Aboriginal Sin, came to be.

The Costos always invited their published authors to their Thanksgiving dinners in San Francisco. I made it there almost every year in the late 1970s and 1980s. One year I took my daughter Denise, and another year my son Timmy, and one year my grandson Michael. One year my Cherokee friend and fellow journalist, Leta Rector, showed up for the day of festivities. It was a wonderful way to renew old friendships and to participate in deep and invigorating conversation.

The chef at the famous Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco always catered their Thanksgiving Day dinners. It was a day of feasting and the different dishes just kept on coming throughout the afternoon.

Jack Norton, the author of Genocide in Northern California, was always there and we became good friends. Adolph Dial, the author of The Only Land I Know, was there one year and he talked about the people of the Lumbee Nation, a tribe that has been fighting for federal recognition for more than 30 years.

Rupert died in 1989 and Jeanette held only a few more dinners after his death. She had a stroke in November of 2000, a stroke from which she never recovered. I flew out to San Francisco and sat at her bedside, but she was in a deep coma. She eventually returned to her beautiful home on Masonic Street to recuperate. She never did. She died in her sleep in April of 2001.

Every year at Thanksgiving time I get nostalgic and think about San Francisco and long to celebrate this one holiday with my friends and then I remember that they are both gone. I miss Rupert and Jeanette, the wonderful dinners, the good wine and above all, the conversation that flowed like the waters of Yosemite around that dinner table.

All of the books they published, their magazine "The Indian Historian" and their children's magazine, "The Wee Wish Tree," can be found at the University of California at Riverside. Rupert had a "Chair" named in his honor at UCR and the Costo Library at UCR is a wonderful place to do research for anyone interested in Indian history.

Rupert and Jeanette detested the myth of Pilgrims and Indians. They were thankful for their many friends and for the changes they brought to Indian country. I am thinking about following in their footsteps and hosting an annual Thanksgiving dinner for longtime literary friends and to pick up where Jeanette and Rupert left off. Maybe next year. Watch for my invitations.

(Tim Giago, an Oglala Lakota, was born, raised and educated on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in the Class of 1991 and founder of The Lakota Times and Indian Country Today newspapers. He founded and was the first president of the Native American Journalists Association. He can be reached at najournalist@msn.com).

Rosebud Casino
Christmas Joy

UND logo controversy *from page A4*

Native American student have endured during their studies here at UND.

The majority of Native American students were against the logo, with a few for the logo.

There is more to us then teepees and Indian tacos and if UND would take some time knowing who we are and where we came from and how we respect and honor our culture then this fight with the logo may have been over a long time ago.

We are Native Americans, but we come from different reservations and we are very different from one another, UND needs to quit trying to make one big pot of soup out of us.

I'm very much against the logo, but I'm more worried about other students and the effects that it has academically.

I know that the logo has totally taken over my educational goals here at UND. It is not fair that UND has not offered any service or focus groups to help us move forward. I came here not knowing anything about the logo and had no plans on wanting to know anything, but eventually fans and community members for the logo say derogatory and racist remarks toward my children and me and then you find yourself right in the middle.

I CANNOT WAIT THREE MORE YEARS, I will be dropping from UND and have no plans on coming back.

Partly because of the logo and the other part because UND doesn't have the Native American students as a priority during this 50 year fight on the logo. The debate on the logo is alive and breathing, people don't think anything is going on and that we are in the wrong. Every time the arising of court settlements or protest, things get worse for Native American students that are for and against the logo. Mr. Hodgson should be facilitating meetings with students and not just with Native American students; this is just not an Indian thing.

My advice to the tribes is that the University of North Dakota could not offer any monies to compensate for all the physical, emotional and spiritual distress they have bestowed on the Native American students for the past 50 years.

EVEN WHEN THE NON-INDIANS TOOK OUR LAND IT DIDN'T TAKE 5O YEARS!! THE FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT THE WASTE OF MONEY SPENT ON PROTECTING THE LOGO.

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Chadron opens season with loss

Busch leads team in scoring, rebounding

CHADRON – Todd County graduate, Sunni Busch, just starting her sophomore season with Chadron State College, was eight of 12 from the field and five for five from the free throw line for a team leading 21 points but it wasn't enough as Southwest Minnsota State University downed Chadron State 72-54 Saturday night in Chadron in the opener for both schools.

Busch led her team on the boards as well with seven rebounds. It was a six point game at the half, the Mustangs were up 32-26 at the break and continued to pull away in the second half.

CSC travels tgo Nebraska-Kearney for a two day event taking on Upper Iowa on Friday and playing Kansas Newman on Saturday.

The following weekend, Chadron State will be in Rapid City to play South Dakota School of Mines on Friday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. and in Spearfish to play Black Hills State Saturday Dec. 1 at 5:30 p.m.



Chadron State's Sunni Busch looks to pass while being defended by Southwest Minnesota State University's Abby Oakland during their game Saturday night at Armstrong Gymnasium in Chadron. The Mustangs won, 72-54.

PHOTO BY DANIEL BINKARD

Williston State loses battle to Dawson Community College

On Friday, Bismarck State knocked off Salish Kootenai College 127-97 and Saturday, the Mystics came right back and beat Concordia College JV 110-78 to move their record to 6-1. Little Wound graduate, TJ McCauley, chipped in 15 points, five assists and two rebounds to help the team against SKC. In a limited appearance on Saturday, TJ hit two points with an assist. Bismarck State is at St. Cloud Technical College on Dec. 13 before traveling to Little Big Horn on Jan. 2 and Salish Kootenai on Jan. 3.

Learning to make good use of the time she has on the floor, Tyann Pourier scored eight points and grabbed a rebound in seven minutes on the floor as Bismarck State got by Jamestown College JV 73-67 this past weekend, the next day, BSC downed University of Mary JV 73-50 as Pourier played 12 minutes grabbing one rebound and getting one assist. The BSC women are 5-2 right now and travel to College of St. Benedict on Dec. 13 before taking on Little Big Horn and Salish Kootenai Jan. 2, 3 on the road.

United Tribes struggling to find a rhythm

Tyson Heart, Little Wound graduate, had his best game this year in a losing cause to Little Big Horn College with 16 points and six rebounds in just 16 minurtes on the floor as LBHC knocked off United Tribes 117-105.

Jim Archambault, Standing Rock, had his best game in a United Tribes 106-99 loss to Minot State- Bottineau as he finished with 11 points, 10 rebounds, four assists and four steals. Tribes is 1-5 and starts a four game home stand on Nov. 21 hosting University of Mary JV, Turtle Mountain CC coomes for a game Nov. 29, Little Big Horn Nov. 30 and Jamestown College JV Dec. 1.

Prize Bingo Nov. 25

KYLE - The Pejuta Haka College Center student organization will be sponsoring a Prize Bingo on Sunday, Nov. 25 a 5 p.m. at the Pejuta Haka College Center. Call 455-2450 for more information.

Mayville State struggles in Colorado swing

Laura Big Crow ran into foul trouble against Colorado University-Colorado Springs in southern Colorado, playing only 17 minutes and finishing up with 14 points and four rebounds in a 78-71 loss.

The following night, Adams State and Chadron State were deadlocked at 28 apiece at the half, then Adams State came out in the second and scored seven straight points to take the lead and the momentum of the game for a 61-53 victory.Big Crow tallied 15 points and ten rebounds in 26 minutes on the floor. MSU travels to Marshall, Min. for the SMSU Classic playing Southwest Minnesota State on Friday and Northern State on Saturday. The Lady Comets opened the season with three straight wins but now have three straight losses for a 3-3 record.

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Notice is hereby given that Dakota Plains Legal Services (DPLS) will be holding an election for the position of client board member to sit on the DPLS Board of Directors. The DPLS Board of Directors is responsible for setting program policy and insuring compliance with all federal regulations governing the operation of Dakota Plains Legal Services. The client board member will represent the interests of all prsons eligible to receive legal services in Shannon, Jackson, and Bennett counties.

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Little Giants complete end season 6-1

KYLE - The Little Giants of Kyle played in the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Child Care Midget Pee-Wee Football League that ran from late September to the first week of November. All the football teams played each other every Saturday in Pine Ridge.

The Kyle Giants Pee-Wee football team was coached by Brian Red Owl. Red Owl coached the 7 to 9-year olds and they had a good undefeated season, until the championship round of play-offs. Losing to the Pine Ridge Knights 8-6. The Giants ended the season with a record of a six wins and one lose. "These little players played very well and we are very proud of all of them," said Red Owl. "The parents and teammates of the Giants would like to thank Pigeon Jack and the staff of the OST Child Care for giving us the opportunity for an excellent and exciting season. This Little League Pee-wee Midget Football season has given the children confidence for any sport.



Back row L-R: Skylar Faubion, Shadow Red Owl, Brycee Red Owl, Ty Apple, Sayvon Mesteth, Etan Running Shield, John Reddy, Brylee Red Owl, Keane Pretty Weasel
Front row L-R: Jaytin Top Bear, Jacey Eagle Heart, Tyrone Pourier, Jesse Red Feather, Tolin Gregg, Tayshawn Long Soldier, Eddy Jumping Eagle (not Pictured) Severt Long Soldier
Coach Bryan Red Owl.

The Little Giants cheerleaders were Marissa Zimiga, Emma Quick Bear, Tyrees Red Owl, Bryanna Red Owl, Shakayla Faubion, Alyssa Pretty Weasle, Summer Montileaux.

American Horse School administration selected for Turnaround Specialist Program

ALLEN - Bureau of Indian Education established a contract with the Virginia School Turnaround Specialist Program located at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va.

The Virginia School Turnaround Specialist Program began at the University of Virginia to support and expand the professional training for school principals.

American Horse School administration Gloria J Coats-Kitsopoulos, principal/reading specialist; Jodi Richards, middle school team geader/Gear-Up coordinator and Josephine Brewer, primary team leader/Exceptional Education coordinator were selected by the BIA to receive this prestigious training held at the University of Virginia Darden Business School over two consecutive summers.

Instruction is delivered by Darden/Curry faculty members and select members in the field of turnaround management. The training includes best practices for business and education turnarounds, personal leadership, leading and sustaining transformations, communications and conflict, database decision-making and leveraging resources.

As part of the Virginia Governor's Education for a Lifetime initiative, the program teaches school administrators proven business management skills, places them in charge of persistently low-performing schools, and works with local divisions to give these new principals expanded power to help turn their school around.



(l-r) Jody Richards, Gloria Coats-Kitsopoulos and Josephine Brewer.
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The program focuses on leadership challenges, strategic change, decision making, communications, and partnering. It offers the opportunity for school administers to earn a professional credential in educational turnaround management.

Coats-Kitsopoulos, Richards and Brewer are committed to strategic, data-driven results- oriented academic curriculums and instruction. These administrators are able to demonstrate success at mobilizing resources and motivating people to elevate student achievement in a time compressed manner.

"Our education leaders need the support of a community effort to overcome adversity in many of our troubled schools," Warner said. VSTSP is designed to raise student achievement by focusing on the characteristics of high-performing organizations, personal leadership qualifications, turnaround leadership skills and the development of school turnaround plans.

To date, there have been four cohort sessions, the first cohort was administrators from the state of Virginia, the second was administrators from Philadelphia and Bowden County Florida schools, the third cohort was administrators from Chicago Public School System and the fourth cohort was attended by the administration staff from American Horse School, two BIE schools in North Dakota and the Louisiana Public School System.

Coats-Kitsopoulos, Richards and Brewer received one week of training in July of this year and will receive on-site coaching from the cadre of the VTSP during the 2007-08 school year, with additional sessions in January and July of 2008.

Norma Tibbitts, the Pine Ridge Education line officer, also attended the training with the AHS staff and will assist the AHS administration with the implementation program at the school.

Coats-Kitsopoulos said that the key to success of school improvement with the VTSP is parent support for their student's academic achievement. To successfully implement the VTSP at AHS all teachers must embrace focused lessons everyday in math and reading regardless of their specialty of instruction. South Dakota reading and math standards are at the center of each focused lesson and will be the priority of instruction for every grade and every class, every day.

Richards and Brewer as team leaders have the responsibility to insure that all teachers on their team are teaching the daily focused lessons plans in math and reading, to increase student academic achievement.

LNI weekend giveaway raffle

KYLE - A $500 LNI Weekend Giveaway Raffle is being sponsored by the Little Wound High School Senior Class. The package, for lodging, meals, and tickets to games will be sold at $10 per chance or three chances for $25. There will be two winners and they will be responsible to purchase their own motel rooms and LNI tickets with their winnings. The raffle will be held at the first LWS boys basketball game on Friday, Dec. 7. Winners need not be present to win.

Wounded Knee School 8th grade benefit

Wounded Knee School District Eighth grade class will sponsor a Pancake Supper and Bingo on Wednesday, Dec.5 in the Wounded Knee District School gym. The event will begin at 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. with Pancake Plates for $4. Please come and support the 8th grade of WKDS, but please, no loitering.

LNI Boxing Tournament deadline extended

RAPID CITY - The Lakota Nation Invitational Boxing Tournament 2007 has extended the deadline for entries until Dec. 2.

Fighters are invited to participate but must be registered with USA Boxing.

The tournament is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. Awards will be jackets, trophies, and medals donated to the team with most wins. Outstanding Junior/Senior Fighter, Best Show, Male/Female, Team, and Travel Trophies. For more information contact Chissie Spencer at 605-455-6364.

A list of fighters age, weight, and experience can be sent to Chissie at chissie44@hotmail.com. No late entries will be accepted.



Pahin Sinte Owayawa celebrates Children's Book Week

PORCUPINE - Porcupine School celebrated Children's Book Week during the week of Nov. 12-16. The event, in its 88th year, is promoted by The Children's Book Council. The CBC encourages communities and schools to create their own unique celebrations. For more information go to: www.cbcbooks.org.

At Porcupine School, there were student book drawings for each classroom. There were also classroom library book drawings for each pod and a staff book drawing to promote interest in classic and newly released books. The emphasis was on enjoyment and relaxation of reading. The culminating event was a Book Week Party in the library featuring literacy themed treats, activity books, a read-aloud, stickers, and Charlotte's Web movie. The K-1 class won the drawing for the party. The events were coordinated by the Deanna Bissonette, librarian and Misty Clifford, literacy coach.

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Thanksgiving Sobriety Dance
Saturday, Nov. 24 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mother Butler Center in Rapid City with Country Charm.

Heart of the Rez Boxing
Saturday, Nov. 24 at Little Wound School in Kyle, weigh-ins 12 noon, physicals 3 p.m. matching 4 p.m. and bouts starts 5 p.m., sanctioned by USA Boxing, for information call George at 455-2274 or Arlo at 455-6226.

Meth Awareness Walk
5th Annual Meth Awareness Walk and Gathering in memory of Chantel Wilson with four direction walk, Saturday, Nov. 25 at four way in Pine Ridge at 11 a.m. with a meal to follow at Billy Mills Hall or Rev. John Two Bulls church, everyone invited to join us, a universal prayer will be offered for all of our youth and families, for more information Carole at 341-6640, Alycia at 867-5696 or Danelle at 441-0602.

Volunteer Fire Department
Informational public meeting on the Pine Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, Monday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. at the BIA Fire Control office in Pine Ridge, for more information call Fred at 867-5635 or Fire Control at 867-5396.

Memorial Mass
For Fr. Bill Paul Thursday, Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge, for information call Charles 867-5551.

Scrubs Camp
Health career exploration camp at the Oglala Lakota College nursing department in Pine Ridge on Friday, Nov. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. sponsored by SD departments of Education and Health, registration needs to be completed by Nov. 16, for information call Deb or Judy at 867-5856.

OST Council Special Session
Friday, Nov. 30 at 9 a.m. in the council chambers of the Red Cloud building in Pine Ridge for a hearing on Don Garnier, council representative from Pine Ridge village and Education Committee honoring, for information call Elizabeth at 867-5821, Ext. 268.

Community Meeting
For parents, grandparents and guardians of children attending Loneman School at the gym, Friday, Nov. 30 at 1 p.m.; a meal will be served before the meeting, door prizes, bus pick up, for information call 455-6875.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
Grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1 at Batesland School sponsored by Rockyford and Batesland from Shannon County Schools and Wednesday, Dec. 19 in Rapid City sponsored by Wolf Creek School, Red Shirt Community School and Shannon County Schools, Friday, Jan. 25 at Pine Ridge School; for information call 867-5174.

40+ Loneman Legend Basketball Challenge
Saturday, Dec. 1, double elimination, a fundraiser for Loneman students, for information call Bill 455-6875 or 455-6907.

Memorial Pool Tournament
Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2 in memory of Phil Red Owl at the Swett Tavern starting at 12 noon sharp, for information call Erik at 441-4364 or 308 862-6326 or Kristy at 441-5785.

13th Annual Cougar Classic
Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2 at South and West Middle school gyms in Rapid City for grades 4,5,6,7 & 8, for information call Brad or Mike.

Fundraiser League
Starts Sunday, Dec. 2 at the Veteran's gym in St. Francis, ten men's and six women's team basketball league, all league games on Sunday, for information call Merle 208-2607 or 747-2201.

Pancake Supper and Bingo
Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. in Manderson at the Wounded Knee District School gym come support the eighth graders.

Arts and Crafts Market
Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sinte Gleska University multi-purpose building in Mission, for information contact Leo at 856-8127, Kim at 856-8221 or Chris at 856-4236.

Kiyuksa Holiday Basketball Tournament
Kuyuksa men's basketball tourney, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 27-29 at Little Wound School gym in Kyle, double elimination, cash tournament, or information call Marcel at 455-2690 or 441-1235.

32nd Lakota Nation Invitational
Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 19-22 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, contact Bryan Brewer at Pine Ridge School.

Shannon County Schools speech contest winners listed

BATESLAND - The Shannon County Speech Contest was held Nov. 14 with the following winners listed:

Preschool Finger Plays:

1st: Rockyford- Danaye Mills, Stevi Fallis, Jaron Phelps, Cash Ecoffey

2nd: Batesland- Eden Fanning, Laniah Runnels, Mariah Morrisette, Julia Swan, Irene White Magpie

3rd: Wolf Creek- Ronnie Colhoff, Rylee Colhoff, Cayatona Zephier, Franklin Running Bear, Irving Cottier

Nursery Rhymes ;

1st: Our Lady of Lourdes, Rylie DuPris, Raven Bissonette, Lyric LeBeaux, Jess Knight, Gabriel Sanchez

2nd: Rockyford- Malia Fallis, Samantha Belt, Kristina Looks Twice, Jessy Lays Bad, Sioux Kills Back

3rd: Batesland- C.J. Yankton, Donroy Shoulders, Donna Jo Dillon, Kendra Swan, Sadi Hollow Horn

Finger Plays:

1st: Batesland- Talia Slow Bear, Riley Cross, Wakinyan Little Moon, Rosa Little Bear, Rose Little Thunder

2nd: Batesland- Kauy Bettelyoun, Nevaeh Runnels, Jarren Crow, Mariah Black Calf, Kyle Bettelyoun

3rd: Our Lady of Lourdes- Brady Weston, Jacob Knight, Asa Steele, Carleigh Campbel, Julia Reddest

Memorized Poetry:

1st: Our Lady of Lourdes- Jaden LeBeaux, Jasmine Derby, Jeff Pourier, Clancy Clifford, Emonee Pourier

2nd: Batesland- Koby Morrisette, Akia Winters, Josh Little, Cetan Big Crow

3rd: Porcupine- Danzel Black Bull, Treion Fast Horse, Tasha Hoof, Jeremiah Perez, Tapangah Lays Bad

Acting Out Fables:

1st: Our Lady of Lourdes- DaVeon Provost, Taylor Parisien, Janay Jumping Eagle, Kiana Richards

2nd: Batesland- Joseph Bettelyoun, Dorothy Janis, Annetta Little Bear, Isabella Lefthand, Devonte Hollow Horn

3rd: Rockyford- Samaya Blacksmith, Nikki High Hawk, Maioha Kingi, Terri Dawn Vocu, Oyate Rondeau

Puppetry:

1st: Our Lady of Lourdes- Justin Mesteth, Taylor Cambell, Robert Ferguson, Tacie LeBeaux, Kiya Provost

2nd: Batesland- Ethan Quintana, , Jaycee Lefthand, Daniel Lawrence, Ethan LeMay, Jacob Standing Bear

3rd: Rockyford- Mercy Rondeau, Malena Cross, Kristina Red Owl, Tracey Horse, Bethany Little

Choral Reading:

1st: Batesland- Morgan Pourier,Myranda Pourier, Cody Bettelyoun, JoBeth Morrisette, Eugene Hunts Horse

2nd: Porcupine- Aaron Black Bull, Richard Tall, Bryce Valandra,

3rd: Our Lady of Lourdes- Jamie Chief, Tea LeBeaux, Myriam Alcantar, Bailey Clifford, Ashley Richards

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Ask Anna

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I sure enjoy reading your column and have done so for the past few years.

I hope you can help me with an answer to my son's issue. He abuses alcohol and has done so since he was very young. When he was 17 he was told by a doctor that his liver is damaged. That didn't stop his drinking. As of today, he served time for his second DUI and is currently in treatment. He has underlying issues that he can't seem to get over and says this is why he is drinking. I love my son and want him to get help before anything else happens to him. He is 22 years old.

When he started kindergarten he didn't like school at all. He wanted to stay home and help his grandfather with wood cutting etc., He didn't finish high school as he hung out with the wrong crowd. He dropped out of school in the 11th grade.

Don't get me wrong, he is a nice person, he's gentle with his nieces and other young children. He's a patient man, helpful to his grandmothers, but as soon as he has alcohol in his system, we see another side of him. I have five children and he seems to be the one that keeps me going and worries me more than the other four children.

He knows how to push my buttons, so to speak.

The questions I have are: what does his future look like, will he get his GED ? Find a job? What about his alcoholism?

I know when he returns from treatment, he'll still have all this negativity around him and it just may return to that same environment.

As a mother I want nothing but the best for him and would do anything within my reach to help him. Help!!!

Worried Sick

Dear Worried Sick:

Is there an Al Anon meeting anywhere around? It is not for the alcoholic, but for the people who love the alcoholic.

Your son is doing a pretty good job right now of keeping sober. You are right about his environment, and he does need to change friends.

All of that comes in time. He will, sometime within the next fifteen months or so, get his GED. He will go to a vocational school, probably in Rapid City.

He will struggle with alcohol off and on in his life for quite a while, but he is, at least, aware that he is not pleasant and that he disappoints everyone when he drinks.

It may take a while for him to live soberly, but he is right now on the right track.

Love him and do not allow him in your home if he drinks. Period. Other family members can also abide with this rule.

Do not make it easy for him, do not be an enabler. Just love him, and encourage him to be the true man he really is - thoughtful, loving, kind, gentle, respectful and kind. Eventually, mom, you will be proud of him. Good Luck!

Dear Anna:

I come from a large family. In the last year there have been many hard times. We have had two deaths, three cases of cancer, car wrecks with injuries, losses of jobs, children involved in the court system, alcoholism and its wildness, and every other kind of unhappy and stressful thing happening that anyone can imagine.

I have had a rough time with my work schedule and my own love life. I am constantly "blue" and don't feel very good. I have been diagnosed with a heart problem.

I don't think that God has cursed my family, but I wonder if you see an end to the bad stuff happening. I get depressed because it feels like nothing ever gets any better for very long.

Stressed out on the rez

Dear Stressed:

Life is filled with stress. Everyday challenges erupt around us. Challenges in our money, emotional, physical, work and family lives. It is how you deal with those challenges that determine the quality of your own life. Your own health becomes compromised when you are involved with stress as a lifestyle. I am not telling you that the death of loved ones isn't stressful, or that losing a job isn't stressful, or that questions in your personal love life are not stress full. I can, though, help you to adjust your perspective so that everything doesn't feel as stressful.

For example, when someone you love treats you coldly, you will develop a cold (or when you are criticized at work). When someone is speaking badly about you (gossiping), you will develop back pain.

Problems in communicating with people so that they understand will leave you with a sore throat. Cancer hits the body when the immune system is down - which happens when you are constantly in a state of worry or stress. We all carry cancer cells in our body. They take hold when we are "down." It is important to your health and quality of life to shift your perspective in order to reduce stress.

How do you do that? The most complete answer comes in one word: faith. Know that everything is in Divine Order. Know that other people's problems are part of their life journey and that they are often just stumbling blocks on the path to wisdom. Know that you create your own reality and draw to yourself that which you believe in the most. If you really know things are okay, then you will see that they are.

If you lose your job, know that it is the wrong job for you, and that another one is on the way that is better. If your relationship doesn't work out, know that the freedom that is presented to you is the best thing for you. Have faith that you are in charge of your life. If you don't trust yourself to take good care of yourself, see the evidence around you that you are taking good care of yourself and that you are qualified. The inability to accept your own ability to take good care results in control issues of others. This adds a lot of stress, since others will not be controlled.

Some great person said that "fear is the devil's wedge." It always creates radical response. When you are in fear, it works like a magnet, and fearful things happen. Shift your response to outside influence.

When something that is uncomfortable happens ask yourself how can this be in Divine Order? Then take the God perspective. See how your nephew's going to jail could be the best thing for all. Perhaps it will save his life. Perhaps it will influence others in a positive way. Perhaps it will keep him and his family members safe.

Everyone calls to themselves life challenges. When they happen, take a breath, release yourself from fear, and decide that you can cope, and you do have the patience to see how it works out in the long run.

If your job provides you with too much stress (unfulfillment), then begin to make a plan to change that. If you don't know how, then wait and see what opportunity God will provide you. Don't close doors on opportunities for change.

Live in the moment. This does not mean don't make a plan for the future, but it does mean to enjoy this moment NOW. Don't live in the misery of yesterday, or the possibilities of misery in the future. Breath now, be thankful now, enjoy the company you are in now, stay centered right now. This is the moment you have - live it fully.

Stress causes death. It opens the door to illness and depression. It takes you out of living and places you in the jeopardy of pain. In the 1950's when most women didn't work, all the men seemed to die of cancer and heart problems. A lot of men made it just to retirement - then they died. They were stressed out.

Nowadays, women have joined the workforce and the death force. They are stressed out.

By the way, I see you learning to cope. I see you adjusting to live in the moment. I see you having compassion for your relatives, but at the same time, knowing that their problems are part of their soul enriching journey.

I see you making a change in your work - not changing jobs, but leaving work at work when you go home and living in the moment in the evening with your family.

I see you finally coming to terms with the man you love and things working out.

These are all things that you are doing, by knowing that is the way they will work out. Faith dear one, Faith.

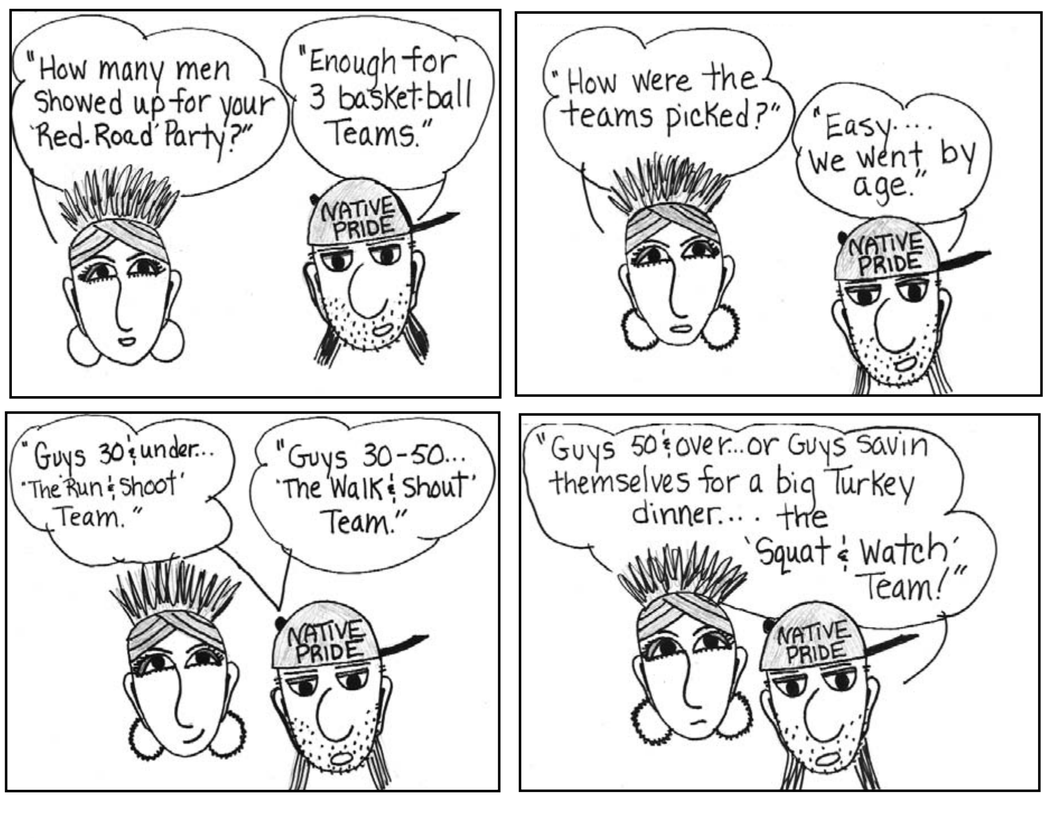
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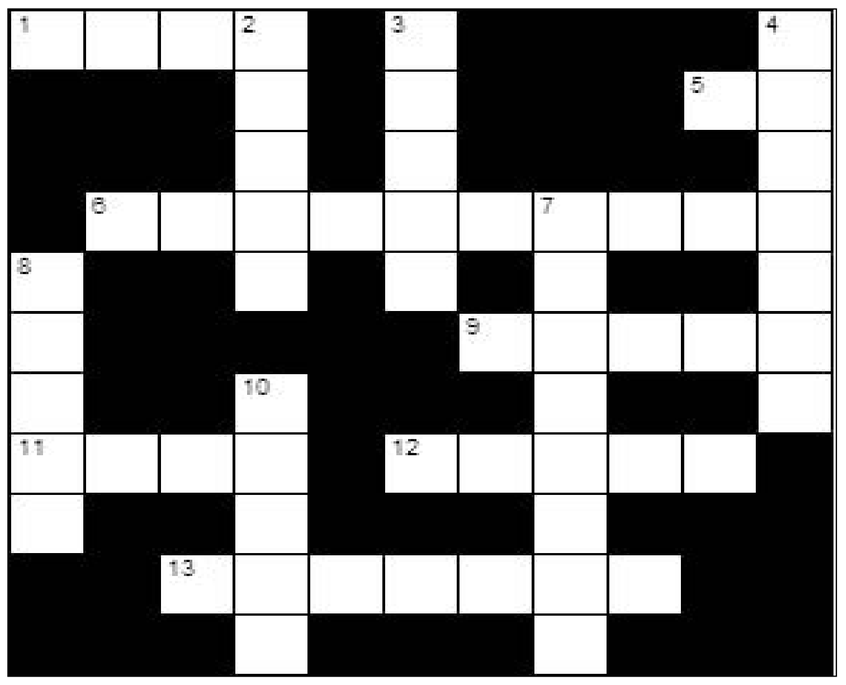
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5. foot
6. nine
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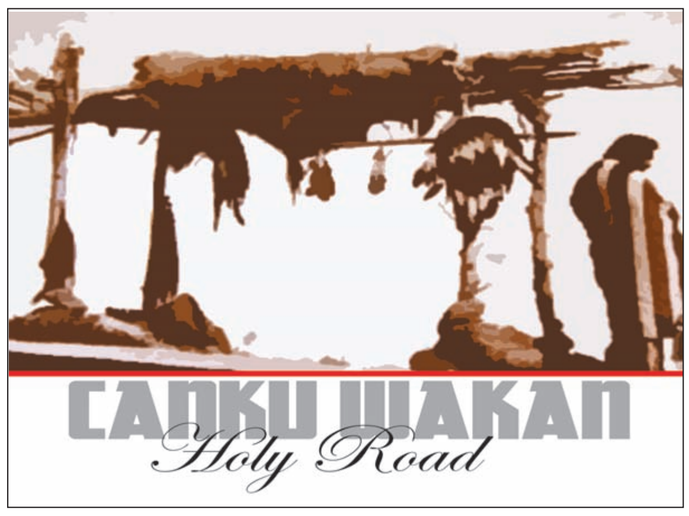
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~Seymour Rouillard, III~

ALLEN - Seymour Rouillard III, 19 died on Nov. 16 at Allen. Survivors include parents Seymour and Carol Rouillard, Jr., of Allen; brothers Gerald Rouillard, Antoine Rouillard and Spencer Rouillard all of Allen; sisters Antoinette Rouillard of Allen and a special nephew Tristan Rouillard of Allen.

A two night was Tuesday, Nov. 20 at American Horse School, at Allen.

Funeral Services will be 10 a.m., Thursday, at American Horse School Rev. Rhoda Mesteth officiating.

Internment will be at Inestimable Gift Episcopal Cemetery, Allen.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

~Gerilyn F. Martin~

RAPID CITY - Gerilyn F. Martin, 49, died Nov. 16 in an auto accident at Rapid City. Survivors include sons Jesse Country, Yakima, Wash.; Kit Collins, Rapid City; brothers Dave Martin, Red Shirt; Manuel Martin, Oglala; George Martin,Tacoma, Wash.; Darrell Martin, Sr., Melvin Martin, and Kenny Returns of Pine Ridge; Tony Martin, Porcupine; Francis Martin, Sr., Slim Buttes; Mike Tyon, Hot Springs; sisters Marilyn Martin and Henrietta Martin of Red Shirt, Arletta Weasel Bear and Beulah Matson, Of Aberdeen, Wash.; Lema Martin, Pine Ridge, Yvonne Martin, Hot Springs; Carmel Vegas, Reno, Nev.; Margaret Tyon, Denver, Colo.; Linda Roper, Rapid City;

A one- night wake begins Friday, Nov. 23 at Br. Rene' Catholic Hall, Oglala.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, at Br. Rene' Catholic Hall Sr. Connie Schmidt officiating.

Burial will be at St. Bernard's Catholic Cemetery, Red Shirt.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

~Michael J. Red Cloud~

MANDERSON - Michael J. Red Cloud, one day old infant, died Nov. 16 at Sanford Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Michael is survived by his parents John Red Cloud and Latoya Hollow Horn of Manderson; maternal grandfather Reginald Hollow Horn, Mandersonl paternal grandparents Michelle Red Cloud and Michael Bisonette of Manderson.

A one night wake service was Tuesday, Nov. 20 at St. Agnes Catholic Hall, Manderson.

Funeral were Wednesday, Nov. 21 at St. Agnes Catholic Hall Ms. Roberta Spencer officiating.

Internment was at St. Agnes Catholic Cemetery, Manderson.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~Wilma R. Last Horse~

KYLE - Wilma R. Last Horse, 52, Kyle, died Wednesday, Nov. 14 at the Bennett County Health Care Center in Martin. Survivors include her husband, Delano Featherman Sr., Kyle; three sons, Cornelius Last Horse, Ruben Featherman and Delano Featherman Sr., all of Kyle; two daughters, Gertrude Featherman-Bull Bear and Vivian Last Horse, both of Kyle; two brothers, Wayne High Hawk, Porcupine, and Renzel Last Horse Sr., Kyle; four sisters, Maureen Last Horse, Beverly Black Feather, Joyce Last Horse and Delphine Last Horse, all of Kyle; and 15 grandchildren.

A two night wake services was Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Last Horse residence in Kyle. Funeral services were Monday, Nov. 19, at the Last Horse residence, with the Rev. Lyle Noisy Hawk Sr. and the Rev. Craig West officiating.

Traditional Lakota services were by Wilmer Mesteth and Chief Keith Horse Looking.

Burial was at St. Barnabas Episcopal Cemetery in Kyle. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~Steven Tobacco, Sr.~

CHEYENNE, WYO. - Steven Tobacco, Sr., 28, died Nov. 16 at Cheyenne, Wyo. He is survived by a son Steven Tobacco, Jr. of Sydney, Neb. step son Richard Cadayso, Sydney, Neb.; mother Mary Sitting Holy, Bridgeport, Neb.; step father Robert Mills, Sr., Bridgeport; brother Archie Tobacco, Bridgeport, Neb.; sisters Kelly Landrum Cheyenne, Wyom.; Holly Ann Sitting Holy, Chadron, Neb.

A one night started Tuesday, Nov. 21 at the Wakkamni CAP Office, Wakpamni;

Funeral services were Wednesday, at the Wakpamni Office with Mr. Paul Bissonette and Mr. Eli Tail officiating.

Burial was at Advent Chapel Episcopal Cemetery, Calico.

Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~Bernadette R. Tuttle~

PORCUPINE - Bernadette R. Tuttle, 68, died Nov. 15 at the Avera-McKenna Hospital, Sioux Falls of natural causes.

Survivors include sons Wayne Tuttle, Thomas Tuttle, and Duane Tuttle of Rapid City; Justin Tuttle and Warren Tuttle of Sioux Falls; Charlie Badger of Porcupine; daughters: Carol Tuttle and Cheryl Tuttle of Sioux Falls; sisters Evelyn Big Owl of Porcupine; Bertha Fox of Lead and 33 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Two night wake was Nov. 19 at Fr. Bill Pauly Catholic Hall at Porcupine

Funeral services were Wednesday, Nov. 21 at Fr. Bill Pauly Catholic Hall Mr. Alton Mousseau officiating.

Interment was at St. Alban's Episcopal Cemetery, Porcupine

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

~Jody Red Kettle~

WANBLEE - Jody Red Kettle, 42, Wanblee, died Friday, Nov. 16 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include three brothers, Joseph Red Kettle, Wisconsin, Narcisse Red Kettle, Corn Creek, and Donroy Red Kettle, Wanblee; two sisters, Mary Red Kettle, Rosebud, and Jennifer Red Kettle, Tulsa, Okla.

Two night wake services were Nov. 18, at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the school, with Richard Lee officiating.

Burial was at Gethsemane Episcopal Cemetery in Wanblee. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~Doris M. Eagle~

PINE RIDGE - Doris M. Eagle, 71, Pine Ridge, died Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Pine Ridge Hospital.

Survivors include two sons, Leon Janis Sr. and Darrell Eagle, both of Pine Ridge; four daughters, Darla Eagle and Dorothy Eagle, both of Pine Ridge, Carol Lewis, Tempe, Ariz., and Joann Black Feather, Phoenix; one brother, Oliver Janis Jr., Wanblee; 28 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

A wake service was Monday, Nov. 19, at Sacred Heart Catholic Hall in Pine Ridge.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Nov. 20, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with the Rev. Steve Sanford officiating. Burial was at the Spotted Bear Family Cemetery in Denby. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~Joseph B. Swift Bird Sr.~

PINE RIDGE - Joseph B. Swift Bird Sr., 86, Pine Ridge, died Thursday, Nov. 15 at Pine Ridge Hospital. Survivors include two sons, Louis Swift Bird, Rapid City, and Joseph Swift Bird Jr., Bismarck, N.D.; two daughters, Wanda Barrett, Sioux Falls, and Julia Little Hawk, Pine Ridge; 29 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Two night wake services were Monday, Nov. 19, at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Nov. 21, at the hall, with the Rev. Steve Steed officiating, with traditional Lakota services by Wilmer Mesteth. Burial will be at the Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

Sioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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AMELIA BARR

The family of Sharon Lenora Bowman extends heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for all that offered prayers, words of encouragement, and support in the time of our grief and sorrow in her passing. We would like to say Thank You all for all the flowers, food, gifts, and support offered during the time of Sharon's wake and funeral services. We would like to thank the St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Wanblee with Fr. Rick Abert, SJ, all attending clergymen, as well as the pastoral team. A special thank you goes to Sharon's relatives and clan members from Ft. Berthold ND in attendance. Thank you to the Crazy Horse School in Wanblee for the use of the building. Great gratitude is extended to The Three Affiliated Tribes of Ft. Berthold ND for the monetary support, as well as the Eagle Nest District, the OST Housing and the OST Tribe. Thank you to all the Pall Bearers, Honorary Pall Bearers, Singers and Drum Groups. A special prayer of gratitude goes out to all in attendance. All those extended family and friends too numerous to mention that supported and helped us during this time, thank you for caring.

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- VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- Sociology and Psychology Instructor- Open until filled
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Little Wound School
Kyle, South Dakota
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11-6-07

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school term:
The following positions are open until filled:

High School Dept.
Math Teacher(1)
P.E Teacher

Middle School Dept.
P.E Teacher
Lakota Language Teacher
Custodian (Closes 11-21-07)

Elementary Dept.
P.E. Teacher
Counselor

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OTHER DEPARTMENTS
Special Education Teachers
Extra-duty positions Open until filled (4)

High School 1)Girls Golf Coach 2)Wrestling Coach
Middle School 3)Boys BB Coach 4)Student Council
Elementary:

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call (605) 455-6175 or 455-6178.
www.lws.k12.sd.us

Five (5) Board of Trustees Positions for Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety

The Oglala Sioux Tribal Council is taking applications for five (5) Department of Public Safety ("OST-DPS") Board of Trustee positions because of recent revisions to the OST-DPS charter. The primary responsibility of the five (5) member Board of Trustees is to serve as the head of OST-DPS and shall approve policies for the department.The Board of Trustees shall work in conjunction with the Chief of Police who shall approve policies for the department. The Board of Trustees shall work in conjunction with the Chief of Police who shall oversee the day-to-day operation of OST-DPS consistent with applicable policies. Board stipend payments shall not exceed $1,500.00 per Trustee per year. All Board of Trustees must be:

1. Enrolled members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe who have resided within the original boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for not less than one year;
2. Over the age of 30;
3. Free of any pending criminal charges in any court;
4. Free from any felony convictions during their lifetime;
5. Free from any misdemeanor or tribal court convictions in the last 5 years;
6. Must never have been convicted of Domestic Violence.
7. Must submit a drug trest (Mandatory).
8. A person who has no immediate family member, (defined to be: a spouse, common-law partner, child or parent) working for the OST-DPS;
9. A member of the board may not serve on the Tribal Council, an OST District Committee, the Tribal Executive Committee or on any State or County Board or Commission while they are serving as a member of the Board of Trustees, provided, however, that such individuals may serve on other Tribal Boards and entities which do not create a conflict of interest with their duties to OST-DPS.
10. Must submit to all Tribal, State and Federal Background check.

Please request and return your application and attach all required documentation-to the Oglala Sioux Tribal Secretary at:

Oglala Sioux Tribe, Secretary/Elizabeth Waters
Red Cloud Building, Main Street
P.O. Box 2070
Pine Ridge, South Dakota, 57770.

No applications will be considered that are submitted later than
45 DAYS FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2007

You may also request a copy of the revised OST-DPS charter from the Office of Tribal Secretary that describes the significant authorities of the OST-DPS Board of Trustees.

Office of Oglala Sioux Tribal Secretary Elizabeth Waters
PO Box 2070 - Pine Ridge, SD 57770 Phone: 605-867-5821 Ext. 268

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MINUTES

Little Wound School Board
Regular Meeting
October 1, 2007

School Board Members Present: Linda May, Janice Richards, Evertte Janis, Archie Hopkins, Taylor Little Whiteman
School Board members Absent:
School Board members Excused:
Others Present: Linda Hunter, Dorothy Thunder Bull, Paula Pourier, Terry Albers, Delores Pourier, Charles Clifford, Anne Montileaux, Matilda Montileaux, Kathy Montez, Agnes Gay, OSEC Rep., Ron Shangreaux, Carla No Neck, Justina Setella One Horn.

WOCHEKIYE: Given by Ted Rowland
CALL MEETING TO ORDER: @ 6:05pm
PUBLIC CONCERNS:
Matilda Montileaux:
* Concerned about the pay scale for the teachers, feels that they should be considered for cost of living increase.
* Lunch Break, Open campus, concerned of students getting into cars.
* Cut in pay for leaving Little Wound School
* Feel that the teachers are not appreciated here.
Kathy Montez:
" Compliant on the Little Wound School SRO.
" His actions against a student, verbally and physical abuse.
" There jealousy, fighting and gangs amongst the youth
" Very upset with the SRO and feels that he shouldn't be here at the school.
" She will get her lawyer involved.
" Would like an answer tonight to what the school boards decision would be on her complaint against the SRO.
" Would like him removed from here.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion by Everett Janis, seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve agenda with the addition of ONEC Membership under New Business. VOTE: 2-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
PERSONNEL:
SPECIAL SERVICES:
1. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to offer a contract to Alvon Little Whiteman as Early Intervention Teacher for the 2007-08 SY.
VOTE: 3-for, 1-abstain, 1-absent, motion carried.
HIGH SCHOOL:
1. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer a contract to Ted Sea Brookes as High School P.E teacher for 2007-08 SY.VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent.motion carried.
2. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to advertise for the In-school Suspension Monitor, Hall Monitor for two weeks.
VOTE: 4-for, 1, absent, motion carried.
MIDDLE SCHOOL:
1.Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to continue advertising for the Middle School counselor position for 2007-08 SY. VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, moton carried.
ELEMENTARY:
1. Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to offer a contract to Sheralda Montileaux as student assistant for 2007-08 SY.VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
K-8 EXTRA DUTY:
1. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer an extra duty contract to Hazel Iron cloud as K-5 hand game sponsor.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-absent, motion carried.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the September 10, 2007 special meeting with corrections. VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.
Motion by Everett Janis seconded y Linda May to approve the Budget meeting minutes with correction. VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:
" Over all Plan
" Corrective Action Plan Progress
In- Service during the LNI timeframe
Middle school Smart Word Project
" Working Supper @ 5:00pm
" Wolakota Program (21st Century) Presentation
" Technology Plan Progress
" Sportsmanship Plan
The information from these presentations should keep you informed on a quarterly basis.
OLD BUSINESS:
a. Property, etc. Insurance renewals
Motion by Everett Janis seconded y Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the Professional Underwriters for renewal which expires on 10-8-07. in the amount of $ 79,319.00. VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.
" Premium Summary
Policy
PACKAGE
Property
Crime
Equipment Breakdown
Inland Marine
General Liability
PACKAGE TOTAL
AUTOMOBILE
UMBRELLA
b.Asthma Study
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Everett Janis to approve the Asthma Study Project. VOTE: 4-for,1-excused,motion carried
c.Senior Class
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to accept the senior class report. VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
d. Approval of Taopi Cikala Owayawa Wolakolkiciyapi
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis to table and bring back to the October budget meeting. VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
NEW BUSINESS:
a. Tobacco Youth at Risk
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve. VOTE: 5-for,motion carried.
b. OSEC/ Pilot Program
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the Pilot Program for Middle School. VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
c. SPED
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis to table and bring information back to the October Budget meeting with changes. VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
d. Big Foot Conf.
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to rescind original motion to pull out of the Big Foot Conf. and have the Athletic Director for Middle School check into the amount on the fine and attend Big Foot Conf. meeting. VOTE: 4-for.1-no, motion carried.
e. ONEC Membership
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to table the membership request in the amount of $ 2,500.00 for ONEC and bring back to budget meeting with written documentation from ONEC Chairman. VOTE: 4-for,1-no,motion carried.
CONSULTANTS:
Smart Words / Terry Albers
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to approve the consultant presented by Terry Albers @ $ 9,220.00.VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to adjourn @ 9:40pm
VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.

Little Wound School Board
Budget Meeting
October 15, 2007

School Board Members Present: Linda May, Taylor Little Whiteman, Janice Richards, Archie Hopkins, and Everett Janis
School Board Members Absent:
School Board Members Excused:
Others Present: Linda Hunter, Dorothy Thunder Bull, Delores Pourier, Paula Pourier, Ted Rowland, Dave Hillard,
CALL MEETING TO ORDER: @ 6:10p by Madam Chair, Janice Richards
Archie Hopkins and Everett Janis arrived @6:25pm
WOCHEKIYE: given by Taylor Little Whiteman
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Linda May to approve the agenda with changes. Add under New Business: a. Heating Bids, b. Bid Specs
Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to go into executive session @6:15
Declare to come out of executive session @7:45
PERSONNEL:
Elementary:
1. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to offer Joseph Bissonette a contract for as a Student Assistant for 2007-08 SY.VOTE: 4-for, 1-not voting, motion carried.
2. Motion by Linda May seconded by Archie Hopkins to offer a contract to Judith Carlow as School Nurse for 2007-08 SY. VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
Middle School:
1.Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer Linda Herman a contract as Dean of Students for 2007-08 SY. VOTE: 4-for, 1-not voting, motion carried.
2. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Linda May to offer a contract to Sean Mesteth as Custodian for the 2007-08 SY. VOTE: 4-for, motion carried.
3. Motion by Linda May seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to offer a contract to Peggy Phelps as a Counselor for 2007-08 SY. VOTE: 3-for, 1-against, 1-not voting, motion carried.
4. Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to accept the resignation of Phinette Little Whiteman as Lakota Language Teacher. VOTE: 3-for, 1-
Abstain, motion carried.
5. Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Everett Janis to advertise the Lakota Language Teacher until filled. VOTE: 4-for, 1-abstain, motion carried.

Face:
1. Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Archie Hopkins to accept the resignation of Denise Harris, VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
2. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to approve the transfer of Lynn Hernandez from Special Services to the FACE Parent Educator.
VOTE: 5- for, motion carried.
3. Special Services:
1. Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis to advertise for (2) student assistant positions. VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
FINANCIAL REPORT:
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to accept the Financial Report submitted by Paula Pourier VOTE: 4-for, 1-no, motion carried.
a. Dave Hillard / Merrill Lynch (Report)
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Taylor Little Whiteman to accept the report and approve the two hundred thousand dollar bond in a five year plan.
VOTE: 5-for,0-against,motion carried.
SUPERVISORS REPORT:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Archie Hopkins to accept the supervisors report, and start publishing the principal's report in the paper as of October, 2007.
VOTE: 5-for,0-against,motion carried.
OLD BUSINESS:
a. ONEC
Motion by Linda May seconded by Everett Janis to approve the request to pay the ONEC Membership fee in the amount of $2,500.00 for 07-08SY.
VOTE: 5-for, 0-against, motion carried.
b. Tom Allen / moved to November 2007 meeting
c .Kirk Dirkerson/ Lakota Journal
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Linda May to approve the Lakota /Dakota Journal @his set price guaranteed for the year as stated on contract to become effective Tuesday October 16, 2007.
VOTE: 5-for,0-against,motion carried.
NEW BUSINESS:
a. Heating Bids
Motion by Archie Hopkins seconded by Everett Janis to approve for two tanker loads from Muddy Creek, and to advertise balance.
VOTE: 4-for, 1-abstain, 0-against, motion carried.
b. Bid Specs./Computers
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Everett Janis to approve the request to advertise for 30 computers, VOTE: 5-for,motion carried.
CONSULTANTS:
NONE
TRAVEL:
Motion by Everett Janis seconded by Archie Hopkins to approve travel for the month of November 2007. VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by Taylor Little Whiteman seconded by Archie Hopkins to adjourn at 9:20pm
VOTE: 5-for, motion carried.
Janice Richards, Little Wound School Board President
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Contact Information:
Contact BIA, Pine Ridge Agency, Superintendent or Trust Services Offices, Pine Ridge, South Dakota,
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ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE

Alcohol Treatment Program
7 Hospital Lane
P.O. Box 348
Rosebud, South Dakota 57570
Phone: (605) 747-2342
Fax: (605) 747-2111

POSITION: Chemical Dependency Counselor
SALARY: Negotiable
CLOSING DATE: Open Until Filled
LOCATION: Rosebud, Sioux Tribe Alcohol Drug Treatment Center

REQUIREMENTS: Must have Bachelors Degree in Human Services field, 4-5 years of experience in working with Chemical Dependent individuals and families. Prefer State Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor Level I, must be alcohol and drug free and pass background investigation. Must have drivers license.

For more information please contact Travis Hamilton, Clinical Supervisor or Marcida Eagle Bear, Executive Director, Rosebud Sioux Tribe Alcohol Drug Treatment Program (605)747-2342. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Personnel Department, PO Box 430, Rosebud, SD 57570 or calling them at (605)747-2381

PORCUPINE SCHOOL - JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE: STUDENT-FAMILY RESOURCE SPECIALIST
SUPERVISOR: HEAD COUNSELOR
QUALIFICATIONS:
- Minimum of Bachelor's Degree with current, valid certification or licensure in: education, human services, or social work;
- Demonstrated quality, interpersonal skills;
- The ability to interact positively with angry or hurting people in stressful situations;
- Prefer 3-5 years verifiable positive, experience in working with people in an eduction al setting;
- Be able to pass a drug background investigation and/or test;
- Be able to satisfactorily pass a background investigation.

DUTIES:
- Teach – provide weekly instruction;
- Maintain daily contact with supervisor to establish work plan;
- Work collaboratively with student, parents, and teachers for the best interest of the student;
- Meets with students, their parents, teachers and/or other persons as assigned or determined by the Principal, his designee, or the Counselor;
- Assists students, parents, teachers, and other school staff person to work collaboratively;
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- Loyal to, and supports the Porcupine School Staff and Board;
- Attends staff meetings regularly or as assigned;
- Teaching social skills, coping skills, bullying, etc. in the classroom; and
- Must be able to use common sense to make needed decisions and be able to communicate these decisions to all parties involved.

SALARY: DOE
WORK SCHEDULE: Must work a minimum of an eight (8) hour day and will workthe same number of contract days per year as a certified teacher.

Contact:
Human Resource Office
Porcupine School
605-867-5588 Ext: 218



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Grace Lynn Eagle Elk
Happy Belated Birthday to our Princess.
Love all your Relatives

Kirsten Clifford
Happy Sweet 16 to my big sister. Hope you have fun. Love your only little sister Kyra Clifford

Alexia Cherisa LaRose Janis
Momma Loves You Whole Bunch!
Love: MOM

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From the grand daughters Andrea, Alexis Bordeaux and Alaura Janis.

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Daniel,Louis III, and Baby Louis IV

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Happy Belated Birthday. We love you very much your parents Jamie & Jenn (Pourier) Big Crow, and all your relatives across the Rez

Pedro L. Red Cloud
IN LOVING MEMORY
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November 15, 2007

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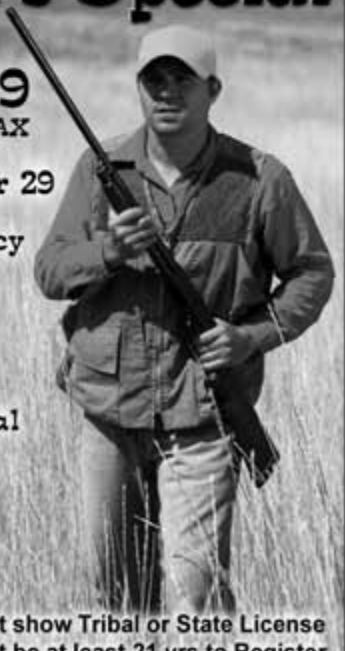
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OST transportation finds temporary method to repair Allen road

ALLEN - "We found a small asphalt zipper that grinds up old pavement which allows you to grade and flatten out bad sections of a road in preparing it for compaction," said Jeff Whalen, OST Transportation director, "during a demonstration run of the machine, we were able today to flatten out the rutted areas that helped to cause an accident that took the life of a young infant recently."

Transportation has been meeting with officials from Bennett County and the State in strategizing a plan to fix the dangerous Allen road, a nine mile stretch of road that runs south of Allen to Highway 18. Whalen says they still have about $2.5 million designated for that road and Bennett County has $2 million. Whalen thought that it would take about $8 million to fix it.

"If we can get the preliminary engineering done, additional right of ways, we need 75 feet, last time they needed 33 feet and do some acquisition and make sure NEPA requirements are done, then we are looking at doing the road in the fall of 2008," said Whalen, "if any of those areas get held up it will push it back another year."

Transportation is looking at purchasing the asphalt zipper for $98,000 and were hoping to do it this week but the process was held up in the economic and business development committee. Finance has approved it now, it'll go to economic and business development committee on Friday and the executive board on Wednesday. Until then, the demonstration done on Wednesday will be it, the machine will be parked in the compound until the finances are worked out.

When the machine is purchased, work will include grinding up all of the trouble spots on the road, grading them out and compacting them. Next spring, transportation will be able to go out and mill the entire road, grade it out and put on

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Left: The Asphalt Zipper is attached to a front end loader and recycles the material, then grades it and compacts it and the road can be ready in the same day. A process that used to take several days can now be quicker with the asphalt zipper. There is now a 40 mile an hour speed limit on the Allen road to slow down traffic. Currently there is only one sign on the south end of the road from Highway 18.

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RST suicide task force to secure additional funds for suicide prevention

Law enforcement: 11 suicides and 294 attempts

By Archie B. Beauvais and Amanda Takes War Bonnett
Special to the Times

(Editor's note This is one of a series of articles on suicide awareness)***

MISSION - Sicangu elder, Homer Whirlwind Soldier, of Grass Mountain community was emphatic in announcing that there have been more than 10 suicides within this year. Whirlwind Soldier was one of 16 participants who attended a life skills presentation by Ila McKay of the Kauffman and Associates of Spokane, Wash. on Tuesday evening at the Casey Family building. McKay was introduced by Cindy Young, director of the Rosebud tribal education department.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Suicide Task Force sponsored the presentation that included representatives from the Sicangu Owawaya Oti, RST Tribal Education Department, RST Lakota Language Preservation Project, St. Francis Indian School, Black Pipe Community, Sinte Gleska University and the Rosebud Indian Health Service.

The task force is also working on a large grant proposal from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration that is due in January and given the proposed funding level request the task force will be able to undertake a comprehensive approach to suicide prevention.

McKay noted that the purpose of her visit was to finalize a prevention plan that had been written by the suicide task force. After reviewing the actions items, Kauffman and Associates, Inc. would be providing grant funding in the amount of $25,000 for the task force to hire a part time coordinator whose job it would be to coordinate any other initiatives.

Whirlwind Soldier said that he was in Colorado when he learned of the suicide of



his grandson. As a result he is coordinating a concert in December at Todd County High School and St. Francis Indian School and will announce the details later. Part of the message he wants to put out there is that "The kids don't trust us because we don't listen…it is not an option to go to prison. It is not an option to kill one's self."

Many of the other attendees at the gathering have been involved with the RST Suicide Task Force since the beginning and some think that their efforts are finally gaining attention in Washington, D.C. Dr. Dan Foster of the Rosebud Indian Health Service has been on the front line of defense against suicide. His office has been swamped with clients and though he is not able to talk on the record, he announced that some additional funding may be on its way from Washington for use by the task force.

Employees of the Sicangu Owawaya Oti said that a recent suicide made the students very sad and they decided to hold a open forum at the SGU multipurpose building

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Anpetu Luta Otipi extends services to Martin and LaCreek area

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

MARTIN - At the present time, Anpetu Luta Otipi offers outpatient services in Pine Ridge, Kyle, Wanblee and very soon in Martin; services include outpatient counseling, alcohol and drug evaluations, DUI classes, family services, referrals and support for after care.

"We are growing," said Terry Blue, ALO director, "we used to offer residential treatment for adolescents at our facility south east of Kyle in the No Flesh community, today we still offer the residential treatment for adoles-



A new Anpetu Luta Otipi is being constructed on Martin's main street and will provide services to the LaCreek District members.

PHOTO BY MANUEL BLANCO

cents but we provide outpatient services to Native Americans of all ages across the reservation."

The new facility is being constructed by Donroy Ghost Bear Construction on main street in Martin. The construction should be done by mid December with additional interior work completed by late December. I think we should be ready for client services by the second week of January, according to Blue.

"We were approached by the tribe after a space became available in Martin, we met with city and county officials and found a local Indian contractor who would hire local workers and its going up really fast," said Blue.

The new facility will have a group counseling room, two to three counseling offices for individual assessments and evaluations and a reception area. Staff will include two counselors and a receptionist in the beginning with no more than four or five employees overall. Outpatient counseling for youth and adults will be available for Native Americans throughout the Martin and LaCreek area with DUI classes, assessments and evaluations and referrals will be available as well.

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next Tuesday.

Foster said, "It's not what you do, it's who you are. We love life and that's contagious. Our children will show us what they want from us."

Jim Leader Charge, a family advocate for the RST Tribal Education Department said, "My dad, Fred Leader Charge told me that I would encounter "wonawizi" - jealous and envy. We have generations of dysfunction. How do we break that cycle? I have been alcohol and drug free for 11 years. You lead by example; kids are quick to pick up from adults."

McKay announced that a four day healing event would be held at SFIS on December 27-30. She said, "We are an advocate for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe to get more services from SAMSA. We are going to have a Gathering of Native Americans event and bring in the youth from all communities." The event would emphasize belonging and historical trauma and teaching children to define themselves. The agenda will also include a day on generosity and sharing.

McKay also illustrated a scenario on the Crow Creek reservation where the community was experiencing suicides. The students were tired of a long Christmas break and undertook a petition to reduce their break. After that, the suicides stopped. She said, "None of us are any better than any other. We all come from a place of pain and hurt."

Last week, Sen. Tim Johnson sent a letter to the Indian Health Service asking for additional help in combating the suicide epidemic and it remains to be seen exactly what that request might yield in terms of concrete assistance to Rosebud and Pine Ridge.

As for Nov. 28, staff at Johnson's office said they have not received a phone call nor a written response from Indian Health Service acting director Robert McSwain, who Sen. Johnson wrote on Nov 16. Johnson's inquiry requested more Commissioned Corps staff be sent to Rosebud.

"We have been made aware of the suicides at Pine Ridge and have answered a request for information on where to get initial assistance in their quest for a grant," said Julianne Fisher, Sen. Johnson's public relations director.

One of Johnson's questions to McSwain was how accurate is the data the IHS collects on suicide and why there is a disparity between that data and that which is collected by law enforcement?

Charles Red Crow at Rosebud Law Enforcement said since Jan 1, 2007 through Nov 28, there have been 11 completions and 294 attempts.

A healing event for adults in also being planned in the spring.

Suspended tribal council members reinstated with pay

Chief judge rules drug testing resolution to be struck down

PINE RIDGE - On Nov. 14, Oglala Sioux Tribe Chief Judge Lisa Adams ruled in a judgment order that tribal resolution 07-173 be struck down in its entirety for vagueness. She ordered the matter be remanded back to the OST council for reconsideration.

In October, the tribal council passed the resolution in question requiring members and other elected officials to take a "hair follicle" drug test.

According to the judgment order, the resolution was created, 'due to rumors of illegal drug use among members of the tribal government…" The rumors were sparked by the arrest of a council member in New Mexico for drug possession not drug use.

Adams earlier in the month upheld the test for council members but struck down the requirement for the tribe's treasurer.

Then on Nov. 7, a motion to rescind the drug-test requirement order failed by a vote of 12-2 of the tribal council.

According to a drug test document submitted from the tribal president's office, on Nov. 7, there were 11 council members, including the tribal president who submitted to a hair follicle test, two who refused on Oct. 22, because there was no resolution on it; and three who were tested in Rapid City; one who couldn't take the hair follicle because their hair was too short but then did the urinalysis; and five who did the urinalysis and one who couldn't take hair follicle as the machine broke.

Ron Duke, Pass Creek District, submitted his drug to Lakota Country Times for publication. The test was negative.

Garnier, didn't do the test and he remains suspended pending the outcome of charges against him.

On Nov. 7, six council members were suspended without pay by William 'Shorty' Brewer, vice president of the tribe until they complied with the drug testing resolution.

On Nov. 15, Steele sent a memo to council members and to the executive committee advising of the judgment order by Adams and requested them to comply with the order. He stated the council members were no longer suspended and to assume their rightful positions and were entitled to back pay for the time of suspension. He also scheduled a special session of the tribal council and requested all members be present.





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an emulsifier as you compact it, it is too cold for that process to work now, according to Whalen.

On Nov. 15, a meeting was held between the Oglala Sioux Tribe department of transportation, the Bennett County Commissioners, the South Dakota Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Commission to iron out jurisdictional issues and responsibility issues of fixing the Allen road.

The road has jurisdictional history and regardless of those issues, work will continue to repair the road until a new highway can be financed from Highway 18 to Allen. The road is currently used by school buses from several schools and people who work at Martin, Kyle, Allen and Pine Ridge.

Red Cloud wins All Nations, leads conference honors with eight

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

MISSION - Red Cloud finished 6-0 in the All Nations Conference on the way to a 7-2 season record, a conference championship and eight first team all conference awards. First team honors went to Billy Scott, running back/linebacker, Andrew Twiss/middle linebacker, Art Vitalis/wide receiver/corner back, Dave Giago/tight end/defensive end, Bobby Twiss/offensive guard/defensive end, Roman White Calf/middle linebacker, Christian McGhee/wide receiver/corner back and Ken Franks/outside linebacker.

Todd County was second in the conference with a 5-1 record and earned six first team awards including: Gunner Krogman/running back/linebacker, CJ Spotted Tail/quarterback/defensive back, Aaron Stoddard/fullback/linebacker, Jaden Allen/tight end/linebacker, Mike Neiss/wingback/defensive back and Canku One Star/running back/defensive back..

Little Wound-Crazy Horse placed five on the first team with Brice Hornbeck/wide receiver/cornerback, Kevin Hunter/running back, Trin In The Woods/quarterback, Arlin Cuny/center/defensive tackle and Jacey Mesteth/fullback/outside linebacker.

Michael Potter at running back and linebacker led Cheyenne Eagle Butte along with Spencer Peterson/running back/linebacker, Jackson Neigel/center/defensive back and Chase Pay Pay/defensive back.. Pine Ridge earned three first team honors including Joe Bissonette/tailback/middle linebacker, Sam Yellow Boy/offensive and defensive tackle and Ty Reddy/defensive end.

Larry Gayton Jr. anchored Crow Creek's team as a wide receiver/defensive back and Kalvin Kirkie at fullback. St. Francis earned two with Kevin Ford at offensive guard and Cory Staples at center.

Honorable mention honors went to Red Cloud's Jeremy Blacksmith, Cordero Tibbitts, Mike Cuny and Wade O'Bryan; Todd County's Noah Kilonzo, Raymond Wright and Josh Larson; Little Wound-Crazy Horse's Kory Young, Daylon Black Bull and Michael Pretty Voice Crane; Eagle Butte's Kyle Walters and Luke Farlee; Pine Ridge's Cody Trueblood and Elliot Brewer; Crow Creek's Sam Taylor and Tim Little Shield of St. Francis.

Three representatives of the All Nations Conference went to the SD football playoffs, Todd County and Little Wound in 11A and Red Cloud in 11B.

Todd County lost to Winner in a second round game.







Left; A Head Start staff member in the completely remodeled kitchen. Right: A student shows off the new bathrooms.

PHOTOS BY MARILYN POURIER

Open House for the Pine Ridge Head Start facility Dec. 5

KYLE - Oglala Lakota College will be hosting an open house of the newly renovated Head Start and Early Head Start building in Pine Ridge on Dec. 5, from 3 to 6 p.m. The building is located on highway 87 behind Big Bat's.

Oglala Lakota College began operation of the Pine Ridge Head Start program in September of 2005. A grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Head Start Bureau was approved for OLC to operate the program. There are currently 10 head start buildings across the reservation with 26 classrooms and five early head start centers. The Pine Ridge Head Start program services at maximum capacity of 180 children.

The Pine Ridge building was dilapidated and needed major renovations. For many years this building was the Shannon County elementary school and later was used by the tribe for Head Start classes. $1.2 million from a Title III grant was used for the renovation of the building to make it a desirable and safe place for the Head Start and Early Head Start children.

"When we acquired the building there were a lot of facility deficiencies reported by the Office of Environmental Health. They required one sink per classroom and 18 toilets (10 children/toilet required). Before renovation there were a total of 6 toilets and 4 classrooms with no sinks.

The building was being heated with electric heaters and one boiler. The boiler system was removed and everything is now electric; the kitchen has state of the art equipment," stated Michelle Yankton, OLC's Director of the Head Start program. She stated, "We are pleased to report that the facilities are now up to code."

OLC's President, Thomas Shortbull stated, "In May of 2007 we graduated 183 head start children and that was a proud day for us. These children are our future leaders, they are our future OLC graduates, and it is our responsibility to keep them in a safe and structured learning environment." "We want to thank everyone who put their trust and their faith in us - OLC's Board of Trustees, members of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, and especially the families of these children," Shortbull concluded.

For more information on the Head Start Program or the Open House you may contact Michelle Yankton, Program Director at 455-6117 or Ruth Cedar Face, Site Supervisor, in Pine Ridge at 867-1155.

Krogman, Hornbeck, Neiss earn All State honors

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent



Gunner Krogman



Brice Hornbeck

ABERDEEN - Todd County's Gunner Krogman was well on his way to a super senior season to end his high school football career when he received a high ankle sprain in the St. Francis game. Krogman had been anchoring the Falcon defense and churning up the yards as a running back on offense. Gunner made it back in time to set the all-time rushing record for Todd County, breaking Andrew Schmaltz's record of 3,150 yards in the first round of the 11A playoffs against Little Wound and setting the final number of 3,245 in the second round playoff loss to Winner. Krogman actually earned first team All State honors as a linebacker as he finished the season with 91 tackles, two interceptions and two safeties.

"Gunner is probably the best athlete that I have had the opportunity to coach," said Bob Kornely, Todd County coach, "he just could see the field so well on both sides of the ball; he led our defense this year, he was our inspiration and on offense, he had the ability to take over a game."

Brice Hornbeck, Little Wound, earned honorable mention honors for his work this year as a defensive back and wide receiver. Little Wound has made the 11A football play-offs for the last three years and Hornbeck has been the key. If you get the ball anywhere near him on offense, he will grab it and on defense, Hornbeck is one of the hardest hitters in the game. He earned first team honors as a sophomore wide receiver.

"My goal this year was to get the ball into Brice's hands," said Darrel Hunter, Little Wound head coach, "obviously, we didn't get it done as much as we needed to."

Mike Neiss, a senior on the Todd County football team, also earned honorable mention honors this year. Mike was CJ Spotted Tail's big threat wide receiver, he ran back punts and kickoffs and also spent time as a running back and defensive back.

OST employee recognition banquet

PINE RIDGE - On Dec. 4, the Oglala Sioux Tribe will be hosting an employee recognition banquet at Prairie Wind Casino in the evening. Nominations have been submitted for Director of the Year and Employee of the Year and other awards.

Master of ceremonies will be Chris Eagle Hawk with entertainment by JR Red Water, motivational speaker and comedian and Silk Productions for musical enjoyment.

PRHS Career Day Dec. 5

PINE RIDGE - The Pine Ridge High School will be having their annual Career Day on Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tables will be set up in the gym for organizations and there will be classroom speakers.

Pee Wee tourney Dec. 15

KYLE - There will be a K.T. Ballerz Pee Wee basketball tourney on Dec. 15 and 16 at Little Wound School gym. The tourney will be co-ed age division from 10 to 12 years of age, eight team, double elimination with awards of hooded pullovers and t-shirts.

There will be Most Valuable Player and All Tourney players named.

For more information call Bryan at 455-2658 or 454-0352 or Jonas at 454-5167.

Tribe honors Swift Bird with proclamation

PINE RIDGE - On Nov. 21, John Yellow Bird Steele, proclaimed the day as Joseph Swift Bird Sr. Day in honor of his many accomplishments and contributions to the tribe.

Swift Bird died on Nov. 15 at the age of 86 at Pine Ridge. His funeral was Nov. 21 at Billy Mills Hall. His survivors include two sons, two daughters, 29 grandchildren and 53 great grandchildren.

The tribal proclamation states several of Swift Bird's accomplishments including: he was considered a traditional headsman and was a fluent speaker and a traditional dancer; he was a WWII veteran and served as tribal chief of police in the 1950s and participated in tribal affairs throughout his lifetime.

He was very knowledgeable in tribal history and was a valued storyteller. He was able to read the Lakota petroglyphs in the Black Hills.

He was an early activist for Indian rights during the Red Power movement in the 1960s and was one of four people to swim from a boat to Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay for the takeover of the Island.

In the 1980s, he served as co-chairman of the Grey Eagle Society.

The society was instrumental in land issues, stopping a corporation from establishing a gunnery range in the Hills. Another issue he was involved with was the negotiation of the climbing policy at Devil's Tower.

The society dedicated themselves to preserve culture, traditions and sovereignty.

Steele stated in his proclamation in recognizing Swift Bird, "for all his valuable lifetime and contributions to the Oglala Sioux Tribe in regards to tribal land claims and carrying on traditions, in which he played an instrumental part in preserving these rights for future generations."

Pine Ridge meeting

Pine Ridge Village Community meeting on Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. at the Billy Mills Hall. Public Safety issues will be discussed, please attend.

For more information call 867-5635.

Cancer support

Cancer Coalition support group meeting on Dec. 11 at the Porcupine Clinic. This is the second meeting being held to support family, friends and loved ones of people who are cancer survivors.

For more information call Robin at 867-5635 or Harvey at 454-0136 or Karen at 867-5694.

Grief Support Group

Meeting the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Kyle, for information call 455-2888.

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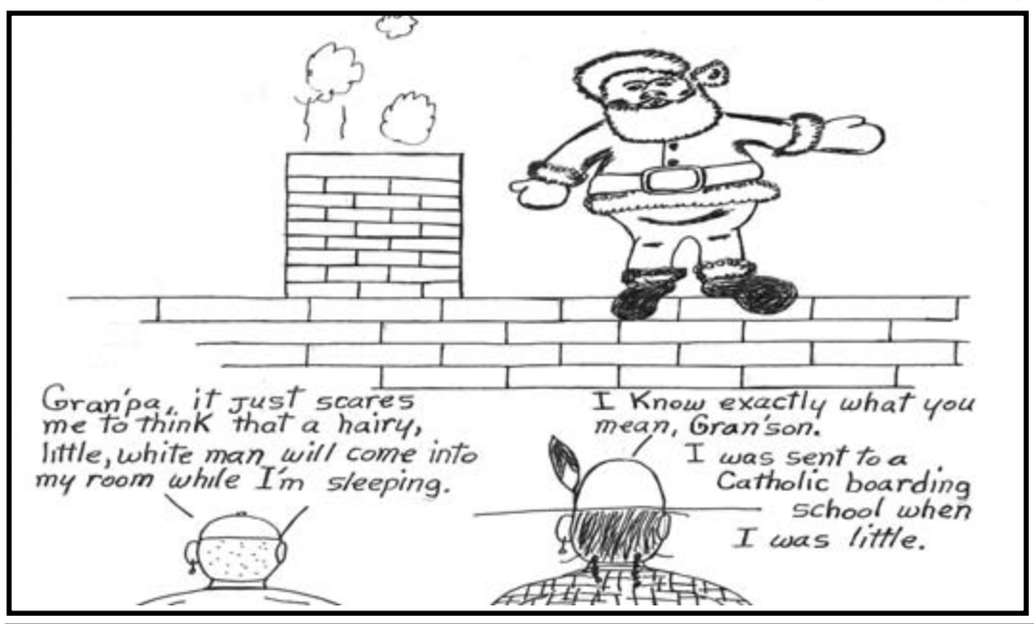
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Guest Columnist

Drug testing is a condition of employment for many



David Rooks

At first glance, mandatory drug testing for our elected tribal representatives seems reasonable enough. But, as with all things involving tribal politics, the waters get muddy pretty quick. Charges of unconstitutionality, invasion of privacy and involuntary exposure to criminal liability echo from the Red Cloud building to the OST Court House and back again. Each volley with a grain enough of truth to give one pause.

Which may, in the end, be the whole point. Scream loud enough and long enough, and pretty soon it all goes away. Toss in a few lines about sovereignty, state jurisdiction - what have you, and it's back to the status quo. Which, in this case, is: no mandatory drug testing for elected officials.

It strikes me that all this sound and fury is the sound of politicians protesting a little too much. The average Oglala in the street might be forgiven for being a little cynical. The question 'What are they hiding?' has been sarcastically thrown out more than a few times. It's a question that won't go away.

It must be noted that a number of our elected leaders have taken the test. So, too, there are legitimate concerns about safeguarding the rights of those required to take such tests. Still, in the end, it's a no brainer. If you want to be a leader, lead by example. Take the test. It's not like there is no drug problem on the reservation.

As a matter of tradition, this idea of public officials exempting themselves from rules that apply to others is certainly not cultural. Until recently, it was routine for members of the US Congress to remain above the laws they made for others. Buried under pounds of official verbiage would be a phrase that said none of the aforesaid applied to them. Now tribal government seems to have caught the fever.

This arrogance tends to spread into other areas. For example, the Congress routinely votes for automatic pay raises for its members. So, too, the Rapid City town council just voted for automatic pay raises for their members. Will the tribe follow?

The problem with the ruckus over drug testing is that it is even an issue to begin with. As a condition of employment, drug testing is required for many of our tribal members. Working with children or in law enforcement are just two examples that immediately spring to mind. We're not exactly inventing the wheel here. Tribal leadership requires sound and sober leaders.

Let's face it, whether you're drug free or not, no one enjoys the inevitable invasion of privacy for such testing. Some part of it is demeaning. These are sad times when just taking the word of someone that they are drug free is not enough. But, as anyone who has ever been caught up with the problem will testify, drug and alcohol abuse is a liar's disease. As a recovering addict and alcoholic, I know this to be true.

Our people need to know their tribal leaders are tackling this head on.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Veteran's Day has come and gone. As the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan continue, soldiers and veterans are at an increased risk for a distressing and impairing mental health disorder called Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or PTSD. It is a condition where the war events are re-experienced in a person's mind and continue to affect the person. This can occur while they are still on active duty and when they return home and can last weeks, months, or years after the soldier is home. Signs and symptoms of PTSD may be nightmares, flashbacks, difficulty sleeping, hyper-vigilance, substance abuse,

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Guest Editorial

When it comes to rumors, our reservation might be a Public Relations practitioner's paradise

By Ivan F. Starr
Oglala, S.D.

The other day I was looking through some books in my small collection. One caught my eye because it has some faded yellow "post-its" sticking out of the top and side. I opened the old textbook (Wilcox, Ault & Agee, Public Relations, HarperCollins Publishers, 1992) randomly and read some interesting facts about the problem of rumors.

For starters, the book defined a rumor as an unconfirmed piece of information; unverified by personal experience or a highly credible secondary source. It further stated that rumors are short-lived communication forms and difficult to isolate or measure and involve nearly every situation in our lives.

Although the book addressed greater society's rumor problem, I could easily see similarities on the homeland. Actually, I think the rumor situation defined in the book fit perfectly with our reservation lifestyle. When it comes to rumors, our reservation might be a Public Relations practitioner's paradise.

One of these parallels is that "informal conversations among peers and friends have a powerful impact on our thinking and influence our behavior more than TV commercials and editorials." In other words, rumors have a major impact on the formation of public opinion.

Although there are many definitions of Public Opinion, two seem to sum it all up: "…the sum of individual opinions on an issue affecting those individuals" and "…is a collection of views held by persons interested in the subject."

Another parallel is the book's presentation of reasons for spreading rumors: "…(1) they are advocates of conspiracy theories and distrust all institutions of society; (2) they feel victimized by a complex and uncaring society and have high anxiety; (3) they seek recognition from peers by claiming to have "inside" information and; (4) they find the rumor somewhat plausible."

On the homeland, we do have an overabundance of rumor spreading. A good portion of what I heard tends to ridicule and demean tribal government's credibility. Understandably, when solid information is lacking or incomplete, it creates uncertainty. Consequently, we have a large "rumor factory". This is because rumors are the only sources of information.

Perhaps the current tribal Public Relations (PR) Office needs to step-up its efforts to keep the tribal public informed with credible information. The textbook indicated that half-truths are simply an open invitation for more rumors and it destroys the integrity of official information and, in our situation, the governmental system.

I believe members of our tribal council are adversely affected by these rampant rumors. Rumors do tend to irritate and anger people, including public officials, and reacting under stress is not good. Inevitably, tribal public relations personnel must constantly pay attention to rumors and deal with them immediately.

The worst our tribal government can do is to ignore rumors because that only intensifies the situation. If the rumor is true, confirm it; if it is false, counter it with credible information.

Rumor spreading on our homeland has been in existence for a long time and therefore may be very difficult to deal with.

In addition, a formalized legislative procedure can help disseminate public information effectively.

People would be more amiable if they knew where a piece of legislation or law started, what steps it took, and when it became law. Such a procedure has to extend beyond the point where it becomes official with specific public dissemination procedures.

Here are some of the rumors I heard in the community, and I have heard plenty.

My intention is to inform our tribal PR personnel and elected officials so that they may be motivated into combating this debilitative stigma. After all, it is an honest firm way to get somebody on your side and because elections are coming up again.

A popular topic of discussion concerns our gaming operation, Prairie Wind Casino and Hotel. People want to know about net revenues. No one seems to know, me included, what the casino earned since it moved into the new facility. Tribal members deserve, in the least, a monthly accounting of gaming revenues.

Deadwood made an awesome public accounting of its revenues in the *Rapid City Journal* (Nov. 1, 2007 issue).

Of course, there are 114 gaming halls with an untold number of slot machines. The state and local government revenue cited ($15.2 million) from taxes and fees alone.

The article also stated total tax revenue since Deadwood gambling opened reached $175.8 million. Entities benefiting from this revenue are SD Gaming Commission, SD Tourism, State General Fund, Lawrence County, Deadwood and other towns in Lawrence County, School Districts, historical preservation projects, and SD of Human Services.

Although we have a mere 250 machines to speak of, I for one have not seen a public accounting of casino revenues. I don't believe this is restricted information. People are talking about what the total revenues are since 1994. Did revenues increase or decline since moving into the new casino? How much and where did it go for 2007?

Another popular and long-standing chitchat topic is that tribal government is not paying for their $20 million share of the $38 million loan from the Shakopee tribe; our casino is paying for all of it.

Personally, I believe a select few of our tribal officials know, yet, the majority of the tribal population is in the dark, thus we have mass speculation and uneasiness.

Another interesting rumor regards a recent alleged loan the Oglala Sioux Tribal government made directly from casino revenues to supplement their Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Such an action is a loan even if the tribe promised to pay it back with LIHEAP drawdown money.

If this were not a rumor, such action would certainly jeopardize the existence of the casino. I served on the tribal Gaming Commission for six years and learned enough to know that this is a violation of federal gaming regulatory laws and tribal gaming ordinances. Our casino, although classified as a financial institution, is not a bank according to Title 31 requirements.

Are we losing revenues?

Many tribal members are voicing this nagging question. For instance, this year's 13th anniversary celebration came and went without much ado. In the past, this event attracted large crowds; this year was hardly noticeable. I would like to see the "drop" for this event.

With customer patronage, we have revenue.

The Halloween promo was interesting. In all honesty, I have seen larger crowds at previous promos; however, this does not qualify the rumor as a true statement.

People are saying that someone trimmed the costume contest and canceled other activities to save money; thus, most of our goblins went to Rosebud's casino and competed for worthwhile prize money there.

The gaming industry is dynamic; it is lively and energetic. It is constantly evolving. In contrast to a tribal program, one must spend money to make money.

Above all else, it must be free of local political interference, which usually transforms into obstruction or hindrance of business protocols and, in some cases, a near breach of federal gaming laws and regulations.

Is there an end to this rumor spreading?

Is our government all those things people say it is?

Are we going to hear from our government?

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Northern Perspectives

By Dr. Archie Beauvais

There is no one way to learn Lakota



If you examine the Lakota sound system and grammar, that alone appears quite intimidating. There are such things as stress and intonation, differences in speech between men and women, glottal stops and something called aspirated stops. Ben Black Bear of the Rosebud Educational Society has been studying some materials on grammar going back some 30 years and he mentioned the difficulty in mastering the linguistic structure of Lakota.

I am fortunate to be able to consult with Ben as he is an exceptional Lakota speaker who probably learned the language from elders who had a great command of the language. When I think of Lakota from a very structured and rigid perspective, I agree that it is the teachers of Lakota who need to be trained in the basic grammar for as we know, not everyone can teach it despite being a wonderful speaker themselves.

Apparently, being a teacher in any discipline takes a certain skill and desire to illustrate to others what knowledge lies just below the surface and that which will make our lives better. Today, we are struggling with a very sensitive issue of suicides on the northern plains and it is making us all very sad. Some say that creating pride in Lakota language, history and culture will help to make one resolute and determined to contribute to a way of life that was traditionally very sustainable.

The Institute for Indigenous Language Institute of Santa Fe, NM recommends the creation of a language team that will include the community and others who want to contribute to language revitalization. At Rosebud, we are beginning that process and will be offering a number of creative offerings in the community that will hopefully raise the consciousness about Lakota. We have a lot of wonderfully gifted Lakota speakers, yet, and we are going to harness that "cultural capital" and pass it on to the younger generation.

There probably is no one way to pass language on to the young, and that is where we can all help in one way or another. Whether it is done by the family, the school, by society or by media we all need to emphasize the importance of Lakota in any way possible. Kola, Francis Whitebird says that dictionaries are not what is important in language acquisition, but rather simply hearing Lakota and being able to retain the way words are pronounced is key.

There is no one way to learn Lakota and it is going to take a cooperative effort from each of us. There are many institutions who have labored for many years to instill Lakota language use and promote fluency and their work continues. Collectively, we are all searching for ways in which to teach Lakota and we are fortunate that Rosebud and Pine Ridge is committed to that objective.

Francis noted that there are other cultures which set aside a day like Saturday in which to teach their language and culture and if we had that kind of discipline it would be a wonderful place to begin.

There are also regional and community differences in the way some Lakota words are pronounced to include their meaning and that makes it all the more exciting when studying it.

For example, the word "ohan" has three different meanings depending on its usage and I will leave it to the reader to discover what those three are. We have also had fun with the name of the new coffee shop by the name of "Oti Wote."

Ben said it meant abandoned camp, while tahansi Victor Douville said it could mean a ranch style bunkhouse where people eat. Whatever the correct meaning, Ben said that "Owote ti" would be the correct way to mean a café or place where people eat.

Finding My Voice

By Dana Lonehill

The food challenge



Dana Badmilk

So the state food challenge went okay, I guess.

It was hard for me after awhile because my kids ate MY snacks and the chicken I bought got boring. Now that I KNOW my kids like tea biscuits and pretzels, I will certainly be buying them from now on since they are cheap. I know it can be done, but it's not very nice. Had it been at the end of the month, it would have been easier, because I am used to "roughing it," then, but not when everyone else is gorging on swiss steak and stuff, which I also had to cook.

I went for flavor with fresh veggies and as long as I had rice and chicken, I thought I would be cool.

I was cool, until day four when the tea didn't have the caffeine for me that I thought it would. And the raw sugar I bought didn't cut it either.

The chicken got old after day three so I only ate rice on day four, and I was thinking I should try out for Survivor with all the rice I eat anyway, but I lived on it last week. I bought oatmeal for breakfast and never ate it because I have a bad habit of NOT eating breakfast. It still sits unopened in my cupboard. So on day four, I was riding back from Singing Horse Trading Post with my auntie when she wanted to stop at Pinky's and get some M&M's. Not only did she want to stop there, but she wanted me to run in and get them. I didn't know they kept the candy behind the counter, so I walked around looking for it and everything in the aisles looked so good. I don't know how I ended up in front of the cooler, but I ended up buying an ice cold coca cola.

I opened it as soon as I got back in the van and for not drinking any coke, it tasted like the time I bought a bottle of Coke from a Mexican market because it had a cool shape. I drank that out of desperation for the need of caffiene and it was awful, just like that Mexican coke that day. So after about 4 drinks when it didn't get any better, I gave it to my son when I got home. I think it was just the fact that I didn't have the syrupy drink for a long time.

Day 5: I was doing ok, until I went to visit my auntie, who was making a plain bologna sandwich and I was watching her...then she pulled out some "gubment cheese" and put that on it and I was like...THAT"S IT! I threw in the towel, right then and there. It was the best bologna sandwich I had in my entire life.

I still ate the stuff I bought. But on Day 7, I was like I already cheated so lightning strike me if I couldn't do it. Ask me next week, I am sure I will already be doing it.

But just to show you what an expert shopper I am here is my list.

From Safeway with my Safeway Savings card I purchased the following:

Emeril's Asian Seasoning on clearance $ .94
Kedem Tea Biscuits .50
Family pack of Chicken Drumsticks 50 percent off w/card 3.30
Safeway brand plain yogurt .60
Total 5.34

I still have the tuna, the oatmeal and if anyone likes raw sugar email me.

And to my dad, I am ok and not in a coma. so on thanksgiving, I will have to make up for all that. I was happy to see the people that did participate, and how they realize how hard it is.

It is convenient to say I don't feel like cooking tonight, let's have pizza. But for some people that is not an option, it is a luxury. Even though many were scared of this challenge, I hope somehow they can see all they have to be thankful for.

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Notes From Indian Country

By Tim Giago

Helen had a gift of gab



(Nanwica Kciji)

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Her obituary was just a small footnote in the Rapid City (SD) Journal last week. Writing obits used to be the first job of many aspiring journalists. In order to see if they could write with any sort of flair the editor assigned them to a desk and told them to write the obits of the unknown and the well known departed.

But like so many things that have changed in these days of high technology, the art of writing an obituary has diminished in many newspapers along with the many jobs that used to fill the desks in the newsroom. Writing an obit is still an art in many small Indian newspapers.

Her obit in the city daily never said it, but Helen Felix had many friends and in the field of selling newspaper advertising, she had no peer. Her sales capabilities were legendary in Indian country. She had that special gift of gab.

I first noticed Helen when I walked through the inserting department of my weekly newspaper, Indian Country Today, many years ago. She always greeted me in the Lakota language and I noticed that she always had everyone working around her in a state of laughter. She was working part time as a single mother to support her young family. Born and raised on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota she had moved to Rapid City to get a job and ended up at *Indian Country Today* inserting flyers.

Her happy attitude rubbed off on everyone in the inserting department and it wasn't too long before I moved her into the advertising sales department. I had created a new insert that I called "Hitting the Pow Wow Circuit." It was going to be a tabloid that listed all of the Indian pow wows across America. I figured Helen would be the ideal person to kick off this new venture because she seemed to know everyone in Indian country. Although she had never been in sales in her life she took to selling for the pow wow tab like a duck to water.

Before I knew it, as the deadline for printing approached, "Hitting the Pow Wow Circuit" was 60 pages long and it was 75 percent advertising.

Ms. Felix had sold nearly all of that advertising and my creation, the pow wow tab, became an annual staple of *Indian Country Today.*

Helen met a fine man named Charlie Baca. He was an ex-marine that had seen some pretty tough action in Vietnam. She asked me if I would be her surrogate father and give her away at her wedding. I did her one better and we held her wedding in the newsroom of Indian Country Today. All of the staff of the newspaper plus most of her family was there to celebrate her special day. On that day she became Helen Felix Baca.

Every March Helen and Charlie would load up their van with our newspaper and special editions and they would head to the Denver March Pow Wow, the first big pow wow of the season. They would set up our booth and Charlie would wear his ball cap with Marine Corps logo and the Vietnam ribbons on the crown and between the two of them, they would sell many subscriptions and newspapers, enough to cover all of their expenses and they would bring back a profit for the newspaper.

Charlie became ill one day and after a visit to the VA Hospital at Fort Meade, SD, he was told that he had lung cancer. He blamed it on the Agent Orange that had covered his body on so many occasions in Vietnam. Charlie didn't make it. He died not long after his diagnosis.

He was the love of Helen's life and his death devastated her. It seemed to me that the cheerfulness had gone out of her life. I sold the newspaper in 1998 and the buyer, the Oneida Nation, terminated most of the employees and moved the paper to Verona, New York. Helen was one of the employees that lost her job.

Rapid City is not a very large town and I ran into Helen now and then. She was still struggling to support her growing children and she was suffering from diabetes, a disease that is epidemic in Indian country. She always gave me a warm embrace and spoke to me in Lakota. Her smile was still there, but just vaguely.

The disease finally claimed her life last week. She was only 54 years old.

I stopped by the funeral home at visitation time. She was lying in her casket with a pillow she always took to the Denver March Pow Wow. It was a pillow with the symbol of the United States Marine Corps embroidered on it. It was as if she had Charlie lying beside her.

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PTSD in veterans

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impulsive anger, depression, feeling emotionally numb and detached from society, exaggerated startle response, poor concentration, irritability, marital discord and drifting away from friends. The soldier may display one or more of the signs at any time.

The reality of war experience is brutal. We must not forget that our soldiers are experiencing extreme inhumane atrocities beyond our visual capacity.

Try to imagine washing the blood off a vehicle where only hours ago a buddy's vehicle was just blown up from an IED. Witnessing Iraq's innocent children and women being killed and maimed by their own people is devastating to a soldier. Body bagging is another tough job.

Most people are not knowledgeable that the military mental healthcare system is relatively deficient. On bases overseas mental healthcare can be quite adequate in some locations, yet severely lacking in other locations. Our government has been slow at taking action to help our soldiers while on deployment and upon return to the United States.

Over 100,000 soldiers are seeking mental health treatment through the Veteran's Administration with half specifically for PTSD. However, the VA's funds are insufficient. Recently, the Pentagon reported that key issues such as hiring more mental health caregivers and increasing coverage under the military's healthcare system could not be met until May of next year or later. In addition to not having adequate care, many of our soldiers refrain from seeking help because of the negative mental health stigma that society and military places upon them.

How can we help? First of all it does not matter if we are for or against the war. Writing or calling our Senators and Congressman can raise awareness of the mental healthcare systems shortfalls. When our loved ones return to civilian life we need to be vigilant to the signs of PTSD. Keep the lines of communication open and don't assume that everything is all right, especially when you see some of these signs and symptoms.

Let them know you will listen to them without judgment and encourage them to seek help. Upon returning home, the military will pay for an initial appointment with a therapist plus six more visits. You can advise them to apply for disability so they will have funds for continued mental healthcare. The most critical factor is to break the stigma that prevents our soldiers from asking for help.

Below are some websites you or your soldier can access that will give phone numbers to call both overseas and homeland or call 1-800-342-9647 for 24/7 help. The websites have information on PTSD. Or your can Google military PTSD and you will find news and other resources.

Educate yourself. It's up to us to push for change in military healthcare.

www.militaryonesource.com
www.ptsdcombat.blogspot.com

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Lakota Vietnam veterans attend "The Wall" 25th memorial

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times



Sicangu Lakota Vietnam veterans, Francis Whitebird and Bill Menard and Oglala Lakota Vietnam veteran, Guy Dull Knife were visitors at the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial in Washington, DC during the 25th anniversary ceremony held on Nov. 11.

ROSEBUD - On Veterans Day 2007, a 25th anniversary celebration of "The Wall" was held on the mall within site of the Washington monument. Sicangu Vietnam veterans, Francis Whitebird and Bill Menard and Oglala Vietnam veteran Guy Dull Knife of Kyle, made the long journey to participate in the parade and formal agenda. Jan Scruggs, founder and CEO of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund invited Whitebird to speak along with former U. S. Secretary of State, General Colin Powell.

Today, Vietnam veterans sell bumper stickers, tee shirts and other memorabilia of the Vietnam war adjacent to the Wall as they did in 1982.

Whitebird was unable to be there on time, however, the three were able to participate in the parade.

They were not able to connect with their former combat units in Vietnam, however, Menard found his brother Jack's unit and they marched behind them. According to Whitebird, Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska was an original speaker at the dedication of the Wall in 1982 and he was present as well.

A continuous reading of the some 58,000 names on the Wall was initiated on November 7 and continued around the clock. Volunteers read the names day and night for four days.

Whitebird and Menard's trip was subsidized by the Rosebud Sioux tribe and the Oglala Sioux tribe assisted Dull Knife's trip.

When asked about the prospect of doing a Vietnam veterans celebration on the Rosebud, Whitebird said, "A Vietnam veterans gathering would be a healing. There is a need to collect stories so we know what war is about. War is lonesome, funny, terrifying and we develop lifelong friends with our squad, platoon and company. It affects people for life. They used to stand up and tell "waktegli" stories."

As a parent of two sons who are in Iraq, Whitebird knows the anxiety that is produced by the horrors of war.

Sons, Brandon and Colin are both in the infantry and have earned their prized combat infantry badges. Colin who will come home next Friday was wounded in Iraq and after recuperating he returned to complete his fifteen month tour of duty. Brandon has been in Iraq for three months and will most likely do another year.

Whitebird said, "I hope Colin won't be going back. It is too stressful. I did a lot of praying and a lot of ceremonies."

Both sons were reunited on Nov. 11 at their home in Pierre. Both grandfathers were in World War II.

Digital workshops for teachers of Native American students

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Education's Teacher-to-Teacher Initiative, in collaboration with Office of Indian Education, is proud to announce the launch of the Digital Teacher Workshops for Teachers of Native American students. The workshops are designed to provide professional development opportunities for teachers of American Indians and Alaska Natives in all grade levels and content areas. The workshops support mastery of academic content and application by modeling strong teaching methods that have been successful in the classroom and providing a classroom application component, and additional resources.

These workshops are available FREE on the Internet at www.t2tweb.us/nativeamerican. The first workshops focus is on literature, community outreach, and reading.

One fatality result of car crash near Interior

INTERIOR - Paulette Pourier, 39, from Porcupine, died from an automobile accident near Interior on Saturday, Nov. 24, according to a news release from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The news release said preliminary information indicates the driver of the vehicle involved, a 1996 Mercury Marquis, failed to negotiate a curve and entered the ditch.

The vehicle rolled, ejecting the driver and front passenger. A man was transported to Rapid City Regional Hospital for treatment. Three juveniles were also riding in the vehicle but were not ejected, the release said.

The driver of the vehicle has not been identified.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the accident, which is still being investigated.

Treaty council files complaint against Steele

PINE RIDGE - On Nov. 21, the Oglala Delegation of the Black Hills Sioux Nation Treaty Council filed an impeachment complaint on Oglala Sioux Tribal President John Yellow Bird Steele with the Oglala Sioux Tribes secretary, Elizabeth Waters.

According to a press release by the treaty council, the offenses sited include charges that stem from Steele's actions and inactions in connection with the Native American Energy Group, a New York-based gas and oil mining company, said Floyd Hand of the treaty council.

He said the Treaty Council recently won a court case to have NAEG excluded from the Pine Ridge reservation after working for several months to develop a plan to explore for and mine uranium on the reservation.

Pine Ridge Reservation has been declared a nuclear-free zone by the treaty council and the tribal council.

"Steele must be held accountable for his actions. Our evidence will show that Steele was aware of NAEG's ultimate goal to mine uranium here and that he allowed them to come here to formulate a plan, with no regards to the irreparable harm that it would bring to our sacred water, land, air and people," said Hand in the release.

Eagle Nest Veteran's Pow wow winners

WANBLEE - The following dancers placed at the Eagle Nest District Veteran's pow wow on Sunday, Nov. 11 at Crazy Horse School:

Jr. Girls Fancy
First place -Taima Jo Volandra, Second place - Jazz Arco, Third place - Charlize Arcoren

Jr. Girls Jingle
First place - Sunshine Arcoren, Second place - Dionna Bull Bear, Third place - Elaina Red Shirt

Jr. Girls Traditional
First place - Tamera Rooks, Second place - Lalani Bull Bear, Third place - Marissa Bear Heels

Jr. Boys Grass
First place - Ceta Luta Young Bear, Second place - Dave McBride, Third place - Chaz White Feather

Boys Traditional
First place - Danny Between Lodge, Second place - Dylan Ashley, Third place - Myles Bull Bear

Teens Girls Fancy
First place - Angel Yankton, Second place - Igniain White, Third place - Santana young Bear

Teen Girls Jingle
First place - Stacee Pleasant, Second place - Tara Makes Room for Them, Third place - Davidica Young Man

Teen Girls Traditional
First place - Whitney Reasener, Second place - Angel Broken Nose, Third place - Ty Makes Room for Them

Teen Boys Fancy
First place - Lane Makes Room For Them, Second place - Austin Big Crow

Teen Boys Grass
First place - Darwin Kiu Kampi, Second place - Winston Mesteth, Third place - Anthony Broken Nose

Teen Boys Traditional
First place - Jacob Black Bear, Second place - Jonas Bear Heels

Womens Fancy
First place - Tiffany Eston, Second place - V onna Blacksmith, Third place - Maria Vallandra

Womens Jingle
First place - Kelsey Makes Room For Them, Second place - Willow Marshall, Third place - Marissa Eagle Thunder

Womens Traditional
First place - Nalla Red Hawk, Second place - Maxine Broken Nose, third place - Shelly Two Bulls

Mens Fancy
First place - Dustin Ledeaux, Second place - Pete Plenty Wounds Jr., Third place - Jeremia Poor Bear

Mens Grass
First place - Zachery Two Bulls, Second place - Michael Moves Camp

Mens Traditional
First place - Sheldon Two Crow, Second place - MJ Bull Bear, Third place - Waylon Gaddre

Mens Golden Age
First place - Seymour Young Dog, Second place - Sonny Richards

Womens Golden Age
First place - Millie Black Bear, Second place - Cherly Between Lodges, Third place - Sandra Old Horse

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OLC seeks students for television production courses

KYLE - Oglala Lakota College's TV Production Program won the "Wilma Mankiller Media Education Award" from the Native Voice Film Festival on Nov. 12 for demonstrating innovation through their media production training and for the resulting inspiration, enthusiasm and outstanding work of the students.

The award came with a gift of a professional AVID editing software package, provided by the AVID Corporation. The award was presented at the annual conference of the National Congress of American Indians held in Denver, Colorado.

"We are very proud of the accomplishments of the students through Kathy Aplan's instruction," stated Marilyn Kockrow, chair of the Applied Science Department.

The award letter from the office of the Native Voice Film Festival included this statement, "The OLC Applied Science Department has demonstrated innovation through the implementation of Media Production training opportunities and the excellence of the program has been demonstrated through the resulting inspiration, enthusiasm and produced work of your students."

Earlier this year the program also received the 2007 State Director's Award from South Dakota's Office of Career and Technical Education in the Arts, AV Technology and Communications cluster.

The TV Production Program will be accepting new students for the Spring 2008 semester. Offered to students new to the program will be Live TV Production I, a six hour class that will teach students an introduction to the camera and camera techniques, lighting, audio, and an introduction to editing. OLC's TV Production Program offers the latest in digital video technology to educate students in the various aspects of Television Production to empower them to help shape their lives and those of the Lakota community through stories and images. Classes are held at Piya Wiconi, the administrative headquarters of Oglala Lakota College six miles southwest of Kyle.

Students have presented their work at various film festivals and other venues. The Vision Maker Film Festival presented by Native American Public Telecommunications held Nov. 16-29 has requested to show "War Ponies" created by students Jessie Short Bull and Brandon Ferguson.

The Museum of the American Indian will be playing "White Clay," a Thanksgiving video by Jesse Short Bull during Thanksgiving weekend.

For more information about the TV Production Program contact Kathy Aplan at 455-6122 or your local Oglala Lakota College center.



Huska honored

WOUNDED KNEE - Wounded Knee District Youth Council and Oglala Sioux Tribe honored Barbara Huska for her 20 plus dedicated years at the Wounded Knee District School. Originally from Madison, Huska arrived in Manderson to teach on Sept. 7, 1986. She has worked at the Wounded Knee District School for 21 years and is currently working in the Four Directions Class Room. Her interests are reading and knitting.

LWS December activities

KYLE - The Little Wound School December activities begin with a Tree Lighting Ceremony on Monday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. The annual High School Sports banquet will be Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. The Literacy/Parental Involvement night will be Wed. Dec. 5. Administrators will be attending the monthly ONEC meeting Sat. and Sun. Dec. 8 and 9. Family Fun Night is Dec. 12 and begins at 5 p.m. The Middle School Christmas Program will be the same week on Friday, Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. will be the Staff Christmas Social and gift drive. The LW School Board will also meet that day for their monthly budget meeting. On Tuesday, December 18 the Elementary School will hold their Christmas program during the day. Wed. Dec. 19 will be the Literacy/Parental Involvement night. LNI begins Dec. 19 and LWS Staff will have In-Service on Thur. and Fri. Dec. 20 and 21 with no school. Christmas Break begins Mon. Dec. 24 through Thur. Jan. 3. Students will return from break on Friday, Jan. 4, however LWS staff will return on Jan. 3.

LWS sports for December: Dec. 6-Girls BB Home game vs. Red Cloud School at 4:30 p.m., Dec. 7-Boys BB Home game vs. St. Francis at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 8-Boys BB away game vs. Crow Creek at 5:30 p.m.

WKDS students excel in perfect attendance

WOUNDED KNEE - Wounded Knee Elementary School has announced the students with perfect attendance for the first quarter from Sept. 4 to Nov. 1. They are: Loretta C. Apple, Roxann V. Apple, Charles D. Badmilk, Joshua J. Chase Alone, Layne R. Colhoff, Connie S. Comes Killing, Gina R. Cottier, Kimberly R. Cross, Kara B. Cuny, Estallio A. Ghost, Clayton E. Gibbons, David L. Gibbons, O'hitika A. Gibbons, Dylan M. Knight, Christian W. LaDeaux, William W. LaDeaux, Vergil L. LeDeaux, Winston D. Mesteth, Carlos J. Randall, Marlee D. Randall, Jessica L. Red Elk, Amber R. Red Feather, Anthony D. Red Feather, Geneva H. Respects Nothing, Catalina A. Rodriguez, Wakinyan P. Rowland, Jesse R. Sun Bear, Felina R. Swallow, Jaylen D. Twiss, Pam O. White Butterfly, Sam O. White Butterfly, Celeste R. White Plume, Denise D. White Plume, Mathew D. Yellow Bull.

December Birthdays

WKSD Students having birthdays in December are: Jacob Harvey, Emil Red Elk, Devon Respects Nothing, Angelo Red Elk, Savanna Steele, Jaelyn Kills Enemy, Faith Red Elk, Gordon Looks Twice, Wiyaka Stands, Donny Ghost, Christina Clifford , Dana Cros,

WKSD Staff and Board member birthdays for December are: John Eagle Bull, Rosalie Janis, Jocelyn Colhoff, Helen Gerken

December Menu

Dec. 3-7: Mon.-Spanish Rice and ground beef, green beans, bread/milk. Tues-Beans/Ham, veggie stix, cake, milk/bread; Wed. - Chicken Nuggets, macaroni salad, baked beans, peaches, milk; Thurs.- Hamburger gravy & rice, fruit salad, peas, milk/bread; Fri.- Pizza/cheese, chips, coleslaw, ice cream, milk.

Dec 10-14: Mon.-Veggie chili, carrot stix, wojapi, fry bread, milk; Tues-Ham slices, potato au gratin, peas, pineapple, milk/bread; Wed.-Sloppy Joe, tater tots, corn, pudding, milk/bread; Thurs.- Grilled cheese, veggie soup, Mandarine oranges; milk; Fri.- Fish portions, Mac & cheese, green beans, brownies.

IHS Diabetes prevention schedules hands-on nutrition classes for December

PINE RIDGE - The Indian Health Service Diabetes Prevention Program has scheduled six free Nutrition Classes with hands-on activities for the month of December. In Pine Ridge, the Nutrition classes are scheduled for Tues. Dec. 4 and Tues. Dec. 18. Both classes are from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Two hands on Nutrition Classes are scheduled for Porcupine. The first class is on Tuesday, December 11 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The second class will be on Thursday, December 27 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The IHS Walking Club and the OST Walking Club have set their schedules for December. The OST Walking Club will walk from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. They're scheduled to walk on Wed. Dec. 5, Wed. Dec. 12, Wed. Dec. 19, and Wed. Dec. 26.

The IHS Walking Club will walk on Fridays from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. Their schedule is set for Fri. Dec 7, Fri. Dec 14, Fri. Dec. 21 and Fri. Dec. 28.

For further information you may contact Bobette Herman, Diabetes Health Technician at (605) 867-3261.

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Memorial Mass
For Fr. Bill Pauly Thursday, Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge, for information call Charles 867-5551

OST Council Special Session
Friday, Nov. 30 at 9 a.m. in the council chambers of the Red Cloud building in Pine Ridge, for a hearing on Don Garnier, council representative from Pine Ridge Village and Education Committee honoring, for information call Elizabeth 867-5821, Ext. 268.

Community Meeting
For parents, grandparents and guardians of children attending Loneman School at the gym, Friday, Nov. 30 at 1 p.m.; a meal will be served before the meeting, door prizes, bus pick-up, for information call 455-6875.

Rescheduled Kiyuksa Men's basketball tourney
Double elimination cash basketball tournament, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8 and 9 at Little Wound School in Kyle, no high school students, for information call Marcel 45-2690 or 441-1235, sponsored by Medicine Root District, Kiyuksa Waci Okolakiciye and Little Wound School.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
Grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1 at Batesland School sponsored by Rockyford and Batesland from Shannon County Schools and Wednesday, Dec. 19 in Rapid City sponsored by Wolf Creek School, Red Shirt Community School and Shannon County Schools, Friday, Jan. 25 at Pine Ridge School; for information call 867-5174.

40+ Loneman Legend Basketball Challenge
Saturday, Dec. 1, double elimination, a fundraiser for Loneman students, for information call Bill 455-6875 or 455-6907.

Memorial Pool Tournament
Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2 in memory of Phil Red Owl at the Swett Tavern starting at 12 noon sharp, for information call Erik at 441-4364 or 308 862-6326 or Kristy at 441-5785.

Fundraiser League
Starts Sunday, Dec. 2 at the Veteran's gym in St. Francis, ten men's and six women's team basketball league, all league games on Sunday, for information call Merle 208-2607 or 747-2201.

Memorial Service
Dinner for Lyle Brings Him Back on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 12 noon at the Brother Rene Hall, Our Lady of the Sioux in Oglala.

Annual Bazaar
Sunday, Dec. 2 at St. Agnes Church in Manderson at the Tekawitha Hall from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. with Bazaar at 11 a.m., bingo at 2:30 p.m. and lunch sale all day.

Flea Market
Sunday, Dec. 2 at the Bill C. Bear gym in Batesland at 10 a.m. with buffet at 12 noon with a prize bingo, for information call Wilma 288-1922, Robert or Sharon 288-1873, Connie 441-0095 or Sandy 454-1283.

High School Girl's basketball
Season opens, Tuesday, Dec. 4 with Pine Ridge at St. Francis, Todd County at Bennett County, McLaughlin at Cheyenne Eagle Butte; Thursday, Dec. 6 with Red Cloud at Little Wound, Bennett County at St. Francis, Friday, Dec. 7 with Leola-Frederick at McLaughlin; Saturday, Dec. 8 with Miller at Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Wakpala at Takini; Tuesday, Dec. 11 with Little Wound at Pine Ridge and Marty at Santee.

Pancake Supper & Bingo
Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 5-8 p.m. in Manderson at the Wounded Knee District School gym, come support the eighth graders.

Arts and Crafts Market
Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Sinte Gleska University multi-purpose building in Mission, for information contact Leo at 856-8127, Kim at 856-8221 or Chris at 856-4236.

32nd Lakota Nation Invitational
Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 19-22 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, 16 high school team boy's basketball tournament, 16 team girl's basketball tournament, wrestling, hand games, knowledge bowl, language competition, for information contact Bryan Brewer at Pine Ridge School.

Kiyuksa Holiday Basketball tournament
Kiyuksa men's basketball tourney, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 27-29 at Little Wound School gym in Kyle, double elimination, cash tournament, or information call Marcel at 455-2690 or 441-1235.

Lakota Funds sponsors youth entrepreneur training at LNI

KYLE - Pine Ridge future entrepreneurs have been an inspiration for upcoming events with the Lakota Funds. Lakota Funds is promoting youth entrepreneurs by sponsoring advertisements on all Pine Ridge Reservation High Schools sports calendars with the motto "Investing in our Oyate." with the All American Publishing LLC. This is an opportunity to support our young men and women in their activities. Lakota Funds encouraged all area fundraisers with motivation charts/meters for the planning and goal monitoring of successful events for the fundraisers. Financial literacy to all members of our reservation for knowledge to keep on hand for self and families will bring power in everyday choices when it comes to savings and investing. Lakota Funds is a community finance institution actively promoting socioeconomic sustainability of Oglala Lakota People on Pine Ridge Reservation through culturally appropriate strategies including family asset building, technical assistance, business loans, and targeted community and business development.

Lakota Funds has collaborated with Bryan Brewer of the Lakota Nation Invitational to provide workshop sessions for youth attending the Lakota Nation Invitational tournaments. Lakota Funds workshop sessions for the youth attending Lakota Nation Invitational will begin Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 1:30 p.m. The sessions will give information along with games to understand Credit, Savings, and other topics. The Lakota Nation Invitational Financial Literacy will also focus on preparing for College life expenses. All participants will take part in games to encourage actually looking at credit terms and ideas for keeping a personal budget. Economic development and community developments together build healthy striving communities.

Lakota Funds upcoming meetings/trainings are:

Core Four Business Planning Course starts January 2008 it will be one night per week for 6 weeks at Pine Ridge College Center. This course is free; it does require participants to purchase their book for $ 40 at the Oglala Lakota College Book Store. This course is required for Lakota Funds clients who will be requesting a loan.

For more information call Lakota Funds at 455-2500, check out our website at www.lakotafunds.org, or listen to KILI Radio 90.1 FM on Mondays at 3 p.m.



Mission soccer champs

MISSION - Wildhorse Soccer Club members of Mission placed in the Knights of Columbus South Dakota State Soccer Challenge in Pierre. L-R: Diondra Bordeaux placed 4th in the 11 year-old girls division, Raquel Colombe placed 1st in the 11 year-old girls division and Nile Stone placed 3rd in the 12 year old boys division.

Wounded Knee School 8th grade benefit

Wounded Knee School District Eighth grade class will sponsor a Pancake Supper and Bingo on Wednesday, Dec. 5 in the Wounded Knee District School gym at 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Pine Ridge Chamber Mixer

The Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce is having their first Chamber Mixer on Wed., Dec. 5.

The mixer will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be held at the Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort located six miles west of Kyle.

The chamber invites everyone to come and celebrate the Christmas season with fellow members of the chamber. There will be a small $5 cover. Please RSVP to Lynette Hunter at 605-455-2685 or email her at hunter@lakotamall.com.

St. Agnes Church Annual Bazaar

St. Agnes Church will have their Annual Bazaar on Sunday, December 2 in Tekakwitha Hall in Manderson from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Bingo will begin at 2:30 p.m. with lunch sale all day. Raffle Tickets are being sold for first place - $300, second place - $200, third place - $100, fourth place - $50, fifth place - $25, sixth place - star quilt and numerous other prizes.

Elderly honoring Dec. 4

PINE RIDGE - A Gathering of Lakota Elders will be held Tuesday, Dec. 4 at the Prairie Winds Casino from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Invited are elders who are 70 years of age and older and one chaperone.

For more information contact Nellie Bald Eagle at 856-6300 or 441-1092 or 1-800-705-WIND.

Holiday Hoops Dec. 8

PORCUPINE - The Seventh Annual Holiday Hoops Classic will be held at the Porcupine School Gym on Saturday and Sunday Dec. 8 and 9. Only staff teams will be allowed.

Those participating must have been employed at least 30 days prior to the start of the tournament on Dec. 8. For more information contact Hard Hollow Horn Jr. at 441-4199 or 441-9822.

High school basketball season opens Dec. 7

Basketball Season opens Friday, Dec. 7 with Red Cloud at Bennett County, Todd County at Valentine, St. Francis at Little Wound, McLaughlin at Selby Area, Jones County at White River, Waverly-South Shore at Tiospa Zina; Saturday, Dec. 8 with Little Wound at Crow Creek, Miller at Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Wakpala at Takini; Monday, Dec. 10 with Oelrichs at Crazy Horse; Tuesday, Dec. 11 with Tiospa Zina at Flandreau Indian, Marty at Santee, Pine Ridge at St. Francis.

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Ask Anna

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I hope all is well with you. I am writing to seek your advice. My boyfriend and I all we do is fight and break up. On two occasions I caught him with another girl and I was so upset I was with someone else too. We are now doing okay but I'm unsure if I am pregnant and is it my boyfriends?

Also if it is a boy or girl? The guy that I was with someone else or has he been? Lately he takes off when he wants and I wonder what will happen in my future.

Tired of wondering

Dear Tired of Wondering:

Sometimes people just stay in a situation because they become "use to it." and they can't seem to break away into something better. When you truly examine your feelings about your boyfriend it won't take you long to figure out that the list of complaints about him does not add up to love.

He will never be able to measure up to what you truly want, and you will continually blame him for that. That equals chaos and trouble, trouble, everywhere.

It is difficult for me to ascertain whether you are pregnant right now or soon will be. I do see you as pregnant, but it might be soon and not right now. If there is a current pregnancy, then I feel that it will not hold.

If you are pregnant, then it is the other guys...and if you are just about to be pregnant, then it is still the other guys.

For your own sake girl please get some sense about yourself, your life, and your destiny. You are the one that writes the future for yourself. Change it now by losing the desperation for male attention and learn to wait for the right mate, instead of a choice of a man that is not ready for commitment, adulthood, or responsibility. Oh yeah, and one more thing, try to choose someone that is not substance addicted. It will make your life a whole lot easier and give any child you birth a much better chance at a good and stable life - which is the least you owe your children, both the already born and the ones to be born. Think about it. Children do not need to suffer, so don't place yourself in an insufferable environment.

Good luck. I hope my words do not offend you, but instead make you think enough to make the changes you need to make in your own life. Quit worrying how you will affect the men in your life, and consider instead how they might affect you and your children.

Dear Anna,

I am in writing in the hopes that I can have some questions answered. I am 25 years old and I have one child and I am finishing up with my last year of college. I wasn't suppose to tell my baby's father about me having his kid. But the pressure of everyone got to me so I told him.

But I had given our baby to some one else because my father wanted that. He said I will thank him later on down the road. I don't know where I'm going or what to do. I want to be with my baby's dad and everything it's just that everybody else says that he will kill me if I ever got him mad at me.

They say all this stuff about him but I don't really know maybe I am just turning a blind eye to him. They tell me to stay away from him yet when I did they were always hanging out with him. School is my first priority it always has been but I am 25 years away from being 50 and I would like to know if there is really a man out there for me that I can find who will be pleasing enough for my father because it seems all the guys I have ever tried to have a relationship with ended because they just weren't good enough and now I am starting to think that no one is. I try to have patience with everything but its just that I need feedback I hear my dad and what he has to say but I think it'll be better for me to hear it from some one else. Just wanting to know.

Wants to know

Dear Wants to know:

First of all, I am glad that you have enough of the Lakota values within you to listen to your father. Good for you.

I have to make one observation for you to consider:

How is it possible to have a good and healthy relationship with a man if he didn't even know you were pregnant? How much time have you spent with him? In any relationship that develops into a mate to mate situation, enough time must be spent together so that there are not any ugly surprises in store.

Your father has pretty good insight into this young man. He recognizes an uncontrollable temper when he sees it. He is only trying to protect you from making bad decisions, especially one that could cost you your life.

I know dear, how very much love it took for you to give up your child. You are blessed by all the angels that watch over children, for allowing this baby to have a good solid home with love and many blessings.

You are still very young. You have more than one relationship in your future. There will be three boyfriend situations before you find the husband relationship. Graduating will allow you to begin to make a good living, which will place you in environments where people that have it more together live and work. Healthy successful people with healthy self-esteem give you a very good chance at finding the right relationship.

Your father does not disapprove of everyone...he just knows a bum when he sees one. Be honest, who wants a guy that "hangs out" for a husband? He will always "hang out" while you "hang out" at work to support him and home so you don't piss him off. Use better sense, you have it - so please use it. Quit romanticizing men. Look at them the same way you would if they were on television. Use your neutral viewing skill to make honest assessments. And, please, once again, stay away from substance abusers - they have a tendency to pull you down and they will create an attractive opportunity for you to lose all of your values to join them in the activity of drinking, hanging out, and drugging.

You will be married by the time you are 29. He is a wonderful, kind, gentle man that wants babies, works, prays, and respects woman in general, you in particular, and believe it or not - he will like your dad, and your dad will like him.

Blessings girl, you are truly courageous. Be smart enough not to waste your time with the wrong man. The right man will be worth the wait.

Dear Anna,

I hope you are doing well and keeping warm this winter. I am writing because, I am riding on a very bumpy road, without a sense of direction. I'm not sure what to do with my life and I feel that I may be running out of gas. I am in school and doing my best, but it gets pretty hard sometimes. I am wondering if I should switch schools or if it would be best for me to stay with my current school? Will my family be happy and healthy? I always feel so lonely and I know it is early to start to worry, but will there ever be anyone for me? I also feel that sometimes the Creator may have abandoned me here. It so lonely and empty.

It always feels like I am missing something in my life and that I just can't put my finger on what it may be. Should I be doing something that I am not? Have I been doing something wrong or am I just not worthy? Lately, I have been having the strangest dreams about this, that I am unable to understand. Could you shed some light on that please? Also do you see any profession that I would be happy and successful at? Will I ever play for a college team? Will I get through this year academically, physically, mentally, and spiritually? I'm sorry for the numerous questions, but I really appreciate your response and guidance.

Thank you very much!

Looking for a road map.

Dear Looking:

Well dear one, the fact that you are looking is a good sign. The Creator did not leave you out of the love picture. You have really done the right thing by not getting involved with anyone that is not good for you. The right one will come along in about another one and one half to two years. I know that sounds like a long time, but actually it is perfect because it allows you time to figure out your life a little better.

Don't despair because you are undecided and don't quite feel like you know exactly what you are doing or where you are going. That is normal. When I find myself unsure of the direction I should go I pray to the Creator, Tunkshila, and God in any and all names known and unknown that I recognize the opportunity when He presents it to me. The rub about being a spirit clothed by a physical body is time. Everything takes it. We all want whatever we want, and we want it now. Good things always come, if you rest in the cradle of God's arms - which is what I call time.

Time is what God gave to the physical universe to distinguish it from Spirit. It is what we as humans feel and must go through when we are physical. It is God's gift to us, His promise, and our adventure. Learn to love and live in time. Lose your anxiousness and your inability to wait without aggravation. In today's world, the biggest problem that I can see is that the youth and even the adults want immediate gratification. They all want everything right how: the right mate, right now; the best job, right now; more money, right now; the wisdom of the ages, right now. That is one of the leading contributors to addictions of all kinds. People want to have it all right now - so they turn to something they will feel right now, sex, drugs, alcohol.

You will have a good life, and as a matter of fact, you have a good life right now. If you pray for thankfulness for this moment, for this day, for your present circumstances, God will hand you more to be grateful for. If you are disdainful of what He has given to you, then you will be handed less than you want. Remember, always ***Be Here Now***, it is all you ever really have.

Yes, I think you should change schools. I believe you want a bigger challenge, a degree for a more recognized University, and a degree that is not offered at your present school. Social Services, counseling, behavioral sciences combined with sports will take you where you want to go. A counselor of youth and a coach.

Hang in there sweetheart, you are just tired. Time for Christmas break so you can recharge your batteries. We all look forward to a day or two off, and students definitely need a time "not to think so hard," so to speak.

I see good things for you. I see love for you. I see a good family life for you. I see a challenging and creative career for you. All in time.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

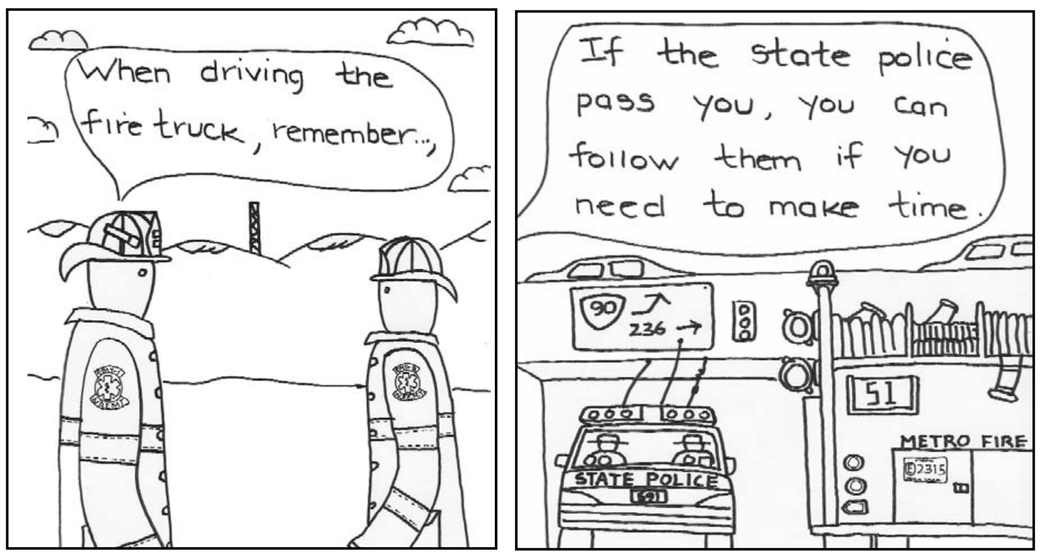
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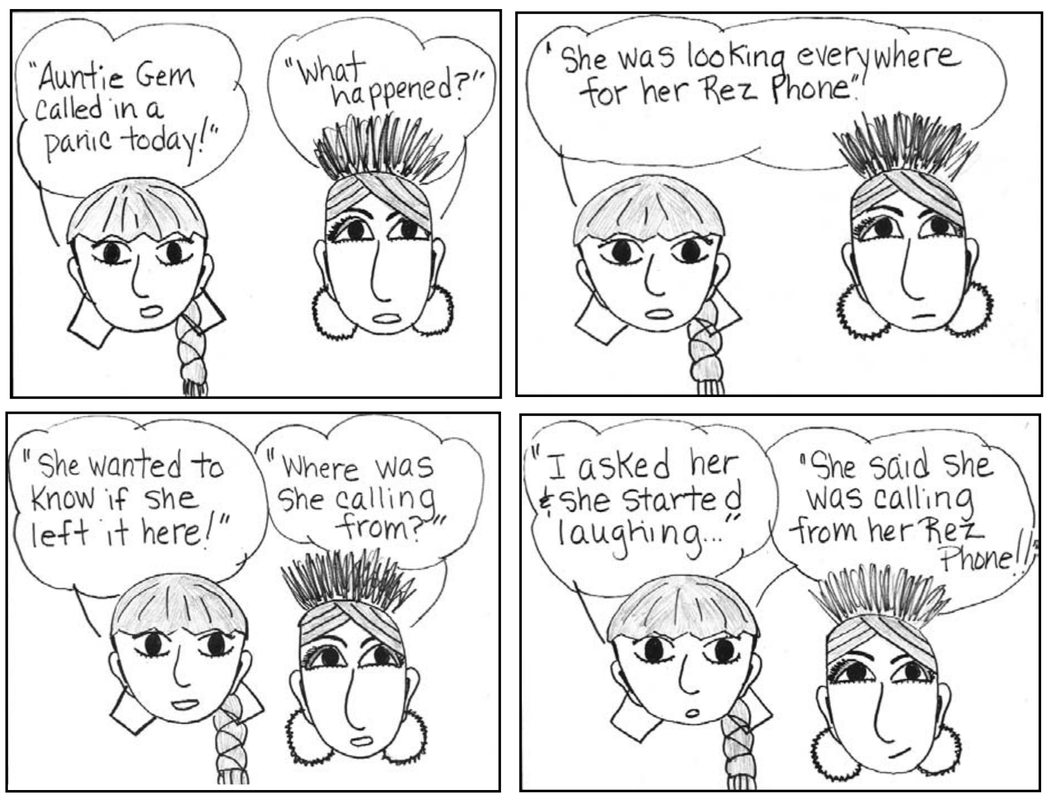
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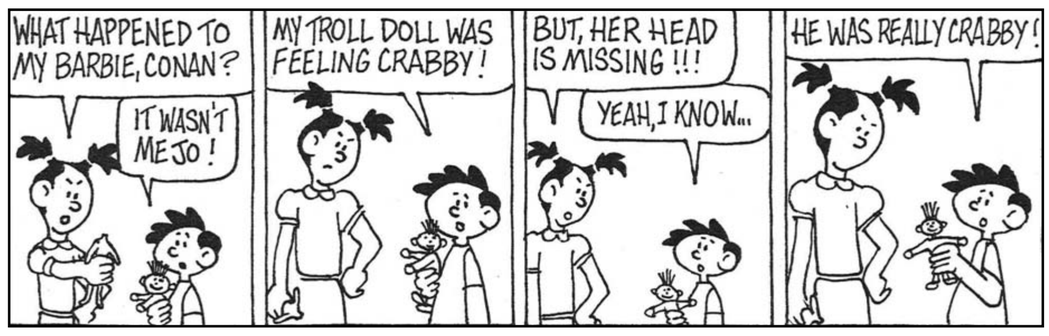
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~Paulette A. Pourier~

PORCUPINE - Paulette A. Pourier, 39, Porcupine, died Saturday, Nov. 24, as the result of an auto accident near Interior. Survivors include one son, Daniel Two Crow, Kyle; four daughters, Shira Bettelyoun and Desiree McGaa, both of Pine Ridge, Shirae Pourier, Kyle, and Lauren Two Crow, Porcupine; her parents, David Pourier, Porcupine, and Delores Bear Killer, Kyle; one brother, Len Pourier, Kyle; and two sisters, Bobbi Jo Janis, Rapid City, and Jeanette Amiotte, Wanblee.

Wake services will be Thursday, Nov. 29, at Little Wound School in Kyle.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at the school, with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating, and traditional Lakota services by Beau LeBeaux.

Burial will be at Pourier Family Cemetery in Kyle. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

~Trevian M. Scout~

PORCUPINE - Trevian M. Scout, 68, Porcupine, died Sunday, Nov. 18 at Pine Ridge Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Scout Sr., Hot Springs; two sons, David Scout and Manuel Scout, both of Porcupine; one daughter, Donna Laslay, Porcupine; four brothers, Howard White Face, Sam White Face and James White Face, all of Porcupine, and Timothy White Face, Rapid City; five sisters, Vina Steele, Crown Point, N.M., Clara Whipple, Kyle, and Myrna Young Bear, Lillian Good Shield and Mary White Face, all of Porcupine; and four grandchildren.

Wake services were Thursday, Nov. 22, at Porcupine School. Funeral services were Saturday, Nov. 24, at the school, with the Rev. Howard White Face officiating.

Burial was at Lakota Gospel Cemetery in Porcupine. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Delphine M. Simmons~

WOUNDED KNEE - Delphine M. Simmons, 87, Wounded Knee, died Saturday, Nov. 17 at Chadron Community Hospital in Chadron, Neb. Survivors include one daughter, Margo Simmons, Wounded Knee; two brothers, Aaron Lilland Jr., Atlanta, and Lerman Phelps Jr., Orlando, Fla.; one sister, Patricia Avery, Knoxville, Tenn.; and 30 grandchildren. Wake services were Friday, Nov. 23, at Fire Lightning Tiyospe Center in Wounded Knee.

Traditional Lakota services were Saturday, Nov. 24, at the center, with Chief Leonard Crow Dog officiating.

Burial was at Fire Lightning Tiyospe Cemetery in Wounded Knee. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Grace M. Briggs~

BATESLAND - Grace M. Briggs, 76, Batesland, died Saturday, Nov. 24 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include seven sons, Edson Briggs, Vernon Briggs, John Briggs, Monte Briggs and Robert Briggs, all of Batesland, and Richard Briggs and Ira Briggs, both of Eagle Butte; three daughters, Maria Rivas, Allen, and Sharri Briggs and Johnnie Kay Charger, both of Martin; 43 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Wake services started 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at Batesland School.

Traditional Lakota services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at Batesland School, with Mike Cross and Eric Cross officiating. Scattering of remains will take place in a private ceremony at a later date.

Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

~Clarence M. Cummings~

HAY SPRINGS, Neb. - Clarence M. Cummings, 69, Hay Springs, formerly of Martin, S.D., died Monday, Nov. 19, at Gordon Memorial Hospital. Survivors include three sons, James Cummings, Gordon, William Cummings, Heathrow, England, and Michael Cummings, Redmond, Ore.; two daughters, Debra Hicks, Buffalo, Wyo., and Theresa Siers, Prineville, Ore.; two brothers, Edward Dane Cummings, Jenkins, Minn., and Melvin Cummings, Rock Springs; one sister, Elsie Cummings, Gordon; 19 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

Memorial services were 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 26, at Martin American Legion Hall, with the Rev. William Cummings officiating.

Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Helen (Felix) Mae Baca~

RAPID CITY - Helen Mae Baca, 54, Rapid City, died Sunday, Nov. 18 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include three daughters, Marty Andrews and Evelyn Felix, both of Rapid City, and Valerie Heron, Watertown; three sons, Pete Felix, Rapid City, Jessie Felix, Winner, and J.J. Herman, Las Vegas; two brothers, Everett Felix Sr., Sisseton, and Billy Joe Felix, Winner; and eight grandchildren.

Wakes services were Thursday, Nov. 22, at Mother Butler Center in Rapid City. Funeral services were Friday, Nov. 23, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Rapid City, with the Rev. Paul Sneve officiating.

Burial was at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

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Dad (Ron), Mom (Josie)
your sister and brothers,
Gina, Rob, Cyrus and your old faithful dog Legend.

Always in our Hearts,
We thought of you with love today,
But that was nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday and
the day before that too.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still.
Our hearts will always hold a place,
no one will ever fill.
Our hearts still ache in sadness,
The silent tears still flow.
For what it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know,
We think of you in silence
and often speak your name.
Now all we have are memories
and your pictures in a frame.
Your memories are our keepsakes,
in which we will never part.
God has you in his keeping,
We have you in our hearts.

We, the family of Ryan Teague Janis, would like to invite family and friends to the unveiling of the headstone and memorial dinner to follow on Dec. 9, 2007 at 1:00 at Our Lady of Sorrows in Kyle

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The Little Wound School Board is seeking bids for 50 Personnel Computers, 35 desktops and 15 laptops.

Minimum specifications for the desktop computers are as follows:

Windows Vista Business; minimum processor 1.8 GHz; minimum 1.0 GB of RAM; minimum 80 GB HDD; DVD/CDRW; Ethernet; 3 year parts/labor warranty; and 17" flat panel monitor, NOT TO EXCEED $770.00 each.

Minimum specifications for the laptop computers is as follows: Windows vista business; minimum Processor 1.9 GHz; minimum 1.0 GB of RAM; minimum 100 GB HDD; DVD/CDRW; Wi-Fi; 3 year parts/labor warranty, NOT TO EXCEED $770.00 each.

Contact Anne Hunter, Technology Coordinator at 455-6155 or Paula Pourier, Business Manager at 455-6173 for further information.

Sealed bids will be opened and acted upon during the School Board meeting on Monday December 03, 2007 at Little Wound School.

Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality, and to accept the bid that is to the advantage of and in the best interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed bids is 12:00 p.m. on Monday December 03, 2007. Please submit bids in a sealed envelope marked "Computer Bid" on the face of the envelope with the bidders name and address. If bid is sent by mail, actual bid should be enclosed in a separate envelope marked "Computer bid". Bid should be submitted to the Little Wound School Business Office or to the following address: Little Wound School Business Office, Attn: Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752, street address is 500 Main Street, Kyle, SD 57752.

Little Wound School
Kyle, S.D.
Principal Reports
October 2007

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Valerie Charging Eagle K-2 Principal

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Enrollment as of Oct. 31, 2007

Our total enrollment for grades K-2 was 165 students for the month of October. The breakdown of enrollment and average daily attendance and average daily membership is as follows: Average Daily Attendance: Kindergarten (53 students)-55.70, First Grade (60 students)-64.33, Second Grade (52 students)-52.31. Average Daily membership: Kindergarten-49.32, First Grade-58.36, Second Grade-49.05. Not only did our enrollment numbers go up from September but the ADA and ADM for each grade also went up. Our enrollment numbers, ADA and ADM fluctuate from month to month because of the enrollment and drops of students from Canglesska.

Professional Development

Some of the new teachers and student assistants who had never had the opportunity to observe a classroom in Spearfish before, went to Spearfish on Friday, Oct. 26. That session was beneficial to those who attended because we were finally able to see the "big picture and how all the components fit together.

Scheduling

The schedule has been established and implemented this month. It is working great and allows the teachers of each learning circle to meet at least one hour every week to discuss individual student progress, solve problems and make plans.

Wolakota After School program

By Edwina Brown Bull
Wolakota Director

Current enrollment for the Wolakota after shool program is 98. Highlights for the month of October were SDABBE presentation; Little Wound school board presentation Rapid City; presented and organized the Little Wound School Family Literacy Night; Oglala Sioux Tribe Gang Activities meeting at OLL Porcupine; organized Jane Goodall school visit.

Student and Activity Highlights

Were the Trick or Treat Trail and the Science Inquiry trip to Mammoth site and movies.

Parental Involvement

Included 100 percent involvement from Wolakota parents for students enrolled for fall, 2007.

The staff attended Black Hills Literacy Circle for staff development.

Program goals and objectives are to implement structured afterschool academic activities that will increase the students' ability to achieve state and local standards in Math.

Wolakota teachers met with regular classroom teachers to develop strategies and activities to enrich individual grades K-5 learning such as tomograms, adding, subtracting, multiplication, problem solving skills (math) and critical thinking (math).

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Theresa Mendoza Elementary Principal Grades 3-5

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The current elementary 3-5 enrollment is 150 for the month of October. The Average Daily Membership was 145.09 and the Average Daily Attendance Rates was 128.09.

The Behavior Incidents numbered 25 with males incidents at 21 and female incidents at 4.

School Security Report

Safe School Officer (SSO) continues to monitor the main entrance to the elementary, Visitor sign-in continues, SSO monitors bus loading zone, walks through campus regularly throughout the day, monitors the building every half-hour for unlocked doors, if unlocked secures, and a daily log is kept for documentation.

Student Highlights

Jason Shoots coordinator for the Pine Ridge Roots and Shoots program, came and gave students in third grade pen pal letters from Australia. Google Earth was used to locate where our pen pals live. When Jane Goodall was here, a bear was given to our class, which we named Mato, the class is sending them a bison and they in turn will give the bison a name. Royal Reader family was chosen, they came in for a special candle light dinner with their student. A special note from their student along with baby pictures, brought from home are hung on the bulletin board to celebrate the student and their family. The class also had a 94 year old grandmother from Wyoming visit the classroom, she showed the students how to knit and showed them a star quilt that she is making by hand.

Students in grade 3-3 learned about their bodies during health, how the five senses function. They then illustrated a diagram of the eyes, nose, throat, ears mouth and skin.

These students in fifth grade were excited and so pleased with their new classroom furniture that they wrote a thank-you card to me and I in turn asked them to thank the school board who approved the purchase of their new desks, book shelves and cabinets.

All three fifth grade classrooms held elections for their Student Council. This involved the entire election process including speeches, campaigning, voting, etc., students held elections for a president, vice-president, secretary and two representatives from each class.

Staff Development

Oct. 19- New staff attended the workshop held in Spearfish for Dominie training. Oct. 19- Selected staff attended workshop held in the auditorium titled 'Co-dependency' by Bob Olney from Catholic Social Services.

Assessments used in the classroom include; Renaissance Math, Renaissance Reading, textbook chapter test, and Dominie Reading/Language Arts assessments

In the counseling department Juanita Witt worked with students in grades K-2 on lessons on racism and grief counseling with three students.

Rochelle Middletent has worked with students in grades third to fifth on the following activities:

Oct. 8-12- "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month". Collaboration with Can'gleska Inc. to provide Domestic Violence Awareness to K-5 students.

Oct. 10- Domestic violence walk was held.

Oct. 22-26-Drug Free Week & Red Ribbon Week. Collaboration with outside agencies: Anpetu Luta Otipi, OST Public Safety, Western Prevention Resource Center to provide awareness among the K-5 students.

Red Ribbon t-shirts were presented to all students and staff in the K-5 department, the t-shirts were paid for by Anpetu Luta Otipi in the amount of $2,014.50.

Lakota Language and Culture

By Vina Yankton

Preparing the classes for the Christmas Program

3rd grade students worked on learning the Lakota numbers form 20-100. They also continue to work on everyday conversational words and phrases.

4th grade students are doing oral spelling of Lakota words. They also continue to do story telling.

5th grade students continue to work on everyday conversational words and phrases. They also do oral spelling on the new words learned.

All students are involved in story-telling and presenting oral reports for assessing their progress.

Parent/Teacher visits were as follows: 3rd grade-3 parents attended; 4th grade-14 parents attended; 5th grade-8 parents attended. I envision more parents attending parent-teacher conferences for Lakota Language and Culture as the awareness increases, this was the first time I had conferences so the turn out was small.

Parent Community Involvement Highlights

Oct. 17- Family Fun Night-we had a tremendous turn-out. Parent/Teacher Conference First Quarter attendance was as follows:
3-1 class-81 percent attendance,3-2 class-80 percent,3-3 Class-79 percent, 4-1 class-75 percent,4-2 class-69 percent, 4-3-class- 47 percent, 5-1 class-71 percent, 5-2 class- 72 percent, 5-3 class-100 percent.

Upcoming Activities for November

Lakota Speech Contest at Piya Wiconi on Nov 28.

Christmas program Theme: Christmas Around The World (each learning circle will represent a country) Practice has started in the K-5 grades

Custodians will be attending a "The Essentials of Custodial and Housekeeping Maintenance" workshop on Dec. 20 and 21 in Rapid City.

Christmas Stockings will be presented to grades K-5 on Dec 17 from the American Indian Relief Council.

Sport Events

By Denise Pourier

Oct. 9-Girls Basketball practices begin with 14 participating.

Oct. 25-First game of the season against Wounded Knee District School. Wounded Knee did not have a "C" team. We had enough "C" team players for two teams, so the teams played each other so that they could get some experience and playing time.

Oct. 27-we traveled to Red Cloud Indian School to participate in their Annual Pre-Season Tournament. The "C" team was 1-3 in the tournament..

Oct. 19-Tatuye Topa Dance Club was hosted by Red Cloud/OLL schools - Grand entry was 1 pm.

Consolidation School Reform activities included assessments, were completed for STAR Reading and Math; teacher evaluations are in progress; and Dominie assessments continue most are completed.

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Tom Raymond Middle School Principal

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Enrollment as of Oct. 30 is 142 students. The attendance of students is 83 percent and 93 percent for staff.

Parental contacts of the Principal was 26 with 399 contacts for Teachers and Other.

Lakota Language-The focus continues to be upon the acquisition and use of oral language with writing and cultural activities being used to enhance oral language. Students and our one teacher are working hard. One teacher resigned in the middle of October. The lack of a regular teacher or a regular substitute is not conducive to good learning.

Language Arts- Students and teachers continue to focus on learning to write memoirs and finishing a class novel. In addition they are working on writing stories. There is a focus on the elements of good literacy writing. A new program, Smart Words, has begun which seeks to improve student vocabulary and literacy development.

Mathematics- Students are working on fractions, decimals, and pre-algebra concepts. We lost a math teacher this month and our temporary regular substitute has been doing a good job; however, we need a teacher with strong mathematics background.

Science- Students and teachers are busy planning for the upcoming science fair. Students went on a field trip to the Rapid City Fire Department. Students have been studying the solar system. Students also investigated paranormal occurrences at the Middle School.

Social Studies-Students continue to learn about other world cultures and completed a thematic unit on Halloween. In addition students are learning about the colonization of the Americas and famous explorers.

Health, Physical Education and Recreation-The temporary regular substitute continues to do an outstanding job of working with students. All of our students have been training in Lakota Hand games and many are becoming very proficient. Other recreational health activities for enjoyment and healthful living such as a tobacco free life-style through the program, Teens Against Tobacco Use.

Three students were suspended with 12 students in conflict Resolution and 81 student referrals. Teachers, counselors, and other staff have been very busy working with students who are in need of assistance in working to solve the social problems that plague many of us at times, especially when we are growing up. Assisting the teachers and counselors have been school security, our school resource officer, the principal, our PE substitute, the attendance clerk, and our school secretary. Supporting and supportive parents have been the key to our success. Each day begins with Lakota song from our student drum group and smudging by Counselor Bim. Our new Dean of Students has begun working to support students, parents, and staff with behavioral issues.

Professional Development-Staff has participated in a variety of ongoing learning and training opportunities. Weekly staff meetings are held. Instructional Service Personnel have been working with our staff on a regular basis.

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Little Wound School
Kyle, South Dakota
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11-26-07

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school term:

The following positions are open until filled:

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HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials.

For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178.
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Five (5) Board of Trustees Positions for Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety

The Oglala Sioux Tribal Council is taking applications for five (5) Department of Public Safety ("OST-DPS") Board of Trustee positions because of recent revisions to the OST-DPS charter. The primary responsibility of the five (5) member Board of Trustees is to serve as the head of OST-DPS and shall approve policies for the department.The Board of Trustees shall work in conjunction with the Chief of Police who shall approve policies for the department. The Board of Trustees shall work in conjunction with the Chief of Police who shall oversee the day-to-day operation of OST-DPS consistent with applicable policies. Board stipend payments shall not exceed $1,500.00 per Trustee per year. All Board of Trustees must be:

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Please request and return your application and attach all required documentation-to the Oglala Sioux Tribal Secretary at:

Oglala Sioux Tribe, Secretary/Elizabeth Waters
Red Cloud Building, Main Street
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No applications will be considered that are submitted later than
Deadline December 21, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

You may also request a copy of the revised OST-DPS charter from the Office of Tribal Secretary that describes the significant authorities of the OST-DPS Board of Trustees.

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Lil Gram Grama Maizie Grama Lucille

Grama's Prayer
Dear Lord,
today we pray for Grama's--
our own mothers, and Grama's everywhere, who have made such a major contribution to the good qualities we have, sometimes through genetics, more often through great effort and patience, and who have done their best to gently polish away our rough edges. Lord, please bless our Grama's for the endless hours of time they spent and the boundless energy they invested in us. Bless our Grama's for their sacrifices on our behalf as they often gave up or deferred their own dreams so that we could have ours. Bless our Grama's for always being there for us, for being the person we know we can turn to when we need comfort, encouragement, or just a hug. Bless our Grama's for making a home for us where we could feel safe, where we felt we belonged. Most of all, Lord, bless our Grama's for their unconditional love, for loving us no matter what, and for frequently showing love in ways that make us feel valued and cherished. Lord, please bless our Grama's mightily. Strengthen them, soothe them, wrap them in Your infinite love and shower them with blessings too numerous to count, too magnificent to describe.
We love them, admire them, respect them. and we wish that You would give them back many times the good they gave to us.
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AVERY RED CLOUD

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Wolf Creek students save young girl from drowning

RAPID CITY - Three Wolf Creek ball players, in Rapid City for the Cougar Classic, walked into the pool at the Quality Inn on Saturday night and noticed a young girl lying on the bottom of the eight foot deep swimming pool. The three eighth graders hollered for help right away; Naomi Evans said she waited about three seconds before diving into the pool and grabbing the unconscious girl and pulling her to the surface. Corina Sitting Bear and Shawna Rowland helped Naomi pull the little girl out of the pool and lay her down.

A volunteer who happened by administered CPR to the young girl and eventually got her breathing again before the Fire and Rescue EMT's arrived to deliver Tiana Kuhluf to the hospital.



Wolf Creek students Corina Sitting Bear, Wolf Creek, Naomi Evans, Oglala and Shawna Rowland, Pine Ridge were honored Monday by Wolf Creek School and Shannon County Schools with certificates, a star quilt and Pendleton blankets.

PHOTO COURTESY OF WOLF CREEK SCHOOL

Tiana Kohluf, a kindergarten student in Eagle Butte was released after spending one day in the hospital. Her grandmother called one of the girl's parents after she got out of the hospital and Tiana and her parents Dean Kohluf and Jodi Larson called Wolf Creek School on Tuesday and by speaker phone personally thanked Naomi, Corina and Shawna.

"So often you hear about all of the problems with our children," said Russell Budmayr, Wolf Creek School upper elementary principal, "when you have a story like our students saving a young girl it is not only heart warming but it helps balance all of our struggles."

On Monday, Wolf Creek School honored each of the students with a star quilt or Pendleton blanket and certificates of appreciation. Plans are being made to honor the three girls during the upcoming Lakota Nation Invitational tournament in Rapid City.

"None of these girls have sought out the limelight, in fact one of the girls has had dreams about what happened and during the honoring ceremony they all sat there and cried, it was so emotional," said Mike

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Historic voting rights case settled

LAKE ANDES - In a historic agreement reached Dec. 4 with the American Civil Liberties Union, a South Dakota county has agreed to federal supervision of its elections through 2024. The settlement resolves a 2005 ACLU lawsuit charging Charles Mix County with discriminating against Native American voters in violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

"This is a landmark settlement," said Bryan Sells, a staff attorney with the ACLU's Voting Rights Project and the lead attorney on the case. "It will protect Native American voting rights in Charles Mix County for many years to come."

Under the settlement, approved Wednesday by U.S. District Judge Lawrence L. Piersol of Sioux Falls, the county is required to get approval from the federal government before implementing new voting laws in the county through 2024. The settlement also authorizes

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Bennett County Nursing Home upgrades resident care

Facility listed on national list for improvement

By Roseanna Renaud
Special to the Times

MARTIN - Last week, Bennett County Nursing Home of Martin, was listed on a federal government list as one of 54 facilities in the nation that needed improvement.

Since then, Joe Caldwell, Bennett County Hospital and Nursing Home administrator and David Jones, nursing home board of directors, have evaluated public relations to account why the nursing home was on the list and improvements have occurred. The nursing home is currently in compliance with the regulations.

The list included two facilities in South Dakota, Bennett County and the Aberdeen Healthcare Center in Aberdeen and named for quality of care deficiencies.

Caldwell said the nursing home currently has 38 residents and are running at 85 percent capacity. Of the residents, 27 are Native American.

The Associated Press published the list nationwide and the article stated lawmakers and advocacy groups have been pushing the Bush administration to make it easier for consumers to identify poorly performing nursing homes.

Bennett County, one of 120 nursing homes nationwide is designated as a Special Focus Facilities by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. CMS began using the SFF designation some years ago to identify homes that merit more oversight and to stimulate improvements in their quality of care.

According to CMS, most nursing homes receive six to seven deficiencies per survey and correct their problems within a reasonable



Joe Caldwell, nursing home administrator encourages public to visit nursing home.

amount of time. The focus facilities may have a 'yo-yo' compliance history, showing improvement on one survey only to drop to substandard on the next.

SFF homes receive inspections every six months rather than annually. Being named to the list means the nursing home shows lack of improvement in a subsequent survey. A survey covers quality measures, nursing home staffing, and on-site inspection.

Health deficiencies deal with such issues as protecting residents from mistreatment, neglect or theft of personal property, ensuring that each resident's nutritional needs are met, providing activities to meet the needs of residents, making sure that the nursing home area is free of dangers that cause accidents, that there is a program to deal with mice, insects, or other pests, and developing a complete care plan within seven days of each resident's admission.

Enforcement actions range from civil monetary penalties (fines) or termination from Medicare and Medicaid. CMS mandates within about 18-24 months after a facility is identified by CMS as an SFF nursing home, it is expected there will be one of three possible outcomes:

1. The nursing home graduates from the SFF program because it has made significant improvements in quality of care - and those improvements are continued over time.

2. The nursing home is terminated from participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. While such a nursing may continue to operate (depending on State law), usually it will close once Medicare and Medicaid funding is discontinued. In such a case the State Medicaid Agency (and others) will assist all

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High school girls basketball previews:

Pine Ridge, Red Cloud, Cheyenne Eagle Butte hope to build on last year's success

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent



LAKOTA NATION - Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes had a magical season last year going 21-0 with a number one state ranking before losing to Bennett County in the District 14A championship game; Red Cloud turned their program around and used a mid-season six game win streak to launch their team through districts and regionals all the way to the State A tournament while Cheyenne Eagle Butte played steady all year and made it to state as well; all three teams have goals to improve on last year's successes. All three teams have the potential to go to state this year, the State A tournament is set for mid-March in Watertown.

Pine Ridge's Robin Webber, Cheyenne Eagle Butte's Brittany Azure and Jordyn Brown and Little Wound's Kelsey Brave Eagle are all playing college ball this year.

Pine Ridge, Little Wound, Red Cloud, Todd County, Crazy Horse and Cheyenne Eagle Butte all have new coaches.

2007-2008 Girl's High School Basketball Previews

Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes

"It's good to be back coaching but I miss coming home right after school and taking a nap," said Dusty LeBeau as he looks ahead to this season after stepping down as coach in 2004 to spend more time with wife, Tess who had been sick and who has since passed away, "my main goal is getting these girls into shape, keeping them in shape throughout the season and getting them to be comfortable with their roles and with playing a tough man to man defense."

No matter what happens this year, it will be an interesting year, Dusty's son, Jerome is now the head girl's coach at Red Cloud and his granddaughter, Tangerine is playing for Little Wound.

"It was really hard watching these girls lose the district championship last year, they were really sad and I thought if possible I could help them to improve on their finish last year," said Lebeau, "we have some really good girls and if we can stay together, play hard and work hard on defense, we'll do well."

Starting for the Lady Thorpes this

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Carlow, Lakota studies coordinator at the school,"we smudged them and talked about how positive their actions were, that their quick reaction time represented positive Lakota values and their involvement was a really positive thing."

All three girls participate on the Wolf Creek girl's basketball team and are looking forward to next week's Big Foot Conference A girl's tournament at American Horse School in Allen.

"What a wonderful Christmas present these young girls have give to this family," said long time Shannon County School board member, Todd O'Bryan, "I couldn't imagine how difficult the holiday season would be if they had lost that little girl forever; so many of us appreciate their quick thinking and action that saved Tiana."

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federal election observers to monitor county elections through 2014 and requires the county to pay $110,000 in attorneys' fees and expenses.

The agreement stems from a dispute over the districts used in elections for county commissioners. In November 2001, the ACLU wrote to the county on behalf of the Yankton Sioux Tribe, complaining that the county's districts violated the one-person-one-vote principle of the Fourteenth Amendment and diluted Native American voting strength by splitting the Indian community into two districts. Although state law required the county to redraw districts in February 2002, the county commission voted to leave its then-current districts in place.

After further investigation, the ACLU brought a lawsuit on behalf of four tribal members.

Their complaint charged not only that the district boundaries were unlawful but also that the commission's decision to leave them in place was intentionally discriminatory. Judge Piersol ruled in July 2006 that the districts violated the Fourteenth Amendment but reserved ruling on the plaintiffs' other claims. Today's settlement resolves all remaining issues in the case.

"This settlement helps insure that the Native American voters of Charles Mix can fully participate in the political life of their county," said Jennifer Ring, Executive Director of the ACLU of the Dakotas. "Furthermore, it is another step forward on the road to full equality and healing of past wounds. That journey is long overdue and hard to undertake but it is possible and - as this case proves - well worth all the effort."

This is the second settlement reached by the ACLU involving allegations of voting discrimination against Native Americans in Charles Mix County.

In March 2003, the ACLU settled a lawsuit against the Wagner Community School District over an election system which allegedly diluted Native American voting strength in elections for the school board.

Under that agreement, the school district agreed to use an alternative system that resulted in greater Native American representation.

The case settled today, Blackmoon v. Charles Mix County, is one of seven lawsuits brought in federal court since 1999 by the ACLU on behalf of Native American voters in South Dakota. To date, all seven of these cases have been resolved in favor of the Native American plaintiffs.

Attorneys on this case are Sells of the ACLU's Voting Rights Project and cooperating attorney John Keller of Huron.



Big Foot Tournament A Team

Action was fast and furious in Batesland for the Big Foot Conference B Girl's basketball tournament on Monday; the championship game is set for 4 p.m. Thursday. The Big Foot A tourney is scheduled for next week at American Horse School in Allen.

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Pine Ridge opens on the road with a hard fought win over St. Francis

ST. FRANCIS - The Lady Warriors showed no fear Wednesday night against a taller and stronger Lady Thorpe team, St. Francis held a six point lead 24-18 in the first half but when the dust settled as the teams conbined for 37 turnovers in the first half, Pine Ridge was up 35-32 on the way to a 74-66 season opening win.

Lacey Weston was two assists short of a triple double finishing the night with 18 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists. Keisha Brewer, back from a knee injury this year, missed her first 11 shots but finished strong with 16 points, 11 rebounds, two blocked shots, three steals and two assists. Alliey Janis, a freshman had to step into her sister, Christian's role as point guard and although she struggled a bit with six turnovers ended the night on a positive note with 11 points, six steals, two assists and two rebounds. Saadia Tasso came off the bench for 17 points and two rebounds before fouling out with four minutes to go.

Marci Rodriguez, a sophomore, opened the season for St. Francis with a game high 19 points and eight rebounds; Kali Brave knocked down 14 points in the first half and dealt with foul trouble all second half fouling out with 5:59 to go in the fourth quarter.

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nursing home residents to transition to another residence that can provide a better and acceptable quality of care. This may include a variety of possibilities, such as another nursing home, a community-based setting, or apartment with good support services.

3. The nursing home is provided with some additional time to continue in the SFF program because there has been very promising progress, such as the sale of the nursing home to another owner with a much better track record of providing quality care.

The Bennett County Nursing Home's report card on the CMS website at http://www.medicare.gov reveals three reporting periods listing 'Total number of Health Deficiencies' as well as other data relative to the surveys.

From July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, there were listed with 16 health deficiencies; from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 with nine deficiencies; from July 1, 2006 to October 30, 2007 with 12 deficiencies.

Nationwide site inspections vary from state to state. What is a discrepancy in one state isn't always a discrepancy in another, or maybe doesn't carry the same weight or look-see during inspection. States often don't know what criteria the government are looking for when they peruse state information. Sometimes the most current data is not always current when it comes to bureaucracy and the World Wide Web.

The CMS website cautions "The State survey agencies are responsible for entering survey information into CMS' databases and providing updates as needed. Every attempt is made to assure the accuracy and timeliness of the information on the list. However, data lags of up to several months can occur between completion of a survey and posting of data on this list. We advise interpreting this information cautiously and supplementing it with information from the ombudsman's office, the State survey agency, or other sources."

In Bennett County's case the state survey agency is the South Dakota Department of Health in Pierre. Barb Buhler, South Dakota Department of Health information officer, said Bennett County Nursing home was "back in compliance."

She said that the department of health is more interested in working with facilities to assist them in meeting their guidelines and the SFF is a "federally mandated function and given how slowly their processes work," it takes awhile for information to come through.

She said not to be surprised if the Bennett County Nursing Home remains on the list, even though the facility is in compliance. The Department of Health is concerned with what specific criteria the federal government is looking for when reviewing the state's surveys of nursing homes. Even though the state conducts the surveys, it is the federal government who interpret the results.

Bob Stahl, a state Department of Health official, who works with health care facility licensing and certification, said that his office provides "technical assistance through the survey process" and there is good communication between the surveyors and Bennett County Nursing Home staff with regards to regulations.

Nursing home staff are encouraged to contact his office with regards to licensing and certification issues and the Bennett County Nursing Home is doing that.

Caldwell, who has been in his current position for about a year, said that since 2005, the Bennett County Nursing Home has operated separately from the county under a private 501C Board of Directors made up of members from the community.

A 501C non-profit corporation is an organization in which no profit may be used to the benefit of its members. Any profit is invested back into the facility. This does not preclude a non-profit corporation from making a profit, and in fact, most non-profit corporations are governed as if they are a business. The board's responsibility is to give guidance to nursing home administration on long term goals and objectives.

The current board of directors is David Jones, Doug O'Bryan, Dale McDonnell, Brad Otte, and Rolf Kraft.

Caldwell explained that the 12 health deficiencies are not mistreatment deficiencies. "The surveyors find an issue, and then they must find a regulation to attach to it. Sometimes the connection seems a little obscure and often they find one issue and attach three or four regulations. So you often have one issue that results in three or four deficiencies."

One deficiency dealt with a resident who had stepped outside the front door of the facility for approximately three minutes. He said now there is now an alarm system that alerts staff. Another with the use of bed side rails. Another citation was an empty milk crate sitting on the floor awaiting pick-up by the milk man.

Jones encourages the public to come to the nursing home and visit. "We want to encourage people to come to the nursing home and visit with residents and find out for themselves," he said. "My mother was in there for 10 months and I wouldn't have moved her to any other facility. The staff is very compassionate and caring. We want to make sure that the public knows that we have nothing to hide and will be up front," he said.

The facility is supported by the community and is needed, said Jones. "Good things will come out of this, we have corrected them and will move on," he said.

Caldwell said, "We've certainly had our issues in the past, but this year we have completely revamped our quality assurance plans as well as beefed up current staffing." He said they have spent an additional $75,000 this year on adequate staffing. There is an average of 120 staff for both the nursing home and the hospital, which are adjoining facilities.

Jones said they are fortunate with Oglala Lakota College's nursing program, it has helped the community.

Both men want the community to know that when surveyors conducted a 'revisit' to the Bennett County Nursing Home in November 2007, all discrepancies were corrected and there were no additional discrepancies. This information is not listed on the CMS site.

Nursing staff who are Lakota speakers as well as culturally relative décor and activities such as Lakota Chapel allow residents to remain connected to their communities.

Caldwell said a positive aspect to the care of the residents is the staff.

One resident, who had previously been in a Rapid City nursing home but didn't care for it, said of the Bennett County Nursing Home, "it's just like home.

Everyone here is nice and not prejudiced. Some of the nurses speak Lakota." Another resident remarked that the food was good and he was recieving good care.

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year will be Lacey Weston, a 5'11" junior, Keisha Brewer, a 5'11" senior, Sophia Janis, 5'6" junior, Aimee Pond, 5'5" senior and Alliey Janis a 5'6" freshman. Coming off the bench will be Saadia Tasso, 6'1" junior, Shaina LaysBad 6'0" senior, Delia Big Boy, 5'6" sophomore, Sioux Dawn Janis, 5'5" sophomore, Amber Twiss, 5'5" freshman and Cheyenne Ten Fingers, 5'8 junior.

Pine Ridge is missing Robin Webber who is playing at Brown Mackie College in Salina, Kan. and Christian Janis who is on the team but is having a baby and is looking to play in January.

Pine Ridge is the defending Lakota Nation champ and is the number one seed for this year's tournament and yes there is truth to the rumor that Dusty and Jerome will both wear a tie if they reach the LNI championship game together.

Cheyenne Eagle Butte Lady Braves

Alissa Kingfisher Benoist, a CEB graduate who played two years of college ball at Williston State has moved into the head coaching job following her year as an assistant last year.

"We have a young, athletic and very up-tempo ballclub, I'm really looking forward to their season," said Benoist, "we lost Brittany Azure and Jordyn Brown to Williston State but we have a number of young players who have state tournament experience, we are looking to go back to state and to improve each day."

Starting for the Lady Braves are Nadia Watt, 5'8" sophomore, Lacy Leaf, 5'8"sophomore, Jessica Keckler, 5'9" junior, Tiara Maxon a 5'8 junior transfer from McLaughlin and Cesi Allen, 5'4" sophomore. Coming off the bench will be Scottie Laundreaux, Mariah Cook, Marisa Laundreaux, Harlee Morgan, Tonia White Bull, Allysa White Bull, Lindee Lawrence, Jazmin Phillips and Leona Benoist.

"We need to get better on the defensive side of the ball and we need to do a better job rebounding, Azure's graduation leaves a big hole," said Benoist, "when I played here, girl's basketball was a joke, we didn't get much support, today we have a large following, it's exciting.

Red Cloud Lady Crusaders

After two disappointing years, Red Cloud turned the program around last year, won District 15A over Custer, knocked off St. Thomas More in regions and went to State. Jerome LeBeau was hired as the new head girl's basketball coach in October and brings a strong family basketball tradition to the program.

"All along, I felt that someday I would coach, I wanted to start where I started, here at Red Cloud," said new head coach, Jerome LeBeau, "there was an opening and I decided the time was good; I'm really looking forward to the year, we have two outstanding seniors, Ida Clark and Lisa Bear Robe and a young experienced supporting crew.

Red Cloud has been working hard in getting into shape and working on defense.

"When we started, I told the girls, if you want a banner to go on the wall here, you need to play solid defense, man to man, and you need to be in shape," said LeBeau, "we also have one of the best players in the state in Marque Lunderman, she has the ability to play any position on the floor, but don't get me wrong, this is not a one player team, its going to take a solid effort by everyone on the team to get there, I started to coach with the goal of winning, not just winning but winning it all."

Red Cloud will start Desirae Blacksmith at the point, Marque Lunderman at the two guard, Shaina Clifford at the three, Ida Clark at four and Lisa Bear Robe at five. Kristy Boltz, Casara Pine and Saige Pourier will be the first three off the bench. Red Cloud is the number three seed in the LNI and opens the season at Little Wound on Dec. 6.

Editor's NoteNext week Lakota Country Times will publish the remainder of the girl's previews and the boy's previews.***

Canadian Court to rule Thursday on AIM slaying appeal

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - A Canadian man charged with killing American Indian Movement activist Anna Mae Pictou Aquash in 1975 should learn Thursday if he has one more chance to appeal.

John Graham, a Yukon native, is fighting extradition to the United States to stand trial for the slaying of Aquash on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The Supreme Court of Canada will announce Thursday whether it will hear the case, said Chris Girouard, spokesman with the Department of Justice in Ottawa.

If the panel denies Graham's appeal request, he could be extradited to South Dakota as early next year. If Graham is allowed to appeal to the Supreme Court, the case likely would continue for another year, prosecutor Deborah Strachan has said.

Graham was taken into custody in June after a Vancouver, British Columbia, judge denied his appeal of an order that he be sent to the United States to stand trial.

Graham has said he's innocent.

A Canadian judge ruled in 2005 that Graham should be extradited and the Canadian minister of justice affirmed that decision last year.

Nelson honored by OST for work with NASA

By Roseanna Renaud
Special to the Times

PINE RIDGE - Many years ago young Ike Nelson got caught drawing pictures of airplanes during class at Holy Rosary Mission, now Red Cloud Indian School. Ike wanted to be a fighter pilot, so he put his vision of flight to paper. A teacher told Ike that he was not smart enough to fly planes.

Today, he is an Air Force veteran, who served multiple tours in Viet Nam and is now retired from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as an engineer. He received the highest public service award by NASA to non-NASA employees. He was also recognized for the Silver Snoopy Award, recognizing outstanding performance. He currently lives in California.

Nelson was honored last Friday, Nov. 30 by his family and community.

In his speech at his honoring, Nelson said the consequence for his inattention in class often involved being locked in a room filled with books. Nelson turned punishment into opportunity by reading what was on the shelves.

"In these books I could travel anywhere in the world," he said. He listened to a more encouraging teacher who "instilled in me the thirst for knowledge." Nelson showed them all. After his tours in Viet Nam he went on to work an entry level position with North American Aviation and retired as a team director for the International Space Station.

Billy Mills Hall, decked out in cheery holiday lights and bursting with well-wishers became a place of special honoring for Nelson. Standing next to a table laden with Nelson's many awards, his cousin William White Eyes of Pine Ridge said, "We had no idea what he did. He never talked about it. We knew he worked for NASA and traveled between Florida and California." Nelson said "I'm a very private person. I'm not used to this. Usually when I come home, I spend time with my Dad, Tommy Nelson.





Left: Ike Nelson was given a Lakota name at the honoring by Oliver Red Cloud.

Above: Nelson's awards.

PHOTOS BY ROSEANNA RENAUD

Oglala Tribal President John Yellow Bird Steele told the crowd, "It is important to honor and remember our tribal members for their accomplishments so that our children can look to this man and say…I can do that," said John Steele, president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, in speaking to the children, elders, and community members who were present.

Following the honoring, Oglala Sioux Tribe Academic and Individual Achievement Awards were presented to students.

Raytheon Corporation Project Engineer Alan Nakagawa, who labeled himself Nelson's 'sidekick,' told the crowd about a very special 2005 honor from the NASA Astronauts themselves, the 'Silver Snoopy Award,' given '…in appreciation for professionalism, dedication, and outstanding support that greatly enhanced space flight safety and mission success.'

With a colorful video of his career highlights as a backdrop, Nelson stood humbly before his community and said that 'luck' was one word that best described the realization of his dream and of course it was about scribbling pencil drawings of aircraft during school on a long, cold Pine Ridge afternoon.

SFIS board to be installed a later date

ROSEBUD - On Thursday, Nov. 28 the Rosebud Sioux tribal council passed a motion to install the new St. Francis Indian school board at a later date when the finger print portion of their background investigations is completed by an independent contractor. The regularly scheduled board of education meeting for November was also postponed until December.

The RST Tribal Education Review Board is currently charged with the responsibility of governing SFIS until the new school board is officially installed.

Any questions about this public service announcement may be directed to the Office of the RST president or the RST Tribal Education Department.

A special board training was held on Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2 at the SFIS high school with the purpose of establishing an official protocol for the two boards to continue to work together for the next year.



LWS places top in Lakota language contest

KYLE - Little Wound Elementary received the first place trophy for overall participation points in the 5th annual OLC Lakota Language Speech Contest held Wednesday, Dec. 5. LWS has received this award for three consecutive years. The students who participated are shown above: Trenton Old Horse, Joshua Iron Shell, Jaeda Brown, Ellishiann Last Horse, Ty Apple, Isabelle Bull Bear, Ramone McBride, Arianna Red. The Lakota Language teachers are: Vina Yankton and Iris Gay. .

Tribe honors academic and individual achievement

PINE RIDGE - Talk about a grand combination. The Oglala Sioux Tribe Education Department and family members of NASA Engineer James C. 'Ike' Nelson thought it would be a good idea to combine a special honoring for Nelson with the annual presentation of student awards. The awardees were able to hear from a man who came from the same schools that they were now attending and learn that books and dreams do go hand in hand.

Wanda Two Bulls, member of the education/honoring Committee, said that there were 600 awards for academic achievement and outstanding participation as well as awards for elders and community members.

Two Bulls related a personal experience about a student who was having a difficult time in school. When the student learned she was on the 'President's List' for academic achievement, she told Two Bulls that she had been thinking about quitting. Receiving the award changed the student's mind and gave her courage to go on.

It is stories like these that speak to the heart of educators everywhere.

The Education/Honoring Committee members were OST Education Department Interim Director Christopher Bordeaux, Sheryl Her Many Horses, Carole O'Rourke, Kevin Steele, Crystal Eagle Elk, Rocky Dubray, Warren Eagle, and Wanda Two Bulls.

OST council votes not to hear compliant on impeachment against Steele

PINE RIDGE - The Oglala Sioux Tribal Council has decided not to impeach tribal President John Yellow Bird Steele and has dismissed all allegations against him.

A Black Hills treaty council had accused Yellow Bird Steele of meeting with an energy company to explore uranium mining on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Both the treaty and tribal councils have declared the reservation a nuclear-free zone.

A representative of the reservation says the meeting was set up to conduct a water study on the reservation and that's when rumors started.

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James Ferguson Little Wound School boxing club member champion

KYLE - On Dec. 1 and 2, the Silver Gloves State Boxing Tournament was held in Sioux Falls. James Ferguson of Little Wound High School in Kyle, Defeated Shawn Rupert out of Lead-Deadwood,. Ferguson now advances to the Silver Gloves Regional Tournament in January '08.

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Letters to the Editor

Acknowledge of Janice Richards

Dear Editor:

The following letter was submitted by Ron "Beef" Randall about Janice Richards. He said in this case Janice is a Lakota person first and that reflects being humble, not speaking of her accomplishments or what she does for her community.

Dear Janice,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Gerald One Feather and the rest of the board of trustees to commend you for the Thanksgiving dinner hosted by the staff of the Pahin Sinte College Center. Gerald made the request at the board of trustees meeting that you be commended as director of the college center and for your involvement of community activities, and they were all in agreement.

Gerald reported that he was pleased with the dinner and the opportunity for the community to gather and visit with each other, the students and the staff. You show pride and committment to the college, the students and to your community.

Sincerely,
Thomas Short Bull
President, Oglala Lakota College

Finding My Voice

By Dana Lonehill

Tales from youth


Dana Badmilk

When I was in fourth grade and my brother was in second grade, we lived about 12 miles from here out in the country.

My step dad was usually always home, being that there were no jobs for geologists here. One day I remember him telling me that he and my mom were going to the city so be sure to catch the bus to Grandma's house.

I forgot. I was so absorbed in solving my Rubik's cube on the bus that it totally escaped my mind, until we walked all the way up our drive and the door was locked. Then I remembered we were to take the bus to Grandma's house in town

Travis was mad at me, we tried all three doors, looked in windows and I knocked and cried as if to wake the ghost in the house to come open the door.

That's when I saw the tracks.

Travis looked at them and confirmed it - coyotes. Yes, Dana they are indeed coyotes.

Hungry coyotes in the winter.

I sat in the snow defeated and howled like a coyote. I would just give in and let them tear me limb from limb.

It was getting dark fast and we had to do something.

"Let's go to the road and hitchhike." My seven year old brother said, taking charge.

I knew all the dangers of hitchhiking, heard the stories, knew it was taboo, but it was either take our chances of being picked up by a killer or let the coyotes have us. Besides, it couldn't be that hard, you just stand by the road and stick your thumb out, right?

Travis was already standing there with his thumb sticking out, but I had to do it my way. I jumped in front of the first car that went by, waving my arms all over and screamed. I gave them no choice, they had to stop. It was a young family with a baby, not likely the serial killers I imagined, but I still didn't trust and kept my eye on the baby just in case he tried to kill us.

They drove us to my grandma's house where I continued to cry.

My grandma asked why I was crying. I was over dramatic and a drama queen and it was my fault we went home instead of to grandma's...but no, I had to be evil and get my mom in trouble.

"She-she-she is gonna spank me for hitchhiking!" I sputtered.

"She better not spank you, or you can live with me! I'll spank her!" MY grandma was instantly mad at my mom.

I smiled while sniffling away my tears, knowing I wasn't in trouble.

When my mom came to get us, my grandma told her the whole big dramatic scene and accused my mom of spanking me and child abuse. My mom looked upset, embarrassed and gave me that LOOK.

I ended up spending the night with my grandma that night, just because of that LOOK. I knew for sure if she wasn't going to spank me for hitchhiking,, she would surely do it now for the accusation.

Now I see how overly dramatic my daughter is and I know she got it from me, and I know I deserve it. She is the one my mom used to say "I hope you have a kid just like you!" when I was 13 and had a whole bag of chips on my shoulder.

I don't mean to be a drama queen, I think I just feel things more than anyone else, like my daughter.

But if my princess EVER hitchhiked, I would spank her.

Disclaimer: This story from my childhood was not meant to encourage hitchhiking, spanking, or drama.

Dana Badmilk is a 35 year old self employed artist who recently moved back to the Pine Ridge Reservation. She lives there with her husband and four children. She can be read at her blog http://danasvoice. blogspot.com.

Guest Editorial

OST dismisses complaint, votes to move forward on $3.4 million bond

By Natalie Hand
Special to the Times

In a special session on Monday, Oglala Sioux Tribal Council voted 15 for, 1 against, and 1 abstaining to dismiss the impeachment complaint brought against Oglala Sioux Tribe President John Yellow Bird Steele.

The complaint, filed by the Oglala Delegation of the Black Hills Sioux Nation Treaty Council, charged Steele for working with Native American Energy Group, a New York based gas/oil/mining company, who was pitching a fraudulent proposal to prospective investors to mine uranium on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Further, the complaint charged that Steele authorized former OST Vice President Eileen Janis to work with NAEG to develop plans, while she was under indictment for embezzling from the tribe.

"We are not surprised by the tribal council's action. We presented a legitimate charge against Steele. Obviously, he has a long reach with this particular tribal council. The treaty council commends Rep. Jake Little, council representative for White Clay district, for standing with the Treaty elders and the oyate," stated Floyd Hand, interpreter and delegate of the treaty council.

Respected treaty elder, Marie Randall stated, "I was contacted by a council representative for advice. I told her that the Council should not be surprised by the complaint against Steele. It has been coming for a long time now. He doesn't respect the Treaty. Steele and the IRA Council always push the treaty elders aside. They take what they want from the table without looking around to see if anyone else is hungry."

"I was the only (tribal) council member to vote against dismissing the impeachment complaint. I was shocked to see almost all of the other Council rep's vote to dismiss the complaint", said Little, White Clay District).

Rep. Garfield Little Dog, (Wounded Knee District) stated, "I felt that I had to abstain from voting on the impeachment complaint, as John is my close relative. I was surprised by the council's actions. But the judiciary committee will be filing charges on Eileen Janis for impersonating an elected official."

Little Dog indicated that another key issue discussed in this week's session was the approval to proceed with a $3.4 million bond proposal for OST Solid Waste. The measure passed narrowly. "We tried to table the issue, as it was brought directly from John's (Steele) office and did not go through proper committees. But our motion to table it was denied. I'm against more debt," said Little Dog.

As expected, suspended Rep. Don "Gummer" Garnier, of Pine Ridge District, facing impeachment, resigned amidst charges of drug possession and trafficking in New Mexico. The OST Council voted 15 for, 2 against, to accept his resignation and give him back-pay. "Jake Little and I were the only ones to vote against back-pay for Garnier. Why does he deserve back-pay?" said Little Dog.

The OST council will reconvene on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at the tribal council chambers in Pine Ridge Village.

Lakota Wicoiye

By Frances Apple

Ptehincala Cannupa

(Editor's noteThe following is a message by Frances Apple of Kyle in Lakota and the transalation is below.)***

Pte San Win wan Ptehincala Cannupa wan oyate ki wicakahi nan topacan toske ilagyapi kte ki un waunspe kiya keyapi. Yunkan ehakehci oyate ki wicoiye ya yuha awicakiyustan k'un he le ya keyapi.

Tanyan nahu'unpe, "Tohanl Lakota iyapi wan wakan ca nitunkasila nic'upi ki he wowapi akanl oyawapi ki hahanya oyate henicapi kte sni ye."

Ho, he iyukcan pica ki heca. Lehanl wapiya wicasa ki ataya otuntunkapi eyas nahanhci wo'asniye ki owas iyeyapi sni sam eyes'e wicokuje ki lila s'agya u.

The old ones tell about the sacred pipe not the peace pipe. When the White Buffalo Woman brought the Buffalo Calf Pipe to the Oyate (people) she taught them for four days about the teachings that go with it.

Pte San Win's final instruction went something like this- listen carefully.

"Whenever you put this sacred language that the Creator gave you on paper you will cease to be a Nation." The Oyate should take heed to this warning. This is a great resurgerlee of medicine men on the Pine Ridge Reservation but, there is still no cure for the terrible plagues that are upon our people.

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Northern Perspectives

By Dr. Archie Beauvais

Suicide prevention funding



The prospect of losing a child to suicide is such a terrible tragedy and it is occurring on the Rosebud reservation as I write this. Some say it has reached epidemic proportions and many agencies and individuals are scrambling to find a solution. Whether help comes in the form of additional counselors through the Indian Health Service or additional grant funding from any number of agencies it will be a welcome addition to what we have now.

There are many separate initiatives to fund raise and generate money in the name of suicide prevention related activities and such efforts need to be coordinated so that it benefits those who need it the most. Such funding should not be consumed by administrative overhead or indirect cost contributions, but rather given to counselors who work directly with those identified most at risk.

Our suicide task force is fully operational and holding regular meetings to address this scourge that is breaking the hearts of all of us parents. Every time I hear that a young person has been lost to

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Notes From Indian Country

By Tim Giago

Three courageous Native women newspaper publishers

The Lakota Times was the only independently owned Indian weekly newspaper in America in 1981. Now there are several. Ironically, the three most read, most influential of these independent newspapers are owned and published by Indian women.

Elizabeth Gray started the Oklahoma Indian Times in 1995. Several years later, as the paper expanded beyond Oklahoma, she changed its name to Native American Times. She said, "I started the newspaper in a storage facility in Afton, Oklahoma. Next door to our office was a fish bait room and the smell of fish filled our little office."

Why did she start the newspaper? "It all starts with vision. What goal or mark you focus on is how you will create the path to accomplishment. If it is handed to you then it is someone else's creation. It has to start with you. In this business you have to be hardheaded and not listen to the visions of failures of others. Indian tribes need newspapers so they can have a balance in their governmental structure," Liz said.

"I believe it is my job while on this earth to be a vessel of truth while supporting the community of people through my newspaper as a communication source. It really isn't my newspaper; it is the people's because without truth, we have nothing," she said.

Native American Times can be found online at nativetimes.com. The online edition compliments the hardcopy newspaper that is published weekly.

Amanda Takes War Bonnett, an Oglala Lakota, had a comfortable job as Communications Coordinator at Little Wound School in Kyle on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Prior to that she had worked for me at the Lakota Times and at Indian Country Today. She started as a part-time janitor while attending Oglala Lakota College. She eventually worked in every department within the newspaper. Her insight, knowledge of the Lakota culture, and her ambition soon landed her the job of managing editor. She was with me for 14 years.

She gave up that "comfy" job in 2004 and started a weekly newspaper she named after the original Lakota Times. Not long after the paper started she got a threatening letter from the lawyers of the Oneida Nation in New York State, a tribe that had purchased Indian Country Today in 1998. The letter advised her that if she did not change the name of her newspaper they would sue her. It seems the Oneida believed they had prior rights to the name Lakota Times by virtue of the purchase agreement.

She felt she could win the case if she pursued it, but with little money to fight it, she went ahead and changed the name of the newspaper to Lakota Country Times. The Oneida haven't challenged that name as yet.

Amanda believes in maintaining the ties to her culture and traditions while still reporting the news that is important to the Lakota people. "Our communities are hurting from alcoholism, a lack of spirituality and a very poor economy and so many other social ills and so giving the people things to read that will help in their lives is very important," Takes War Bonnett said.



(Nanwica Kciji)

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Her website is lakotacountrytimes.com and it also compliments her hardcopy, weekly newspaper.

Avis Little Eagle is a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. She came to work for me at the Lakota Times fresh out of college in 1990. She started out as a news reporter and eventually became my managing editor. One day I assigned her the task of doing a series on fake medicine men and women. She took the story to heart and spent many nights and weekends working on what turned out to be a ten-part series.

During the run of the series Avis and the newspaper itself received threats of hell and damnation, death threats and threats of evil spells from some of the fake medicine men and women the series exposed. Little Eagle sat down one Wednesday to write the final part of the series. She worked on it all morning and then took a lunch break. While she was out of the office her computer suddenly started on fire. We immediately put out the fire, salvaged her work, and transferred it to an identical computer never telling her about this disaster. She completed the series and it became one of the major accomplishments in Indian journalism.

Little Eagle started the Teton Times in McLaughlin, SD in 2002. Avis was one of the fiercest defenders of freedom of the press and she was determined to see that the people of the Standing Rock Reservation have a newspaper that would bring them sources of knowledge that would give them the variety of opinions needed to make sound political decisions.

Avis could have been speaking for Liz and Amanda when she said," The mainstream media does not understand our culture and traditions and can never report adequately the things that we can better report about our own condition and beliefs." Little Eagle ran for public office and in 2005 she became the first woman ever elected to serve as vice president or as it is now known, vice chairwoman, of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

These three strong Indian women have made a difference in Indian country. Their newspapers, unlike newspapers owned by the tribal governments, have an open-mindedness that allows dissenters to publish letters and articles critical of tribal government and even letters critical of their own newspapers and of themselves and whether they like you or don't or whether they agree with your opinions or not, they never deny you the right to express yourselves on the pages of their newspapers.

This you will never find in newspapers owned by the tribal governments or in many cases, in the mainstream media.

(Tim Giago, an Oglala Lakota, was born, raised and educated on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in the Class of 1991 and founder of The Lakota Times and Indian Country Today newspapers. He founded and was the first president of the Native American Journalists Association. He became the first Native American ever inducted into the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame on November 10, 2007. He can be reached at najournalist @msn.com)

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Suicide prevention

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suicide, I have to pause and catch my breath. After all, one of the cornerstones of Lakota thought is that our children are sacred. Wakanyeja ki wakanpi.

It is an issue that we used to think happened in other communities, not ours. We used to wonder what solutions were implemented in order to address the suicides we kept hearing about in other Native communities and now it is our turn to come up with answers.

Whether we take a holistic approach to addressing generational oppression or confronting the pressure of today's contemporary society the answer seems to lie in everyone doing whatever they can to raise the level of awareness as to what signs to look for and where to go for help.

The issue is such a sensitive and baffling problem that it is difficult to find anyone who will offer any official suicide data, however, most of us who live here have a sense of the seriousness of the epidemic.

We lost two young people in just the last week and though life must go on, we should all pause and think about the circumstances which may have led them to make such a drastic decision. The final moment in which one chooses to end their life has to be such a profound moment and one which we need to understand so that proper intervention can be implemented.

We need to applaud the efforts of Dr. Dan Foster of the Indian Health Service who along with Mike and his other colleagues have been laboring overtime to provide individual help. There are countless others who are helping in the sweat lodge, in healing ceremonies and by simply talking to young people.

Others have plans to re-energize young people by emphasizing the importance of Lakota language, history and culture as a way to remind youngsters that being grounded in the Lakota wicoun or way of life is not consistent with suicide.

Whatever we choose to do to help curb this very sad epidemic we need to do it now and do it together as the clock is ticking and we cannot afford to lose a single youngster to a premature death.

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Day of healing held at Eagle Butte Campus, others encouraged to host event

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

EAGLE BUTTE - Emmanuel Red Bear, a veteran Lakota studies instructor has been advocating for the acquisition and maintenance of Lakota language, history and culture for years and this past fall was no different. As an adjunct professor at the Oglala Lakota College branch campus teaching Lakota History and Culture, Red Bear recently lectured to his students about the issue of historical trauma and the resulting loss which it has inflicted upon Lakota people.

Red Bear has taught high school and college for many years and as a fluent Lakota speaker, he has also taught in the Lakota language summer immersion camps held by the former Si Tanka University on the banks for the Cheyenne River.

Red Bear challenged his students to put their interest in historical trauma into reality and they responded in very proactive way by planning a "Day of Healing." The ideas arrived at some ideas to promote such a healing experience and came up with the idea of inviting inspirational speakers from Haskell.

The group also decided that the format would only include a Lakota ceremony without any Christian influences as the boarding schools have often been cited having a negative impact in the lives of generations of young people who were sent to the boarding school.

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Medicine men and healers were invited to the Day of Healing and more than 100 people attended and this validated the need for such successful student led experiences. The day began with Lakota prayers and the making of tobacco ties. A talking circle was held and was made up of teenagers and elders as well as a "Wiping of the Tears" or ista mni bakintapi for those who were in need of such support.

A counselor was on hand to reassure the participants that confidentiality, trust and hope would be observed as they were able to talk freely about their issues.

Red Bear noted that the students prepared a very delicious meal at the end of the day and this was followed by a purification ceremony in the sacred sweat lodge. He was especially appreciate for the initiative that the students demonstrated in his Lakota history and culture class and is looking forward to challenging his students in the near future.

The students from Red Bear's Lakota history and culture class have issued a challenge to other programs, tribal communities and classes to host such a Day of Healing for their surrounding community as the practical experience of taking something from the classroom and implementing it appeared to be a great learning experience.

Todd County High School 'locked down' due to gun call

MISSION - On Wednesday, Nov. 29, parents arriving on the Todd County High School campus at 3:30 p.m. to pick up their children were surprised at the prospect of seeing several Rosebud Law Enforcement Services vehicles parked at both entrances of the school. No one was allowed to enter the building.

A student apparently was observed at the school with a handgun and school officials were quick to report it to authorities. The incident came to some kind of resolution and conclusion as students were released at approximately 3:45 p.m. The next morning a school resource officer was heard on the public address system explaining the incident to students after a thorough search of their belongings was conducted.

On Nov. 29, TCHS principal, Victoria Sherman, sent a letter to parents explaining the security threat and the procedure that the school will subsequently follow should a threat be detected again in the future. She explained that once the Rosebud Law Enforcement Services took control of the school they immediately placed the school on "lock down" status. All students and staff were accounted for according to the letter and all were required to stay behind locked doors away from the windows.

Sherman also explained that a similar procedure would be adhered to in the future.

No student or staff member would be allowed to use the phone or email and that no information would be released to parents.

This is to ensure the confidentiality of the incident which might be in progress and any conversation regarding the incident could be construed as impeding a police investigation.

Sherman also noted that the safety of the TCHS students was of foremost concern and that they were safe from eminent harm.

Finally, she commended all of the students for their patience and understanding during the stressful situation.

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Wounded Knee District Meals for the Elderly Program

All of their help was greatly appreciated by Dooch, me and his family. I am thankful for the services and encouragement of the staff of these organizations.

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OLC hosts open house Dec. 14 for student dorm

KYLE - Oglala Lakota College is pleased to announce the Open House of the new student dormitory in Pine Ridge on Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The building is located behind the Pine Ridge College Center on the northwest corner of the Pine Ridge School campus.

The dorm will provide housing to college students in the community of Pine Ridge. The complex contains six efficiency and six one-bedroom furnished apartments. The Pine Ridge College Center is the second largest center of Oglala Lakota College with more than 250 students registered for the fall 2007 semester.

"We are pleased that so many students choose to stay on the Pine Ridge Reservation to receive their degrees and



An open house will be held at the newly built dorm at Pine Ridge.

I am especially pleased that we can now offer at least 12 students housing." stated Shirley Brewer, Director of the Pine Ridge College Center. "Many of our students live in homes with multiple families and these apartments will offer them the solitude needed to study," Brewer went on to say.

OLC is appreciative of the Title III Department of Education for providing the funding for the building of this facility.

President of OLC, Thomas Shortbull, said, "These dorms were a long time in the making and we are looking forward to having them fully occupied by our students." "The shortage of housing has been a problem on the reservation for too long and we are pleased that Oglala Lakota College can be a part of the solution," said Shortbull.

For more information on the Pine Ridge College Center Open House for the student dorms or any questions on the application process for student housing you may contact Shirley Brewer, Center Director for PRCC, or Chrysan Smallwood, Counselor/Dorm Manager, at 867-5893 or 867-5852.



Four generations

William Little Dog, Margaret Steele, Tim Steele, Lamar Little Dog, Willene Little Dog- Kills Enemy pose for a four generation photo from Manderson.



Parade of Trees and Pancake supper

KYLE - Little Wound School's dining room is lined with Christmas trees during their annual parade of trees. Refreshments were served. L-R: Xylina No Neck, Missy Vocu, Gerome Guiterrez, Robert Hernandez, Jr. The Junior Class will be sponsoring a Pancake Supper on Dec. 9 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, For $5, all you can eat pancakes and come spend the evening with Santa.

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SFIS student nominated to compete in national award program



Tamara Murray

ST. FRANCIS -Tamara Murray, a St. Francis Indian School, senior, from Rosebud, has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award scholarship program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

One hundred national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive a college scholarship ranging from $1,000 to $12,000. "Tamara Murray was highly recommended from the Gifted and Talented Program of which she is very active in Leadership," said Barry Mann, high school principal. High school principals from across the country were able to nominate one of their student leaders.

Nominees were selected based on their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and academic record. They were also required to write an essay.

"Gerald N. Tirozzi, executive director of NASS said, "Tamara is an excellent example of what a true student leader embodies and deserves to be commended for her excellence in the classroom and community."

Murray has been student body president, a member of National Honor Society, and involved with the drama group. All of these things are the makings of a well rounded student. Tamara also participated in the In-Med Program at North Dakota State University the summer of her junior year. This fall she plans to attend Sinte Gleska University to study nursing.

NASSP, the preeminent school leadership organization, serves as national voice for middle level and high school principals, and aspiring school leaders.

Two Elk and His Horse Is Thunder excel in state oral interpretation

WATERTOWN - Nellie Two Elk, a sophomore at Todd County High School, placed top in the category of Serious Prose of Superior Performances at the 2007 State Oral Interpretation Festival in Watertown this past weekend on Nov. 30 to Dec. 1.

The oral interpretation competition is one of South Dakota High School Activities Association academic competitions held statewide.

Two Elk, from TCHS and Wiyaka His Horse Is Thunder, of Little Wound High School, both participated at the state level. His Horse is Thunder read a selection from poet Sylvia Plath.

Two Elk is the daughter of Claude Two Elk and Sarah Zephier and this is her second year of participating in state oral interpretation. Her father Claude said it encourages Indian students to be involved in this type of competition, it helps them improve their communications skills. Two Elk is also involved with the Lakota language bowl and is an honor student. Her material for the competition came from Leonard Peltier's book, "Prison Writings."

His Horse Is Thunder, a sophomore at Little Wound High School, champions in local speech contests. She was first alternate in the



Winners in the Serious Prose category, L-R: Nick Stukel, Grace Erickson, Lara Lockner; back row L-R: Nellie Two Elk, Liz Moyer, Lara Joseph and Kylie Poel.

Reader's Theatre, placed fifth in the Region V meet in Rapid City and placed first in Little Wound's first annual oral interpretation invitational. She is also active in cheerleading and in academics. She is the daughter of Ron His Horse Is Thunder of Ft. Yates, ND., president of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and Vonnie Bush, of Grand Forks, N.D.

Benefit concert to be held in Michigan for Rosebud suicides

Munising, Mich. - The tiny northern Michigan town of Munising, Mich. will be the site of a second benefit concert on Dec. 15 to assist the White Buffalo Calf Woman's Society in addressing the issue of teen suicides. The shelter was formed 30 years ago to address a variety of domestic violence issues confronting Sicangu Lakota women.

Pastor Lynn Hubbard and John Evans will perform at the Falling Rock Bookstore and Cafe.

The concert entitled, "Cowboys and Angels" is being organized by the Turtle Island Project. Hubbard will perform songs he has written including traditional songs of the season. The first benefit concert was held at the Custer Lutheran Fellowship Church on Aug. 12.

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Flea Market/Indian Taco sale
Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 5-7 at the Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge with doors opening at 9 a.m., food sales at 11:30 a.m., for information call 867-1551.

High School Girl's basketball
Thursday, Dec. 6 with Red Cloud at Little Wound, Bennett County at St. Francis, Friday, Dec. 7 with Leola-Frederick at McLaughlin; Saturday, Dec. 8 with Miller at Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Wakpala at Takini; Tuesday, Dec. 11 with Little Wound at Pine Ridge and Marty at Santee; Friday, Dec. 14 with Crazy Horse at Takini, Marty at Lower Brule, McLaughlin at Tiospaye Topa; Saturday, Dec. 15 with Pine Ridge at Cheyenne Eagle Butte, St. Francis at Tiospa Zina; Monday, Dec. 17 Bennett County at Little Wound.

Treaty Council Ominiciye
Thursday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pejuta Haka college center conference room for the Black Hills Sioux Nation Treaty Council (Oglala Band) omniciye with agenda including lunch and refreshments honoring Chief Oliver Red Cloud, for information call 867-2713, 867-5762 or 455-3654.

Elderly meeting
Thursday, Dec. 6 at 13 noon at the Oglala District service center, for information contact Brenda at 867-5617.

Brown Thunder in concert
Thursday, Dec. 6, Oglala Lakota College and Lakota Language Institute present Joe Brown Thunder Sr. in concert at OLC library, Woksape Tipi, from 1-3 p.m., refreshments will be served, for information call 455-6069.

Memorial service
For Eric Rossen on Friday, Dec. 7, for information call 867-5597 or Ruth at 455-2584.

High School boy's basketball
Season opens Friday, Dec. 7 with Red Cloud at Bennett County, Todd County at Valentine, St. Francis at Little Wound, McLaughlin at Selby Area, Jones County at White River, Waverly-South Shore at Tiospa Zina; Saturday, Dec. 8 with Little Wound at Crow Creek, Miller at Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Wakpala at Takini; Monday, Dec. 10 with Oelrichs at Crazy Horse; Tuesday, Dec. 11 with Tiospa Zina at Flandreau Indian, Marty at Santee, Pine Ridge at St. Francis; Thursday, Dec. 13 Pine Ridge at Todd County, McLaughlin at Dakota Oyate; Friday, Dec. 14 Crazy Horse at Takini, Marty at Lower Brule, Tiospa Zina at Henry, Crow Creek at Flandreau Indian, McLaughlin at Tiospaye Topa, White River at Winner; Saturday, Dec. 15 Pine Ridge at Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Kadoka at White River; Monday, Dec. 17 Roslyn at Tiospa Zina; Tuesday, Dec. 18 Lemmon at McLaughlin, Dupree at Takini.

Thanksgiving Prayer meeting
Friday, Saturday, Dec. 7 and 8 at the Porcupine CAP office with services at 6 p.m. each night and with a turkey dinner following the services on Thursday, for information call Leonard at 455-1117.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 & 8 Arts and Crafts Market
Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Sinte Gleska University multi-purpose building in Mission, for information contact Leo at 856-8127, Kim at 856-8221 or Chris at 856-4236.

Co-ed 3 on 3 Basketball tournament
Saturday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Wounded Knee District School gym in Manderson for ages 13-18 with a dance 6:30-9:30 p.m., hosted by WKDS eighth grade, for information call Jacinda at 441-1616 or 455-6350.

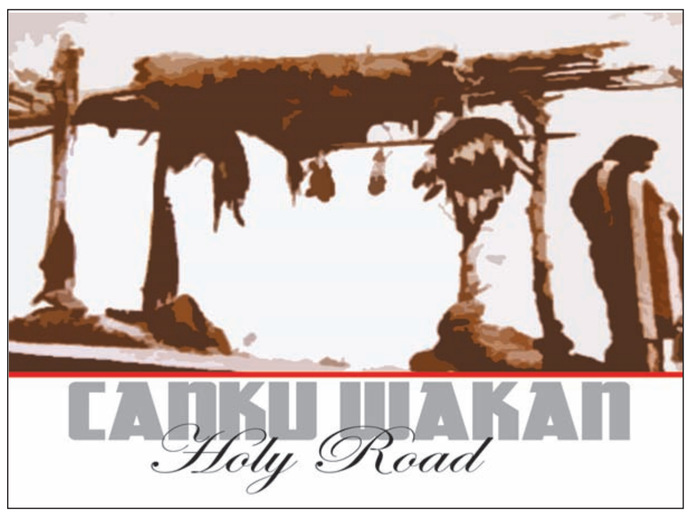
Men's staff double E basketball tourney
The 7th annual Holiday Hoops Classic "True Staff" Men's double Elimination basketball tourney for eight teams, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8, 9 at the Porcupine School gym, for information call Harold 441-4199 or 441-9822.

Nutrition Class
Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Porcupine Clinic conference room, everyone welcome, sponsored by the I.H.S. Diabetes Prevention Program, for information call 867-3137.

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Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15, 16 at Little Wound School gym with co-ed division 10-12 years old, for information call Bryan 455-2658 or Jonas 454-5167.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
Wednesday, Dec. 19 in Rapid City sponsored by Wolf Creek School, Red Shirt Community School and Shannon County Schools with grand entry set for 11 a.m.; grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25 at Pine Ridge School; for information call 867-5174.

Kiyuksa Holiday Basketball tournament
Kiyuksa men's basketball tourney, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 27-29 at Little Wound School gym in Kyle, double elimination, cash tournament, or information call Marcel at 455-2690 or 441-1235.



~Patrick Daniel 'Pat' Grooms~



DENBY - Patrick Daniel "Pat" Grooms, 76, died at his home in Denby, Nov. 25. He was born Feb. 3, 1931 at Wounded Knee. Patrick was a loving son to Frank and Gonna (Hanson) Grooms. He was a devoted father, brother, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather and close friend. His family and friends were his life.

He was married to Lily Ann Galligo. Together hey had six children: daughter, Sandra Graff (and grandchildren:
Lisa, Derek, and Amber and great grandchildren) of Las Vegas, Nev.; Patrick "Chuck" Grooms, Rapid City; Crystal Grooms (and her six children: Monty, Favian, Benjamin, William, Jessica and Monique and many great grandchildren) of Denby; Son, John Grooms (and his four children: Cassandra, Ashley, Breanna and Alexyss) of Las Vegas, Nev.; daughter, Veronica Theis (and her three children: Heather, Michael and Melissa) of Twin Falls, Idaho; Patricia Grooms of Las Vegas, Nev. who preceded him in death in April of 2007. Patrick had 10 brothers and sisters. He is also survived by his brother, Victor Grooms of Canon City, CO and sister, Martha Woodhouse of Gordon, Neb.; His brothers and sisters that passed away before him were Frank, Mary, Gertrude, Joseph, Aaron, Samuel, Henry, and Davis. May they greet him with open arms.

He married Kay York July 21, 1979. He was the caring step-father of Wayne York of Benton, Wash.. He grew up a Wounded Knee. He looked like the typical blond haired, blue eyed farm boy in his bib overalls. He attended a one room schoolhouse built by his father Frank there at Wounded Knee.

He was a middle child over the chores and duties of his older brothers Frank and Victor. They left to fight in World War II and he was responsible for helping his parents with the farm and livestock. At the age of 11 he had to do hard work and chores causing him to grow up before his time.

During his military career in the Army and Air Force he made many friends. He was a Korean War veteran as well. Many of the men who served with him were his buddies and friends. He kept in contact with several of them for many years after.

"Pat" was known to his family and friends as an avid joke teller. He kept us all laughing with his jokes and tales. He had a story for every setting. He enjoyed sitting with his company and relaying the daily news and happenings over a cup of coffee. He was a construction worker, ranch hand, mechanic, a good provider of fresh game, and a "damn" good cook. His specialty was delicious fried rabbit and biscuits with gravy. He was a leather craftsman, spur maker, and artist in his later years. He could turn a pair of spurs into a work of art, and a stone into beautiful sculpture with his creative artisitic abilities.

Pat Grooms, Danny Grooms, and Bill Grooms made up a trio of the most notorious "cowpokes" you ever did see. Together they were like something out of a Wild West novel. The stories of their expoits and camaraderie could keep you laughing till your sides hurt. They constantly teased each other with their made-up jokes. They were "Uncle Pat's" nephews and the closest of his companions.

A prayer/vigil service begins at 3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 7 at Rockyford School, Rockyfor. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday Dec. 8 at Rockyford School with the Rev. Sonya Wilcox officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mary Madgalene Catholic Cemetery, Rockyford.

Arrangements have been placed in the care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

~Dean L. Richard~

PINE RIDGE - Dean L. Richard, 20, Pine Ridge, died Wednesday, Nov. 28 in Pine Ridge. Survivors include his parents, James and Cheryl Richard Sr., Pine Ridge; five brothers, James Richard Jr., Jamie Richard, Jonathan Richard, Alexander Richard and Justis Scott, all of Pine Ridge; six sisters, Emma Richard and Annie Richard, both of Denver, and Edna Richard, Kadell Richard, Dakota Richard and Jackie Richard, all of Pine Ridge.

A one night service was Nov. 30 at Wakpamni CAP office in Wakpamni. Funeral services were Saturday, Dec. 1, at the CAP office, with the Rev. Steve Sanford and the Rev. Abraham Tobacco officiating.

Burial was at Salway Family Cemetery in Allen. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~Marla Short Horn~

KYLE - Marla Short Horn, 38, Kyle, died Friday, Nov. 30 , at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include one son, Jordan Moccasin, Kyle; her mother, Myrnette Wounded Head, Kyle; three brothers, Larry Short Horn, Denver, and William Short Horn and Victor Short Horn, both of Kyle; and three sisters, Donna Peniska, Sioux Falls, Pearl Hopkins, Kyle, and Veronica Lopez, Omaha, Neb.

A two night wake service Dec. 4 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Hall in Pine Ridge.

Funeral services were. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the hall, with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating. Burial was at St. Barnabas Episcopal Cemetery in Kyle. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Harriet J. Archambault~

BULLHEAD - Harriet June Archambault, 41, Bullhead, died Tuesday, Nov. 27 at her home. Wake services were Monday, Dec. 3, at Rock Creek Grant School in Bullhead. Funeral services were Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Rock Creek Grant School with the Rev. Tony Grossenburg and the Rev. Jim Hoerter officiating.

Burial was at St. John's Episcopal Cemetery in Bullhead. Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Howard Big Eagle~

RAPID CITY - Howard Big Eagle, 84, Rapid City, died Thursday, Nov. 22 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Survivors include three daughters, Beverly Holguin, Bastrup, Texas, Lois Big Eagle, Rapid City, and Ann Stewart, Fort Collins, Colo.; four sons, Artie Big Eagle, Rapid City, Calvin Eagle, Stevie Rey Eagle and Ron Big Eagle, all of Denver; one brother, Maurice Big Eagle, Dupree; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Wake services were Saturday at the community hall in Cherry Creek.

Funeral services were Monday, Dec. 3, at Congregational Church in Cherry Creek. Burial was Dec. 3, at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis. Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of the arrangements.

~Neville C. Red Starr Sr.~

PINE RIDGE - Neville C. Red Starr Sr., 76, Pine Ridge, died Tuesday, Nov. 27 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. He served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include five sons, Neville Red Starr Jr., and Joe Red Starr Sr., both of Pine Ridge, Anson Red Starr, Wolf Creek, Wyman Red Starr, North Carolina, and Thomas Red Starr, Nashville, Tenn.; five daughters, Nellie Bald Eagle, Venus Rodriguez and Sherry Red Starr, all of Pine Ridge, Lina Long, Lincoln, Neb., and Dawn Campbell, Sisseton; 45 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren. Wake services were Dec. 2, at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the hall, with the Rev. Abraham Tobacco officiating, and traditional Lakota services by Wilmer Mesteth.

Burial was at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~Carl B. Fire Thunder-Brown~

RAPID CITY - Carl B. Fire Thunder-Brown, 64, Rapid City, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at home. Wake services will begin at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at Mother Butler Center in Rapid City.

Survivors include four nieces Karen Gabe, Lisa Colhoff, Rose Renville and Lolita Martinez, all of Rapid City; and four nephews, John Colhoff, Ira Colhoff and Tony Colhoff, all of Rapid City, and Ambrose "Butch" Martinez, Potato Creek.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Rapid City, with the Rev. David Matzko officiating. Burial will follow at Pine Lawn Memorial Park in Rapid City.

Arrangements are with Kirk Funeral Home in Rapid City.

~Lillian Thunder Hawk~

PORCUPINE - Lillian Thunder Hawk, 83, Porcupine, died Tuesday, Nov. 27 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include three sons, Francis "Chubbs" Thunder Hawk, Porcupine, and Collins Gay and Victor Gay, both of Pine Ridge; three daughters, Arlene Thunder Bull, Rapid City, and Nancy Bush and Myrna Garfield, both of Porcupine; five sisters, Gladys Gay, Kyle, Genevieve Richard, Pine Ridge, Cynthia Thunder Hawk and Bernadette Thunder Hawk, both of Porcupine, and Mary Thunder Hawk, Rapid City; 23 grandchildren; 78 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Wake services were Dec. 1, at the Porcupine CAP Office in Porcupine. Funeral services were Dec. 3, at the CAP office, with the Rev. Chris Collins and the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating, and traditional Lakota services by Wilmer Mesteth.

Burial was at Christ the King Catholic Cemetery in Porcupine. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~Michael Afraid of Bear~

SLIM BUTTES - Michael G. Afraid of Bear, 57, Slim Buttes, died Monday, Nov. 26, in Boise, Idaho. Survivors include two daughters, Loretta Keerins and Michelle Guzman-Afraid of Bear, both of Ontario, Ore.; his mother, Beatrice Weasel Bear, Slim Buttes; three brothers, Fontanelle Afraid of Bear, Aloysius Weasel Bear and Travis Afraid of Bear, all of Slim Buttes; two sisters, Anita Afraid of Bear, Slim Buttes, and Loretta Cook, Chadron, Neb.; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Wake services were Dec. 1, at the Beatrice Weasel Bear residence in Slim Buttes. Native American services were Monday, Dec. 3, at the residence, with the Rev. Burnette Iron Shell officiating.

Burial was at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Cemetery in Slim Buttes. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

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Five (5) Board of Trustees Positions for Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety

The Oglala Sioux Tribal Council is taking applications for five (5) Department of Public Safety ("OST-DPS") Board of Trustee positions because of recent revisions to the OST-DPS charter. The primary responsibility of the five (5) member Board of Trustees is to serve as the head of OST-DPS and shall approve policies for the department.The Board of Trustees shall work in conjunction with the Chief of Police who shall approve policies for the department. The Board of Trustees shall work in conjunction with the Chief of Police who shall oversee the day-to-day operation of OST-DPS consistent with applicable policies. Board stipend payments shall not exceed $1,500.00 per Trustee per year. All Board of Trustees must be:

1. Enrolled members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe who have resided within the original boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for not less than one year;
2. Over the age of 30;
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6. Must never have been convicted of Domestic Violence.
7. Must submit a drug trest (Mandatory).
8. A person who has no immediate family member, (defined to be: a spouse, common-law partner, child or parent) working for the OST-DPS;
9. A member of the board may not serve on the Tribal Council, an OST District Committee, the Tribal Executive Committee or on any State or County Board or Commission while they are serving as a member of the Board of Trustees, provided, however, that such individuals may serve on other Tribal Boards and entities which do not create a conflict of interest with their duties to OST-DPS.
10. Must submit to all Tribal, State and Federal Background check.

Please request and return your application and attach all required documentation-to the Oglala Sioux Tribal Secretary at:

Oglala Sioux Tribe, Secretary/Elizabeth Waters
Red Cloud Building, Main Street
P.O. Box 2070
Pine Ridge, South Dakota, 57770.

No applications will be considered that are submitted later than
Deadline December 21, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

You may also request a copy of the revised OST-DPS charter from the Office of Tribal Secretary that describes the significant authorities of the OST-DPS Board of Trustees.

Office of Oglala Sioux Tribal Secretary Elizabeth Waters
PO Box 2070 - Pine Ridge, SD 57770 Phone: 605-867-5821 Ext. 268

Ask Anna

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

I hate to say this, but I hear a lot about you. People gossip and some say things that are not very nice.

People say, who does she think she is? I have met you and you are very nice, also almost everything you told me would happen to me did happen.

There is talk going around that you think you are a medicine man or a prophet or something. Who are you really, and where do you come from?

I like you anyway.

Dear I like you anyway:

To say that I was a medicine man, a prophet, a saint, or whatever would be against my nature.

Who am I?

I am Anna B. I have no official authority. I have no culture to come from, unless you count my great grandmother who was a gypsy and traveled around the country telling fortunes out of an old wagon, with my grandfather (they never married). My grandfather sold "snake oil," natural and herbal cures. So, who do I think I am? Does that make me a Gypsy Queen?

I knew from the time I was a child I was different than others. I was equally embarrassed by both of my parents perception of God, through their anti-cultural marriage being a Gentile and a Jew.

I knew I was psychic from the time I was three years old.

It took me until I was in my early 40's to become comfortable with that. I discovered that I could heal sick animals when I was ten, and people when I was seventeen.

With those abilities or gifts, from my perspective, there are two responsibilities: Honor the gift, and Honor the lives of others.

It is my perception that my "gifts" comes from Source or God.

They are soul gifts. In order to honor the gifts I strive to live and honorable life. I reach for doing good with my gift. I try to live honorably, and reflect that to and in the world.

Prophecy is something everyone does, every day. It is a pretty hefty word. I have visions, and they include floods, earth disasters, a bombing of a U.S. City,. etc. I have talked with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the flooding I see of the Cody Wyoming area. I think that word is too big for Anna B. I am comfortable with seeing these things and trying to change the impact of them.

I have had many times in my life when alerting the government of anyone, for that matter, of impending disaster has not had any effect at all; but I keep trying. No, I am not a prophet. I don't thinks prophets become prophets until after they're dead. That seems a far way to go for a title that would be impossible to life up to.

Sometimes people don't like what I say. Sometimes, when I help one person it thwarts another. I come from a good heart. That is where I come from.

I know peace in my heart. I know others can feel and be peaceful. I know they don't have to suffer. I know how to get there, personally, from experience and proof. That is also where I come from.

In the process of seeking God, I have discovered the value of balance in all things. I seek balance.

That is where I come from.

I come from sixty years of living in the world. I come from knowing the stings of many of life experiences.

I come from soul searching and praying.

I come from the experiencing of true miracles upon the earth. I come from the sounds of the "spirits" or "guides" that talk with me. I come from the dead who come to me.

I come from the grief of tears that I feel for the wrongness in the world, I come from understanding that things don't have to be so bad. I come from a place where I see great loss upon the earth, and feel that changing people's minds and understanding of what they can do can soften that impact.

I come from a place of promise, of many years ago, that I made with my "spirits," guides," or "council," to help.

I am a psychic and a healer, and that is what I do. I come from a good place.

I am a human being on a journey in flesh in the world, in the United States, in South Dakota and Nebraska. I am a lot like you are, except, that I am me.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

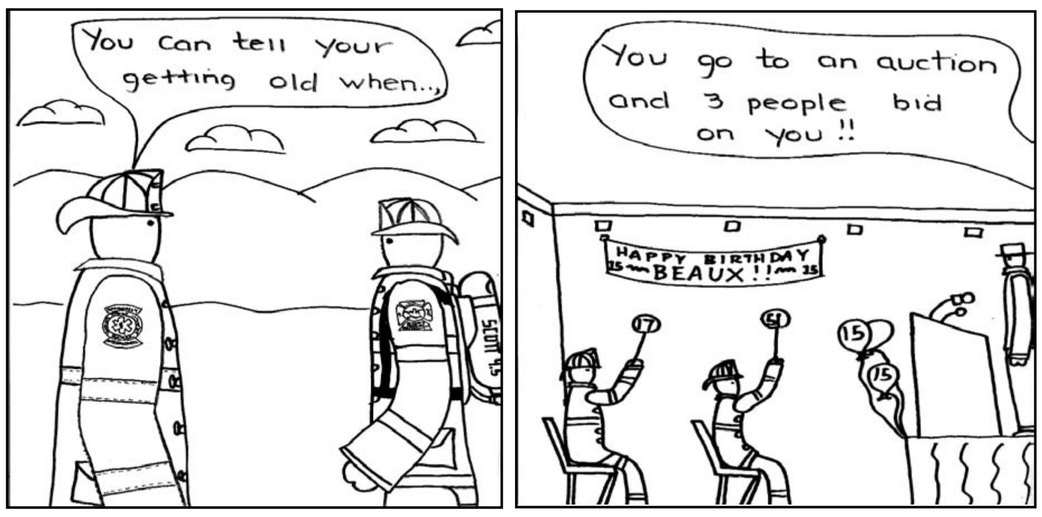
All requests may be subject to publication.

Clearly mark Ask Anna on your request.

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INVITATION TO BID FOR COMPUTERS

The Little Wound School Board is seeking bids for 50 Personnel Computers, 35 desktops and 15 laptops.

Minimum specifications for the desktop computers are as follows:

Windows Vista Business; minimum processor 1.8 GHz; minimum 1.0 GB of RAM; minimum 80 GB HDD; DVD/CDRW; Ethernet; 3 year parts/labor warranty; and 17" flat panel monitor, NOT TO EXCEED $770.00 each.

Minimum specifications for the laptop computers is as follows: Windows vista business; minimum Processor 1.9 GHz; minimum 1.0 GB of RAM; minimum 100 GB HDD; DVD/CDRW; Wi-Fi; 3 year parts/labor warranty, NOT TO EXCEED $770.00 each.

Contact Anne Hunter, Technology Coordinator at 455-6155 or Paula Pourier, Business Manager at 455-6173 for further information.

Sealed bids will be opened and acted upon during the School Board meeting on Monday December 03, 2007 at Little Wound School.

Little Wound School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality, and to accept the bid that is to the advantage of and in the best interest of the Little Wound School.

Closing date for sealed bids is 12:00 p.m. on Monday December 03, 2007. Please submit bids in a sealed envelope marked "Computer Bid" on the face of the envelope with the bidders name and address. If bid is sent by mail, actual bid should be enclosed in a separate envelope marked "Computer bid". Bid should be submitted to the Little Wound School Business Office or to the following address: Little Wound School Business Office, Attn: Business Manager, P.O. Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752, street address is 500 Main Street, Kyle, SD 57752.

MINUTES

Shannon County School Board Meeting
November 26, 2007
Wolf Creek School

MINUTES

The Shannon County School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 26, 2007 at Wolf Creek School. President Angie Eagle Bull called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Members present:
Angie Eagle Bull
Todd O'Bryan
Tom Conroy
Barbara Dull Knife
Member absent:
Chuck Conroy
Others present:

Dr. Curt Voight, Superintendent; Maurice Twiss, Special Services Director Vickie Grant, Assessment Coordinator; MaDonna Peterson, Business Manager Monica Whirlwind Horse, Rockyford 5-8 Principal; Bob Hall, Rockyford Pre-K-4 Principal; Barbara Ice, Red Shirt School Principal; Connie Kaltenbach, Batesland Principal; Russ Budmayer, Wolf Creek 5-8 Principal; Loretta Giago, Wolf Creek Pre-K-4 Principal Robert Two Crow, Lakota Studies Director Ted Hanson, Special Education Director; Dana Christensen, Technology Director; Ann Red Owl, Human Resources Facilitator; Myron Pourier, Transportation & Mainenance Director; Patti Nelson, Administrative Secretary; Gayle Ludens, SCEA President
George Cummings, Maintenance; Rob Rosane, Mechanic; Natalie Hand, Wolf Creek PAC Board President/Parent; Leah White Bear Claws, Parent; Mona Little Hawk, Parent; Connie Little Hawk, Parent Felicita Lone Dog, Parent; Joe White Bear Claws, Parent; Susie Star, Parent; Mitzi Youngman, Parent Sandy Ten Fingers; Bruce Whalen, Parent
Louis Janis, OST Utilities Office; David Terry Mills, EDA

All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

8120. Approval of Agenda

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by T. Conroy to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried. (Attachment A)

8121. Approval of Minutes

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by Dull Knife to approve minutes of September 28, 2007 special meeting and the October 22, 2007 regular meeting. Motion carried.

8122. Transportation Department

Discussion was held in regard to the status of the district's transportation fleet. Director Myron Pourier will provide a detailed account of the department at the next board meeting.

8123. Reports

School district directors and administrators delivered verbal and written reports to the school board.

8124. Parent Involvement Policy

Members of the Wolf Creek School Parent Advisory Council were in attendance to provide input to the board in regard to the second reading of the school district's Parent Involvement Policy; also, their concerns regarding Lakota language instruction in our schools.

8125. Recess

President Eagle Bull recessed the meeting at 6:33 pm and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

8126. Teach for America

Executive Director of Teacher for America, Ryan Wise, gave an overview of the program. Teach for America is a national corporation which serves low-income rural and urban areas in recruiting, selecting, training and supporting highly qualified teachers in schools and communities.

8127. Executive Session

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Dull Knife to go into executive session at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried. President Eagle Bull declared executive session ended at 9:08 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

8128. OST Utilities Office

Louis Janis addressed the board in regard to payment for WAPA credits, and requested a meeting with school district officials in an attempt to resolve this issue.

8129. Student Search Policy

The Superintendent presented the school district's current policy in regard to student Interrogation & Search.

8130. December Board Meeting

The December regular board meeting will be held at Batesland on Dec. 27, 2007, beginning at 5:00 p.m., with a special meeting via telephone conference on Dec. 17, 2007 to approve disbursements.

8131. Five-Year Plan

Superintendent Voight presented the five-year building plan for the school district for the second reading.

8132. Executive Session

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by T. Conroy to go into executive session at 10:00 p.m. in regard to personnel. Motion carried.

President Eagle Bull declared executive session ended at 10:16 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

8133. Literacy Aide

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by T. Conroy to table approval of the 6-8 grade literacy aide at Rockyford School. Motion carried.

8134. Special Education Aide

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to deny approval of contract for a Wolf Creek special education aide, suspending with pay, pending legal consultation with school attorney. Motion carried.

8135. Personnel

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by Dull Knife to approve all remaining personnel recommendations, as listed on file. Motion carried.

8136. Requests for High School Tuition

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Dull Knife to approve all requests for high school tuition, as listed on file. Motion carried. (Attachment J)

8137. Applications for Public School Exemption

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to approve applications for public school exemption, as listed on file. Motion carried.

8138. Application for Open Enrollment

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by T. Conroy to approve the application for open enrollment, as listed on file. Motion carried.

8139. Financials

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by T. Conroy to approve all financials; also to request Mr. Twiss and the Board Chairman to meet with Ms. DeCory in regard to the BEAR program, to discuss funding for the proposal. Motion carried.

8140. Adjournment

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by T. Conroy to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed
MaDonna Peterson
Business Manager
Approved by the school board this day of December, 2007.
Signed
Andrea Eagle Bull
President

Personnel

All recommendations are made by the Building Administrators and are submitted to the Personnel Office and employment will be offered pending negative drug test results and negative test results and negative background checks.

Resignations and access fees: Mary Steele-Wolf Creek Attendance Clerk-effective 11-23-07,Theresa Colombe-Wolf Creek Kindergarten Teacher effective 11-13-07.

Classified Terminations Recommendations: Wade Lone Elk - Wolf Creek School Preschool Aide

New Positions Request: 3 - Class Size Reduction Certified Positions - Duration to end of school year with assignment to be determined by Superintendent.

Contract Approvals: Monica Knuppe-Red Shirt Virtual High School Coordinator - from 10-23-07 to 5-23-08 - $12,420.00 (probationary completion). Oma Perez - Wolf Creek school birth 0-3 Aide - from 11-2-07 (probationary completion), Anthony Wounded Head - Rockyford School Resource Officer - from 10-29-07 to 5-23-08 $16,080.00 (probation completion) Tracy Amos - Rockyford school Suspension Aide - from 10-29-07 to 5-23-07 - $10,972.50 (probationary completion), Sandra Cuny - Rockyford School Preschool Aide - EFR - from 10-26-07 to 5-23-08 - $ 9,112.50 (probationary completion), Rose Gordon - Wolf Creek Library Aide - from 10-29-07 to 5-23-08 (probationary completion), Pete Plenty Wounds - Batesland Cook - From 10-24-07 to 5-23-08 - $11,424.00 (probationary completion)

Contract Amendment Approval: Catherine Kills Warrior- $9,900.18 (approved classified salary)

Rockyford School Recommendation:
Monica Vocu - Attendance Clerk Alternate Stacy Two Lance, Duan Hernandez - due to misunderstandikng of communication- 45 day probation completion with recommendation for contract (Prorate ending May 23)

Batesland School Recommendation:
David Crow - Non-CDL bus driver Alternate Doug Johnson

Upon Completion - 45 day Probationary Period: Margaret Ross - Rockyford School Lakota Language Coach

Extra Curricular Assignments for Approval: Connie Rous - Batesland School Student Council Advisor - from 11-16-07 to 5-30-08, Regina Whipple - Batesland School 8th Grade Sponsor, Tracy Fortin - Batesland School 8th Grade Sponsor.

Special Service Agreement for Approval: Kelly Swallow - Red Shirt School Cook - $9.00 per hour, 5 ½ hours per day for 5 days a week from November 26, 2007 to May 23, 2008.

Financials:
General Fund:

A & B Welding Supply - supplies - 103.63, ASAP, Inc. - fees-175.00, AT&T - telephones - 828.58, Abourezk & Zephier PC - services - $55.32, Advanced Business & Computing - services - 3,315.00, Alco Store #204 - supplies - 66.54, All Season Sports - incentives - 1,408.00, Alltel - cell phone - 2,405.00, Amsterdam Printing & Litho - supplies - 483.00, Apple Computer, Inc. - supplies - 199.42, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management - Bonds - 401.00, Associated News - Adv LNI - 350.00, ATCO International - supplies - 117.70, Badlands Enterprises - lagoon inspects - $3,100.00, D on Bartlette - LNI Presentor - 1,500.00, Benson Concrete - repairs - 1,320.00, Bills Mills Speakers bureau - services- fees - 1,250.00, Black Hills Electric - utilities - 2,660.54, Black Hills Reception & Rental - LNI- equip rental - 1,359.77, Bohlender, Melody - travel - 316.70, BP - gasoline - 21.65, Business Office Systems, Inc. - supplies - 270.04, CDW Government, Inc. - supplies - 863.00, Center for Education & Employment Law - 154.95, Chief Eagle, Dallas - TVII -08-14 - 600.00, Chris Supply Co., inc - supplies - 211.66, Christensen, Dana - travel - 440.44, Cobra Administrator - COBRA - 250.00, Cole Pest Control - pest control - 2,130.00, Committee for Children - supplies - 298.53, Companion Corporation - license - 1,704.18, Computer Village - repairs - 1,079.95, Conoco, Inc. - gasoline - 115.74, Conroy, Charles - mileage - 36.86, Conroy, Tom - mileage - 53.84, Corporate Card - credit card chgs - 20,981.23, Crescent Electrical Co - supplies - 877.06, Culligan Water Conditioning - water - 1,953.50, Dakota Supply Group - 403.13, Dakotaland Autoglass, Inc. - repairs - 258.83, Data Based Directions - supplies - 54.95,Datacomputer products - supplies - 980.58, Debbie's cakes & Floral - supplies - 30.00, Donovan, Mark - travel - 107.00, Dubray, Lynn - mileage - 55.68, Dull Knife, Barbara - mileage - 172.66, Eagle Bull, Andrea - mileage - 78.57, Eagle Bull, Darrell, travel - 313.61, Eddie's Truck Sales, Inc. - repairs - 452.10, Emerson Janette - supplies - 467.68, Environmental Products Co. - supplies 233.56, Eric Armin, Inc. - supplies - 628.11, ETA / Cuisenaire - supplies - 308.88, ETS-Educational Testing - tests-582.47, Evergreen Office - supplies - 633.55, Family Th rift Center - supplies - 213.94, Fanning, Tara - reimbursement - 128.50, Farm Plan - Diesel-transportation - 16,001.77, Flintstone Bedrock city - field trip - 210.00, Florida Micro, LLC - supplies - 2,193.34, Foiltz-Hall, Candance - Travel - 48.00, Foothills Inn - travel - 51.67, Foreman Sales and Service - parts - 280.30, French Flowers - supplies - 80.00, Frontier Glass - Bal Due - 218.62, Giago, Loretta - travel - 91.65, Golden Corral Family Steakhouse - WC-supplies - 287.79, Golden West Technologies, Inc. - parts 4,439.30, Golden West Telephone Co. - telephones - 1,700.63, Gopher Sport - Play with a Purpose - BS-supplies - 412.56, Gordon Senior Center - services - 936.25, Gordon Senior Center - services - 936.25, Gordon Super Foods - supplies - 234.36, Grainger, Inc. - supplies - 44.73, Grant Vickie - travel - 6,070.38, Great Plains Communications - telephones - 1,189.52, Great Western Tire Company - T ires-parts - $669.16, Gustave A. Larson Company - supplies - 371.59, Halverson, Marilyn - Insurance Pymt - 5,900.00, Harmon Law Office - services - 1,731.62, Hart, Diana - supplies - 32.85, Hauff Mid-America Sports - RF FTBall Helmets - 4,815.55, Heartland Paper company - supplies 102.67, Hills Tire & Supply - supplies - 76.60, Hills Tire & Supply - supplies - 560.56, Hinn's Clothing Center - BS-supplies - 67.96, Holiday Inn- Spearfish - travel - 431.70, Homestead Building - supplies - 1,652.06, House of Vacuums - supplies - 21.49, HSBC - Office Max - supplies - 663.10, Huether, Amy - travel - 195.21, Husker Auto Parts - parts - 3,637.38, Ice, Barbara - reimbursement - 326.27, Indian Country Today - supplies - 8.35, Indian Youth Outreach - assembly - $600.00, Industrial Electric & Supply - supplies - 250.00, International Laser Group - supplies - 2,619.35, Iron Cloud, Ardis, Registration-reimbursement - 450.00, ISTE - supplies - 585.34, Jaymar Business - 339.82, Jefco Glass - supplies - 3 01.63, Jenner Eq uipment Co - supplies - 347.52, Joe's body Shop - repairs - 116.17, Johnson Machine - parts - 1,129.28, Kaltenbach, Connie L - supplies - 285.00, Keegan, Cindy - travel - 382.99, Knights Quality Welding - repairs - 275.00, Kratovil's True Value - supplies - 76.90, Kuxhaus, Amie - travel - 40.74, Lacreek E lectric Ass'n - utilities - 12,598.88, Lakeshore Learning Materials - supplies - 174.98, Lakota Country Times - print - 516.20, LeBeau, Connie - mileage - 42.68, Lefthand, Delores- mileage - 92.15, Lithia Motors - parts - 743.86, Little Moon, Pam - supplies - 12.97, Little Print Shope - supplies - 78.44- Lonberger, Dawn - travel - 121.70, LTD Commodities, LLC - supplies - 93.27, Menards - supplies - 1,457.64, Mendoza-Ducheneaux, Lily - supplies - 145.14, Metzger, Jeanine - gasoline - 35.0-4, Miller, Lynette - travel - 367.20, Miskimins (John) Motor Col. - parts - 69.55, Mt. Rushmore Telephone Co. - 255-4859 - 587.91, NCTM - membership - 140.00, NIISA - registrations-3 - 825.00, NPC International - meals - 96.34, Nelson Patti - Travel - 107.00, Northwest Pipe Fittings - parts - 234.00, OST Water & Sewer - repairs - 1,667.70, Oasis Inn - travel - 179.00, O'Bryan, Todd - mileage - 72.75, O'Conner Company - supplies - 120.00, Ofstedal, Kathleen - services - 8,059.63, Oriental Trading Company - supplies - 317.80, Outlaw Ranch - travel - 1,588.00, Oyate - supplies - 157.30, Parent Advisory Council, Rockyford - supplies - 300.00, Petty Cash - Batesland School - reimburse Acct - 381.91, Petty Cash - Wolf Creek School - reimburse Acct - 337.91, Pine Ridge Auto Parts - parts - 18.72, Pitney Bowes - postage Machines - 106.97, Pizza Hut of Hot Springs - travel - 28.24, Pizza Hut of Pine Ridge - WC-meals - 127.68, Positive Promotions - supplies - 1,270.49, Prairie Edge - supplies - 81.76, Ramkota - Pierre - travel - 85.99, Ramkota - Rapid City - travel - 17,831.70, Ramkota - Sioux Falls - travel - 359.96, Rapid City Area School Dist 5 - High School Tuition - 5,580.00, Rapid City Journal - BS Subscription - 95.00, Reichert, Duane - supplies - 182.00, Rockyford School - T VII 8-15/T villa - 3,170.34, Ross, D ona Ruth - supplies - 40.71, SDABBE - registration - 30.00, SD Dept Revenue - Motor Vehicle - license - 31.00, SDSTE - registration - 31.00, SDSTE - registration - 30.00, SD Teacher Placement - membership - 375.00, Salomon Sanitation - Garbage Service - 3,925.00, Sam's Club - supplies - 1,888.74, Scheels - RS-supplies - 103.90, Scholastic Book Clubs, Inc. - supplies - 616.43, Scholastic, Inc. - supplies - 309.52, School Health Alert - subscription - 44.00, School Nurse Supply, Inc. - supplies - 339.07, Schwartz, Russell - RS-supplies - 18.00,SDN Communication - phones - 1,870.22, Sears Commercial One - supplies - 88.61, Servall Towel & Linen Supply - supplies - 3,892.00, Sether, Darlene - travel - 115.00, Shannon County Imprest - reimburse Acct - 1,323.09, Shedeed, Nancy - Travel - 282.70, Sign & Trophy / Westex - supplies - 430.00, Sioux Nation Shopping Center - supplies - 69.71, Soo Construction & Maintenance - repairs - 436.56, Stern Oil Co. Inc. - propane - 34,106.35, sunburst Visual Media - supplies - 348.00, TIE - evaluation - $16,500.00, Tail, Carolyn P. - services - 2,593.98, Tatonka Capital Corporation - copier lease l- 839.20, Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye, Fern Denny, TREA - BS-fees - 200.00, Technology for education, Inc. - license - 645.00, TEECO Products Inc. - supplies - 173.10, Temperature Technology - supplies - 1,199.49, Thompson Publishing Group - Human Resource - 238.95, Thompson, Robert - Presentor-LNI - 527.00, Time Equipment Rental - supplies - 91.52, t own of Batesland - water & Sewer - 500.00, True Value - supplies - 263.71, Twiss, Maurice - travel - 694.18, University of Sioux Falls l-services - 400.00, Villa, Tim - supplies - 22.89, Walmart Community - supplies - 486.67, Wal-Med, Inc. - supplies - 294.24, Wellnitz, Lois Joy - travel - 173.28, Westco - gasoline - 19,679.20, Western Coimmunications - radios - 1,703.50, Whirlwind Horse, Jon - reimbursement - 1,449.90, William V. MacGill & Co. - supplies - 68.00, William V. MacGill & Co. - supplies - 635.90, Witt, Mary Ann - supplies - 300./00, Youel, Janell - travel - 221.05. Fund Total - 307,230.03

Capital Outlay Fund

Best Business Products - copier lease - 702.78, Cengage Learning - textbooks - 1,122.87, Corporate Card - credit card chgs - 691.66, ETA/Cuisenaire - textbooks - 549.23, Harcourt Achieve - textbooks - 1,869.23, Hauff Mid-America Sports - scoreboard-BF - 4,749.00, McGraw-Hill Companies - textbooks - 76.00, Pearson Education Inc. - Textbooks - 273.83, SD Federal Property Agency - vehicles - 27,400.00, Tatonka Capital Corporation - copier lease - 4,186.00, Zanner-Bloser Ed Publishers - textbooks - 3,097.99. Fund Total - 44,718.59.

Special Education Fund

Black Hills Special Services - tuition - 3,146.40, Childrens Care Hospital & School - tuition BD & RM - 9.755.80, Children's Home S ociety - tuition - 3,309.68, C orporate Card - credit card Chgs - 173.85, Donovan, Mark - travel - 68.00, Golden Corral Family steakhouse - travel - 26.05, travel-122.22, Hanson, Ted - travel - 688.84, Harcourt Assessment, Inc. - supplies - 542.50, Holiday Inn - Sioux Falls - travel - 139.50, Joebgen, Mike - services - 4,500.00, Just For Kids Speech Therapy - services - 10,176.00, travel - 253.17, Travel - 612.98, McDonalds - travel-102.50, McGraw-Hill Companies - supplies - 15.76, Oaks Hotel & Convention - travel - 144.00, Oasis Inn - travel - 94.00, Pearson NCS / Assessments - supplies - 161.52, Ross, Dona Ruth - services - 1,950.00, SD School for the Deaf - Registration - 180.00, Sam's Club - supplies - 49.96, Schneider, Lois - services - 126.10, Shannon Country School Imprest - reimburse Acct - 3,834.94, Sioux Nation Shopping Center - supplies - 7.97, Sky ranch For Boys, Inc. - tuition - 4,128.81, travel;- 138.24, Fund Total - 47,618.17.

Food Service Fund

Child & Adult Nutrition-DOE - food service - 1,118.66, Food Services of America - food service - 12,727.01, Food Service - 60.74, Harkers - food sercice - 10,259.35, Hillyard - food service - 464.63, Reinhart Institutional Foods - food service - 47,086.28, Roberts Dairy Company - Food service - 5,456.17, Sioux Nation Shopping Center - supplies - 11.13. Todd County School District - food service-textbooks - 420.00. Fund Total - 77,603.97

Federal Programs Special Services

All Season Sports - supplies - 168.00, Cummings, Charlie - travel - 433.00, Halverson, Marilyn - travel - 78.57, Heathershaw Designs - supplies - 2,792.00, Idville - supplies - 65.50, KiLi Radio - FY 08 Contract - PYMT 2 - 2,276.67, Peterson, Madonna - travel - 906.15, Ramkota-Rapid City - travel - 63.00, Rockhurst University - training - 199.00, Shannon County School Imprest - reimburse Acct I-2,831.75, Wohlenberg Ritzman & Co - services - 9,555.00, Wounded Head, Anthony - travel - 423.30. Fund T otal - 20,210.24 - Checking Account Total - 497,381.00.

Checks to be processed: Joe's Repairs - transportation - 3,288.90, Devona Pourier - RF Pow wow - 1,250.00

Shannon County School District
Disbursment Report
September 30, 2007

Fund/Account	Amount
General Fund	$253,465.63
Capital Outlay Fund	$57,598.26
Special Education Fund	$53,991.41
Food Service Fund	$68,579.03
T/A Support Services	$6,051.24
T/A Wolf Creek	$193.38
T/A Batesland School	$0
T/A Rockyford School	$0
Total of All Funds	**$772,772.39**

Shannon County School District
Payroll Report
October 31, 2007

Types of Services	Salaries	Benefits	Total
1000 Instruction Service	$408,552.75	$102,615.05	**$511,167.80**
2000 Support Services	$235,001.21	$ 61,932.04	**$296,933.25**
3000 Other Community Serv	$ 1,398.75	$ 140.20	**$1,538.95**
6000 Co-Curricular	$ 10,260.40	$908.30	**$11,168.70**
General Fund Total	$655,213.11	$165,595.59	**$820,808.70**
Special Education	$153,187.71	$42,953.21	**$196,140.92**
Food Services	$25,758.31	$6,962.44	**$32,720.75**
Total All Services	**$834,159.13**	**$215,511.24**	**$1,049,670.37**

Shannon County School District 65-1
REVENUE REPORT
October 31, 2007

Revenue Sources	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Education Fund	Pension Fund	Food Service	T/A Service	Impact Aid
Local sources							
Taxes	$ 5,740.36	$1,786.96	$833.91	$178.65	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$ 39,990.17	$10.69	$0.0	$0.00	$4,834.99	$0.0	$0.0
County Sources							
County Apportionment	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
State Sources							
State Aide	$359,213.00	$0.0	$121,199.00	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Other	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0
Federal Sources						$0.0	$0.0
Other	$364,856.93	$0.0	$53,468.00	$0.0	$81,579.28	$0.0	$7,029.00
Operating Transfer In							
Total Revenue For Fund	**$769,800.46**	**$1,797.65**	**$175,500.91**	**$178.65**	**$86,414.27**	**$0.0**	**$7,029.00**

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Shannon County School District Vacancy
Updated: September 10, 2007

The Shannon County School District 65-1 is accepting applications for the following non-certified and certified positions

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Wolf Creek School

1-Special Education Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification with endorsement required)
1-Permanent Substitute (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)
1-Grade 3 Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)
1-Grade 4 Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)
2-Special Education Aides (48 college credits or pass the Para professional test prior to employment) open till filled
1-Preschool One on One Special Education Aide-(48 college credits or pass the Para professional test prior to employment) open till filled
1- One on One Special Education Aide-(48 college credits or pass the Para professional test prior to employment) open till filled
1-Kindergarten Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)

Rockyford School

2-Bus routes (Commercial Drivers License preferred, must have valid license, good driving record and medical card) open till filled
1-Preschool One on One Special Education Aide-(48 college credits or pass the Para professional test prior to employment) open till filled
In School Suspension Teacher or Aide (SD Teacher Certification or 48 college credits or pass the Para professional test prior to employment) open till filled
1-Special Education Aide (48 college credits or pass the Para professional test prior to employment) open till filled
2-Lower Grade Teachers (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)
1-Literacy Aide (48 college credits or pass the Para professional test prior to employment)

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1-Lower Grade Teacher (South Dakota K-8 Teacher Certification required)

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Ann Red Owl- Human Resources Facilitator
Phone: 605-288-1921 Fax: 605-288-1814
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Provencial for their support as well as the Todd County School District for mileage and lodging funds.

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Anpetu Wi Topa Black Calf



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From ka ka' Gene

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Mitch

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To my PE teacher
Mitch
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Chris White Dress

Happy Birthday to
Chris White Dress
On 12-17-07 have a Good one.
w/luv Jenn

Happy 25th B-day

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Love always
LaLa & BooBoo

Lynnette Big Boy

Happy Birthday to
My wife:
Lynnette Big Boy
On Dec 2nd
From: your husband
Richard

Tina Brewer

Happy Birthday
To Tina Brewer
On 11-28
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Grandma Bern

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Mom " Angel Reddest"
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Grace Rose DuBray

Happy Birthday
to our Our auntie and mom
Grace Rose DuBray
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Lesa Ann Ferguson
James Dean Ferguson
Kayla Rose Hernandez
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And Luke Jr., Janis Family

DariusKane Thunder Hawk

Happy B-day to
DariusKane Thunder Hawk
On 12-17-07. Hi BaBee.
From: Antie Jenn

Francine Janis

Happy Birthday
to our
Mother Francine Janis
From: Lorie, Tiff, Brenda, Casey and Baby Alexia

Happy Birthday

To my cousins on the rez
Donna Bull Bear 12/03
Crystal One Horn 12/10
Aimee One Horn 12/26
Hope you girls have a blast
Merry Christmas to
Our family & friends
From: Jordie & Gordon Jr.

Suzie Standing Bear

Happy Birthday
To Our cousin
Suzie Standing Bear
From: Jordie &
Junior Standing Bear

Niguel Standing Bear

Happy Birthday to
my Best friend
Niguel Standing Bear
On 12-15-07 I love you
From: Jordie

Tori Lee DuBray

Happy Birthday to
Our sister
Tori Lee DuBray
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Franklin Dale Goings

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Shantay Rose Janis

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Alyce.

Donna, Toodles, & Amy

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to our
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Donna, Toodles,
&
Amy
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Marvin Dreaming Bear
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Jennifer + Chris

Kitana Mesteth

Happy Birthday to
Our sister
Kitana Mesteth
On Dec.13th, Hope you have fun On yor day.
Love your brother
Chris & sister Ciara M.

Sue

Happy Birthday to
Sue I hope you
Have a nice day
And a better birthday.
From: Sam

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To my sis, Pork Chop
Mom, Pat, Handsome, Miz
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Sam

Susan Bear Robe

Happy Birthday
To our mommy
On Dec. 8th
Susan Bear Robe
From: Handsom & Miz

G-Tails

Happy Birthday
Dec. 8th to my
Nephew G-Tails
From: your uncle
Sam

Thank You!

To all my family and friends
for all your love and support this past year.
love Tristan Lane & Randi Yeager

Shantay Rose Janis

I would like to say congratulations to my daughter Shantay Rose Janis for placing 3rd at the Loneman School Pow-wow and 3rd at the Batesland School Pow-wow in Girls Fancy Shawl, I am very proud of you, keep dancing and one day you will be a Champion , also congratulation to all the winners from Shantay's family in Kyle

Thank You!

To all my sisters
For all your love
And support this past year.
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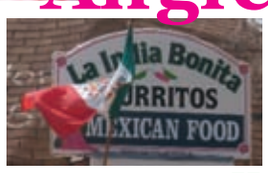
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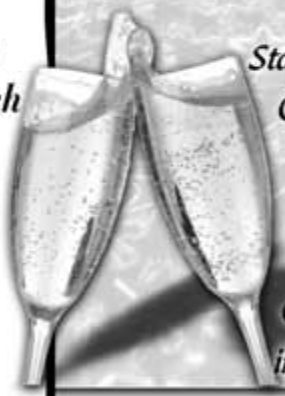
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Truancy is a symptom of deeper problems

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY -Truancy, or absence from school, is a symptom of deeper problems in a child's life, according to experts who spoke at the sixth-annual Judiciary and Education Collaboration meeting in Rapid City on Friday, Nov. 30.

About 50 leaders in schools, the court system, and other local, state and tribal agencies came together to find ways of addressing the problems underlying truancy, according to Pratt Anspach, truancy coordinator with Pennington County Juvenile Diversion Program.

Seventh Judicial Circuit Judge Merton Tice said his work with Rapid City Central's in-school truancy court is his most valuable contribution."I've considered nothing - nothing - that I do more important than making a difference in the area of truancy," Tice said. "If you can address that issue in a proper way, a constructive way, to the underlying problems of truancy, you can eliminate a lot more problems that will develop later on in the child's life."



Keith Moore

Tice said he's reluctant to use the term "truancy court," because the proceedings are unofficial. Students participate voluntarily to try to find solutions so their behavior doesn't end up in the court system.

Holding truancy court on school grounds emphasizes the cooperation between the school and court system and the willingness of the school to invest deeply in finding positive solutions.

"It's not simply a matter of a punitive process; it's rather a process of solving problems, and you solve the problems in the schools a lot better than trying to solve them in a courtroom," Tice said.

Keith Moore, Indian Education coordinator with the state Department of Education, said poverty is a primary cause of the achievement gap between minorities and whites that grows wider as kids get older. He said minority students need to be prepared for post-

Please turn to Truancy: A3

Silent film, recordings repatriated to Sicangu Heritage Center

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

MISSION - In August, Oklahoma State University professor emeritus of music, Evan Tonsing, returned a number of cultural items which he hoped would strengthen the Sicangu Lakota culture. Professor Tonsing is a collector of Native film, photographs and music.

Terry Gray, Native American Graves and Protection Act coordinator for the Rosebud Sioux tribe and of the Sicangu Heritage Center led the repatriation effort as he has done for other such cultural objects that belong to the Sicangu people and which may have been placed in museums and private collections throughout the country.

Professor Tonsing who studied music from traditional cultures around the world explained his desire to return the repatriated items to the Sicangu as a way of strengthening the culture.

The public was invited to event which featured a short 1894 film by Thomas Edison of Lakota people dancing with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.

The other repatriated items included photographs by Edward S. Curtis from 1906 and recordings of Lakota songs from 1907.

A short 1930 film featuring Sicangu, Chauncey Yellow Robe, was also among the items. The silent movie was entitled "The Silent Enemy" and members of the Yellow Robe family and others in attendance were given copies.

The professor also assisted in identifying the 273 recordings made by Curtis from 1907 to 1913 and which are kept at the Archive of Traditional Music at Indiana University.

Last weekend, the Sicangu Heritage Center held an open house during which it played "The Silent Enemy" for visitors.

The open house coincided with the artists market sponsored by the Horizons Project held at the SGU multipurpose building. Visitors were also treated to some holiday treats created by Keli Herman of the Sicangu Heritage Center staff. Marcella Cash has been the director since its initial opening and has led the center in archiving and displaying Sicangu cultural items in a novel and innovative fashion.



Lady Thorpes top Mustangs 53-49

Kanisha Rooks/Little Wound is bound and determined to keep Sophia Janis from scoring Tuesday night in Pine Ridge; Pine Ridge won their second game of the season 53-49 and will travel to Eagle Butte on Saturday. See game story on Page A3.

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Little Wound, Todd County, Pine Ridge, Red Cloud open boys season with wins

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

MARTIN - After a busy spring and summer, and a good deal of offseason work this fall, Red Cloud opened the 2007/2008 boy's basketball season Friday night in Martin against Bennett County; the Crusaders went up 17-1 in the first quarter, slacked off in the second quarter as Bennett County outscored the Crusaders 16-12 and ended up leading only 29-17 at the half; after a serious discussion with their coach, Matt Rama, Red Cloud picked up the tempo and focus in the second half for an 88-39 win over the Warriors.

Red Cloud is coming off of a 19-4 record last year with their top eight players returning, spent the spring and summer playing over 70 games in preparation for this year and featured five players in double figures in their first win of a new campaign. Christian McGhee led all scorers

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Handful of elected officials push to rescind child and family code

Groups work to understand new law, promote awareness

By Ivan Starr
Special the Times

Within a span of four days, I attended two separate meetings and found what I can only describe as a rift between tribal groups working to comply with the new Child and Family Code. I am still not clear on who did what; however, communication and collaboration are definitely lacking.

ANALYSIS

Ideally, these two groups should be working as a singular unit. The two meetings resulted from a recent tribal government action to rescind the new law. The first meeting on Dec. 6, 2007 was in Pine Ridge. This gathering consisted of about half of the homeland's 26 Tiospaye Interpreters and representatives of Public Safety.

Initially, the meeting was somewhat intense which I believe was the response of some talk to rescind the law and to remove the interpreters altogether to make things easier for everyone else. Adding to this was the fact that legislative action occurred without the knowledge or input of the interpreter group or anybody else for that matter.

As I had mentioned in one of my previous articles, when government information is absent, people tend to talk and rumor spreading becomes rampant. The absence of minutes of the alleged governmental actions became the final determining factor regarding the end consensus. The group decided to continue working to understand the new law and to get solid information.

Another direction taken was to increase public awareness. I believe the tribal constituency needs to be aware of the new law. Everyone involved would probably agree that if the people knew about this law and the role of the interpreters, it would contribute toward its success. The Tiospaye Interpreters are to air every Wednesday from 8-9 a.m., beginning Dec. 12.

What agitated the group were rumors that seemingly targeted the interpreter's; alluding that there are no provisions to guarantee confidentiality and for background investigations. A show of hands during the meeting found a majority of the interpreters had passed recent background checks. The rest were encouraged to get a background check done.

The other meeting took place at our casino on Dec. 9 and consisted of tribal education, child advocacy, the court, law enforcement, and Tiospaye Interpreter representation. This is where the budding separation became evident. Although both groups are involved with the new Code, there is a clear disconnection

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with 19 points, added six assists, five rebounds and four steals; Billy Scott chipped in 16 points and five rebounds, Mike Cuny came off the bench to tip in 13, Carl Swallow added 12 and Dave Giago, also coming off the bench tossed in 10 points. Lester Gotheridge, struggled with fouls the entire game but grabbed a game high 10 rebounds as Red Cloud outrebounded the Warriors 40-37.

Red Cloud will not be back in action until Dec. 19 when they play Crazy Horse at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas More high school in the first round of the Lakota Nation, a tournament that Red Cloud has received a number one seed.

Orin Three Stars, a transfer from Little Wound led Bennett County with 14 points, Ryan Risse helped with seven points and six rebounds. John Slattery led Bennett County with seven boards while fouling out with 2:23 to go in the game.

Three Stars hit for 32 points on Saturday night in Ft. Pierre as he helped Bennett County break a 24 game losing streak as the Warriors came from behind to beat Stanley County 67-57. Now 1-1, Bennett County hosts Wall on Dec. 13 and travels to Gordon on Friday.

Little Wound picked up their second straight win of the season on the road downing Crow Creek 71-43 on Saturday in Highmore.

With new coach, Rob Mendoza, the Mustangs ran a one-two-one-one press and Crow Creek struggled to get the ball up the floor; senior Brice Hornbeck was unstoppable finishing the game with 26 points, nine rebounds, nine steals and six assists. Eddie Wright, a transfer from Eagle Butte, hit for 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds while Bret Thunder Hawk added 12 points. After opening up 28-4 lead in the first quarter, the Mustangs cruised to their second win of the season.

Larry Gayton led Crow Creek with 17 points, Ryan Bowker chipped in nine points and eight rebounds. Crow Creek is 0-1 on the season and travels to Flandreau Indian on Friday.

The Mustangs opened their season under their new head coach, Rob Mendoza, on Friday with a strong 90-52 win over St. Francis.

"We put on our full court press and the Warriors just struggled to get the ball up the floor," said Rob Mendoza, "we had a chance to play everyone and even run some offense, we're going to be a little bit more disciplined this year."

Senior Brice Hornbeck led all scorers with 28 points, Casey Montileaux added 19 while Eddie Wright led the team in rebounds with 11. Tim Little Shield led St. Francis with 26 points and seven rebounds, Richard Spotted Tail helped with 12 points.

After wins over St. Francis and Crow Creek, Little Wound doesn't return to action until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, during the Lakota Nation where they play St. Francis again at SD Tech.

Pine Ridge opened their boy's season at St. Francis on Tuesday, with 10 different ballplayers getting in the scoring column including three in double figures, the Thorpes knocked off St. Francis 87-60 for their first win of the year.

Jeff Pourier with seven and Jared Eagle Bull with 10 points got things rolling for the Thorpes in the first quarter as the team took a 24-15 lead; Tim Little Shield led the Warriors comeback hitting 16 points in the first half to help St. Francis close the gap to 29-26 as Pine Ridge couldn't buy a bucket in the second quarter hitting only five free throws for the quarter.

Roman Leftwich cranked Pine Ridge up in the third with eight of his 16 points while Red Cloud transfer, Ezra Zephier, scored seven of his nine points in the third as well to help the Thorpes outscore the Warriors 32-8 and head into the fourth with a 61-34 lead. Stan Brewer, a senior, hit two threes and Dalton Buckman, a freshman, scored all seven of his points in the fourth to seal the deal. Pourier put the hustle on all game and finished up with 13 points, eight rebounds, six steals and four assists. Leftwich with 16 and Eagle Bull with 10 were the only other Thorpes in double figures.

Little Shield finished with 20 points and 13 rebounds while Richard Spotted Tail added 19 points, five steals and nine rebounds. St. Francis is now 0-2 and will play Little Wound Wednesday night at the LNI in Rapid City at SD Tech at 7 p.m.

Pine Ridge travels to Todd County on Thursday, travels to Eagle Butte on Saturday and opens LNI against CEB at SD Tech on Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m.



David Giago, Red Cloud senior forward, snares a rebound Friday night in Martin as Bennett County's Chase Kieffe tries to swat it away and Jesse Risse(35) looks on, the number one rated Crusaders opened the 2007/08 boy's basketball season with an 88-39 win over Bennett County in a first step on a path leading to Sioux Falls in mid March for the South Dakota State A Boy's basketball tournament.

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2007-2008 Boy's high school basketball previews

Little Wound Mustangs

"One thing we are going to make sure of, there will be no angry outbursts, no unsportsmanlike conduct," said Rob Mendoza who moved from assistant girls coach at Little Wound to head boys coach, "Tom Allen and Linda Hunter wrote up a strong sportsmanship plan, Little Wound is on probation for a year after events of last spring and we are going to have a well-organized program based on respect."

TJ McCauley, Rich Big Boy, Devon LeBeau, Shilo Pierce, Michael Apple and Dustin Shangreaux are gone from a Little Wound team that went to state the last two years taking seventh and second in the last two years. The coaching staff and the athletic director are also gone.

But Brice Hornbeck is still here for his senior year. Although there was talk of Brice going to Bismarck for his senior year, he chose to stay home and lead the Mustangs, and leading the Mustangs he will. Hornbeck hit for 28 points in the first game against St. Francis and against Crow Creek on Saturday he scored 26 points, grabbed nine rebounds and finished with nine steals and six assists. He is definitely something to build a team around. Ty Lunderman applied for a hardship since this is his fifth year in high school, the SDHSAA granted him one semester of eligibility, spring semester 2008. Currently, Eddie Wright, 5'11" junior forward transferred from Cheyenne Eagle Butte and has grabbed double figure rebounds in both of Little Wound's two games. Casey Montileaux is playing as a senior and will contribute in scoring and playing defense. Brett Thunder Hawk, a 5'11 senior gets a starting nod and will help on offense. Todd Phelps is the tallest Mustang and he gets the starting nod until someone takes it away.

Helping from the bench right now but with the potential to crack the starting lineup is Trin In The Woods, a 6'0" junior, Kevin Eagle Heart, a 6'2" junior, Jacey Mesteth, a 6'3" junior, Spur Pourier, a 6'1" freshman, Jared White Face, Michael Pretty Voice Crane, Morris Holy Rock and Brennan Montgomery.

"No we are not the same team as last year," said Mendoza, "It's going to take a few games to build some team chemistry, to learn to trust one another, play good team defense, but we'll get there and it will be a fun trip."

Pine Ridge Thorpes

Bill Pourier is back as coach for the Thorpes, Shawn Keith and Jeff Pourier are two players left from last year's varsity and throw in several new faces. Roman Leftwich, a 6'2" forward thought about going to Red Cloud but stayed to play for the Thorpes, Ezra Zephier, a 5'8" junior guard came over from Red Cloud, Jerad Eagle Bull, a 6'1" senior feels it is his time now. Dalton Buckman, a 5'9" freshman will get playing time, Stan Brewer, Sky Young and Emerson Bob Tail Bear will help at the guards while Eric Long, Daniel Bull Bear and Paul Bear Saves Life will work down low and on the boards.

What the team doesn't have in varsity experience will be made up with a love for the game and a desire to make good on an opportunity to play at the varsity level.

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between them.

The consensus of the second meeting: the two groups need to work together. Everyone stated there are many "kinks" to iron out which is eminent with any new thing. The attendees all expressed their desire to see the new Code succeed for the sake of our children. The first meeting is set for January 12 and 13, 2008, site to be confirmed later.

Meanwhile, one recommended change that will be going to the Judiciary Committee is the Code's 120-day compliance mandate. One of the court judges reported that only one tribal entity submitted its compliance plan thereby meeting the requirement. All other entities are now out of compliance and this alone seems to be causing undue tensions.

In their endeavors to comply with the new law, court officials had approached the tribal Judiciary Committee with some recommendations. Instead, the unexpected idea to repeal came into being. The court did not intend to rescind the code, as was thought by the interpreter group. That action originated from a handful of our elected officials and it is theirs alone.

Such an amendment will relieve the pressure that is seemingly causing a disruption in the flow of things, so to speak. It can contribute to progress. All the entities involved, except for one, are now so ridiculously out of compliance, the current provision is mute. A new deadline or a new set of compliance requirements can benefit the entire tribal effort.

All entities were to submit their plans to the Children and Family Court, which is vested with the authority to determine whether an entity is compliant. The court can grant an additional 30 days to meet the deadline. Anyway, all entities should have been compliant by Oct. 2, 2007.

The law also provides procedures for reporting non-compliant entities. Any individual may report an entity that is out of compliance by filing a complaint in tribal court to be adjudicated as a civil matter.

Under the law, such non-compliant entities become subject to fines. If the tribal court determines an entity to be willfully and neglectfully non-compliant, the entity can be 1) fined at $1000 a day, 2) suspended for an indefinite period of time, and 3) reported to the entity's governing body or other entity (Tribal Council) having jurisdiction over it.

The tribal entities subject to this Code are those who work in the following areas: Law Enforcement, Social/Human Services, Child Protection, Child Advocacy, Child Neglect, Domestic Violence, Education, Foster Care, Medical Care, Mental Health Care, Adjudication, and Religion/Culture/Spirituality.

All organizations are required to make necessary changes to "provide opportunities to develop sufficient knowledge and understanding of the Lakota concepts, protocols, and definitions of the Code." Staff and board training and orientation includes volunteers and consultants. Revisions include policy and procedures, mission statements, philosophy, and vision.

If anything, this should be the primary concern at this point in the life of the OST Child and Family Code. Any other discussion outside of a formal meeting is nothing more than rumor.

Development of the law took seven years and the input of many prominent Lakota individuals. It is not a spontaneous idea nor was it tossed together in a matter of weeks or months. It is an idea and a law born out of love for children, Lakota ways, justice, and self-determination.

We, as Lakota people patiently endured some of this country's most blatantly brutal atrocities for more than a century. It has been eight months since the law's enactment and already we are experiencing a snag causing us to polarize, taking up positions of battle. We must absolutely work together to keep our children at home where they truly belong.

We are survivors of a real experience that most tribal people will refuse to hear, acknowledge, or discuss. This is genocide: the planned, systematic annihilation of a racial, political, or cultural group. As a survivor, I have a hard time understanding this popular reaction, especially here on the most strife-stricken reservation in the country.

Initially, when the Wasicu came, they saw "Indians" as obstacles to their own progress and devised ways to remove them. They soon realized they could not do so with war and tried other methods. Consequently, we have been surviving under a unilateral relationship with the new United States' national government, as well as with our own "tribal" government.

The following should help illustrate this. The first element we must understand is that Lakota people, at one time, were truly autonomous. They had a singular form of government (Tiospaye), belief system, Creation chronicle (similar to Bible), language, culture, and history.

Lakota people occupied most of the Great Plains. The Wasicu saw the area as belonging to the people occupying it, drew up treaties, and identified it as such. As the new nation grew, they needed more land and decided to appropriate those treaty-established lands via a planned, systematic strategy leaving us with small parcels (reservations) today.

Land loss is not the only issue. Our language and culture are targets of obliteration. Destroying the family unit and taking children away to become "productive citizens" is another eradication routine. Replacing the old government with the Indian Reorganization Act is another ago-old tactic used to enervate (weaken) a people.

Then, with an incredible move, our tribal council, through the efforts of dozens of caring people, enacted a law that actually counters that centuries-long eradication process, which is the Child and Family Code. The Code is a beginning, but it is the only optimistic thing going for us today. It definitely beats the usual handouts of used clothing, food items, and small amounts of money.

Why then, are a handful of our elected officials looking to rescind this century's most phenomenal piece of tribal legislation?

What is the reason for quashing it without the knowledge and input of the voting public? Where is the democracy in that? Are these few actually agents of oppression too?

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Pine Ridge, Red Cloud open seasons with wins, Lady Mustangs lose two close contests

Little Wound hangs on for Big Foot B Girl's championship

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

KYLE - Little Wound and Red Cloud both sported new coaches, both finished up with 32 turnovers, both teams had three in double figures and two players fouled out in the fourth period while Little Wound had 28 fouls, Red Cloud finished up with 30 on the way to a hard fought 64-59 season opening win over Little Wound Thursday night.

The Lady Crusaders opened the game with an 8-0 run and eventually took a 15 point 43-28 lead in the third only to see the Lady Mustangs fight back and take one point leads of 49-48 and 55-54 in the fourth quarter only to have Marque Lunderman come back into the game in the fourth after a bad cramp in her right calf and score four of her 15 points in the final period to help Red Cloud ice the win.

Shaina Clifford, moving to the three position after playing the point last year, hit for a team high 16 points with three steals and three rebounds before fouling out with 1:29 to go in the game. Lunderman hit for 15 points, grabbed four rebounds with three assists and two steals while Ida Clarke hit for a double double with 13 points and 12 rebounds and added seven steals and three assists.

Little Wound's Nichelle Red Owl, returned to Little Wound from Pine Ridge for her senior season, hit three threes and 22 points to lead the Lady Mustangs before fouling out with 2:10 left in the fourth. Sophomore Kirsten Clifford poured in 10 points before fouling out with 4:31 to go in the fourth, Kanisha Rooks also hit for 10 points and Dakota Flying Hawk grabbed a team high 13 rebounds coming off the bench for the Lady Mustangs

Red Cloud doesn't return to action until Wednesday, Dec. 19 playing Lower Brule in the opening round of the Lakota Nation Invitational tourney in Rapid City.

Little Wound traveled to Pine Ridge on Tuesday looking to pick up their first win of the season over a tough Pine Ridge team, the Lady Thorpes led at each quarter break on the way to a 53-49 win. Up by only three at the end of three, Pine Ridge opened up an 11 point lead with a minute to go only to see Little Wound pull within two 51-49 with eight seconds left in the game before Pine Ridge finished it off sinking two free throws to end the game and grab the win.

Lacey Weston led Pine Ridge with 22 points, Saadia Tasso chipped in 18 and Sophia Janis helped out with 10 assists. Nichelle Red Owl led the Lady Mustangs with 20 points, Kirsten Clifford had eight points and six rebounds, Dakota Flying Hawk came off the bench for seven points and Kanisha Rooks led the team with six assists.

Pine Ridge is now 2-0 and travels to Eagle Butte on Saturday while Little Wound is now 0-2 and hosts Bennett County on Monday.

Standing Rock opens season 4-0 behind high scoring freshman

Shauna Long, a 5'2" freshman, has set the tone for her Standing Rock Lady Warriors as they have opened the season with four straight wins getting ready for the upcoming Lakota Nation Invitational.

Long scored 21 points in the Lady Warrior's season opener, a 59-45 win over Center-Stanton. Shauna scored 16 in a win over South Border and hit for 21 again as Standing Rock defeated Grand River 51-42. on Monday night, Long scored 21 points in a 71-52 win over Mobridge; she is averaging 20 points a game in her first four games as a freshman.

At one point, Long was going to move down to Pine Ridge with her father, Albert Long, and enroll at Pine Ridge high school for her high school years; a tragic accident this summer took the life of Long, a past Pine Ridge graduate and changed Shauna's direction, she stayed with her mother Margaret Gates and is playing high school ball with Standing Rock.

Standing Rock is the number five seed in this year's Lakota Nation and will play Takini at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the Civic Center.

Little Wound edges Red Cloud for Big Foot B championship

BATESLAND - Little Wound and Red Cloud came into the Big Foot Conference B Girl's championship game with one loss on their record, Red Cloud had lost earlier to Little Wound 35-32 while Little Wound had lost by 11 points to Pine Ridge; Red Cloud kept the game close, down by two at the first quarter break, 13-11, down by two 24-22 at the half but couldn't get any closer as Little Wound knocked off Red Cloud in a three point win 39-36 on Thursday.

Larae Morgan fouled out with 3:18 to go in the game but hit for nine points before she left and added two steals and three rebounds for the Lady Mustangs. Elizabeth Charging Crow led the way with 10 points and seven rebounds, Lexi Amiotte chipped in six points and grabbed eight boards while Erica Crow finished up with seven points and a game high nine rebounds.

Christy Sioux Bob led Red Cloud with 14 points, Kristin Brave grabbed 22 rebounds and added seven steals while Cassandra Black Horn chipped in eight points, eight rebounds and five steals.

Pine Ridge knocked off Porcupine for third and American Horse took fifth. Team sportsmanship went to Crazy Horse.

All tourney awards went to Erica Crow and Lexi Amiotte of Little Wound, Christy Sioux Bob and CeCe Two Lance of Red Cloud, Santana White Dress and Sherie Cottier of Pine Ridge, Denisha Larson/Porcupine, Cheyenne Palmier/American Horse, Shannon Hinton/Loneman, Jenelle Ribitsch/Wolf Creek, Patti Cuny/Our Lady of Lourdes and Justina LeBeau/Batesland.

Larae Morgan was selected as the MVP, Kristin Brave/Ms. Hustle, Christy Sioux Bob/Ms. Offense and Elizabeth Charging Crow/Ms. Defense.

Scores from week #1
Bennett County 72-31 Todd County
Red Cloud 64-59 Little Wound
Pine Ridge 74-66 St. Francis
Wakpala 51-50 Dakota Oyate
Lower Brule 35-34 Crazy Horse
Standing Rock 59-45 Center-Stanton
Highmore 53-41 Crow Creek
Standing Rock 51-42 Grand River
Tiospa Zina 45-37 Waverly South Shore
Tiospaye Topa 38-36 Faith
Todd County 62-46 Valentine
Leola-Frederick 60-34 McLaughlin
Chey. Eagle Butte 56-27 McLaughlin
Tiospa Zina 59-42 Flandreau Indian
Wakpala 51-47 Loweer Brule
Pine Ridge 53-49 Little Wound
Bennett County 55-45 St. Thomas More
Standing Rock 60-29 South Border
Chey. Eagle Butte 38-35 Miller Area

Games this week:
Crazy Horse at Takini (12/14)
Marty at Lower Brule
McLaughlin at Tiospaye Topa
Pine Ridge at Chey. Eagle Butte (12/15)
St. Francis at Tiospa Zina
Bennett County at Little Wound (12/17)

Boys Basketball Scores from week #1
Little Wound 90-52 St. Francis
Todd County 72-53 Valentine
Red Cloud 88-39 Bennett County
Pine Ridge 87-60 St. Francis
Little Wound 71-44 Crow Creek
McLaughlin 65-64 Selby Area
White River 90-66 Jones County
Bennett County 67-57 Stanley County
Dupree 58-43 Harding County
Timber Lake 69-42 Wakpala
Crazy Horse 99-26 Oelrichs

Games this week:
Pine Ridge at Todd County(12/13)
Crazy Horse at Takini(12/14)
Marty at Lower Brule
McLaughlin at Tiospaye Topa
Pine Ridge at Chey. Eagle Butte (12/15)
St. Francis at Tiospa Zina
Bennett County at Little Wound (12/17)

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Little Wound's Tangerine LeBeau drives around Pine Ridge's Alleiy Janis and heads for the basket during the Lady Thorpes 53-49 win over Little Wound on Tuesday night in Pine Ridge.
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2007-08 Girls high school basketball previews:

Little Wound Lady Mustangs

"It's a struggle at first, a new coach and a new style," said Ted Standing Soldier, Jr. the new head girl's coach at Little Wound, "we are headsy, we have several playmakers, girls that can shoot and we just need to learn to play together as a team."

Starters for Little Wound will be Nichelle Red Owl, a 5'6" senior, shooting guard who transferred back to Little Wound from Pine Ridge where she helped the team to a 21-1 record and a number one ranking in the state before losing to Bennett County in the district championship; Kirsten Clifford who plays power forward or center, only a 5'9" sophomore, but a player who continues to get stronger and who has an impact on the boards and in the scoring column; Kanisha Rooks, a 5'4" sophomore guard who will help the tam on defense, hand out assists and score; Tawni Shay Hunter, a 5'6" junior guard who brings a lot of fire to the position, scrappiness and a never give an inch defense and Tangerine LeBeau, a 5'7" guard/forward who is returning to the court as a senior hungry to make up for lost time and ready to play a positive role on defense and on the boards for the new cosch.

Dakota Flying Hawk, a 5'9" freshman will be one of the first players off the bench to work hard underneath the basket, fighting for territory and grabbing rebounds; Veronica Richards, a 5'6" senior guard, a three point threat, Jhacie Long Soldier, a 5'8" sophomore who can hit the three and play defense and Annisa Around Him, a 5'8" sophomore who will focus on the boards. Others on varsity include Autumn Hollow Horn, Aileen White Face, Melissa White Eyes, Sydnee Ferguson, Frankie Villareal and Laura Cummings.

"Many teams will underestimate us," said Standing Soldier, "we are going to play solid defense, take care of the ball and shoot high percentage shots everytime, it may take a few games but we will get there."

Todd County Lady Falcons

Bob Boyd, Jr. is the Lady Falcons third coach in three years, Boyd moves over from his assistant coach position with the boys team and is looking to focus on defense and become fundamentally sound.

"The girls have been working really hard, they have bought into the new system and are becoming defensive minded," said Boyd, "we have a challenging schedule that should help us get ready for districts and regionals, Platte and Winner make it a tough district and Bennett County and Pine Ridge make it a tough region."

Shelby Hunger, a 5'11" junior forward is relentless on the boards and Jordan Rahn, a 5'10" junior forward will help, in fact Boyd says that all five players will be working hard for rebounds; Christine Crow Eagle, a 5'4" guard, Perry DeCory, a 5'6" guard and Josie Stone, a 5'6" junior guard/forward will round out the starting five. Coming off the bench will be Auriah Prue, missing the first two games, Cassie Prue, Christian Old Lodge, Britney Larvie, Mariaha Emery, Lisa Antoine, Jessica Peneaux, Nellie Menard and Samantha DeCory.

"This team will be very athletic, I've been challenging them to play tough defense," said Boyd, "we are coming in as the sixth seed at the Lakota Nation, the girls finished third last year and they should be better than last year."

St. Francis Lady Warriors

Corry Roberts represents continuity as he returns as the head coach for St. Francis Lady Warriors; he will be assisted by Dave Waliser and Pam Kills In Water.

Kali Brave, A 5'10" very athletic guard will anchor the Lady Warriors, Marci Rodriguez, a 5'9" freshman is coming off a very successful freshman year returns as the point guard, her athleticism and court sense will help guide the Lady Warriors and set an up-tempo tone to their play; Jessica Rouillard, a 6'1" junior will cause a number of teams problems under the basket and in the paint as she works hard on the boards and works to stop any attempts to drive the basket; Sissy Brave, a 5'8" forward will help inside with rebounding and look to the sophomore in helping to put some points n the board and Erin Rodriguez, a 5'9" senior who will help with handling the ball and adding scoring punch.

Coming off the bench will be Valerie Boltz, a 5'9" freshman, Starla Walking Eagle, a 6'0" sophomore, Jenna Bad Hand, a 5'8" sophomore, Winona White Lance, Courtney Spotted Elk, Melanie Running Horse, Laura Brushbreaker, Brittany Iron Shell, Roseanne Eagle Road and Tamara Murray.

St. Francis has a good mix of older and younger players and as soon as they build some team chemistry and learn to trust one another, they will upset a few apple carts along the way to districts.

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high school experiences, including higher education, with programs such as GEAR-UP to enrich math, language arts, science, and career exploration.

Moore noted that South Dakota is the only state that doesn't have a needs-based scholarship program and encouraged people to contact the Board of Regents about correcting that deficiency.

Mike Talley, Central High School's new principal, explained a program called Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (see www.pbis.org).

Certain socio-economic factors such as poverty and minority status carry risk factors that can manifest in negative behaviors, one of which is truancy, Talley said.

Too often, the schools' response is to punish negative behavior, but it is more effective to teach positives such as academic skills and reward good behavior, he said.

Vice-Principal Mike Deming said North Middle School, with about a 50-50 Native/white mix and 86 percent free-and-reduced lunch participants, had an "atrocious" truancy rate six years ago when he came on board.

But attendance rate has now improved, from 91 percent to 93 percent, a result Deming calls "huge."

The school uses a rewards system called Eagle Cash: students are issued cards that are stamped by teachers, and each stamp is worth a certain amount of "fake money," Deming said.

Students can spend their earned money at the Eagle Cash store for such things as school supplies or sports equipment - skateboards, basketballs, footballs, and such - donated by Scheels.

Prices are inflated, Deming pointed out. "A pencil might cost you five bucks in Eagle Cash money," he said, and a skateboard could be as much as $5,000.

But students respond well to the rewards system. "It's really kind of fun to watch," he said.

In addition to monetary rewards, North has implemented Saturday school for chronic truants, instead of suspending them; uses the GEAR-UP program; and has increased teacher contact time with students, Deming said.

The Rapid City truancy prevention network includes parents in the solution, and one tool for doing that is the Skyward computer program.

Katie Bray, assistant superintendent of student achievement at Rapid City district administration, said Skyward was first implemented a few years ago, but recently an online grade book was added to allow parents to monitor their children's day-to-day progress.

With a password and a computer, parents of students in grades 6-12 can find their children's grades, their attendance record, what they had for lunch, and whether they've completed their work.

The teacher has the option of writing an email to the parent, explaining concerns such as when a student hasn't turned in homework for three days, Bray said.

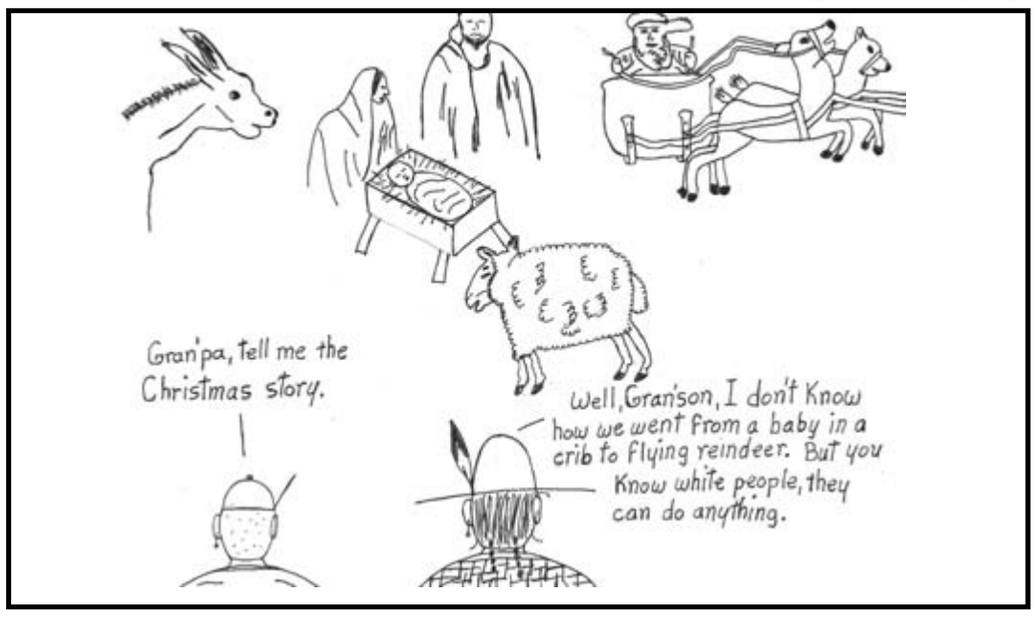
If parents don't have Internet access at home, they can use computers at the public library or at certain schools.

District Superintendent Peter Wharton said training discs will be available to lead parents through the process of accessing the records.

Bray said parental involvement can improve academic success, and academic success battles truancy. "I firmly believe when children are successful in school, they want to be in school," Bray said. "And if they're not successful, that's part of why they don't go."

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Letters to the Editor

What can we do to get our language back?

Dear Editor:

Cante Waste Nape Ciyuzape Ksto, I come to you with a good heart.

Lakota language is important today because our language is slowly dying out. The older people should teach younger kids Lakota so that it won't be so hard to get the language back. My name is Nanette White Buffalo and I am a student from St. Francis Indian School and I ask, "What can we do to get our language back?" Our identity is almost all gone.

We watched a film about native languages in my class, and the person in the video who inspired me the most was named Kathleen Gordon.

She told the same story that my grandmother told me, about the boarding schools and how they stripped the native students of their clothing and language. She inspired me to make an effort to learn my language and try my hardest to understand it. Kathleen Gordon reminds me of my grandma. She's caring and generous and strong in spirit. Her story made me realize that not many people speak our language and that our identity and culture is being lost. Some of our people were killed at the boarding schools for being themselves and practicing their way of life. Tunkasila didn't make us that way, to kill each other and to take stuff from others. Another thing that Kathleen Gordon said that inspired me was "Creator gave us our ways of life as a gift and it's a way to express ourselves as native people." This shows me she has a lot of respect and I thank her for what she is saying.

One of the quotes I liked from the film was "Intelligent people don't burn down libraries. Language is an enormous library of culture and heritage." This reminds me of something my grandfather told me before he died, he said that Lakota traditions represent blueprints for thinking and how we experience things. Why do languages matter? Language matters because in the white world no one ever thinks about anyone but themselves and in the Lakota tradition everyone shares and no one gives up! It is important to preserve Lakota ways because they are stronger than white ways. White people brought alcohol and drugs and gave it to the Lakota's. Look at most of us now, we're alcoholics and drug addicts. We lost our identity now its time to get it back; we have to fight for our culture and language now. I relate to this teaching because my mother and grandmother always tried to make me learn Lakota, but instead I wanted to go out and have fun with friends thinking that it wasn't important. Now that I realized that my culture is dying out I want to help!

The reason why people should work to preserve Lakota language is because most high school students like me want to take more Lakota culture classes. We think all Lakota people should be able to speak their language. Kids are committing suicide because their identity is lost and they don't know who they really are! High school students should be able to take more Lakota language classes, so that the language will endure and our power will grow. The community and tribal staff should put out a petition about how the Lakota language can be preserved. Finally parents and grandparents should teach their children as much Lakota as they can and talk to them in Lakota language so that it will be easier for them to learn when they get in high school.

Nanette Marie White Buffalo
Rosebud, S.D.

Some Indian people have become ashamed to be Lakota

Dear Editor,

My name is Maurissa Mae Donald. I am from Rosebud Reservation. I go to school at St. Francis Indian School. I am writing to you about why Lakota Language is important to me.

When I was only three yeas old I knew three languages, Lakota, Navajo, and English. When my mom registered me at preschool at Salt Lake City I had to take a test for them. Two native teachers gave me the test. They tried to speak to me in English, but I would just stared at them until my mom told them to ask me the name of the shape in Navajo. I understood it and the teachers were very surprised.

When the teacher didn't know how to say sun in Navajo, my mom told her the Lakota word for sun. I point at the sun. The native teachers were happy that I knew my two native languages and also English.

Lakota Culture is important to me because it tells everyone who I am. It's a part of my identity, and everyone else's here too.

Native people come from different tribes all over the United States. One thing that represents them all is their languages. Language is your own way of speaking to others whom have the same culture. When Indians from different tribes meet, one of the first questions asked is, do you speak your own language? If you don't know how to speak your language, it sounds like you don't care about your culture.

Some Native Americans are still ashamed of speaking their language because of their experience in boarding schools. Boarding school students were punished for being Lakota, and speaking their language. The white people took away our language and identity. Some Indians believe whatever white people say and think about them. Those Indian people have become ashamed to be Lakota.

I would save our Lakota language by letting the elder tribe members help the next generation. Indians schools should have language classes for all the high school students. On week-ends, they should open the youth center to the community for everyone to come and speak and learn Lakota.

The students should have Native Americans games, quilting, beading, and maybe cooking. That is what we should do for our community members and youth.

Maurissa Mae Donald
St. Francis Indian School
St. Francis, S.D.

Our Views

Insulting an elderly Lakota man in Rapid City

Rapid City draws thousands of visitors from Pine Ridge, Rosebud and the other Indian nations in the region for the LNI Tournament.

The Lakota/Dakota people spend millions of dollars there every year.

Now we would like to offer all of our readers a cautionary warning. If you experience any form of racial discrimination in Rapid City during the LNI please write it down and email it or send it to Lakota Country Times and we will publish your remarks.

Case in point: Last Monday an elderly Lakota man purchased gasoline at the BP Station and Mini-Store on East North and Milwaukee Streets in Rapid City. He paid for his gas at the pump and then went into the store to buy a lottery ticket, something he did every week at that very store.

There was a new attendant behind the counter, a young white woman about 23 years of age.

He handed her his lottery ticket and when she returned it to him with the stub he handed her some money and asked her if that was enough. She didn't answer him, or since he was a little hard of hearing he did not hear her answer. When he asked her again if this was enough the woman said very loudly and angrily, "I JUST GOT DONE TELLING YOU THAT THIS WAS ENOUGH!"

Taken aback by her angry response, he took his ticket and said to the young lady, "I think you should be a little more respectful to your customers." The young lady replied with venomous anger, "F_ _ _ YOU."

The elderly Lakota man left the store in a state of shock and anger. He called BP's headquarters and they professed shock and said they would take care of the matter.

One week later the girl was still working in the store and absolutely nothing had been done to reprimand her. In fact, her profanity was reason for termination, not reprimand. If she had said these words to an elderly white customer do you think she would have gotten away with it?

It is a shame that these racist things still go on in a city that draws millions of dollars in business every year from the citizens of Indian country. To use the F-Word to an elderly Lakota man for him simply asking to be treated with respect is unthinkable and reprehensible. And for no action to be taken against the vile young lady is even more unthinkable.

And so we ask all of our readers to write down any racial discrimination they run into while visiting Rapid City for the LNI Tournament and we will publish your comments and let's see what we can do to bring this kind of nonsense to an end once and for all.

Letters to the Editor

Learning the languages gives you identity and pride

Dear Editor,

Lakota Language is a part of my culture. I think the students here should have more of our language taught to them. We have many different Lakota classes but none that focus strictly on language. I feel as if our generation has been skipped or lost with the teachings of our ancestors.

A lot of kids today don't learn the language because there is no use for it. We can't go to our own different country to speak that one language, there aren't jobs that require the Lakota language, and you won't be able to make a living off our Lakota traditions. Most parents didn't teach it to their children because when they went to boarding school they weren't allowed to speak it.

During the boarding school years the kids were punished for speaking their language. The Catholic teachers thought they were saving the little Lakota children because they were making the "savages" civilized. The truth was that they were taking away that entire generation's identity as Lakota people.

Learning the Lakota language gives you something to be proud of. It gives you an identity and makes you, you! You may not be able to make any money off our traditions, but you will be rewarded with culture. Your culture is a part of you, if you let it be!

Terri Searby
St. Francis Indian School
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We need to do something now

Dear Editor,

My name is Louise Rabbit and I'm a student at St. Francis Indian School. I'm writing to you about our Lakota Language. Our Lakota language is dying out slowly and it is not good. Students in high school and middle school should at least know some Lakota, but they don't. I think that Lakota language should be taught more in school.

If it was to be taught in school, fewer people would be in gangs and there would be less suicide. This is because young people would know more about their identity, and not be ashamed of who they are. It's good when students speak Lakota, because the elders like to hear younger people speak Lakota. They say that it is like an Indian being born again. Our Lakota language has a chance at being saved if we do something about it now.

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Finding My Voice

By Dana Lonehill

You make mama proud


Dana Badmilk

There is a sign on the side of the road on the way to Kyle. I think some class from the school or something put it up. I'm not sure. This is nothing against anyone that put the sign up but I smile when I pass it. It says proudly in school colors.

"Striving To Be Violence Free."

I thought it was funny the first time I saw it. When the two reporters from The Observer Magazine were here, because when they saw it, the photographer hit the brakes and took pictures of the sign. All kinds of pictures of the sign. My uncle was like "What is he taking pictures of?" I said "That sign."

He was like "Why?"

I was like "Read it, it's funny."

He read it and laughed. The sarcastic Jerry Seinfeld or Amiotte or Lone Elk humor came out in me, I was like "Is it that hard to be violence free? I mean are the people that put this sign up trying hard not to run back and kick it. For real, what's wrong with Striving For Excellence or Striving for Hope or why not Striving to Be Non Violent."

So that sign this week made me think of my kids and their heroes, plus my friend Ron was giving me ideas of what to write about last week over football.

I have two sons, ages 13 and 14.

They have the same birthday, so next week they will be 14 and 15, 6 days before Christmas.

I am and have always been the custodial parent, being there on holidays and birthdays. I was there for every ER room visit, stitches, flu's, colds, scraped knees, Christmas parties, Halloween costumes, ...every trial and tribulation in their life. even when I made their Halloween costumes that they didn't want to wear.

I was there for the good, the bad and the ugly. Even the ugly that caused me to leave their father.

I watched and still watch my boys grow into men, watch them in amazement that I carried their precious souls in my womb for 9 months. I made them with their father, but even more important I made them into the men they are today.

Today they are taller than me, look down their noses at me and try to smack talk. Yet, I know and they know they have so much respect for me, sometimes I feel the tears coming thinking of how good they are.

They could be out being hoods, but that are so goal oriented in the name of sports, they don't care to be little hoods. They must strive to be violence free, I guess.

So I am mildly disappointed when their sports heroes are jail bound. Well one, Jalen's hero, Michal Vick was sentenced to 23 months in prison. I bought him posters and shirts of Vick and now he is going to prison. My son still has faith in the fact that he will come back to his glory in the NFL.

Barry Bonds pleaded Not Guilty for perjury the other day, so he isn't for sure jail bound, but still, he is my oldest boy's hero and has been since my son was age 6. I slightly tease them about the fact that their heroes are hoods. But I try not to rub it in.

It's hard to see my kids so loving sports that they behave themselves in the hopes of playing at the next level, only to have their heroes jail bound.

If only they didn't grow up and start liking teams different than mine and grew opinions. If only they were Yankee and Vikings fans they would not have had heroes on their way to jail.

I remember when my sons first made a Myspace page, I made one too so I can keep an eye on them. I went to my oldest boy's page and under the category My Heroes there was a picture of me. I even got a little tear in my eye. So in writing this column, I go to see if I am still under that category on his page, only to find out I have been replaced by Derrick Brooks.

Oh well, at least he's free.

So even though I think that the sign on the side of the road is funny, maybe we really all are Striving To Be Violence Free, even the rich and famous, and the sarcastic and poor.

BTW, even though they told me not to do it, Happy Birthday to Ty and Jalen Dixon, future heroes of the Pine Ridge Thorpe Football Team. You make mama proud.

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Notes From Indian Country

By Tim Giago

They stopped drinking 'for the children's sake'


(Nanwica Kciji)

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The day was gray and overcast. Light snow had been drifting down all morning and it was shaping up into one of those cold, miserable days that make South Dakota the butt of so many jokes.

As I nursed my second cup of coffee that morning, through the foggy, steamed up window of Vesta's Café in Martin, SD., I saw the old, maroon pickup of Enos Poor Bear driving slowly down the slushy street. A smile came to my face as I thought about the many mornings Enos sat with me at this very table and discussed the politics of the Pine Ridge Reservation over a steaming cup of coffee. Enos, the former president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, a respected elder, had a wealth of knowledge about people and the problems of the reservation, past and present, and loved to share his thoughts.

His silver gray hair was always neatly combed and his clothes were always pressed and clean. "It is something I learned from my Momma a long, long time ago. When I was a little shaver growing up in the Eagle Nest District at Wamblee, like most reservation families, we were dirt poor. But Momma always told us that no matter how old or tattered our clothes got, we should always keep then neat and clean. I've always honored her wishes," Enos would say.

"It seems to me that the youngsters of today have lost the ability to sit and listen to the stories and the advice of the tribal elders. The one virtue stressed by the elders is patience and that doesn't seem to fit into this world of instant gratification and high technology," was one of his favorite comments.

As I watched the lights of Christmas blinking in the store windows across the street my thoughts strayed to an elderly Lakota man who had passed away yesterday. He was a very close friend of Poor Bear and he had sat with me at this very table a week before he died and talked to me about the many things he had experienced in his long life.

The elderly man's face was lined with the creases of the many winters of toil and his fingers were brown from the many cigarettes he had held. He made a loud, slurping noise when he drank his hot coffee and it reminded me so much of my own Lakota father who knew it was not ill-mannered to sip loudly or to burp over a well-cooked meal or a great cup of coffee because that was the Lakota way of saying, "Hey, this is great."

Speaking softly as he brushed a shock of snow-white hair from his weathered forehead he said, "There are those young Indians who call God a white man's God. But I think there is one God for everybody. As a Lakota, I think Christmas is the best example of this."

"To me Christmas is a holiday that cuts across all races. It is a day to pause and to reflect on the past. It is a day to share with your loved ones. It is a day to carry on the traditions that have always been a part of our Sioux heritage, the traditional giving of gifts," the old man said as he stared into his coffee cup.

Like the Lakota of old, he used his hands to strengthen every word. "Many years ago my wife and me, we were very heavy drinkers. We got drunk often and neglected our children. We were really destroying our lives and worse yet, we were ruining the future for our little ones. Lakota men and women drink for many reasons and the loss of self-esteem is probably one of the biggest reasons," he said with a sigh.

The old man was quiet for a long time as if trying to gather his thoughts and talk about something he found difficult to discuss. "One night - - - it was Christmas Eve - - - my children had all come home from the Indian boarding school for the holidays. I had been drinking all week and I was pretty sick. My wife was sitting in the kitchen still drinking. I guess I was feeling guilty as well as sick because I walked to the room where my youngest daughter sleeps to tuck her in. Just as I got to the door I heard her talking. No, she wasn't talking. She was praying. She asked Tunkasila (Grandfather God) not to bring her a lot of fancy presents for Christmas. All she wanted was for God to make Mom and Dad stop drinking. She told God she loved us very much and to please save us for the children's sake."

The elderly man was silent for a long time again. When he spoke he said, "It was very cold that night, but I walked outside and stood there shivering and looking at the millions of stars just thinking about the things my little girl said. I felt the tears running down my face and I started to pray. All of a sudden the sky lit up like it was daylight and I got this warm, safe feeling all over. I think I heard this voice repeat the words of my daughter 'for the children's sake' but I wasn't afraid."

A tear came to his eye as he finished what he wanted to tell me. "Momma and me, we quit drinking that night. We never touched another drop of alcohol since that day. All of our children grew up and never got into trouble. Two of them graduated from college and all of the others have good jobs and are responsible Lakota people. My youngest daughter went to college and then came home to take care of me and Momma."

For the sake of the children he had found peace and comfort in Tunkasila that cold, Christmas Eve long ago. And whether one believes in Christmas or not, it is their choice, and I am only relating to you a story that is true and was told to me many years ago on an Indian reservation in South Dakota.

(This column was written in December of 1984. It won the H. L. Mencken Award from the Baltimore Sun and the "Best Local Column Award from the South Dakota Newspaper Association in 1985. Enos Poor Bear died a few years after this column was written. He remained a friend and advisor to Giago until his death. Giago can be reached at najournalist@msn.com)

Guest Columnist

December thoughts and remembering Nate Witt


David Rooks

When I learned of Nate Witt's passing I paused a moment to reflect. It's a curious attribute, reserved to humans, that at such moments we are able to stretch a canvas of silence in our hearts and let memory paint its recollections. Of course, I remembered something I had long ago forgotten.

Back when I was ten or eleven Nate Witt was a scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts in Pine Ridge village.

It was how I met him. I wanted to join and he gave me a handbook and said I had to memorize the oath and a few principles of scouting. He was such a gentle man, I was eager to do well.

Subsequently we'd meet once or twice a week in the way old gym near the entrance to the OCS campus. That first summer, I and several other Pine Ridgers attended a jamboree at Camp Broad Axe back up somewhere behind Hill City.

There was target shooting with .22 rifles, archery, cliff climbing and even a tug of war against other scouts. It was a young boy's dream and adventure. And we owed it all to Nate Witt.

He was like that, quiet, unassuming - a true Ikce Wicasa.

Like many my age, I have watched the steady pilfering of our Lakota elders by time for several decades now. There is a way about them, a diamond light of humility and integrity that seems irreplaceable.

Yet the steady attrition of their memories, of their gentle glances and soft laughter of good will continues. And the Oyate are irrevocably diminished.

This seems truer in the winter. Perhaps there is an age when the spirit tells the body to prepare for the inevitable migration. When bone bleached and denuded trees stand barren along the creek banks, flanked everywhere by an early snow that promises many more, some signal is sent.

At last it is time.

I know now what my grandparents carried that creased their faces with character. In a prayer bundle in their hearts they kept the memory of all those they missed when they arose to greet the day. It is the calm sadness of elders who remember more loved ones gone than those still present.

Well before their passing, their feet are planted in two worlds: the spirit and the here. And, annually, when the spring Pow Wows return a place is reserved in every reunion to remember those no longer with us. It seems tradition is the testing of how we remember and respect, of how we hold on to the hidden half of us.

But this morning spring is still a ways off. Out my window the trees are sentries at attention in a wintry field.

A pink ribbon of light haloes the Seven Sisters to the east.

Dawn breaks, and like most others I begin with the soft tug of memories of those I've known. Added to them in the soft lit pantheon today is Nate Witt. I raise my coffee a moment, and thank him for everything.

Better late than never, I hope.

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Parade of lights marks holiday season

MISSION - The parade of lights held on Saturday evening through town signaled the final two weeks of the holiday season before Christmas and the coming New Year. The theme of this year's parade was "Christmas on the Rosebud" as the town joined with Sinte Gleska University in sponsoring the event.

Despite a cold winter evening with the temperature in the teens the streets were lined with vehicles as folks came out of their homes to take part.

The parade featured a relative small number of entrants, however, the event quickly achieved its purposes as the night was likely quite cold for the youngsters who rode on the floats.

For the first time a large lighted Christmas tree was placed on Main Street to complete the holiday décor, while the conclusion of the parade saw at least a hundred people lined up for hot chocolate.

All in all, the parade appeared to be a success as many local people turned out in support of the city's effort to bring the business and local community together.



One of the floats at Mission's Parade of Lights.

PHOTO BY ARCHIE BEAUVAIS



Martin Parade of Lights

MARTIN - On Saturday, Dec. 1, a parade of lights was held in Martin with 10 floats participating. The above float was designed by Stephanie Louden and Dallas Louden.

PHOTO ROSEANNA RENAUD



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Mission and Antelope Horizons Project host artist market

By Archie B. Beauvais
Special to the Times

MISSION - Several co-sponsors hosted a "Multi-Cultural Arts & Crafts Market" at the multipurpose building on the campus of Sinte Gleska University on Saturday, Dec. 8. Leo Campbell, Horizons project coordinator, said the frigid weather and the turnout of some 300 people was unexpected.

The Horizons Project is a poverty reduction program and designed by the Northwest Area Foundation.

SGU and Sitting Bull College co-hosted the event while the Northwest Area Foundation provided funds; several community partnerships have been established in order to meet the outcomes of the project.

One of the goals of the communities Horizons Project for the artist's market is to create, build, and strengthen marketing opportunities for local and regional artists and crafts people and leadership development.

The artist's market attracted 26 artists including a couple of food vendors. The artists were not charged any fees to set up their tables; however, they did have to pay a $10 fee to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe revenue department. For those who already purchased a tribal business license there was no fee charged.

Campbell and another local volunteer, Chris Stewart have been spearheading the local Horizons project which has outlined a number of future projects, including a beautification project in and around the Antelope Lake campus area and a youth project. Building other collaborations with the state and community is another goal.



Many turned out on Saturday to see the arts and crafts market. Mike Marshall creates parfleche work.

Some of the project's community partners contributed to the artist's market, including the SGU media department which videotaped some of the artist's work. The Rosebud Economic Development Corporation will help with a web based directory for the local project and St. Francis Mission will assist with a DVD that will contain artist information collected by Carole Good Shield of SGU.

Sicangu artist, Mike Marshall and wife, Lynette, were most representative of the type of fine art work that people have come to expect from the area. Marshall earned a Bachelor of fine arts from SGU and spends time creating beautiful parfleche work. His beautiful deer hide boxes with older and more authentic traditional colors appeared to be selling well according to Lynette. The Marshall family has traveled locally to other artists markets including one in Sioux City, Iowa where some of his work is displayed.

The Horizons project is part of a larger regional project and Campbell reports that Daphne Richards-Cook of Rapid City is a coach for the local project and assists with envisioning novel activities while the local project conducts the analyses of community consensus. Campbell noted that SGU provides the Horizons project with office space at the Hattie Marcus building in downtown Mission.



Five generations

Last week, this above photo was incorrectly printed as a four generation photo, when it is a five generation photo. pictured from L-R: William Little Dog, Margaret Steele, Tim Steele, Lamar Little Dog, and Willene Little Dog- Kills Enemy.

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- Threatening to hurt or kill oneself or talking about wanting to hurt or kill oneself
- Looking for ways to kill oneself by seeking access to firearms, available pills, or other means
- Talking or writing about death, dying, or suicide when these actions are out of the ordinary for the person
- Feeling hopeless
- Feeling rage or uncoltrolled anger or seeking revenge
- Acting reckless or engaging in risky activities-seemingly without thinking
- Feeling trapped-like there's no way out
- Increasing alcohol or drug use
- Withdrawing from friends, family, and society
- Feeling anxious, agitated, or unable to sleep or sleeping all the time
- Experiencing dramtic mood changes
- Seeing no reason for living or having no sense of purpose in life.

What to Do If You Think a Person Is Having Suicidal Thoughts

You cannot predict death by suicide, but you can identify people who are at increased risk for suicidal behavior, take precautions, and refer them for effective treatment.

Ask the person directly if he or she is 1) having suicidal thoughts/ideas 2) Has a plan to do so, and 3) Has access to lethal means.

- "Are you thinking about killing yourself?"
- "Have you ever tried to hurt yourself before?"
- "Do you think you might try to hurt yourself today?"
- "Have you thought of ways that you might hurt yourself?"

▶ This won't increase the person's suicidal thoughts. It will give you information that indicates how strongly the person has thought about killing him or herself.

▶ Take seriously all suicide threats and all suicide attempts. A past history of suicide attempts is one of the strongest risk factors for death by suicide.

▶ There is no evidence that "no-suicide contracts" prevent suicide. In fact, they may give counselors a false sense of reassurance.

Listen and Look for red flags for suicidal behavioir, indicated by the mnemonic:

IS PATH WARM?

Ideation -Threatened or communicated
Substance abuse -Excessive or increased
Purposeless -No reason for living
Anxiety -Agitation/Insomnia
Trapped -Feeling there is no way out
Hopelessness
Withdrawing -From friends,family,society
Anger -(uncontrolled)-Rage,seeking revenge
Recklessness -Risky acts, unthinking
Mood changes (dramatic)

Suicide Prevention Resources

Indian Health Service Mental Health
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Kyle IHS Mental Health
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455-8236

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Nat'l Suicide Prevention Hotline
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NIEA president: $2.4 billion backlog in school facilities

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Robert Cook, an award-winning Rapid City educator, has been elected president of the National Indian Education Association, the largest and oldest American Indian education advocacy group.

Cook was elected in October at NIEA's annual conference in Hawaii, and as president-elect will spend the coming year organizing the next conference to be held in Seattle on Oct. 23-26, 2008. At the end of that conference, he will assume the presidency for one year.

Cook, who has been serving on the NIEA board for more than a year, said, "We provide advocacy and lobbying in Washington, D.C., to ensure that our American Indian education programs have the quality … and are entitled to the funding that Congress has promised through our treaties."


Robert Cook

Currently, certain programs to enhance education such as Title I, for low-income students; Title VII, for Native students; Johnson-O'Malley Act funds, for cultural enrichment programs; and the Indian schools building fund have been cut or are in danger of being cut, Cook said.

"I know right now there's about a $2.4 billion backlog on funding on Indian schools, and so we want to make sure the government lives up to their promises to provide quality facilities for our Indian kids," Cook said.

Some programs are bundled into a Health and Human Services package that was passed by Congress but vetoed by George Bush, Cook said. A challenge to the veto failed in the House by two votes, and now a compromise is under discussion, he said.

"That's one of the things that we're trying to do is make people aware, to write their congressional leaders to make sure that those programs are funded at the full levels," Cook said.

Cook left an 18-year-career as a classroom teacher last year and joined Crazy Horse Memorial as a cultural affairs specialist.

He said his new employment allows more time for his activities in NIEA. It also brings in an audience of a million visitors a year for interpretive programs to inform people "that we still have our unique issues and diverse cultural needs, that we're not a museum piece, that we continue to struggle with the loss of our languages," he said.

Cook has received awards that include the Milken Award in 2005 and NIEA Teacher of the Year in 2006. He lives in Rapid City with his wife Rapid City School Board member Daphne Richards-Cook, and two children.

NIEA was founded in 1969 and has 5,000 members, Cook said.

Pass Creek community unites in healing ceremony

By Jodi Richards
American Horse School

ALLEN - A candle light vigil prayer service was held for the Pass Creek community members who are experiencing grief and trauma. The purpose was to acknowledge the pain and suffering the families are experiencing and allow them to release that pain and begin the healing process with the support of friends, family, and the community. The vigil began at the Pass Creek CAP Office with community members and fourth to eighth grade American Horse School students, their teachers, and assistants. Pass Creek Community members were smudged while the drum, Hermus Bettelyoun, Quentin Red Bear, John DuBray, Jonas Bear Heels, Santana Trejo, sang the four directions song. Steve DuBray Sr. gave prayers and Lydia Bear Killer spoke to the students and community members.

Community members walked to the school where dinner was provided by AHS school board, and Gloria Coats-Kitsopoulos, principal. After dinner the students and community members went into the gym where Native Era provided the entertainment. A part of lighting the candles and prayers was to share information on depression, suicide and alcohol and drug abuse. Wiconi waste is to share sacred life within the circle of life. Lyle Noisy Hawk Sr. and his son Lyle Jr., Terry Blue-White Eyes, the director of Anpetu Luta Otipi, John Two Bulls, and Dennis Janis shared life experiences with suicide, drug and alcohol abuse and hope for a brighter abuse free future!


Students read literature handed out at a candle light vigil ceremony last week.

The gymnasium was filled to capacity, community members not only received prayers, a meal, and inspirational speakers. Pamphlets on suicide, drugs and alcohol abuse, and depression were handed out, and many gifts were given out in the form of a raffle.

The Pass Creek District is committed to continue prevention for suicide, and drug and alcohol on a monthly basis. They need 15 members to act on the Question, Persuade and Respond Training to begin a 'phone tree' and continue services for the Pass Creek Community.

Thanks go out to Lydia Bear Killer, The American Horse School Board, Gloria Coats-Kitsopoulos, Julie Bad Wound, who organized the students that attended, James Cross, Elaine Martinez, Steve DuBray, John DuBray, Officers Pete Plenty Bull and Paul Forney of Oglala Sioux Tribe Public Safety, Francis Big Crow, Jack and Lisa Dillion, OST Health Administration, Anpetu Luta Otipi, and Native Era for making the evening informative, fun, and the beginning of a positive and healthy new year.

Porcupine School now officially named Pahin Sinte Owayawa

PORCUPINE - Porcupine School is now "Pahin Sinte Owayawa." The Porcupine School Board made the decision in their October meeting of this year. The outer shell of the new school building is nearing completion and on target to be finished by January, 2008. Work will then begin on the interior of the school. The sign for the new building will be “Pahin Sinte Owayawa".

The school Christmas program is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. with individual class Christmas parties scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 18 followed by regular dismissal. Winter Break begins for students on Wed., Dec. 19 with school resuming after the new year on Jan. 3, 2008.

Students have been encouraged to learn basic study skills. The difference between a successful student and one who's not successful may be as simple as using these study skills. These skills typically cover four areas: Set goals, Organize time, Ask questions, measure progress.

Completing homework is another area where students and parents are encouraged to work together to have a less, hassle-free study time. Since these hassles can affect the entire family. Four simple steps could help eliminate this homework stress.

1. Establish a homework time as students benefit from a routine. While some students work best right after school, others do better right before or after dinner. Parents should give their students a choice but insist on the routine.

2. Insist that homework time happens every day and this will solve the problem of the student saying "I did that at school." Even if the child truly has no homework, he or she can do math problems or reading for practice. This is time well spent to help your student do better in school.

3. As your child ask questions when he says he doesn't understand something. For example, instead of explaining the math, ask, "How did you solve that last math problem? Could you do that here too?"

4. Don't ever do his/her homework for them. One way the teacher sees how much your child is actually learning is by checking their homework. This helps her determine if she needs to re-teach something.

December birthdays are: Johnsie Means, Frank Medicine, Jake Bianas, Flint Tall, Tepengah Lays Bad, Waniyetu Yellow Cloud, , Larae White Crane, Jose Lopez, Wambli Swallow

The school menu for Dec. 10 to Dec. 7 : MON.-Sloppy Jo's, Macaroni Salad, baked beans, jello, milk TUES.-Chicken soup, polishdogs, peaches, milk, WED-Christmas Dinner, Ham, chicken, mashed potato/gravy, veggie blend, fruit salad, bread, cake, drinks THUR-Tator Tot Cassarole, Fruit Bread, Milk, FRI-Corndogs, Mac & Cheese, Pork-n-beans, Fruit, milk.

Kiyuksa Holiday Basketball tournament
Kiyuksa men's basketball tourney, Thur.-Sat. Dec. 27-29 at Little Wound School gym in Kyle, double elimination, cash tournament, call Marcel at 455-2690 or 441-1235.

Weekend Warrior Part 2
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 18-20 in Mission at the Sinte Gleska University Multi Purpose building, men's 10 team independent basketball tournament, for information contact Ken at 208-5672 or Dave at 747-2539.

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High School boy's basketball
Thursday, Dec. 13 Pine Ridge at Todd County, McLaughlin at Dakota Oyate; Friday, Dec. 14 Crazy Horse at Takini, Marty at Lower Brule, Tiospa Zina at Henry, Crow Creek at Flandreau Indian, McLaughlin at Tiospaye Topa, White River at Winner; Saturday, Dec. 15 Pine Ridge at Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Kadoka at White River; Monday, Dec. 17 Roslyn at Tiospa Zina; Tuesday, Dec. 18 Lemmon at McLaughlin, Dupree at Takini.

High School Girl's basketball
Friday, Dec. 14 with Crazy Horse at Takini, Marty at Lower Brule, McLaughlin at Tiospaye Topa; Saturday, Dec. 15 with Pine Ridge at Cheyenne Eagle Butte, St. Francis at Tiospa Zina; Monday, Dec. 17 Bennett County at Little Wound.

Big Foot Conference A Championship
Thursday, Dec. 13, A Girl's championship is set for 4 p.m. at American Horse School in Allen with 5th place game set for 1:30 p.m. and the third place game at 2:45 p.m.

Public Meeting
On Rapid City Central High School, Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at St. Isaac Jogues coffee room.

OLC Dorm Open House
Friday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oglala Lakota College invites everyone to an open house of their new student dormitory in Pine Ridge, located behind the Pine Ridge College Center, for information call 867-5893.

Candlelight vigil
Mothers against Drunk Driving(MADD) is holding its annual candlelight vigil on Friday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 402 Kansas City street in Rapid City, in remembrance of all those in South Dakota who lost their lives or were injured by impaired driving this past year, everyone is welcome, for information call 343-5066.

"Where is the Hidden?"
A presentation by Maria Hazel Stands on Friday, Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge, for information call Pam at 867-1196.

KT Ballerz Pee wee basketball tourney
Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15, 16 at Little Wound School gym with co-ed division 10-12 years old, for information call Bryan 455-2658 or Jonas 454-5167.

Make and Take Project
Bridal and Halter Make and Take Project, Saturday, Dec. 15 starting at 10 a.m. at the Singing Horse Trading Post north of Manderson, sponsored by Pine Ridge 4-H, Sunka Wanka Riders Group and Horse and Child Program; to pre-register call 455-1362.

Prize Bingo
Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Pejuta Haka College center in Kyle at 5 p.m., for information call 455-2450.

OST Council Special Session
Monday, Dec. 17 in the Council Chambers of the Red Cloud building in Pine Ridge, for information call 867-5821, ext. 270.

Lakota Nation Invitational Girl's tourney
Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center-10 a.m. Pine Ridge vs. Crazy Horse, 11:30 a.m. Cheyenne Eagle Butte vs. Oh Day Aki, 1 p.m. Red Cloud vs. Lower Brule, 2:30 p.m. St. Francis vs. Flandreau Indian, 4 p.m. Standing Rock vs. Takini, 5:30 p.m. Todd County vs. Crow Creek, 7 p.m. Little Wound vs. Hill City and 8:30 p.m. Custer vs. White River; Thursday's games are at St. Thomas More and RC Central with championship game set for Saturday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. in Civic Center.

Lakota Nation Invitational boy's tourney
Wednesday, Dec. 19 at St. Thomas More 10 a.m. Red Cloud vs. Crazy Horse, 11:30 a.m. White River vs. Lower Brule, 1 p.m., Todd County vs. Flandreau Indian, 2:30 p.m. Hill City vs. Custer and at SD Tech 4 p.m. Oh Day Aki vs. Takini, 5:30 p.m. Standing Rock vs. Crow Creek, 7 p.m. Little wound vs. St. Francis and 8:30 p.m. Cheyenne Eagle Butte vs Pine Ridge with all of Thursday games at the Civic Center and championship set for Saturday, Dec. 22 at 8:30 p.m.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
Wednesday, Dec. 19 in Rapid City sponsored by Wolf Creek School, Red Shirt Community School and Shannon County Schools with grand entry set for 11 a.m., grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25 at Pine Ridge School; for information call 867-5174.

32nd Lakota Nation Invitational
Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 19-22 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, 16 high school team boy's basketball tournament, 16 team girl's basketball tournament, wrestling, hand games, knowledge bowl, language competition, for information contact Bryan Brewer at Pine Ridge School.

Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort:
Rusty Puckett is the definition of an entrepreneur

By Ivan Sorbel
Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce

KYLE - The Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce has named Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort as their business of the month for December 2007.

Rusty Puckett has taken a monstrous leap in economic development by building and opening the first motel in the Kyle area. This is only the second attempt at a motel business on the Pine Ridge Reservation in history.

Rusty has worked all of his life as a rancher and construction worker. He and his family raise beef cattle on the Pine Ridge Reservation and he has worked for and with his father's drywall company, Puckett Construction, for many years.

Rusty took a major step as an entrepreneur by purchasing the old Stables Motel in Rapid City. He moved three sections of the building to Kyle and built a fourth section as a dinning area, meeting room, front desk and art gallery. After putting the four sections together he found there was much damage to the building due to the Rapid City flood. There had been water damage to the pipes, wiring and boilers. Already with much of his savings and paychecks pouring into this project, the water damage posed yet another financial burden. With perseverance Rusty was able to overcome many obstacles including infrastructure needs such as water and sewer, insurance, heating and cooling and beautification and resurrection of an old building.

In January 2006, almost a year into the project, Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort was forced to open at least a portion of the building. The Oglala Sioux Tribe had sustained a devastating emotional strike as one of its members was killed in action in Iraq. A young Marine was being transported home to Kyle for funeral services. A Marine detachment was traveling from Denver, Colo. and many family members were in need of lodging. The Puckett family was in full force and made ready for its first customers. Feeling the need to provide a service for the distraught family, people worked night and day to open half of the motel. Since this time the motel has been open to the public and is doing business on a daily basis.

The economic impact of this project is yet to be determined. What is known is the need for the service on the Pine Ridge. There have been many attempts at lodging businesses such as bed and breakfasts on the reservation. Although these businesses are filling some of the need and are worthwhile businesses none have made the big move to a full motel.



Rusty Puckett received an award from PRACC at the annual chamber banquet in July.

Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort complements the existing businesses in the Kyle area as well as those on the Pine Ridge Reservation. With the addition of the motel to this community many business opportunities are now possible and obtainable. The motel eliminates the 90 mile drive to and from Rapid City for those with an agenda in the Kyle area. Not only a very comfortable room to let and nice place to dine the motel offers meeting space, which is deficient in the area.

During the summer of 2007, Lakota Prairie has added six more motel units, four cabins and an office rental. Additional street lights have been installed to make the parking lot more comfortable. Rusty's dream is far from complete. He has plans to add camping, RV camping and RV dump to complement the motel. The master plan is to accommodate any type of traveler and visitor to the Pine Ridge Reservation. Lakota Prairie is already a beautiful ranch resort and the possibilities are endless.

After one year of operation Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort rented approximately 3,000 rooms. The meeting room held over 100 scheduled meetings. Many meetings were not counted, as they were less than a day. The restaurant serves up to 100 meals a day. All of this revenue and service is staying here and is not lost to towns off the reservation. The motel paid over $6,000 in sales tax for 2006.

Lakota Prairie currently has 12 employees. In the peak of the summer they employed as many as 28 people at one time. Creating jobs in an area that has up to 60 percent unemployment is a major accomplishment.

Rusty Puckett is the definition of entrepreneur. He has financed this project completely on his own through conventional loans, non-conventional loans, labor trade, savings, work profits, sweat and tears. He is admired by many and is living proof business on the Pine Ridge Reservation can exist and thrive.

Nutrition Class

Find out how much fat & sugar is in the meals you love Dec, 11 and 27 at Porcupine Clinic 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. and Pine Ridge IHS large Conference Room Dec. 18, 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information call Bobette at 867-3261

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Dear Anna,

I have a couple of questions for you. First of all I want to know what is going on with my body? It doesn't feel right? Is there a man out there for me? Will I ever get my life together? Please help!

My life

Dear My Life:

Okay. Do you think that I am a pill you can swallow and get all better? Dear one, you are depressed.

That causes: back aches, body aches and pains, tiredness, etc. You need more sunshine (buy full spectrum light bulbs), regular exercise, to avoid too much sugar, and a balance of sodium and lithium. Go to Hot Springs, to Kidney Springs, (right across from that grand and glorious old hotel on the top side of downtown, bring some bottles and collect natural springs water.

Drink that, four glasses a day. Drink one glass of room temperature coke or diet coke. Take vitamin B complex. If you are compatible with Gingo Biloba, take that for the strong anti-oxidants or try grape seed or pine seed extract (in capsule form). Your life will get in better order when you feel better. So do the above things to feel better. Don't forget to eat better.

Of course there is a man out there for you. But, I honestly ask you, what man would want a woman that doesn't have her life together and feels sick all the time?

Get well, then get the man. He will be there when you are in better balance. He is a school teacher so sharpen up your mind a bit and get ready for him.

Dear Anna,

I was wondering if you can help me with some advice or answers about my relationship with my kid's father. We have two children and they both love him very much.

He's been a good dad and does everything for them. It's been 11 years and it's mostly about abuse, cheating and lying between us. My heart is so broken from this, I can't forgive and forget cause it's the same thing over and over with the same people.

Every attempt I made to end the relationship, he stalked and harassed me until I would give up and go back to him. He ended up in jail and promised he will change when he came home. It didn't happen. He had to go to treatment and promised to change, it didn't happen either.

Now he's in prison and will be gone for two years. He calls me everyday to tell me he loves me and things will get better when he comes home.

He wants me to wait for him because he will change. I don't believe him, I want to move on cause I feel this relationship was over eight years ago. Before he left he told our son to make sure I don't go anywhere without him or have a boyfriend and my son listens to me when I walk with other adults and listens to my phone calls. I want to move on. Should I wait for him? Will he change? Will my kids be okay if we moved on? Will I ever meet someone who will make us happy?

Wanting to know

Dear Wanting to know:

There is a fine line between a sense of obligation and love. You feel, somehow, obligated to your soon to be ex. We don't have to live with or be married to everyone that we have compassion for.

You have already had a lot of miserable years. You have been reasonable in your tolerance hoping that this man would recover. He wore you out. You are emotionally exhausted from him. If you want my permission, then okay, go out and date. Tell your son to MYOB, that he is not the Gestapo for his father, and to quit acting like it. Explain to him that you just can't help it, but you just don't have it for his dad like you used to. That you have a right to go on, and someday, when his dad gets out from under his bad behavior, maybe you can look at him again, but maybe not.

You already have made up your mind. You made it up before he went to prison. Just accept how you feel, and get going mom. A word or two of advice: You have already experienced what you don't want, do not try and find another man in that same pool, in other words, stay out of bars. Good Luck.

Dear Anna,

I am writing in a bit of confusion right now, I am attending school but I have a problem, I am going to have to travel daily or move, I want to move on one hand and the other I don't want to leave my place of employment.

Do you see me moving as a good idea or will it be best if I stay and drive and keep working. If you think it's better for me to stay, do you see me getting a new car?

The other thing I know my spouse has been messing around but I want to know who with and he is claiming he doesn't remember, is this true?

And does he really want to stay with me? I have recently spent some time with another person do you see that going anywhere? I love my spouse, don't get me wrong but he has a lot of issues he needs to work on and I am getting hurt in the process, what do you see for me?

Confused

Dear Confused:

How exhausted are you going to get going to school, driving and working? Can you rearrange something? The answer is yes, you have at least three choices: keep your job and quit your education, move and continue your education and get a different job close to your school, or continue to do what you are doing and end up in the hospital with some sort of real problem.

I vote for moving, changing jobs and continuing on with your education.

Get a leave of absence from your job, if possible, so that a job may be there when you graduate.

At least leave there on good terms so that they may want to rehire you if you want to move back.

What do you mean what is her name? Who Cares. Her name is Who Cares.

Men date her all the time. She doesn't care and they don't care either. Leave the man, the problem of Who Cares in the background, and get a healthy relationship attitude.

It may take a while to find a healthy relationship because it requires two major ingredients: a healthy man mind/spirit and a healthy woman mind/spirit. Right now, you definitely don't have a healthy man/mind spirit in your life, and somehow it's affected the woman mind/spirit in a negative way.

Having an affair will definitely jazz up your wardrobe, your makeup, your fitness, and all that is external, but what is it doing to your sense of who you are. You understand the risks, but what are you really saying.

It looks to me that you want to end your marriage because that is what you are doing. If you want to stay with the guy that can't remember her name, then do that, but I see you blowing up your marriage, getting divorced after a bunch of arguing, and feeling mean and angry for quite a while. I think you can do it a better way.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

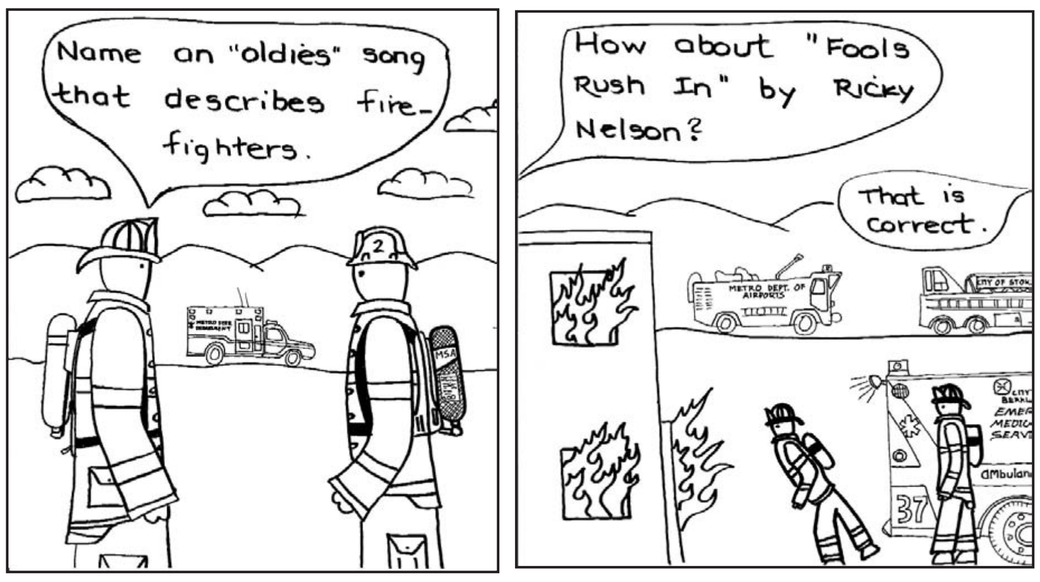
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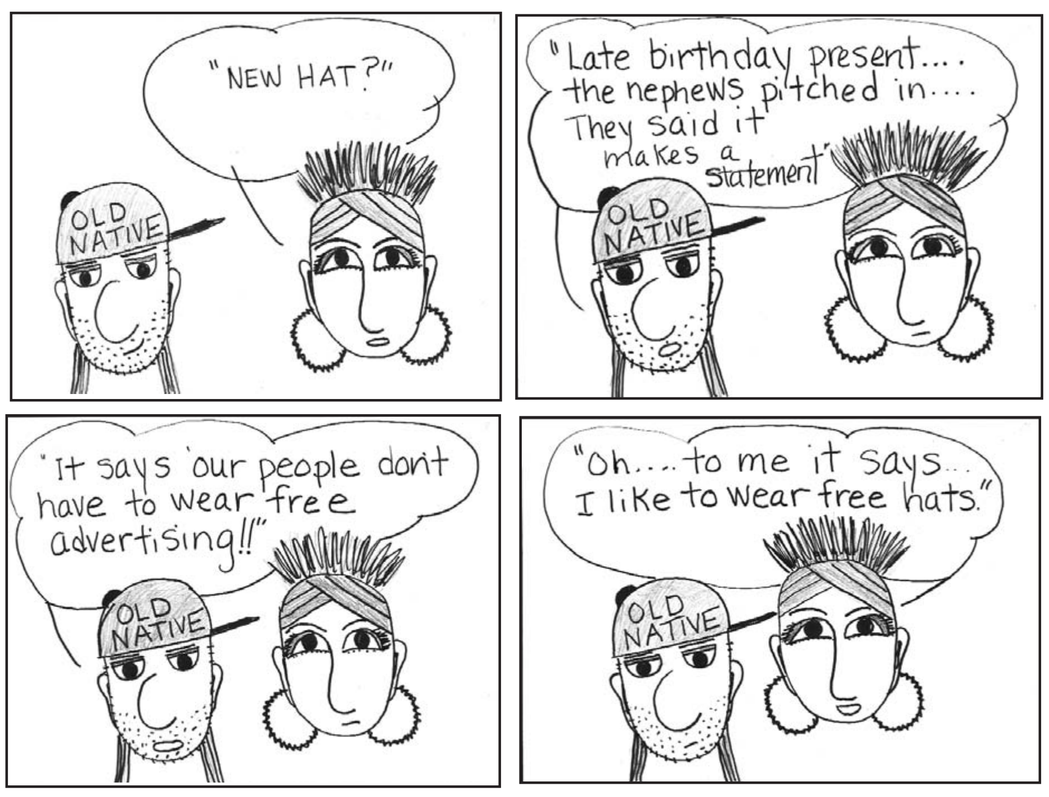
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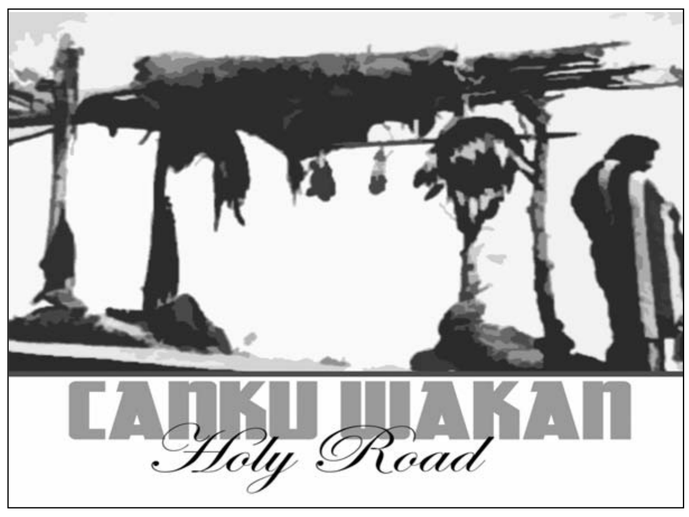
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~Nathaniel Witt Jr.~

PINE RIDGE - Nathaniel Witt Jr. - Topa Heyu Ciya (Dismounts Four Times) Nathaniel Witt died at age 82 on Dec. 4.

He was a Lakota man who lived his life for his family, community, church and country. He was born on March 16, 1925. As the oldest child of Nathaniel Witt Sr. and Minnie Distribution, he grew up in the Wanblee area with his siblings. His siblings are: Eugenia Bettelyoun-Wanblee, Lawrence-Tahoka, Texas, Frances (deceased), Mary Ann (deceased), Sidney-Pine Ridge, Nelson, Waldport, Oregon, Patrick, Spearfish; Wayne, Oglala, Nora Lou (deceased), Floretta Harter-Hot Springs, Bill (deceased), Sandra-Rapid City, Rebecca Benton-Pine Ridge, James (deceased), and Lyle-Hot Springs. He completed elementary school at Holy Rosary Mission (Red Cloud Indian School) and was ultimately granted an honorary High School Diploma in May 2005. Nathaniel shared 57 years of marriage to Eva Goes In Center. They raised nine children; Jhon Duane Goes In Center, Deborah (Chris Bordeaux), Angie (John Stover), Michael (deceased), Geraldine Goes In Center, Margaret Ann Witt, Christopher (Lillian), Mary Witt, and Nancy Miller, 23 grandchildren: 11 boys (1 deceased) 12 girls (1 deceased) and 19 great-grandchildren 9 boys and 10 girls. Nathaniel entered the United States Army in 1943 at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. with the 25th Division 35th Infantry, Regiment 1st Battalion B Company. He completed his basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif. and trained as a Rifleman and hand to hand combat and was sent overseas on a ship called 'The New Amsterdam" (4th largest ship in the world).

From this ship he was re-assigned to the Battleship called the Andrew Jackson and went to New Caledonia, New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan. He was on this ship when the Bomb was dropped at Hiroshima and the ship was anchored off shore of Japan. He was honorable discharged in 1946. He served 13 years in the National Guard before retiring from active military service. Nathaniel was employed as a Heavy Equipment Operator at Igloo Army Depot for 14 years, before moving and working as a Bus Driver both at American Horse School and Oglala Community School, transferring to the BIA Building and Utilities.

When he retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) he worked for the Oglala Sioux Tribe as the Director of the Water and Sewer; ultimately running a successful Auto Shop and auto salvage business. Nathaniel participated in many civic organizations in his lifetime. These organizations include serving as Oglala Community School Board member and Boys Scout Leader for the Oglala Community School.

A significant amount of his civic work includes active membership of American Legion Post 251 where he served in many roles including Commander and Finance Officer. During this time of Post 251, he made sure that High School Seniors for both OCS and Red Cloud attended Boys and Girls State in Aberdeen. He began a tradition of putting the American Flags up for all legal holidays on the main street of Pine Ridge. He continued his membership for 40 years where he operated BINGO for the legion to raise funds for the students to attend Boys and Girls state and the Sacred Heart Church to help raise funds for the church activities.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and an active member of the Pine Ridge Sacred Heart Catholic Church by being an usher, being a member of the choir, and other duties as needed.

He was elected to the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council and was a member of the Health Education and Welfare Committee for the OST and during this time he was on the Flandreau Indian School Board. He was the Election Judge for the Oglala Sioux Tribe for several years. He always supported his children/grandchildren/great grandchildren, nieces and nephews by attending their activities and become an avid sports fan attending both Pine Ridge Thorpes and Red Cloud Crusader games; he was very dedicated to supporting children-students in their activities.

A prayer and vigil service Dec. 7 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pine Ridge. Mass of Christian Burial was Dec. 8, at the church, with the Rev. Steve Sanford, SJ, officiating. Burial with military rites was at St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery in Wanblee. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Frank Crazy Thunder~

PINE RIDGE - Frank Crazy Thunder, 75, Pine Ridge, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, at Pine Ridge Hospital.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean and Vietnam wars. Survivors include his wife, Erna Crazy Thunder, Pine Ridge; three sons, Daniel Crazy Thunder and Doug Running Hawk, both of Pine Ridge, and David Exendine, Rush-ville, Neb.; two daughters, Lahoma Crazy Thunder, Pine Ridge, and Bevlee Crazy Thunder, Rapid City; three brothers, David Crazy Thunder, Rushville, Neb., Billy Crazy Thunder, Riverton, Wyo., and Carl Crazy Thunder, Old Mexico; four sisters, Irene Tibbitts, Rockyford, Josephine Kills Enemy, Kyle, Patricia Franco, Fremont, Calif., and Mary Crazy Thunder, Milwaukee, Wis.; and numerous grandchildren.

Wake services were Dec. 12, at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at Billy Mills Hall with the Rev. Steve Sanford officiating.

Burial will be at Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery in Pine Ridge. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

~William Richard~

MARTIN - William Richard, 55, Martin, died Friday, Dec. 7 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Survivors include four brothers, Larry Richard and Bernard Richard Jr., both of Martin, Reynold Richard, Hot Springs, and Don Prall, Torrington, Wyo.; and five sisters, Milllie Vella, Tulare, Calif., Lucy Moreno, Bakersfield, Calif., Darlene Soto, Albuquerque, N.M., Bernard Richard, Hopeville, Ariz., and Carol Garcia, Dallas, Texas.

Wake services were Dec. 11 at the Martin CAP Office. Funeral services were Thursday, Dec. 13, at the office, with the Rev. Jeff Siscoe officiating.

Burial was at Lakota Chapel Cemetery in Martin. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Richard L. Cochran~

RAPID CITY - Richard L. Cochran, 41, Rapid City, died Thursday, Dec. 6 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline Beckman, Rapid City; one son, Andrew Cochran, Rapid City; three daughters, Amber Cochran, Montana Cochran and Marina Cochran, all of Rapid City; his parents, Myron and Mildred Cochran, Oglala; one brother, James Mayer Jr., Colorado Springs, Colo.; and one sister, Vallie Bissonette, St. Paul, Minn.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Dec. 12, at Brother Rene Catholic Hall in Oglala, with the Rev. Agnes Tyon officiating. Burial was at St. John's Episcopal Cemetery in Oglala.

Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Narcisse Nelson~

ALLEN - Narcisse Nelson, 80, Allen, died Friday, Dec. 7 at Bennett County Health Care Center in Martin. Survivors include one son, James Nelson, Martin; seven daughters, Louis Gotheridge and Jeanette Red Bear, both of Martin, Nadine Reddy, Susanne Risse and Jennifer Nelson-Haight, all of Allen, and Dorothy Nelson and Maria Nelson, both of Kyle; 28 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Wake services were Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Allen CAP Office.

Mass of Christian was Dec 13, at the CAP office, with the Rev. Rick Abert officiating.

Burial was at Salway Family Cemetery in Allen. Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

~Donna Mae Gerry~

RAPID CITY - Donna Mae Gerry, 64, of Rapid City, died at her home on Dec. 5. She was born May 12, 1943 at Fort Yates, N.D. to Margaret Jordan Looking Back. She married Richard Gerry, Sr. on Nov. 9, 1977 in Rapid City. They have resided in Rapid City ever since. She is survived by her husband, Richard Gerry, Sr. of Rapid City; two sons, Henry Jordan and Raymond Jordan, both of Rapid City; four daughters, Jessie Jordan of Richmond, Va., Sherry Gerry and Molly W. Gerry, both of Rapid City, Marybelle Gerry of Sioux Falls; her sister, Cheryl Collins of Rapid City; 24 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Raymond Looking Back, daughter, Kay Jordan, and maternal grandparents, Jacob and Nancy Jordan. Funeral services were Dec. 10 at Kirk Funeral Home's Chapel of Light in Rapid City with Father Dave Matzko S.J. officiating. Burial was at Pine Lawn Memorial Park in Rapid City.

~Bruce Strong Heart~

FORT YATES, N.D. - Bruce Strong Heart, 38, Fort Yates, died Thursday, Dec. 6 due to injuries he suffered in an automobile accident. Wake services were Dec. 12, at the Community Center in Wakpala. Funeral services were Thursday, Dec. 13, at the center, with Sister Addie Morris officiating, and traditional services by Victor Brave Thunder, George Iron Shield, Cedric Good House and Felix Kidder Sr. Burial was at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Cemetery. Oster Funeral Home in Mobridge was in charge of handling the arrangements.

Five (5) Board of Trustees Positions for Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety

The Oglala Sioux Tribal Council is taking applications for five (5) Department of Public Safety ("OST-DPS") Board of Trustee positions because of recent revisions to the OST-DPS charter. The primary responsibility of the five (5) member Board of Trustees is to serve as the head of OST-DPS and shall approve policies for the department.The Board of Trustees shall work in conjunction with the Chief of Police who shall approve policies for the department. The Board of Trustees shall work in conjunction with the Chief of Police who shall oversee the day-to-day operation of OST-DPS consistent with applicable policies. Board stipend payments shall not exceed $1,500.00 per Trustee per year. All Board of Trustees must be:

1. Enrolled members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe who have resided within the original boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for not less than one year;
2. Over the age of 30;
3. Free of any pending criminal charges in any court;
4. Free from any felony convictions during their lifetime;
5. Free from any misdemeanor or tribal court convictions in the last 5 years;
6. Must never have been convicted of Domestic Violence.
7. Must submit a drug trest (Mandatory).
8. A person who has no immediate family member, (defined to be: a spouse, common-law partner, child or parent) working for the OST-DPS;
9. A member of the board may not serve on the Tribal Council, an OST District Committee, the Tribal Executive Committee or on any State or County Board or Commission while they are serving as a member of the Board of Trustees, provided, however, that such individuals may serve on other Tribal Boards and entities which do not create a conflict of interest with their duties to OST-DPS.
10. Must submit to all Tribal, State and Federal Background check.

Please request and return your application and attach all required documentation-to the Oglala Sioux Tribal Secretary at:

Oglala Sioux Tribe, Secretary/Elizabeth Waters
Red Cloud Building, Main Street
P.O. Box 2070
Pine Ridge, South Dakota, 57770.

No applications will be considered that are submitted later than
Deadline December 21, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

You may also request a copy of the revised OST-DPS charter from the Office of Tribal Secretary that describes the significant authorities of the OST-DPS Board of Trustees.

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MINUTES

Shannon County Commissioner MINUTES December 7, 2007

The Shannon County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 7th, 2007. Present Connie Whirlwind Horse, Lyla Hutchison, Vanessa Roubideaux, Julie Graham, Clerk and Sue Ganje, County Auditor. Absent Deborah Rooks-Cook, Inez White Hawk.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Whirlwind Horse, time being 11:14 a.m.

The agenda was reviewed for conflicts, which none were found.

Motion by Hutchison seconded by Roubideaux to approve the agenda as written. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve the minutes of November 2nd, 2007 as read. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to approve the following tax certificate. All voting yes, the motion carried.

SHANNON COUNTY

RESOLUTION #2007-06

Resolution Reinstating Sale of Tax Certificates.

WHEREAS, since 1897 the State of South Dakota has authorized counties to sell tax certificates on unpaid delinquent property taxes, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature in 2006 adopted a law prohibiting such sale after July 1, 2006, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature in 2007 decided that it should be up to the individual counties to decide whether or not they will sell tax certificates; and

WHEREAS, the ability to sell tax certificates will allow Shannon County more flexibility in its collection of delinquent property taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Shannon County Commission in accordance with SDCL 10-23-28.1 hereby waives the provisions of said Section 10-23-28.1 that prohibits the sale of tax certificates.

Passed and approved this 7th Day of December, 2007.

/S/Connie Whirlwind Horse

Connie Whirlwind Horse, Chairwoman

Board of County Commissioners

Shannon County

ATTEST:

/S/Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje,

County Auditor Shannon County

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve the Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer. All voting yes, the motion carried.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SHANNON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

I Hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 30TH day of November, 2007.

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN BANK OF THE WEST, $4,038.72

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN WELLS FARGO BANK, $1,389.54

TOTAL AMT OF DEPOSIT IN FIRST WESTERN BANK-HS, $4,800.75

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ACTUAL CASH, $4,723.04

TOTAL AMT OF CHECKS IN TREASURER'S POSSESSION NOT EXCEEDING THREE DAYS, $5,096.69

MONEY MARKET SAVINGS: BANK OF THE WEST, $2,245.09

WELLS FARGO BANK, $1,137.03

FIRST WESTERN-HS, $446,627.73

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT-FIRST WESTERN-HS, $250,000.00

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts which have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:

Sheriff Change fund: 200.00

RETURNED CHECKS: ATKINSON, JENNIFER, $40.00; MESTETH, PERRY, $63.00; BIG CROW, DUANE SR, $39.50; MORRISON, NADINE, $15.00; BLACK FEATHER, DAVID $75.00; OLD HORSE, JOHN, $15.00; BRINGS PATTON, LINDA---$55.00; POURIER, JOEL, $349.00; BURGESS, JEANNE--------$45.00; RED CLOUD, JOHN, $45.90; EAGLE BULL, ANNETTE M, $43.00; ROSS, WILLIAM, $53.00; FEATHER EARRING,TAMERA, $41.55; BLETHEN, RENE, $48.25; GARNETT, AQUALYNE, $64.00;GOINGS, TANYA L, $71.00; ONE FEATHER,DELMAR, $187.02; BROKEN NOSE, LEROY, $44.50; PARTON, JOY, $32.00; JANIS, JENNIFER, $90.50; PUCKETT, DEREK, $24.15; LONE HILL, TRINA, $20.70;

TOTAL $721,720.66

Dated this 30TH Day of November, 2007

/S/Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, County Auditor of Shannon County

The above balance reflects County monies, monies held in trust, and monies collected for and to be remitted to other entities: schools, towns and state.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to approve County Poor application on #CP07-02 in the amount of $250.00 for lodging at hospital in Minn., Minnesota. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve travel for Veteran's Service Officer to attend mini conferences in Pierre, South Dakota. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to set year end meeting for December 28th, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Auditor had to leave, and Deputy Auditor, Patricia Seegrist present at this time, time being 11:50 a.m.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to set Supplemental Hearing and Contingency Transfers for December 28th, 2007, at 11:10 a.m. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux, to set the January, 2008 meeting on January 4th, 2008. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Lynn Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss highway business. Updated of graveling on Kyle Road. Bettelyoun said they have put 602 tons of gravel on the road, fixing ruts, etc. Bettelyoun also stated that they have put 607 Tons of gravel on the Wounded Knee Road. Stated they would use 1500 tons of gravel when done with road. Bettelyoun said all road have been hit and will start going back and doing more extensive work. The Denby road will be having yield and stop signs put on it. Hutchison asked why signs were needed and Bettelyoun said people do not stop or yield at the road crossing and this would cover the County for liability.

Bettelyoun said she would be storing data on CD's at Batesland.

Bettelyoun said the White Ford F250 was down and it was taken in to be checked out and was told the engine would probably only last another year, maybe 2, but thought the commission should think about getting something else before the truck quit altogether. Bettelyoun also wants to surplus the 1984 8000 Semi Truck and to sell and advertise for sealed bids.

Bettelyoun also stated that she wants to get back the right-of-way (66-feet) on the Kyle Road #13 and the Denby road so that they highway department can replace culverts, etc.

Discussion was held on problems with attempted break-ins, rocks being thrown at the trailer and not getting any law enforcement to help.

Bettelyoun gave the Commissioners her road condition report she has developed so that when she sends out someone to do work on a road it will be documented at to what to do and where.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to approve the change order #2, pay request #6 on Project P6688(00) P8057(00). All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve Private Road Work Contract with Velina Kills Back in the amount of $75.00 which is paid. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to approve full-time status for Lloyd Thompson, with retirement, sick leave and annual leave, effective December 16th, 2007, at the rate of $9.00 per hour. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to surplus the 1984 8000 Semi-Truck, Serial #1FDYW80UXE-VA54690, and advertise for sealed bids. Bids to be opened on January 4th, 2008, at 11:20 a.m. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Fuel quotes were presented as follows for 500 gallons unleaded and 1000 gallons diesel.

Unleaded -500 Gallons, Muddy Creek, Bid, $3.029; Diesel-1000 Gallons $3.459;

Unleader-500 Gallons, Westco, Bid, $2905; Diesel-1000 Gallons$3.309

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve Westco for 500 gallons unleaded at $3.029 per gallon and 1000 gallons diesel at $3.309. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to approve the bills as follows. All voting yes, the motion carried.

GENERAL

Comm. Salaries (5-Comm), November Salaries, $ 500.00; Auditor's Office Salaries, November Salaries, 1,277.20; Treasurer's Office Salaries, November Salaries, 1,275.66; States Attorney Salary, November Salary, 825.00; Dir. Of Equal. Office Salaries, November Salaries, 1,267.75; Reg. of Deed Office Salaries , November Salaries, 1,273.56; Vets Service Office Salary, November Salary, 900.36; Sheriff Salary , November Salary, 2,826.42; Bennett County Booster, Publishing, 211.60; Brown and Saenger, Supplies, 28.83;Child Support Payment Center, Child Support, 46.00; Culligan, Supplies, 25.25; First Western Bank, Supplies, 347.51; Forney's Standard Service, Gas, 46.00; Lakota Country Times, Publishing, 163.84; Martinez, Audrey L., Coroner, 300.00; Minnesota Child Support, Child Support,130.00; Pennington County Jail, Prisoner Transport, 4,700.00; South Dakota Retirement, November Retirement, 1,113.60; US Postal Service, Postage, 242.14; Wells Fargo Bank, Nov/W/H/SS/MDCR Tax, 1,615.04; Yellow Birds, Gas, 106.00; Alltel, Phone , 199.98; Bennett County Booster, Publishing, 143.53; BP, Gas, 532.00; Brevik Law Office, Mental Illness, 179.20;Burke, Shawn, Travel, 163.10; Diamond Pharmacy, Prison Medical, 14.87; Dietrich, Donna, Mental Illness, 326.73; Farmers Co-Op Elevator Co. , Supplies, 1,217.80; Ford Credit,Vehicle, 559.41; Golden West Telephone, Phone 233.98; Knoff, David, Mental Illness, 70.20; Kooistra, Nelva, Mental Illness, 42.00; Linehan, James, Storage 508.00; Martinez, Audrey L., Travel, 33.30;Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rent, 100.00; O'Neill, Justin ,Mental Illness, 564.75; Pennington County Auditor, Mental Illness, 143.00; Rapid City Regional Hospital, Mental Illness,,369.56; Rehfuss, Cathy, Mental Illness, 27.00; Roubideaux, Vanessa, Travel, 47.36; SD Assn of County Comm., Dues, 1,995.92; SD Assn of County Officials Dues, 1,135.12; SD Public Assurance Alliance, Insurance, 636.10; SDML Worker's Comp. Fund, Work Comp, 2,420.46; Walser, Bob, Mental Illness, 15.00; Whirlwind Horse, Connie, Travel, 167.24; Yankton County, Mental Illness, 118.05; Yankton County Sheriff, Mental Illness, 50.00; Yellow Birds, Gas, 245.02; Hutchison, Lyla, Travel, 59.20;

COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE

CRBR Construction Salaries , November Salaries, 11,401.39; Including Overtime for Lynn Bettelyoun, Overtime, 360.00; Norman Wilson, Overtime, 180.00; Bauerkempers Inc.,Supplies, 96.40; Culligan, Supplies,41.00; Homestead Build-ing,Supplies, 154.41; LaCreek Electric Association, Utilities, 202.36; Sioux Nation Shopping Center, Supplies,62.28; South Dakota Retirement,November Retirement,1,195.38; Wells Fargo Bank, Nov/W/H/SS/MDCR Tax, 2,798.84; Westco, Fuel, 4,262.36; A&B Welding Repair, 237.84; Ace Industrial Supplies, 147.65;Alltel,Phone, 26.22; California Contractors, Supplies,72.00; Farm Plan, Repair,525.49; Fleming, Harry, Gravel Haul, 8,325.00; Great Plains Communications, Phone, 153.83; Husker Auto Parts, Repair, 1,064.00; LaCreek Electric Assoc., Utilities, 618.98; MCI Comm. Service, Phone , 10.25; Neve's Uniforms, Uniform, 619.19; Newman Traffic Signs, Supplies,156.99; Pine Ridge Auto Parts, Repair, 63.34; SDACHS, Dues, 195.00; SD Public Assurance Alliance, Insurance, 4,033.55; SDML Worker's Comp. Fund, Work Comp, 4,331.00; Westco, Fuel, 5,359.53; Western Communications, Utilities, 40.00;

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EM Salary,November Salary, 323.00; South Dakota Retirement System, November Retirement, 38.76;Wells Fargo Bank, v/W/H/SS/MDCR Tax, 49.40;SD Public Assurance Alliance, Insurance,6.95; SDML Worker's Comp. Fund , Work Comp,10.54;

Lance Russell, States Attorney, met with the Board to discuss medical bills and other issues. Medical bills which had been submitted for payment of over $20,000.00 will be denied as investigation was showing the person has not lived in Shannon County since 2004 and that he is licensed in another county. Russell stated that Shannon County might have legal action taken against them, but his findings showed Shannon County is not responsible for this bill. Russell said he will do some more investigation on this.

Lance Russell discussed the application for Deputy Sheriff and that he needed more information on the applicant and he will talk to the Auditor about it.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to go into executive session, time being 12:25 p.m., for personnel matters. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Came out at 12:41 p.m.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to approve getting new signature cards at the bank for Commissioners to sign to get on accounts to sign checks. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Roubideaux to approve and recognize the Weed Board members of Doug Nelson, Chairman, Ray Zlomke, Merlin Jacobson, Don Hutchison and Sam Smith. All voting yes, the motion carried.

2008 Polling Place locations was discussed. The Commission had no problems on the current polling places.

Motion by Huchison, seconded by Roubideaux to approve the 2008 Polling Places as: Batesland at the Batesland Fire Hall; Cuny Table at the Red Shirt School; Kyle at the Cap Office in Kyle; Manderson, at the Cap Office in Manderson; Oglala at Our Lady of Sioux Church; Pine Ridge 1, Pine Ridge 2, and Pine Ridge 3, at the Billy Mills Hall; Porcupine at the Brotherhood Clinic in Porcupine; and Sharps Corner at the Baptist Church. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Roubideaux, seconded by Hutchison to adjourn until December 28th, 2008 for the year end meeting. All voting yes, the motion carried.

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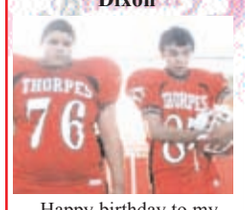
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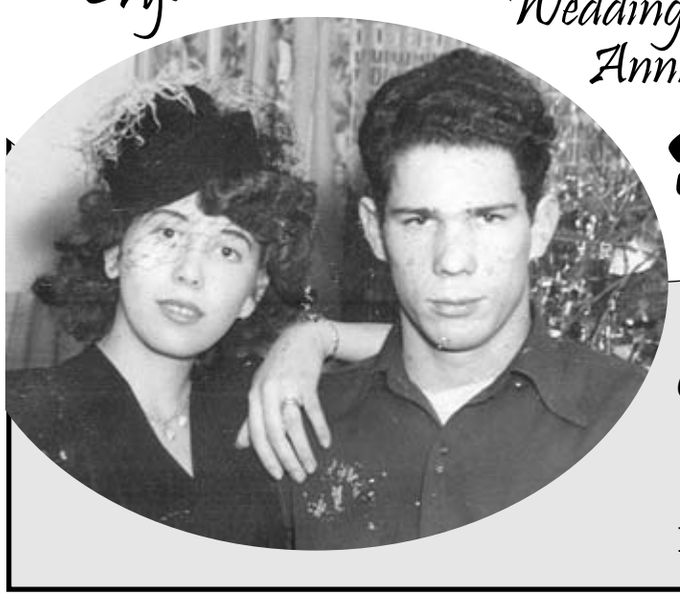
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Charles Cottier Jr. receives his gift from Santa on Wednesday, Dec. 19. More than 400 gifts were given to Head Start students through the Angel Tree program from the Saginaw Indian Tribe of Michigan. Cottier attends Martin Head Start and is the son Samoine Milk and Charles Cottier Sr. The students and staff from Martin Head Start I and II picked up their gifts from Kyle. The staff of Martin Head Start are Gene Standing Bear, Mabel Fineran, Brynn Simmons, Roxanne Cotter and Sally Doubhit.

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Chippewa generosity brings gifts to head start students

KYLE - For the second year, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan has provided Christmas gifts to the Oglala Lakota College's head start students through their Angel Tree Progrom.

For the past ten years, the Chippewa tribe has organized the program providing Christmas gifts for under-privileged Native American children.

For the last four years gifts were supplied to various organizations on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Last year the program supplied 344 gifts to the Head Start children and this year provided 456 gifts to the headstart children. The gifts were toys, winter coats and clothing. A video of the program can be viewed at www.saghchip.org.

The gifts were distributed to the students on Dec. 19 and 20 at the administration building at Kyle.

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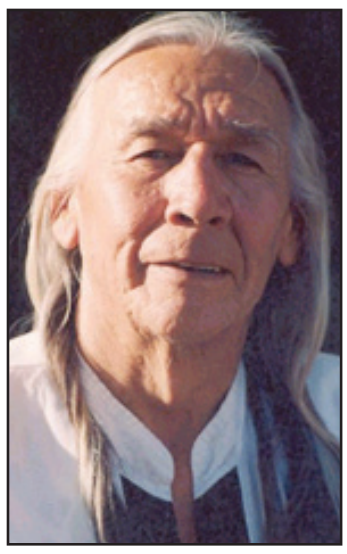
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TWO SECTIONS

Floyd Westerman journeys on

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. – Well known Dakota singer and activist, Floyd Red Crow Westermann, 71, died at the Cedar Sinai Hospital on December 13. He was reportedly battling leukemia for an extended time period and had returned to South Dakota on several occasions in recent years to tend to his illness.

Born on the Sisseton-Wahpeton reservation in South Dakota, home of the Dakota, Westermann achieved fame over the course of a lifetime in film and music. After his debut 1969 album, "Custer Died for

Please turn to Floyd: A3



Floyd Red Crow Westerman left a legacy in music and influence.

Rounds wants to protect Bear Butte

PIERRE (AP) - Gov. Mike Rounds wants to spend more than $1 million to prevent developers from putting biker bars and other noisy businesses on ranch land near Bear Butte, a mountain on the northern edge of the Black Hills held sacred by many American Indian tribes.

In recent years, Indians from several tribes have sought to block development of land around the butte into campgrounds, bars and other sometimes rowdy ventures that interfere with religious use of the mountain, particularly during the annual



Gov. Mike Rounds

sands of bikers to the area each August.

Saying he wants to protect the beauty and peace of the religious site, Rounds has proposed using state, federal and private money to buy a perpetual easement that would prevent commercial and residential development of some land on the western side of Bear Butte.

Indians working to protect Bear Butte praise the Republican governor's plan.

"Any kind of assistance from anybody in preserving the butte is welcome," said Gene Blue Arm, a Cheyenne River Sioux tribal member who has sought to limit development near the religious site.

"It's good of him," Blue

Please turn to Bear Butte: A2

RST language preservation project hosts discussion on Lakota language

MISSION - The Todd County School District graciously provided meeting space for a diverse number of local Lakota educators who are concerned about the need to revitalize, reclaim and teach the Lakota language. Dorothy LeBeau, School Improvement Coordinator and Leta Haukaas, Indian Studies Coordinator provided a delicious noon meal and essentially facilitated the discussion about Lakota language as initiated by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Lakota Language Preservation Project.

Philomon Two Eagle of the RST Resource Development Office, Robert Magelky, Assessment Coordinator at TCSD, Haukaas and LeBeau represented the school district, while Albert White Hat represented the Lakota Studies Department at Sinte Gleska University. Dr. Archie Beauvais, Director of the LLP Project along with LLP data clerk and researcher, Almona Kills In Water represented the LLP Project, while Carmen Eagle Pipe was also present later.

Beauvais offered a Lakota prayer prior to the discussion, while Haukaas handed out a copy of the district's level 1 list of Lakota words that students are required to know. Other increasingly difficult levels in Lakota will be completed in the future. Magelky who regularly surveys students concerning a wide range of issues throughout the school year provided some valuable insight into the need to be proactive teachers of Lakota and encouraging the family to continue to their part in the equation.

Magelky surveyed the students on their knowledge of the level 1 word list and a large majority of students across all grades did poorly on the word list.

Beauvais explained that the purpose of the

Please turn to Lakota lanauge: A2

Nothing will top Christmas gift given by three Wolf Creek students

LNI to honor students, family has opportunity to give thanks

RAPID CITY - "When my little girl woke up in the hospital, she asked who saved me?" said Jodi Lofton, mother of a six year old found at the bottom of a swimming pool in Rapid City by three Wolf Creek basketball players, "Those three girls gave us a Christmas gift that we will never forget."

Three Wolf Creek ball players, in Rapid City for the Cougar Classic, walked into the pool at the Quality Inn on Saturday night, Dec. 1 and noticed a young girl lying on the bottom of the eight foot deep swimming pool. The three eighth graders hollered for help right away; Naomi Evans said she waited about three seconds before diving into the pool and grabbing the unconscious girl and



Tiana Kuhluff and Dean.

pulling her to the surface. Corina Sitting Bear and Shawna Rowland helped Naomi pull the little girl out of the pool and lay her down.

A volunteer, an anesthesiologist from Sioux Falls, who happened by administered CPR to the young girl and eventually got her breathing

Please turn to Gift: A3



Bear Butte

from page A1

Arm said. "I think it's a good deal."

Dean Wink, a member of the Meade County Commission, said he opposes a perpetual easement that would block all future owners from considering other uses for the land. But he said he could support an easement that prohibits development for a decade or two.

"Forever is a long time," Wink said.

The governor made only a brief mention of the plan in his budget speech to the South Dakota Legislature, which is being asked to approve an emergency special spending measure for Bear Butte. The easement could help calm some worries about the mountain, Rounds said.

His plan would use $250,000 in state money, to be matched with $344,000 in private donations and a $594,000 grant from a federal program that protects agricultural land, to buy a perpetual conservation easement on some ranch land on Bear Butte's west side.

The ranch family could still use the land for agricultural purposes, but it could not be used for commercial or residential purposes. The easement also would mean the owners would continue to pay property taxes to Meade County and the local school district.

For centuries, members of the Lakota, Cheyenne and other tribes have been climbing Bear Butte to fast and hold religious ceremonies. Colorful prayer cloths hanging from trees line the path to the top of the mountain, which rises about 1,300 feet above the surrounding plain.



Named Mato Paha, or Bear Mountain, because it resembles a sleeping bear lying on its side, it was formed by volcanic rock that never erupted and was then exposed when surrounding land eroded.

The butte and the land immediately around it are in a state park that was sold to the state of South Dakota in 1962 for $50,000. Because of the growth of the motorcycle rally, land values in the area have skyrocketed.

In recent years there has been gatherings at Bear Butte and nearby Sturgis during the rally to protest motorcycle noise, loud concerts and alcoholic consumption near the mountain. The 2007 Legislature rejected a measure seeking to ban the issuance of liquor or beer licenses within four miles of the boundaries of the state park after lawmakers said they did not want to interfere with private property rights.

Wink said he expects the Legislature will have a good discussion on the governor's easement plan, but local residents believe the issue should be handled locally.

"They just think the private property rights and local control are more important," the county commissioner said.

Some also have questioned whether tax money should be used for such an easement, Wink said.

But Blue Arm said the sacred mountain must be protected because noise and traffic from the motorcycle rally and other events interfere with religious use of the area. When people go to the mountain to pray, they are exposed to the elements, which helps them find truth, he said.

"I'm saying yes to anything to stop further development around the butte," Blue Arm said. "In a ceremony or in prayer, there needs to be a solitude."

State Parks Director Doug Hofer said officials are negotiating with a family that owns 700 acres of land on the west side Bear Butte between the state park and state Highway 79.

"The biggest priority is a piece of land that goes right up the side of the butte. We don't own every acre of that mountain," Hofer said.

Some Sioux tribes and the U.S. Interior Department have been buying land near Bear Butte in recent years, and that land is not subject to property taxes, Hofer said.

Details will not be available until the legislative session opens in January, but it might cost up to $1 million to get the easement, Hofer said.

Lakota language

from page A1

LLP Project is to survey the prevalence of Lakota language in the community, while planning a host of activities which will increase Lakota language use.

Two Eagle, who originally drafted the proposal for establishing the Lakota Language Preservation Project is very committed to furthering Lakota as he is often heard speaking to his school age children in Lakota. His desire is to see a research paper arise out of the discussions at hand, which can also be used for grant applications.

As the discussion continued about the need for skilled Lakota language teachers, White Hat said, "We need Lakota speakers to teach them how to teach Lakota…They can be fluent, but if they don't know the methods course they can't get certified." LeBeau noted that, "We don't emphasize Lakota language per se because of historical oppression. We are waiting for permission." LeBeau offered to do a presentation to RST directors and the council on historical oppression.

The meeting led to a lot of worthwhile discussion about Lakota and White Hat's description of certain words was new to some. He said, "Wakan is life, energy to a Lakota. It can give or destroy life. The good and evil is within that. 'Wakan' is understood and not a mystery. Wakan as 'sacred' is a Christian term." He went on to say, "The Lakota is a person of peace and harmony. Those who live by the pipe decided to be relations and those who did not are the ikce wicasa or common men."

Public service by students and after-school programs were listed as avenues to teach Lakota as well as community gatherings where children are given a meal and encouraged to learn Lakota. A "Talking Circle" in Lakota was suggested as a way to let students hear spoken Lakota, however, there was a need to change to name.

The group tentatively agreed to meet in January and noted that the discussion about teaching Lakota on the Rosebud reservation was worthwhile.

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Recklessness -Risky acts, unthinking
Mood changes (dramatic)

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Greatest gift

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again before the Fire and Rescue EMT's arrived to deliver Tiana Kuhluf to the hospital.

Tiana Kohlus, six years old and a kindergarten student at the Cheyenne Eagle Butte Primary School in Eagle Butte was taken to the Rapid City Regional Hospital where she spent a day in the intensive care unit and another day in the hospital because of water in her lungs. She was released on Monday and returned to Eagle Butte with her family.

"She's doing great now, she's a little comedian, she likes to dance and sing and she's back in school," said Lofton, "in fact she was back in school by Thursday, I wanted her to stay out the whole week but she insisted on going back to school, she loves school and up until her stay in the hospital she had perfect attendance."

Jodi described the three girls as guardian angels, we haven't met them yet but we are anxiously waiting for Friday when they will be honored at LNI and we will have a chance to meet them and thank them in person, said Lofton.

"It is hard to explain your feelings, you are relieved, you are guilty, you are scared," said Lofton, "you are emotional but very happy and because it was so traumatic for all of the kids each of them has done some counseling and will do some follow-up."

Tiana has older sisters K'lona, 11 and ReAnne, 9 and two older brothers, Grant 9, and Dayson 8. The family was also in Rapid City for the Cougar Classic, Grant and Dayson played on a team in the tournament.

Tiana and her parents Dean Kohlus and Jodi Lofton called Wolf Creek School on the day after Tiana got out of the hospital and by speaker phone personally thanked Naomi, Corina and Shawna.

The three students were honored by Wolf Creek School with certificates and Pendletons during an assembly and Naomi, who played on the Wolf Creek School A girls team that took fourth in the recent Big Foot Conference tournament hosted by American Horse School was honored with a song during halftime of the championship game.

The three students are set to be honored again during the Lakota Nation Invitational tournament on Friday, Dec. 21 at 1:30 p.m. in the arena. Tiana and her family plan to attend the honoring and meet the girls and personally thank them for their very special gift.

"No words can express how grateful we are for what they did for us," said Jodi, "we were happy and scared at the same time and it makes you appreciate the simple little things that make up our lives and that tie our families together."

Floyd

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Your Sins" he travelled the country extensively and often spoke out on indigenous issues. He was a member of the American Indian Movement and was often vocal about treaty issues.

In recent years, Westermann was regularly seen in the movies after establishing his music which was a mix of western and contemporary Native music. He played with other popular singers, including Willie Nelson, Jackson Browne and Kris Kristopherson during his career. His other albums included, "Indian Country" and "This Land is Your Mother."

He gained even more popularity in Indian Country with his tribute to Johnny Cash in 2006 and was a 2006 Native American Music Award winner for that tribute.

He was also known for his many movie appearances, including Hidalgo, Dances with Wolves, and Oliver Stone's "The Doors." His television credits include appearances on such hit shows as, MacGyver, Walker: Texas Ranger and Northern Exposure.

Wake services were held on the weekend on the Sisseton-Wahpeton reservation with funeral services held on Monday, December 17. A number of tributes to Westermann's life and his profile are available on the internet, including a story on South Dakota Public Radio by Vicky Wicks which will air on Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. MST.

Stanton to retire from top-level Indian Health Service job

PIERRE (AP) - Pierre native Mary Lou Stanton, the No. 4 person in charge of the Indian Health Service, says she's ready to retire after almost 42 years of government service.

Stanton, IHS deputy director, plans to retire and move to Phoenix to be near her family and spend more time with her grandchildren.

``It was a hard decision. Now that I made the decision to retire, I'm happy about it. I'll probably take a few community college courses, I do have a goal to learn Spanish; probably take some writing classes, maybe learn piano,'' Stanton said.

Stanton, a Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux, received the Director's National Honor Award for her years of service to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which includes the Indian Health Service.

Stanton listed two keys to success:

``It's really important to set goals, and write them down, because when you write something down it kind of solidifies that,'' she said.

``Take risks. Don't be afraid to take risks, a lot of opportunities come our way, many people turn them down, because they are afraid they are not going to be able to do it."

She said accountability also is important. Most managers depend on it, she said.

Local residents attend Heartland Presidenial Forum

By Andrew Iron Shell
Special to the Times

RAPID CITY - Community leaders from South Dakota tribal communities braved 14-hours of icy roads and blizzard conditions to attend the Dec. 1 Heartland Presidential Forum in Des Moines, Iowa. The Native American ambassadors were part of 3,800 individuals and faith communities gathered to promote a Community Values platform advocating grassroots unity verses the go it alone mentality that has been the dominate political agenda of our country.

This forum looked to address the division of America and promote an agenda that alone we can do so little and together we can do so much!

Five democratic presidential candidates heard firsthand the grassroots impact of failed health care, predatory activities of corporate America and weak immigration policies affecting the average American. Candidates heard stories from those affected and responded to questions in an atmosphere designed to promote open discussion. Sandy Swift Eagle of Rapid City noted to reporters afterwards that "true concerns of sovereign Tribal Nations are still being ignored by the United States government." Swift Eagle was passionate in speaking to the need for the next president to acknowledge their legal and moral responsibility to America's first citizens.

The Heartland Presidential Forum was attended in person by Connecticut Senator Chris Dodd, former Senator John Edwards of North Carolina, Illinois Senator Barack Obama and Ohio Representative Dennis Kucinich. New York Senator Hillary Clinton addressed community leaders by phone due in part to security concerns and inclement weather. Highlights noted in corporate mainstream media were the boos offered to Clinton after her response asking if she would commit to addressing responsible immigration reform within her first hundred days in office? Her reply, "it's up to Congress to pass such reform, but as president, I would do as much as possible".

The Des Moines Register's Dec. 1 Iowa poll had Sen. Obama leading the road to the white house by a slim three percent margin going into the Heartland Presidential Forum.

Republican candidates were invited with only businessman John Cox responding. Under federal law, a solo member of one party could not participate as it would appear to be an endorsement over other republican presidential candidates. Participating candidates were asked hard questions from real people on the negative affects of corporate hog farming and mining near rural communities, irresponsible funding towards children's health insurance systems and a true path way to citizenship for those looking to America to improve the quality of their lives.

Representative Kucinich gave an energetic answer on his plan to address America's appetite for coal.

He referenced a "full-employment economy" where everyone has a job, as well as affordable health care and education for all, from age 3 - college. Although Sen. Obama was the only candidate to acknowledge the Native American delegation off stage, Kucinich was the only one who directly mentioned Native Americans as he spoke to the negative manner in which mining companies do business in Indian country.

Representatives from South Dakota included community leader, Pat Spears of Lower Brule, Ben Long Wolf of Wanblee, MaryAnn Bear Heels-McGowen of Pierre, Shirley Iron Shell of Rosebud, and long time community activists Sandy Swift Eagle, Carla Rabbit-Schunk and Kay Allison of Rapid City. Andrew Iron Shell, representing the Western South Dakota Native American Organizing Project provided the closing blessing for the nationally broadcasted event. Local participants were able to attend through an empowerment grant given the WSD-NAOP from the Center for Community Change with collaboration from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, The Northwest Federation of Community Organizers, the South Dakota Food Bank and Dennis Osorio making this a successful venture for grassroots tribal communities.

The Heartland Presidential Forum was hosted by the Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement and an important part of the Campaign for Community Values, a multi-issue, multi-year effort to challenge the divisive messages of the right and to promote community values.

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Sexual abuse case: LDS Church wants resolution before trial

SIOUX FALLS (AP) - A former Mormon missionary accused of molesting an American Indian boy in the 1960s denies the allegation, and the church wants a federal judge to decide the case before it goes to trial.

Ferris Joseph, 52, filed the civil lawsuit in U.S. District Court in South Dakota against the Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of The Church of Latter-Day Saints, both of Utah.

He is suing the Mormon church, claiming he was sexually abused by one of its missionaries, Robert Lewis White, in the late 1960s when Joseph was 11 or 12 years old.

Joseph is an American Indian who lived with his family in Sioux Falls from 1966 to 1968, according to the lawsuit. The abuse happened at White's apartment in Flandreau, it states.

White was based at the Northern Indian Mission in Rapid City and was assigned to Flandreau, in eastern South Dakota, where the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe is located.

Joseph had no memory of the abuse until an October 2004 visit to Canada to see his sister, a devout member of the Mormon church, according to the complaint.

In a deposition transcript filed in court, White denies he sexually abused Joseph or any other boy, and testified that he was celibate when he served in Flandreau from Nov. 8, 1967 until July 13, 1968.

"No, nothing bad went on," he told a lawyer.

White's companion missionary at the time, Jay Larson, also testified that the two men followed the church's rule to stay in sight of each other at all times, and that he had no memory of White ever acting inappropriately, according to court documents.

The civil case is scheduled to go to trial Feb. 25 in Sioux Falls.

James McMahon, the Sioux Falls lawyer representing the church, has filed a motion for summary judgment, in effect asking a federal judge to rule on the case before the trial because of a lack of evidence.

The statute of limitations has expired and the law does not hold a church financially responsible for the actions of its volunteer missionaries who have to support themselves, the motion states.

"Courts throughout the country have refused to recognize the existence of a fiduciary relationship between a religious organization and its members based solely on religions teachings or faith," it states.

McMahon and one of Joseph's lawyers declined to comment.



Wounded Knee jacket distribution

The children of Wounded Knee District School and the community were invited to received beautiful jackets/pants suits and other gifts for everyone on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007 at 1 p.m. at the Wounded Knee School gym. Wings as Eagles Ministries donated Rothchild Jackets & Pants with accessories

Main Street Coffee Shop grand opening Dec. 22

MARTIN - On Saturday, Dec. 22, father and daughter team Butch and Barb Ceplecha, owners of the Main Street Coffee Shop will hold their grand opening celebration to officially welcome the community to their new establishment.

"We wanted a down home family atmosphere where folks can drink coffee, eat lunch, and visit" said Barb.

The Main Street Coffee shop, which is connected to two other Ceplecha enterprises, Butch's Heating and Cooling and sister Antonia's AK 'Scent'sations, opened to the public on Nov. 27 with soup-of-the-day offerings and deli sandwiches.

Soon, grilled hamburgers with french fries and other fried delights will join the menu.



The Main Street Coffee Shop now joins a heating and cooling and candle business and is open from 7 am to 7 pm.

The soft serve ice cream and banana splits come dressed in old fashioned soda fountain glasses.

It was Butch who came up with the Children's Corner where little ones can sit in tyke-sized chairs and color or work puzzles while parents enjoy their coffee, cocoa, or cappuccino alongside a sweet roll.

Barb is very proud of the interior construction work done by husband Josh Little Eagle and Uncle Daniel Ceplecha and agrees that it really was a family affair with Antonia, husband Robbie and son Eric Keiffer, daughter Samantha, niece Alexandra, nephew and mom Vicki helping out behind the counter.

She showed off a red and white cardboard Christmas light box which she conceals under the front counter.

It was her first 'cash register' until the new metal one arrived and she plans on keeping it to remind her of the birth of a dream come true.

The Main Street Coffee Shop is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Indian studies online courses popular

MADISON, S.D. (AP) _ Online courses offered by the public university system in South Dakota are becoming increasingly popular.

The Board of Regents was told Thursday that nearly 14,500 students took online classes last year, an increase of 43 percent from 2004.

Regents Executive Director Tad Perry said it is not only South Dakotans who are taking those courses. He said many nonresidents also are taking online classes.

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Good luck to all the Lakota Nation Invitational participants! Lets make this years event safe for everyone. Please buckle up while you are traveling this holiday season. This message is from the staff of the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Higher Education Grant Program.

Advanced Rosebud electronics research facility operating on $4 million grant

MISSION - The Advanced Electronics Rosebud Integration research facility has become a reality on the Rosebud after several years of collaboration between the Rosebud Sioux tribe, the U. S. Army Space and Missile Defense Technical Center and Radiance Technologies of Huntsville, AL.

A $4 million appropriation from the Defense Department will enable the project to do research on testing no-lead soldering materials as used in electronic circuit board.

The European Union adopted the so-called Reduction of Hazardous Substance (RoHS) legislation effective July 1, 2006 that outlawed use of 6 different hazardous substances common in electronics manufacturing. These include lead, cadmium, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls, and polybrominated diphenyl ethers. Any products built in or imported into Europe can no longer contain these substances. Traditional solders contain up to about 40% lead.

Asia and North America are following the EU's lead by eliminating the substances as well but lead free replacement solders have caused some concern about reliability and present significant challenges to manufacturers especially in high reliability, harsh environment military or space applications. Hence the need to research ways to improve existing soldering technologies to cope with the lead free solders.

The partnership between the three entities began back in 2004 when Barth Robinson, the current onsite Deputy Program Manager approached the Rosebud Sioux tribe and sought a partnership with the SDMTC. Radiance Technologies has manufactured remote sensors for soldiers in combat as well as an environmentally sound clam harvester.

The AERI research facility will also conduct research in improving other circuit technologies as utilized by the Defense Department. Pollution and harmful emissions will not be an issue at the facility as it is committed to a "green" philosophy.

In March a groundbreaking ceremony was held east of town and located near the Antelope dam where construction continues today. Governor Mike Rounds and representatives from the South Dakota congressional delegation were also in attendance.

Oglala Lakota College has apparently created a two year applied science degree and Sinte Gleska University is working on a curriculum that will allow a student to transfer to the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. These applied science degrees will allow promising students to engage in long range planning for using technology and perhaps one day, help to make their respective tribes economically self-sufficient and leaders in technology.

SGU will play a vital role in providing a setting in which students and faculty can conduct experiments and develop production models for future use. The institution may also be able to pursue other such research opportunities and create a microcosm of high tech services in the area while becoming a full research partner in such things as alternative fuels, etc.

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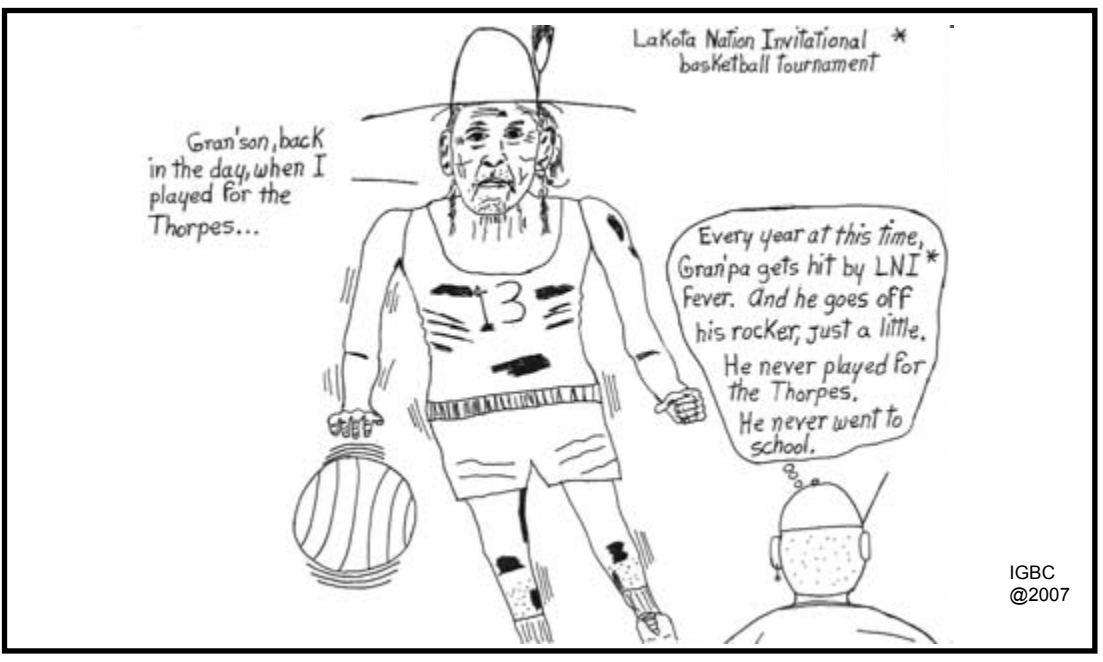
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Northern Perspectives

By Dr. Archie Beauvais

Honor the children with older Lakota words



At a time when suicide prevention activities are dominating the news in and around Rosebud, a couple of Lakota words come to mind that I learned from Francis Whitebird: they speak to the importance of children.

Francis is on the advisory committee for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Lakota language preservation project and when he comes up with a word that is unfamiliar to me, I quickly write it down. I appreciate the fact that Francis takes the time to reflect on Lakota words, or Lakol wicoiye and what their relevance to Lakota life might be.

When one studies Lakota there is always the temptation to translate it into English, while others believe that there is value in simply saying a word and allowing the listener to arrive at their own meaning. Whatever your preference the task is to learn a word and be able to apply it to other settings and maybe even appreciate the level of its sophistication. The Lakota phrase hoksi can kiye asks one to "honor their children" and in today's turbulent times, it is something that can boost the morale of all of our children. I say a child's self-esteem gets a wonderful boost when they are honored no matter the achievement. I recall getting a candy bar in high school for making the B honor roll and that thrilled me as I did not have a nickel to my name.

Yet, another Lakota word ihakicikta stresses the importance of interrelationships as it asks us to "take care of each other." I spoke of this term earlier, it is one which George Whirlwind Soldier shared during an earlier interview. I have since learned that both hoksi can kiye and ihakicikta are fairly common terms in Lakota and many of my colleagues who grew up with the language seem to know them.

The other term unikiciza unyi suta says that "we will be judged by the actions of our children" and it is another that Francis was willing to explain. It obviously is a concept that forces us to reflect upon the behavior and actions of our children and grandchildren as they make sense of the contemporary world in which we live.

One of my colleagues was lamenting the fact that Lakota society is slowing changing and adapting to the many influences which are not always positive. Older traditional Lakota society was fortunate in that it appeared to recognize the importance of caring for children and honoring them each day. There is much to learn from some of the older more classical Lakota terms as the answer to today's predicaments may lie in their interpretation.

Other Views

We all need a hero

By Richard P. Holm, M.D.

We all need a hero. Whether that person is a religious figure, a parent, a favorite teacher, or a movie star, it's human nature to need someone to serve as a mentor, a champion, or a model for living.

Charles Eastman, M.D., also named Ohiyesa, (pronounced Oh-ee-suh) which means "winner," was born in 1862 in an American Indian village near Redwood Falls, Minn. Though his mother died during childbirth, he had a normal youth in the Indian culture.

Ohiyesa began a formal education when his father enrolled him into the missionary school in Flandreau, S.D. He was a bright young man, and after schooling there, moved on to Nebraska, Wisconsin, college at Dartmouth, N.H., and then attended medical school in Boston, graduating in 1890.

Dr. Eastman first practiced medicine in South Dakota, first at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and later at the Crow Creek Reservation. He was one of the first Native American physicians to practice science-based medicine on Indian reservations, and he even was eyewitness to the events leading up to and following the Wounded Knee Massacre of Dec. 29, 1890.

Eastman went on to champion Native American rights, became a Washington lobbyist for the Dakota Sioux, and both Teddy Roosevelt and Calvin Coolidge assigned him to several tribal responsibilities.

He wrote about his Indian boyhood and his medical and political experiences. His work provides a marvelous two-world perspective. But most endearing perhaps was how Charles Eastman helped establish more than 30 Indian YMCA groups. Later he would help Ernest Seton of the Woodcraft Indians and Daniel Beard of the Sons of Daniel Boone to found the Boy Scouts of America.

This Native American physician, organizer, writer, and child-advocate was a native son, a real life hero, and an example for us all.

Take-home message:

1. We all need heroes to serve as examples for living.

2. One hero is Native American Charles Eastman, born in 1862. He went on to become a medical doctor, a political organizer, a writer, and helped start the Boy Scouts of America.

This editorial was written by Dr. Rick Holm for "On Call®," a weekly program about health on South Dakota Public Broadcasting-Television that is produced by the South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service. "On Call" airs Thursdays on South Dakota Public Broadcasting-Television at 7 p.m. Central, 6 p.m. Mountain.

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Letters to the Editor

The language is fading, we need to do something

Dear, Editor:

My name is Mario Black Spotted Horse and I go to school at St. Francis Indian School in St. Francis. I think our language is important to us because our grandmas and grandpas spoke it before us and it was a way of communicating with each other and with other tribes that spoke Lakota. It is also important to learn it and speak it for a full blood Lakota because it is another way of communicating with the Great Spirits.

I am a singer and have a drum group I sing with my cousins. We have been singing since we were little kids, but now we understand what's happening to our Lakota language. It's slowly fading away because all the old speakers are slowly leaving us to the Spirit World. When they're all gone our language might be gone too. I'm just now coming up to a point in my life when maybe I'm going to have to start learning the language and teaching it to the little ones myself. I am a Sundancer and have been a Sundancer for four years now. I go to sweats, pow-wows, sundances, and ceremonies where we communicate with the Great Spirits and ask for help for our Lakota people.

I think if our language is fading, we should do something about it. We should have something for the people who want to learn and are trying to save our language. We could have something like a drum class, language class, or we could just start speaking Lakota to each other and maybe people will pick it up and start speaking Lakota again. It would be better if we could speak to the old ones, understand what they are saying, and talk back to them in Lakota.

Mario Black Spotted Horse
St. Francis, S.D.

My family speaks Lakota

Dear Editor.

Hello, I am a young Lakota student from St. Francis Indian School. I am responding to your series of articles about Lakota Language. I think Lakota is very important and should be taught to the younger generation. It is our way of life and our identity. I've seen some of the younger people speak it. But, sadly others do not know how to speak it. Now is the time to give them that opportunity.

The Lakota Language is our way of life and we should cherish it. My family speaks Lakota every time they talk. I understand what they are saying and I sometimes answer back. The younger ones do not know what their elders are saying so, they ask them to repeat it in English. Our language is the way we look at the world, and how we use it. In ceremonies they pray in Lakota to the Great Spirit. It's how we communicate and live. It's how our ancestors lived, and we should carry on the sacred tradition.

Lakota language is our identity, without it we would be lost. Today, young people are interested in the white man's ways. For example, the way they dress, their music, and their culture. They think of their own native language not important, but it is very important. "Our language is who we are as Lakota people", said a respected elder on the Rosebud Reservation.

In conclusion, our native language is important to all native people. For a long time now, the elders have been embarrassed by the young one's who don't want to learn. We should teach the kids how to speak Lakota. Every summer they should have a camp that teaches us Lakota. The kids should respect the language, and pass it down to their siblings. Then maybe one day we would make our elders proud.

Lee Bad Hand II
St. Francis, S.D.

It's up to the young people to bring the language back

Dear Editor:

Hi, My Name is Tyson Kills In Water. I am a 10th grader at St. Francis Indian School. I am currently 15 soon to be 16. I want to learn about our Lakota Language. It's very sad that our Lakota Language is slowly dying out. But we can fix this problem. I am writing this letter so I can get other young students to learn our Lakota language.

Our Lakota Language is important because our language is slowly dying out. Many young adults are not interested in learning the language, to them I ask: What if we all didn't have our language, then what would you think? What if the only thing we knew was English, nothing else, how would you and your family feel? These are questions I ask myself everyday. But there would be no what-ifs if we could just get together and change things. Just take a look at The Blackfoot Tribe; they made their language come back. We can do that too, if we just get together.

What if our language was whipped out totally and all we did was just sit around and not even care or try to save it? How would you feel then? Then what if we saw another tribe with all their traditions, and we had nothing. How would you feel? I feel that we should all be speaking our languages to each other.

If anything I bet some of your parents understand but don't speak Lakota. Why don't we ask them why? It should have been our parents to teach us. We can't blame our parents or grandparents; it was the boarding schools that took away our language. Our grandparents were taught not to teach our parents the language or to even speak it at all. Now we young ones want to be taught and our parents can't because they never learned. I wonder now if all that history is behind us. But now it's up to us young peo-

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Old school hoops



David Rooks

With this year's Lakota Nation Invitational tournament just around the corner I thought I'd exercise every tribal member's fundamental right. That is: talk about basketball. Granted, it's been a 100 pounds and three decades since I played any serious hoops but, like everybody I grew up with, I'm an expert. Just ask me.

As an old playroom king (if he went to Holy Rosary, ask your grandpa what that means) at boarding school, I remember what it was like on a cold snowy day outside to have three games of basketball going on the same court at the same time. In those days you could use the concrete pillars for a screen.

Funny, it seemed normal then.

This past weekend I watched my 8th grade son, Sam, play in a tournament in Rapid City. Naturally, as a Dad, I'm bound to be both proud and critical at the same time. Is it just me, or are kids nowadays less fundamentally sound than they used to be?

I mean, even among the better players the dribbling and passing skills seemed marginal. I saw way too much one on one play and defense was, more or less, non-existent.

Okay, so it was just one grade school tournament and the season is just starting. Maybe I should cut the kids a break. Although back in the dark ages, when I was a kid, grown ups said pretty much the same thing: "Kids nowadays don't play the game the way we used to." I would say: "Yeah, our basketballs don't have leather laces on them." But, now that I think about it, a pair of "Chuck Taylor Cons" was the best shoe you could get when I played. Nobody wore leather, everything was canvas.

Definitely old school.

Just in case I'm right, and kids at the younger ages aren't as skilled as they used to be, you could point your finger at a lot of things. One is all the distractions kids have these days. What with I pods, flat screens, cell phones, video games - you name it, there's a lot going on besides bouncing a ball from sun up to sundown. Also, who knows, maybe it's a lot harder to get a game.

I can't tell you how many times I've driven past an empty basketball court on a nice day.

I know, this is just another "back in the day" story and it's boring - but it's true. When I was a kid, the waiting line to get in a game on a Saturday morning could be an hour. You had to get there early, already have a team picked out, and you better keep on winning. You lose and you're through. Too many players, not enough courts. That certainly doesn't seem to be a problem anymore. You could put potted plants in the hoops.

All that said, I have to admit that when you get to the Lakota Nation Invitational and watch those teams play you're seeing some excellent hoops.

It's fast and it's exciting and - come to think of it - it's almost as good as back in the day.

Really, I'm an expert.

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Notes From Indian Country

By Tim Giago

The Lakota will never forget Wounded Knee 1890



(Nanwica Kciji)

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I wonder if Tom Brokaw knew what was happening on the nine Indian reservations in his home state of South Dakota in 1968. I seriously doubt it.

On December 29, 1968, as they have done for many years, the Lakota people were gathered around the mass grave at Wounded Knee to pray. And on December 29, 1990, they would gather to mourn the 100th anniversary of the massacre of their people.To the non-Indians of South Dakota and the rest of America, December 29, 1990 was another day. But to the Lakota people, December 29 was a day they commemorated every year since 1890. It was a day when nearly 300 of their relatives were shot to death in cold blood by the enlisted men and officers of the 7th Cavalry. Ironically, 21 members of the 7th Cavalry were awarded Medals of Honor for this horrific slaughter of women and children.

White people ask why we Lakota still talk about Wounded Knee as if it was not ancient history. If something terrible happened to your grandmother - that's right, your grandmother - something so heinous that it became a part of American history, would you still consider that to be ancient history? I think not. A grandmother can never be ancient history or you wouldn't be able to ride over the river and through the woods to her house on holidays.

Consider this. On December 29, 1890, my grandmother, Sophie, was a 17-year-old student at the Holy Rosary Indian Mission, a Jesuit boarding school just a few miles from Wounded Knee. She was called out with the rest of the students to feed and water the horses of the soldiers of the 7th Cavalry that had just rode on to the mission grounds chasing down survivors that had escaped the slaughter. My grandmother recalled seeing blood on their uniforms and she overheard them bragging about the mighty victory they had just scored at Wounded Knee.

That's right, my grandmother, who is now deceased, remembered. Now does that make the Massacre at Wounded Knee ancient history to me? You bet that it does not. Many other Lakota still living today had grandmothers and grandfathers that were either killed or survived the massacre. No, it is not ancient history to the Lakota.

In early December of 1990, as the 100th anniversary of the massacre at Wounded Knee approached, I wrote the cover story for USA Today. I quoted an editorial that appeared in the Aberdeen (SD) Saturday Review on January 3, 1891, just five days after the massacre. The author wrote about those terrible "Redskins," his favorite word for Indians. He wrote, "The Pioneer has before declared that our only safety depends upon the total extermination of the Indians. Having wronged them for centuries we had better, in order to protect our civilization, follow it up by one or more wrong and wipe these untamed and untamable creatures from the face of the earth."

That editorial calling for the genocide of the Lakota people was written by L. Frank Baum, the man who would later write, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." There have been many others before and since that called for genocide against a race of people. Adolph Hitler and Pol Pot come to mind. But then they never followed up their calls for genocide by writing a charming book for children. It appears to be unthinkable to most Americans that such a wonderful man as L. Frank Baum could be compared to other inhuman beasts that called for the extinction of a race of people.

In 2006, descendants of Baum asked the Lakota people to forgive Baum for the editorials he wrote calling for their annihilation. What do you think the Jewish people would say today if the descendants of Adolph Hitler approached them asking them to forgive Adolph for nearly exterminating all Jews? It's a tough question because the attempted extermination of the Jews was taken much more seriously than the extermination of the Lakota people. After all, according to the white man, we were just Indians and sub-humans at that and we didn't have the power of the press or of the free world to support our claims to life. In order for America to expand, the people of the Great Sioux Nation had to be expendable.

December 29, 2007 will mark the 117th anniversary of the slaughter of innocents at Wounded Knee. As is their custom, the Lakota people will gather at the mass grave where the bodies of men, women and children were dumped and they will pray and ask the United States government to apologize for this day of death. They will pray that the Medals of Honor handed out to the murderers be rescinded and they will pray for peace between the Lakota and the rest of America. There will be a ceremony called "Wiping Away the Tears," and this ceremony will conclude a day of mourning, a day when the Lakota reach out to the rest of America for peace and justice.

Americans may have forgotten Wounded Knee and pushed it to the back pages of history, a bad memory to some, but the Lakota people have not nor will they ever forget this terrible day until they at last see justice.

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Letters to the Editor

A mother's agony

Dear Editor:

This letter is about Corey L. Apple and how he died two months ago.

He was my son, he was a father, he was a brother, and he was a human being, a real person. He had a sense of humor; he loved his kids and did his best to care for them. He was 33 years old and lived a simple life, Corey wasn't perfect but then again who is. He liked to party and socialize with everyone sometimes with the wrong people. I know this.

I am the parent who was visited by two police officers at 4 a.m. in the morning on Oct. 16, 2007. They came to tell me that my son passed away. They told me he had been assaulted and left lying on the road. A police unit was transporting a prisoner from Wanblee and ran over my son and killed him.

It has been two long months filled with tears and memories, sleepless nights, anguish and waiting. I have been waiting for answers. Who was my son with? Who assaulted him? What happened that last day? Why isn't anyone charged with anything? Why is the police officer still working? What is the standard operating procedure? What is the protocol?

I had my last visit with the criminal investigation department on Dec. 13, 2007 at Pine Ridge, Mitch Pourier and Marty Hansford. They informed me that my son's "case" was closed. They said my son was very intoxicated and there are no witnesses, none, that seen him being assaulted, they don't know why or what he was doing out on that road that night and anybody could have run over him. I asked Marty Hansford "how many people do you have working here?" he said "four CI's and me" I asked him what his duties were and he answered "administrative work." I asked "how could you possibly do an adequate investigation?" He replied "a lot of times we don't, we try to prioritize, violent crimes come first, our job is to collect information and give it to the U.S. attorney.

Last year we had 230 juvenile cases, and 148 adult cases." The emotions I felt sitting there listening to him were overwhelming because I felt that they were basically telling me "sorry but your son was out on that road because he was drunk". I know all too well what alcohol can do to a family and I'm not condoning Corey's actions but it still hurts and it still affected our family.

My life has changed. I became more aware of the criminal justice system and the limited personnel, minimal funding and lack of services. Our needs are many, what can we do? I feel it is the responsibility of the people, we as a nation could ensure these departments have enough trained personnel and a strong leadership to properly investigate these cases. It is my opinion that much attention is being given to minor crimes and the major crimes fall through the cracks of the system. There is no justice, there is no protection. Our system needs to be honest with compassion for the people. My heart goes out to those officers who work endlessly and have to witness such horrific scenes, and listen to all the stories of abuse and neglect, assault and murder, elderly abuse, rape and the violence continues, I want to acknowledge the work that you do and thank you. I live a simple life working, taking care of my family, doing the best I can. Now the world seems like a foggy lens, feeling like something is missing, someone that I will never talk to, never look at, never touch again, not in this world.

I suppose I will never know what happened to my son, there is one thing that I do know and that it is not okay for families to pick pieces of their loved ones off of the highway.

While our sorrow is profound we continue to pray for all of the people who have lost loved ones.

Respectfully,
Marie Apple
Medicine Root District
Kyle, S.D.

Language

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ple to bring our language back. All we have to do is ask higher power to help us. If we can get enough help, we can do it all together and get back our Lakota Language.

In conclusion, I think that if we work to back our language, we would be talking in our own language again instead of English.

Our language should be important to us. But I think not all people see that.

So let's get together and at least try to bring back our languages.

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Guest Columnist

One significant day in November

By Ivan F. Starr
Oglala Lakota

Certain days or dates have significant meaning for people, like birthdays and anniversaries. For me, Nov. 28 is a momentous day; I reported for duty in Vietnam in 1968. It symbolizes the final day of my youthful innocence. It is the beginning of 365 life-altering days. This experience was so devastating that it continues to eclipse my life.

No matter where I went or what I did (even now), memories from that experience always find a way to intrude. In fact, this phenomenon was and is a daily occurrence. Although I completed treatment for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, I find myself struggling with the symptoms. I've learned to accept that fact that recovery is actually a life-long effort.

One of the things I have done to help myself is to learn about the war's history, the country, the politics, and anything else connected to it. Another thing I am learning to do is to become an active participant of society, as opposed to isolating myself from it.

Thus, when asked to participate in a cultural event at Piya Wiconi (Kyle) on this particular date, I was more than happy to accept. Before I discuss this event, though, I absolutely have to explain something to your readership regarding this devastating disorder.

PTSD does not only affect war veterans; it usually has an effect on anyone subjected to trauma; police officers, ambulance crews, victims of tornados/floods/rape/incest/accidents. Although, help is readily available these days, most do not seek help and trudge through life on the outskirts of society.

When the Piya Wiconi event was over, I went to investigate a statue that had caught my eye earlier. I was surprised to find a veteran's monument listing the names of all Oglala men who served in the military since World War I. I am not pointing a finger at anyone nor am I attempting to change anything. I found a couple of discrepancies and I have to discuss them.

First, my cousin, the late Glen Bores A Hole, is not listed. There are newspaper accounts (Stars and Stripes & Bennett County Booster II) of his combat actions during the Korean War as an infantryman with the 2nd Infantry Division. His 4-year reenlistment concluded with a "less than honorable" discharge. I learned that PTSD had gotten the best of him.

Not aware of his severe and debilitating after-combat reactions, he quietly endured, lived alone, and died at an early age. Today his grave is not marked with a military headstone nor does he have a flag. I feel history, greater society, and his own people have forgotten him despite his contributions to the national war effort in Korea.

Another veteran is erroneously listed on the monument as an "era" veteran of the Vietnam War. This refers to those who served in the military during the war but not in Vietnam. Although this man did not show any outward signs of PTSD, he is still a veteran and his story must be told.

For starters, the late Edwin Fills The Pipe should be listed under "in-country." As a Marine radio operator, he took part in the famous 1965 China Beach landing at Danang. What this means is that he was with the first combat troops to set foot on Vietnamese soil. The war began then and lasted through ten long years, officially ending in 1975.

I am not sure what can be done about these discrepancies, I simply feel my effort here is warranted in view of the sacrifices made by these men and all those Lakota warriors who served in other wars, including those serving now.

There is more. I recall a formal 1981 ceremony on the housing parking lot where the building was named "Fills The Pipe Building" to honor his accomplishments as a former housing program director. Mainly, he successfully negotiated with the federal Housing and Urban Development authorities to release more houses.

Previously, HUD halted house allocations to the homeland because of a humongous back-rent amount. This embarrassing situation resulted when irresponsible politicians allowed renters to "forget" their rent payments in exchange for a vote. Fills The Pipe convinced renters to initiate payment schedules (an intricate task) and took that to HUD.

The history of our housing agency leaves much to be desired. I don't expect anyone to put his name up on the building but it would be the honorable thing to do. I understand money is in short supply these days. I wonder often about the changes he would have made if he had not died so suddenly during his campaign for the tribal presidency. He was a popular candidate.

Another notable accomplishment was to acquire a P.L. 93-638 contract for Loneman School Corporation in 1976; as a result, Loneman was the first homeland school to do so. His painted portrait hangs in the school library to honor what he did for his community.

Now, back to the event; the 5th Annual Lakol Woglaka Akiciyapi (Lakota Speech Contest) at Piya Wiconi Nov. 28. I was one of four "judges" from across the reservation and our job was to determine proficiency levels of elementary, high school, and college level orators.

First, I believe firmly in understanding and acknowledging the origin of anything we encounter in our lives. If we want to succeed in dealing with our current language loss dilemma, this is a necessity. To determine the direction we want to go, we must first know where we've been. Of course, as we all know, awareness of our past does not mean lingering there.

Karen Lone Hill, Lakota Studies Department, Oglala Lakota College is heading up this event.

The most noticeable attribute of the event is that more and more schools are participating. At the same time, I realized that my own awareness of what people are doing today to bring the Lakota language back to an active status is severely deficient.

Marcell Bull Bear, the master of ceremonies for the event was positive and stimulating. He envisioned this contest in every school on the reservation. He spoke of Lakota language proficient disk jockeys in the future of KILI FM radio and encouraged speakers to use the language at all times.

To finish, I was very fortunate to engage briefly in an after-lunch discussion with Brian Charging Cloud and Robert Two Crow; the topic was the value of developing new Lakota words. Immersion would be very difficult because we do not have Lakota words for much of society's latest products and concepts.

Historically, it seems language adaptation started and then stopped. As proof, we have new words like sunkawakan (horse), canpagmiyanpi (wagon), mazawakan (gun), and iyecinkiyanke (car). These words indicate the flexibility of our language, an element crucial to its survival. Did American society develop too fast for us? Did we just give up?

I felt a bit misplaced when the speech contest ended. I became conscious of my own ignorance regarding current language revitalization efforts. The only action I can take now is to become active again in language maintenance efforts on the homeland.

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A Sicangu Perspective

By Lydia Whirlwind Soldier

We cannot depend on schools to save the language



In my travels I found that tribes across this country are exerting their sovereignty to preserve their languages through different strategies. A Pueblo tribal government in New Mexico exerted their tribal sovereignty by taking their children from the classroom for one hour each day and teaching them their language. Their true commitment is reflected in their financial support. They are paying their language teachers with tribal funds the wage of a professional . They acknowledge that these teachers have skills that have not been learned or could not be learned in higher institutions. Their tribal communities are determined to preserve their language by having special community events that ensure their language is used during these events. These are actions that we must take into account. We must consider ways in which to teach our people to value and respect our language. We can start by teaching our children from the time they began to speak and reward those children who are speaking our language. We must find ways to preserve our language not in the future but today.

We as Sicangu have not made a serious commitment to save our language and preserve our identity. We have turned our language and history over to the schools, the very institutions who are partially responsible for the loss of our language and who have not yet produced one fluent speaker since the inception of Indian Studies. Schools on the reservation pay language teachers minimum wage because they refuse to acknowledge language teachers have special skills that are held by a few. Instead Lakota language is treated like a stepchild, like something they have to put up with. They do the minimum so they can defend that they are attempting to do something. But, in reality we cannot place the blame fully on the schools because we as families have not made a serious effort in our homes.

As I was growing up most youths my age knew how to speak Lakota or at least understood what the elders were talking about. We didn't realize or understand how important it was to preserve and maintain our language at that time. We took our Lakota language for granted never thinking that one day it would be threatened with extinction. Maybe because of the stigma and punishment that was associated with our language many denied they spoke or understood Lakota. It was pounded into our heads that it was not good to be Lakota. Yet, we cannot blame those who were punished for not teaching their children our language, as caring and loving parents they were trying to protect their children. However, today, some have been truly brainwashed, they talk about our ceremonies as devil worship or spout other ridiculous comments. Or worse yet, they ridicule others who are trying to speak Lakota which is a way of discouraging them from trying. We must be aware this is all part of the assimilation process. For maybe a century we were in a survival mode. Many of us still carry unresolved grief and anger because of those experiences. Obviously, despite all that our parents did to protect us there were some things that happened in boarding school they never knew about, things that would be hard for them to believe. That is part of our history that we must overcome. For the sake of our children we need to acknowledge and examine where things went wrong and live our lives with determination so our children will have better lives and be proud of their identity.

Mitakuyepi, It is time to restore the spiritual quality of life that is integral to being Lakota. It is time to examine our lives and make a commitment that we must enrich the lives of our children with family commitment and traditions, with our language and history and culture. Lakota language is crucial to the survival of our culture and our identity. This is absolutely true, there are many concepts in our language that cannot be translated into English. Language is woven into all Lakota spiritual concepts, it is a link to our ideals, such as family connections, compassion for others, sharing and taking care of each other. It is a tie that is tightly knotted to our prayers and songs sung in ceremonies.

Some languages are said to be romance languages, others languages sound cold and harsh but the Lakota language is a language of the spirit. It is a language that reflects what is most important in life. Many of our values spoken in English seem to be only surface concepts that do not t touch our hearts and spirits. This is so because our philosophy for life in ingrained in our language something that English cannot define.

As a little child, I remember my great grandmother, Elizabeth Whirlwind Soldier, brushing my hair from my face and wiping the tears from my eyes when I fell and skinned my knee saying "Sika, Sika." I knew I was loved just by that one simple little word. I knew someone cared how I felt, cared that I was hurt and that one little word was spoken with support and love. We lost that when we went to boarding school, where no one cared about our injuries and least of all our feelings. In boarding school we grew up in a world of numbness and many may still feel that way today. They lost that sense of togetherness, of family and compassion. Maybe that is why we are losing so many of our young to self-destruction.

This holiday season I think of the families who have lost loved ones. My heart goes out to them. There is so much about being Lakota that our youth do not know about. In my solitude I search for solutions and I catch a glimpse of those young people who have not seen life as worth living. I press them strongly into my prayers and thoughts and think; "What can we do! How can we help our youth." How did our past leaders get us through those times of great difficulties and tribulations? I know that their goal was the survival of our people - to keep us strong and together. The heartbreak they must have experienced. We are fortunate, Mitakuyepi. We have so much to be proud of, we had great leaders who had foresight, we had great families who valued family life and who inspired their young to look to the future. Yes, we are fortunate, we have a great history. I treasure being Lakota. I choose to remember the good of our people.

The holiday season always remind me of the happy times with my Whirlwind Soldier Great Grandparents and Grandparents. I can't help but remember the love and compassion that my family demonstrated when we, my brothers and I came home from boarding school. We didn't even realize that we were poor. Our little bags of Christmas candy and nuts were a special treat. Even today tears come to my eyes, my feelings are overwhelming when I hear Christmas hymns sung in Lakota. I lament that many of our youth have not experienced that very strong concept of family. The breakdown of family didn't happen over night but began with the separation of children from their families. With much effort and determination we can restore what we have lost.

Le lila wopila tanka heca. I am grateful to be Lakota, Mitakuyepi. remember we are Lakota and our language is the bond that holds us together. I hope that in this coming new year we seriously consider ways to save our Lakota language - we cannot depend fully on the schools to do this. Our Lakota language is the strongest connection to who we are. Our blood, our genes make us Lakota. *Mitakuyepi, unsikicila unpi.*

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High School Girl's basketball
Saturday, Dec. 22 McLaughlin vs. Waverly South Shore at Aberdeen; Thursday, Dec. 27 Red Cloud at Redfield Classic in Redfield, Miller Area at Todd County, St. Francis at McLaughlin; Friday, Dec. 28 Colome at Marty; Saturday, Dec. 29 Red Cloud vs. Platte in Winner at Snowball Classic.

Lakota Nation Invitational Girl's tourney
Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center-10 a.m. Pine Ridge vs. Crazy Horse, 11:30 a.m. Cheyenne Eagle Butte vs. Oh Day Aki, 1 p.m. Red Cloud vs. Lower Brule, 2:30 p.m. St. Francis vs. Flandreau Indian, 4 p.m. Standing Rock vs. Takini, 5:30 p.m. Todd County vs. Crow Creek, 7 p.m. Little Wound vs. Hill City and 8:30 p.m. Custer vs. White River; Thursday's games are at St. Thomas More and RC Central with championship game set for Saturday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. in Civic Center.

Lakota Nation Invitational boy's tourney
Wednesday, Dec. 19 at St. Thomas More 10 a.m. Red Cloud vs. Crazy Horse, 11:30 a.m. White River vs. Lower Brule, 1 p.m. Todd County vs. Flandreau Indian, 2:30 p.m. Hill City vs. Custer and at SD Tech 4 p.m. Oh Day Aki vs. Takini, 5:30 p.m. Standing Rock vs. Crow Creek, 7 p.m. Little wound vs. St. Francis and 8:30 p.m. Cheyenne Eagle Butte vs Pine Ridge with all of Thursday games at the Civic Center and championship set for Saturday, Dec. 22 at 8:30 p.m.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
Grand entries at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25 at Pine Ridge School, for information call 867-5174.

32nd Lakota Nation Invitational
Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 19-22 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, 16 high school team boy's basketball tournament, 16 team girl's basketball tournament, wrestling, boxing, hand games, knowledge bowl, language competition, storytelling contest, for information contact Bryan Brewer at Pine Ridge School, 867-1173.

Hand Game Tournament
Third annual Wellness and Indian Nations Hand Game Tournament in Rapid City in the Rushmore Room of the Alex Johnson Hotel with a Bone-Hog Hand Game Tournament Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 19, 20 from 7-11pm and Open Hand Games Tournament. on Friday, Saturday, Dec. 21, 22 from 7 p.m. until finish, for information call Kevin 390-8987, Hoksila 441-8661 or Wilmer 454-6045.

Health Careers Presentation
Thursday, Dec. 20 from 1-1:45 p.m. during the LNI Health Institute in the Sheraton Room of the Best Western Ramkota Inn with presentation on public health, epidemiology, emergency medicine and going back to school.

Reading Jamboree
Third annual LNI Bear Program Reading Jamboree, Thursday, Dec. 20 from 5-8 p.m. at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City with booths, Bear characters for information call Tiny at 454-0518.

Tiwahe Igluwita Pe
Second Annual reunion of Lakota Nation Invitational USD Native Alumni Reunion, Friday, Dec 21, 5:30-7 p.m. in the LaCroix Room A at the Civic Center in Rapid City.

OST Special Election Board
Letters of interest and resumes are being accepted for possible nomination to a special OST Election Board, deadline for submissions is Friday, Dec. 21 at the OST Secretary's Office, for information call 867-5621, ext. 268.

Wanbli Wakanyeja 2nd Wacipi
Saturday, Dec, 22 at the Mother Butler Center in Rapid city with traditional feed at 5 p.m., grand entry at 7 p.m., specials, candy bags for children, booths, for information call Stephanie 454-6688.

Kiyuksa Holiday Basketball tournament
Kiyuksa men's basketball tourney, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 27-29 at Little Wound School gym in Kyle, double elimination, cash tournament, or information call Marcel at 455-2690 or 441-1235.

Weekend Warrior Part 2
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 18-20 in Mission at the Sinte Gleska University Multi Purpose building, men's 10 team independent basketball tournament, for information contact Ken at 208-5672 or Dave at 747-2539.

Rowland awarded tribal director of the year

PINE RIDGE - The Oglala Sioux Tribe presented Jackie "Siers" Rowland, director of the Higher Education Program, with the Director of the Year Award.

The top five nominees were announced at the first awards ceremony held on Dec. 5 in the Lakota Dome at the Prairie Wind Casino.

This event starts the beginning of a new era for the Oglala Sioux Tribe in recognizing directors for their hard work and dedicated services to the tribe and to the members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Rowland has been an employee for the tribe a total of 23 years in various positions within the tribe, but took an interest in the education of our youth.

She has been the director for the Higher Education Program for nine years. "With a commitment to her goals in providing a service to the Native American students, Jackie has proven to be a valuable asset to the people of the Oglala Sioux Tribe," said Alice Perkins.


Jackie Rowland

Perkins said she is grateful for the tribe to give out awards such as this and hopes it continues in the future.

Other awards were presented at the awards ceremony also on Dec. 5.

A list of the awards was not submitted by press time.

Cultural awareness and suicide prevention workshops Jan. 30 and 31

MISSION - The Suicide Awareness Partnership Project through the South Dakota Division of Mental Health and the HELP!Line Center is proud to sponsor a cultural awareness in mental health treatment and suicide prevention training.

The training is a two day learning experience in Lakota culture and perspectives relating to mental health issues and suicide. This 15 hour training will be delivered by staff from Wakanyeja Pawicayapi Inc. (Children First) program. The workshop is free.

Learn about Lakota beliefs and practices relating to perspectives in mental health treatment and suicide.

Examine how Lakota life ways are critical to ensuring healthy development of children, youth and families and how Lakota cultural interventions are used in suicide prevention.

Explore this through an understanding of Lakota human development stages, necessary Lakota interventions in development and historical issues that have affected Lakota generations.

The Training Dates are Jan. 30-31, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the human services building at the commons rooms at Sinte Gleska University, Mission.

Seating is limited to 30 and pre- registration is required. Register now with Nancy Fleming at 605-484-0738 or nancy@helplinecenter.org.

Red Cloud Indian School honors Chief Red Cloud

By Tina Merdanian
Red Cloud Indian School

PINE RIDGE - As part of Chief Red Cloud Honoring Day, Monday, Dec. 10, school wide, students at Red Cloud Indian School took time to remember and honor the Historic Chief Red Cloud with prayers. During the day, the curriculum included lessons on the life and history of Chief Red Cloud.

The students learned that during the mid 1800s, a series of battles broke out between the Lakota eager to protect their homeland and the United States government, intent on domination over all land within its exterior borders. Several treaties, including the famous Fort Laramie Treaty of 1851, were made and quickly broken during this slowly rising conflict.

Chief Red Cloud became a great leader of the Oglala, Lakota and led the most successful military campaign ever waged against the United States by an indigenous group.

The result of Chief Red Cloud's great military success was the signing of the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868, which established the western half of South Dakota as Lakota land, and provided a short period of peace in the area.

In 1874, Custer's expedition into the Black Hills breached the treaty and war was renewed in the Black Hills area. Finally, in 1878 Chief Red Cloud's followers were given a "permanent place" on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Over time, Chief Red Cloud had many dealings with men he knew as the Sina Sapa, the "black robes." Sina Sapa referred to the black cassocks worn by men of the Society of Jesus, better known as the Jesuits. The Jesuits were and continue to be renowned for their emphasis on education. Chief Red Cloud saw education as the only true route to freedom for indigenous peoples. Chief Red Cloud sent a petition to Washington, D.C. to allow the Jesuits to come to the Reservation and set up a school "so that our children may be as wise as the white man's children." Red Cloud saw his way of life ending. For Lakota people to prosper, the children must be given the tools to walk in both worlds.


One of the first buildings on the Red Cloud Indian School campus, that was built in 1888 and housed the first students.

Federal policy "Grant Peace Policy" at that time designated the Pine Ridge Reservation as a Protestant reservation--that is, the only religious sect allowed to proselytize to the Oglala Lakota "Sioux."

This policy complicated the granting Red Cloud's request; but his desire was realized in 1888 shortly before he died.

Try to picture what those first days of school must have been like for the Lakota students, as well as their teachers.

Just think, the year was 1888, only 12 years after the Custer battle. Surely the parents of some those students took part in defending their way of life. Many of the great Leaders who valiantly fought to save the Lakota's free and independent way of life were still living-Red Cloud, Sitting Bull, American Horse and others.

These were truly "nature's children", they spent their days under open skies of the rolling pine covered hills, and for many of them the colors from mother earth was home.

Then suddenly they were in school, in this very building you see pictured here. How frustrating it must have been to be in a closed off classroom, hour after hour.

Their only "reading" had been interpreting Mother Natures signs and what she had to offer every human on earth, but now they were to learn from white paper with all those strange and puzzling marks. And, as if this wasn't enough, they could speak no or very little English and their teachers were strangers to the Lakota language.

But somehow they got along and while only 54 students enrolled at first, word spread that it was not long for a few weeks they were engulfed with 125 students, all boarders, in a building that was planned for one hundred.

Probably this should have been expected, for this school was, after all, Red Cloud's great dream for his Lakota children.

After the long, sad wars were over, and the Lakota traditional way of life has been suppressed, Red Cloud knew that his people were going to have to learn to travel a new road.

Money for this building was provided by Katherine Drexel, the daughter of a wealthy Philadelphia businessman.

In the beginning the school was intended to be primarily a vocational school. While the students were taught reading, writing, and arithmetic, great stress was placed on farming and the mechanical arts for the boys, and the girls were taught housekeeping, cooking, sewing, spinning, and weaving. As the years went by, however, many more subjects were added, and a full fledged high school was established.

In 1969, Holy Rosary Mission School officially changed its name to Red Cloud Indian School, both as a sign of respect for the man who had the vision to found the school, and to demonstrate that Red Cloud Indian School's mission is to help form the next generations of Lakota leaders; including the development of a lasting bond between two cultures working to enhance the best parts of both to better serve the people of the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Christmas Eve Services
Monday, Dec. 24 at the Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Pine Ridge at 10 p.m., for information call 867-6101.

Open gymnasium
Tuesday nights at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge from 4:30-8 p.m. open to all ages sponsored by the Oyate Blihelya Diabetes Prevention Program.

Co-dependency Support Group
Meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the AA trailer in Pine Ridge.



~Carol M. Jacobs~

PORCUPINE - Carol M. Jacobs, 74, died Dec. 16 at Rapid City Regional Hospital of natural causes.



She is survived by her husband Wesley "Hot Shot" Jacobs, Sr., Porcupine; sons Wesley "Chuck" Jacobs, Jr., and Jim Jacobs of Porcupine; Tim Jacobs of Denby; daughters Cindy Jacobs, Porcupine; brothers Clarence "Pat" Pourier, Lester Pourier, Duane Pourier, Delbert Pourier and Curtis Pourier all of Porcupine; sisters Edna Pilcher and Deanna Pourier of Porcupine; Lavonne Richards of Umatella, Ore.; Phyllis Pourier of Rockyford, and 20 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

A one night wake begins at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20 at Our Lady of Lourdes School Gym, Porcupine.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, at Our Lady of Lourdes School Gym.

Officiating will be Rev. Chris Collins with internment at the Jacobs Family Cemetery, PSioux Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

~Charlene Mary Bush~

MARTIN - Charlene Mary Bush, 56, died Dec. 19 at the Bennett County Hospital.

She is survived by her sons Fred Bush Jr., of Rapid City and Joseph Bush of Martin; her daughters Karen Bush of Lame Deer, Mont., Sheri Timber, Clara Dean Black Tail Deer-Bush of Ashland, Mont. and Angel Ray Bush and Lily Bush of Martin and numerous grandchildren; her sisters Ramona Ashmore of Salt Lake City, Utah, Alvina Dubray, Devonna Bush, Amanda Takes War Bonnett, all of Martin, Phyllis White Bear Claws of Madison, and Jackie Reddy of Alberton, Mont. her brothers Albert Apple and William Apple of Martin.

Arrangements are pending with Sioux Funeral Home of Rapid City.

~Dennis W. Kills Enemy At Night~

SLIM BUTTES - Dennis W. Kills Enemy At Night, 40, Slim Buttes, died Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the Pine Ridge Hospital. Survivors include his parents, Steve and Darlene Kills Enemy

At Night, Slim Buttes; four brothers, Narcisse, Victor, Purvis and Dale Kills Enemy At Night, all of Slim Buttes; and one sister, Delara Kills Enemy At Night, Slim Buttes.

Wake services were Saturday, Dec. 15, at Slim Buttes Community Center.

Funeral services were. Monday, Dec. 17, at the center, with the Rev. Ron Gonzales officiating. Burial was at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Cemetery in Slim Buttes.

Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Bruce Strong Heart~

FORT YATES, N.D. - Bruce Strong Heart, 38, Fort Yates, died Thursday, Dec. 6 due to injuries received in an automobile accident.

Wake services were Sunday, Dec. 16, at the A.J. Agard Building in Fort Yates.

Funeral services were Monday, Dec. 17, at the building, with traditional services by Victor Brave Thunder, George Iron Shield, Cedric Good House and Felix Kidder Sr. Burial was at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Cemetery.

~John L. Cross Dog, Sr.~

OGLALA - John L. Cross Dog, Sr. 46, died Dec. 17 at the Pine Ridge Hospital of natural causes. He is survived by sons John Cross Dog, Jr., Caesar Cross Dog and Bradley Cross all of Porcupine; brothers Linn Cross Dog, Calico; Chester Cross Dog, Rex Crow and Eldon Cross Dog of Oglala; William Cross Dog and Ronald Cross Dog of

Inez, Ky.; sisters Marilyn Deer of Lacrosse, Wis.; Wanda Cross Dog and Flora Cross Dog of Oglala.

A two-night wake begins Thursday, Dec. 20 at Loneman School, Oglala.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22 at Loneman School.

Officiating will be Rev. Agnes Tyon with traditional Lakota services by Mr. Rick Two Dogs

Burial will be at Advent Chapel Episcopal Cemetery, Calico.

~Anetha Rose Horse~

PORCUPINE - Anetha Rose Horse, 56, died Dec. 19 at the Pine Ridge hospital. Survivors are a son Tim Bull Bear, Rapid City; daughters Mona Bull Bear, Molina Bull Bear and Verine Bull Bear of Kyle and Gayle Three Stars of Pine Ridge; brothers Carl Elk Boy, Warren Elk Boy and John Elk Boy all of Sharps Corner; sisters Bernadine Elk Boy and Diane Elk Boy of Sharps Corner and Velma Elk Boy of Sacramento, Calif.

A one-night wake begins on Sunday, Dec. 23, at the Porcupine CAP Office.

Funeral services are 10 a.m. Monday, at the Porcupine CAP Office.

The holiday season is here, Christmas is just around the corner and a New Year will be upon us very soon. We will take this time to remember a very special elite group of men and women who are serving in our nations military today. Men and women who cannot be home to share the holidays with their loved ones. These brave men and women who have set aside their personal pursuits to protect our freedom, guarding our way of life. We salute them as they are serving state side and throughout the world. We ask that everyone keep them and their families in your prayers always. And to those who have served since the conflicts have begun and you are home now, we proudly embrace you and welcome you home. THANK YOU for your service to our country. God Bless you and the sincerest heartfelt hope for peace on earth. With the very best wishes from, Lillian Tobacco and granddaughters Tia Groover, Stacee Watters and Gracie Good Voice Flute.

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Dear Anna,

Hope all is well for you and you are keeping warm today, I am writing because of some steps I have taken from the last time I wrote. I took a step, I stopped being afraid and moved out of my residence. I guess what I am asking is when I move in the close near future do you see me doing good? Will I find a place? And a good job?

The other question I have for you is do you see me having another child in the future with my current significant other or for that fact is there something wrong with him or me so we haven?t been able to have a child? God bless and have a wonderful holiday season.

Wanting a child

Dear Wanting a Child:

Yes, you will find a place - probably in Rapid City. I see a house with three bedrooms, one bathroom, a small kitchen and a living and dining room. It looks to me that it is slightly off the street and has a tall tree towards the back. The house sits on a small incline in the front yard. This is probably one year from now.

I do see a pregnancy...actually, what I see is you holding a baby, in a light blue soft flannel blanket, standing at the window in an older home. The walls are yellow and the window is surrounded by wood. It is snowing outside, and there is quite a pile of snow. I can see hedge at the edge of your yard covered by snow.

The baby is very new, probably under a couple of weeks old. So, when will that be? Probably not this winter - so most likely next winter. The baby will be born just before the snow storm hits.

I see you working in office job - or a support role to an executive. This must mean that you are going to go to school to better your job skills; thereby you will create a better reality for yourself. I feel like this begins this January.

Remember, you are in charge of creating your life in the way you live, think, pray, and work towards the dream. First, see in your mind and feel in your heart what you want to create, secondly, pray for the opportunity to recognize the gifts (things) the Creator brings you to help you create this dream, thirdly, pray to recognize the opportunities (people) that are brought to you, and fourthly, do what you need to do to get it done. In other words, See what needs to be done, do what needs to be done and it will be done. Always work towards your dream with gratefulness, or Wopila in your heart.

Always love everyone that offers you the opportunity to work. Always give Wopila, and always share your good fortunes with others. That will give you wiconi. You will love your life.

Dear Anna,

First of all, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you! And second I believe in you, as you gave my mom truth and strength. I too would like to know what's in store for me.

Well, first of all, I have three sons from three different men and I couldn't keep none of the relationships. I'm also very unhappy, very poor, have no car and feel lost.

I was once happy, with my third son's father, whom I still love, but for some reason I got scared and threw it all away. Then I became very lost, still longing for this. I'm very hurt by everything I mean everything, please tell me what you see my future or please give me some advice or direction.

The lost coward

Dear Lost coward:

Oh my. Reading this letter made my solar-plexis (stomach area) tighten up. I feel your despair. I am not lecturing you, but please try to change your perspective, and it will change your experience. Here is how, look at the three man thing this way: Okay, so I haven't found the man that will love me just as I am and that I can love with all the love a human being deserves. I'm okay with that. Now, understand this: each child was designed by the Creator to have the parents he/she has. There are no accidents. Each child has a soul agreement as to who his/her parents will be. This is a sacred agreement. That will allow you to forgive yourself for your choices.

And next:...for your own benefit, God also gave you the chance to experience what you don't want and who you don't want as a quick and impact lesson. Keep choosing men that are similar to each other and you will have similar experiences. Learn that you don't want an angry, insecure man, and a healthy man will not want an angry, insecure woman either.

Please learn to come from a more positive place in your heart. Fear destroys everything it touches. It causes wars. Fear, in analogic terms, is the devil's wedge. If you come from a place of fear it will control you. For instance, if you are afraid your mate will be unfaithful, then you will treat them in that harsh way, second-guessing them and harassing them, until you harass them right out the door and into the arms of another. Come back to center. Read the Four Agreements, by Don Miguel Ruiz, available at Borders...once you get it, you can get on in your life and begin in a better place to live a better life. This book will give you a formula for successful personal relationships, better self-esteem and a better understanding of who you are.

Your life will be better. You will have a good home, good love and fulfilling work. I see that for you, so now see it for yourself and do what must be done. Consider this, your life is just about to be fun. I promise.

Dear Anna,

Recently I have diagnosed with a disease that will eventually take my life. I tried to tell my children but it is so easy to see they either don't care or they are in denial. I told my ex husband and he doesn't seem to grasp it also. He needs to know for their sake. I feel I am bonded closely to my daughters but not with my sons. Now I am wondering if maybe they really don't care or they in denial. When I talk to them about it, they change the subject or ignore me.

What do you suggest? I almost feel as though I should just let it go and go on with my life and do the things I feel I need to do to prepare them for it, like teaching my youngest to survive without me.

Needing Advice

Dear Needing Advice:

I see your sons as not being able to handle it at all - not conversationally nor in any way. They will go so far as to not allow others to speak of it either. That is just them, so please understand, they love you and that is why they can't deal with the reality of your death.

Your ex also doesn't know how to react, this is unchartered territory for him. You can bet though, when you finally make your Journey, he will cry.

Please, yes. Go on with your life and do the things you need to do to prepare your youngest.

Please live in the moment, because you are still here, physical, alive and loving. I think that you have longer here on the earth than the doctor's have said. Please, if you can find it in your heart, go to ceremony.

Enjoy your time here. It is all any of us really have.

You are well respected, loved and a gentle one. Your journey, when it comes, will be truly beautiful. My heart and prayers travel with you always.

Dear Anna:

What do you think about what is going on with the Pine Ridge council? I mean about the drug testing and the trouble and the suspensions and the going to court and the proposed recall of the council people. What do you think?

This time, they even amazed me.

Amazed

Dear Amazed:

I have one word for it: IRONY. Just from an observational stand point (and believe me I could write books on what I think), and to keep it simple I want to ask a few questions to The People about this council: What, besides bickering and tearing up people, not only within their own group, but in the programs...what positive thing have they done? Have they enacted any rulings or cleaned up any abuses to help the children, the elderly or the tribe in general?

Have they established anything that will stand good for The People throughout time? Have they improved the lives of The People in any way? Have they created any suggestions or plans for improving the economic infrastructure for he Tribe?

Thank Tunkisila, they are elected positions. I feel that this council needs therapy.

That, pretty much, is what I think. Oh, by the way, I do understand that some council members feel that their hands are tied, because the whole group is polarized. For you, then, pray and do the right thing. Please, get out of objecting to and about people. Read the Four Agreements by Don Miguel Ruiz, available at Borders. Read it, then see if you guys can get along. It can't hurt.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

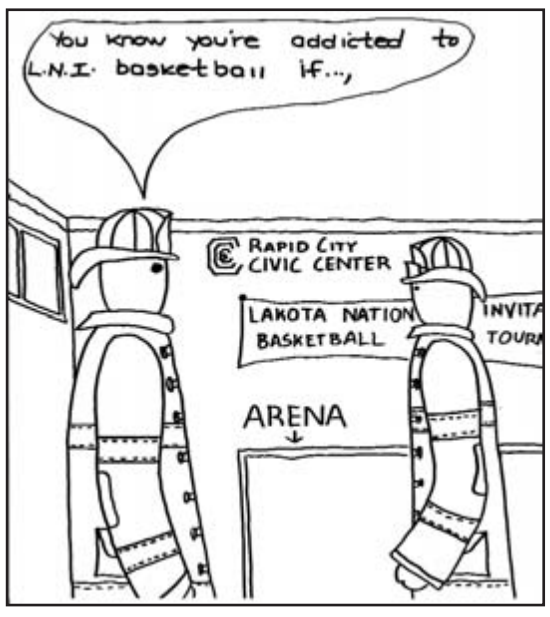
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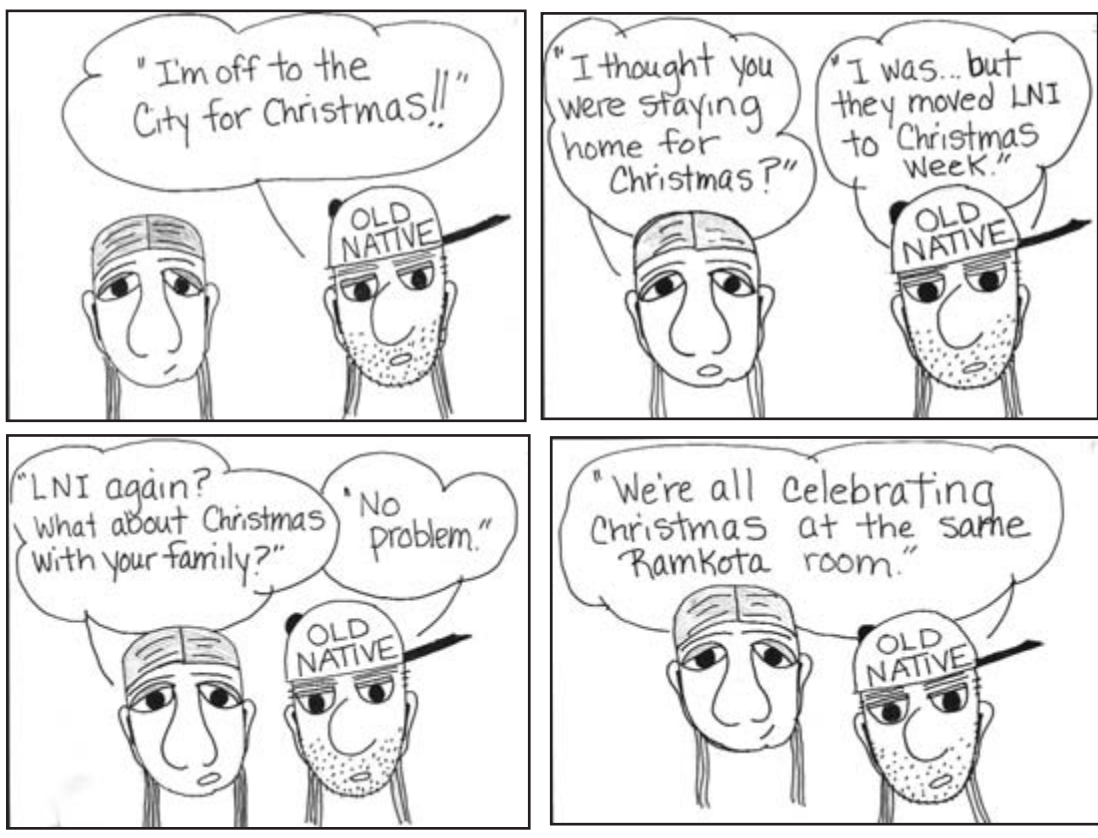
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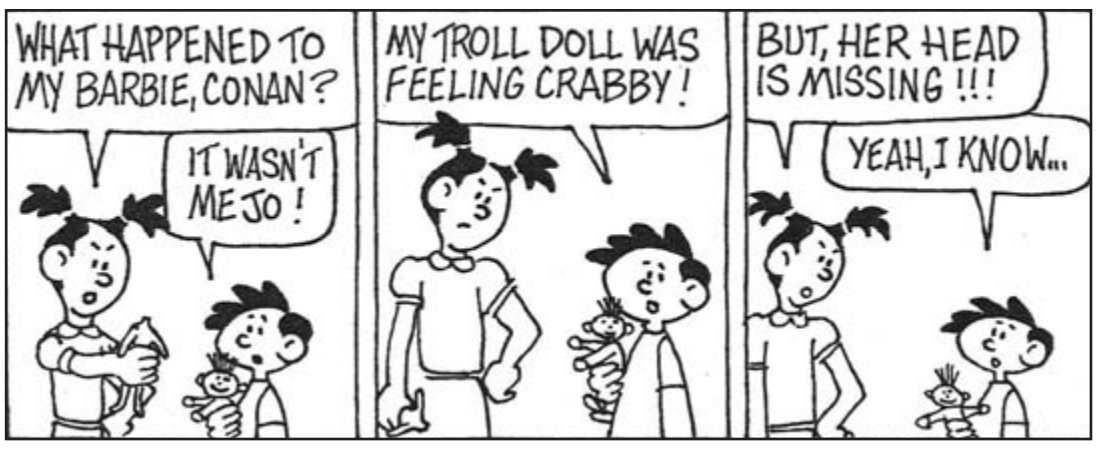
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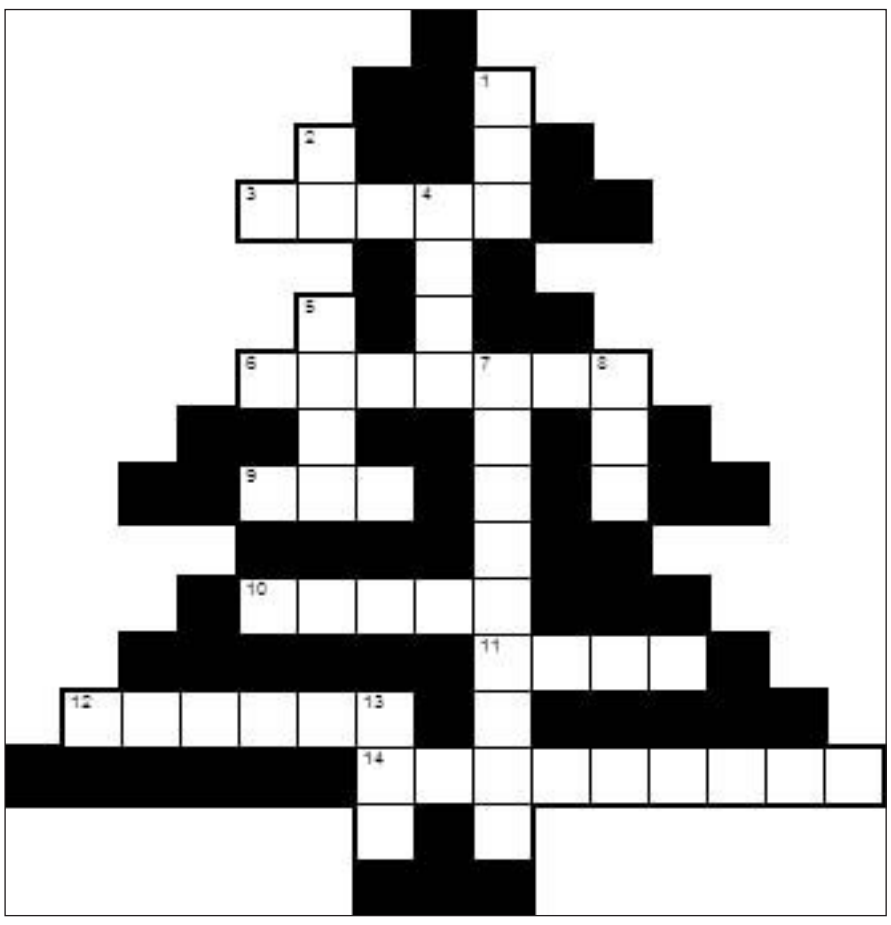


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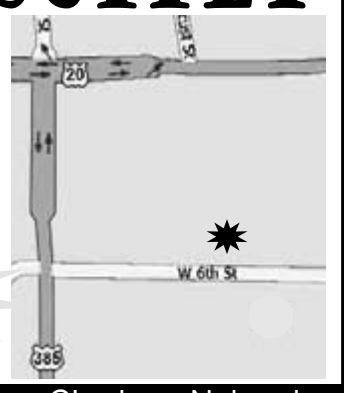


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Little Wound, Brice Hornbeck set to defend title

Cavaliers are gone, White River has arrived, Red Cloud is number one seed

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

RAPID CITY - For the second time in the history of the Lakota Nation Invitational, the two teams who played in the LNI championship game returned three months later to play for the State A championship. Last year it was Little Wound knocking off the defending state champion, St. Thomas More 49-46 to win the LNI; in March the Mustangs and the Cavaliers played for the State A championship on the same Civic Center floor, STM downed Little Wound by 10 points to win their second straight State A championship. Their loss to Little Wound in December was their only loss in two years.

In 1989, Custer and Red Cloud played for the LNI championship, Custer won a hard fought battle. Both coaches agreed to meet on the same floor three months later for the state championship, neither coach, Larry Luitjens of Custer or Dusty LeBeau of Red Cloud, had any idea that the wish made in December would play itself out as a state championship game three months later on the same floor; Custer won the state championship in a hard fought game with Red Cloud.

White River is set to make its first appearance in the Lakota Nation tourney; when the first SD Sportswriters poll came out in mid-December, White River was rated number one in the B while Red Cloud was number one in the A. If by chance, White River and Red Cloud played for the LNI championship, it would be the first time two number one ranked teams met in the LNI championship game.

On another historical note, Louie Krogman, a senior point guard for White River is set to break the all time individual scoring record for all classes in South Dakota. Don Jacobson, Lake Norden, finished with 2,825 points in his high school career which ended in the mid-fifties. Krogman ended up his junior year with 2,653 points and is set to break the record during the Lakota Nation tourney. Krogman, who has already signed to play college ball at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, has played three games this year and scored 33 in the first, he had 42 against Winner and 36 against Kadoka. Originally it was predicted Louie would break the record on Friday, during the championship semi-finals but after averaging 37 points in his first three games this year, he is on track to break the record during the championship quarterfinals on Thursday night.

"This goes both ways," said tournament director Bryan Brewer, "the wide focus and attention by people in and out of the state will bring additional attention to the Lakota Nation tourney but with Louie breaking the record during the LNI, we are providing an outstanding stage for this incredible accomplishment, none of us will see this record broken in our lifetimes."

Brice Hornbeck is leading his 2007/08 edition of the Little Wound Mustangs into this year's tourney with the idea of picking up back to back titles. Hornbeck has led his team to two strong opening season wins against St. Francis and Crow Creek; he scored 28 points in the first game and had 26 points, nine rebounds, nine steals and six assists in his second game. McCauley, Big Boy, Pierce, LeBeau, Apple and Shangreaux are gone to graduation and Ty Lunderman, a senior who played on both of Little Wound's state tournament teams won't be back until second semester. Rob Mendoza is the coach and he is busy instilling a stronger sense of team in this year's edition of the Mustangs. After winning last year's LNI, Little Wound went on to a number one ranking during the year and eventually took second in the state to St. Thomas More.

White River is not a one dimensional team any longer. Eldon Marshall has put together a strong supporting cast for his record

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History set to be made at 31st Lakota Nation Invitational



Little Wound Mustangs are reigning champions from 2006. Above: Little Wound's senior forward 6'2" TJ McCauley elevates to shoot over St. Thomas More's 6'7" Kyle Doerr at the LNI championship in Rapid City last year.
PHOTO COURTESY OF RANDY BACHELOR OF WHITE RIVER

LNI Tournament, once again, is much more than basketball

RAPID CITY - "You know, last year and probably this year, the hand game tournament will be bigger than the basketball tourney," said Bryan Brewer, tournament director, "we probably had 38 hand game teams last year compared to 32 basketball teams."

No nothing is bigger than the basketball tournament but there is a lot more than just basketball going on over the four days of the Lakota Nation Invitational.

For the second year, the Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye will host a youth pow wow; it will be 11 a.m. on Wednesday and go to 5 p.m., sponsored by Wolf Creek School and Red Shirt Community School.

The art show opens Wednesday at 9 a.m. Education workshops for the student athletes go Wednesday and Thursday; the Lakota Language Bowl starts on Wednesday; the Knowledge Bowl is in the LaCroix Hall on Wednesday and for the first time there will be a story telling competition, sponsored by the journalism department of South Dakota State University of Brookings.

The Hand game tourney runs Thursday and Friday in the Rushmore Hall; LNI boxing goes Friday in the Rushmore Hall South while wrestling starts Saturday at 10 a.m .with the finals set for 5 p.m. in the arena.

Of course everything culminates with the championship girls and boys basketball games Saturday night at 7 and 8:30 p.m.

There will be a Wiping of Tears ceremony on Friday before the grand entry and a presentation of the 25th Silver Anniversary Girl's team on Friday.

Until the new civic center addition is completed in December of 2008, the tournament will continue to use additional facilities including St. Thomas More High School, Rapid City Central High School and South Dakota Tech college gym.

American Horse pounds Pine Ridge for Big Foot A championship

MARTIN - After a hard fought semi-final win over Little Wound on Wednesday, American Horse came out struggling a bit in the Big Foot A Girl's championship game in Martin on Thursday against undefeated Pine Ridge, Sharay Brewer had five points in the first quarter on the way to a team high 17 points to lead Pine Ridge to a 12-10 first quarter lead until Francis Around knocked down eight points in the second to help he Lady Chiefs to a 22-20 halftime lead on the way to a 54-43 A Championship win.

Sharay hit six of eight free throws in the second to keep the game close but Christina Long Wolf came off the bench for American Horse and grabbed three offensive rebounds and turned them into three straight baskets as the Lady Chiefs extended their lead to 34-32 at the end of three.

Around Him hit for eight of her game high 22 points to help finish off the Lady Thorpes; Tasina Helper, a seventh grader, broke her wrist on Wednesday but kept playing through the championship game finishing with 14 points, seven rebounds, six steals and two assists. Around Him added eight rebounds to her 22 points, five steals and three assists. Marissa Around Him pulled down 12 rebounds with four points and three assists.The Lady Chiefs finished the season 12-1 winning the A championship; Pine Ridge finished 14-1. Brewer totaled 17 points and 13 rebounds.

Little Wound defeated Wolf Creek 63-61 for third place while Red Cloud got by Loneman 41-36 for fifth.



Champs of the Big Foot A conference: American Horse School Lady. Back row: Dario Vasquez, Juanita Deaton, Jonette Dubray, Henriette Kindle, Christina Long Wolf, Marissa Around Him, Coach Dayna Brave Eagle Front row: Frances Around Him, Tasha Fast Wolf. Not pictured: Tasina Helper, Tessa Vasquez, Jessica Yellow Hawk.

All tourney awards went to Morgan Brewer and Arlene Brewer/Wolf Creek, Marissa Brooks and Arlana Brown Bull/Little Wound, Kyleigh Blacksmith and Juliana Her Many Horses/Loneman, Tiarra Little and Shaylene Zimiga/Red Cloud, Brook Pond and Sharay Brewer/Pine Ridge and Marissa Around Him and Tasina Helper/American Horse.

Wolf Creek's Morgan Brewer scored 37 points in the third place game and was named Ms. Offense, Arlana Brown Bull of Little Wound was Ms. Defense, Ms. Hustle went to Sharay Brewer, Team Sportsmanship went to Red Cloud and the MVP honors went to Francis Around Him.

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breaking point guard. RJ Estes, a transfer from Lower Brule joins Frankie Waln, Matthew Bartlett, Kyle Rattling Leaf and Louie's younger brother Jake to make a formidable run at both the LNI title but a State B championship as well. White River has gone to State the past two years taking third last year.

Red Cloud brings a strong, experienced and hungry crew to this year's LNI tourney; the Crusaders finished with a 19-4 record last year, losing to St. Thomas More in the Region 8A championship game.

Red Cloud's four losses came from teams playing for a state championship, two to Little Wound, one to St. Thomas More and one to Chadron who played for the state B championship in Nebraska last year. Red Cloud returns eight of their top ten players with all five starters back. The Crusaders worked hard in the off-season, playing 21 games in the spring and 51 games over June and July in team camps around the region and beyond.

They won the Rapid City Stevens summer league beating RC Central in the championship 82-40.

They also beat White River in the SD Tech team camp finals after knocking off Platte 69-25. In head coach Matt Rama's fifth year at the school, the team brings a strong focus on team defense, an up-tempo game where every player on the floor can score. Red Cloud will start three seniors, Christian McGhee at the point, Billy Scott at the three position and Art Vitalis at the two guard. Junior Mike Twiss will start at the five and sophomore Carl Swallow will go both two and four.

Seniors Lester Gotheridge and Dave Giago will come off the bench with sophomore Jeremy Blacksmith and freshman Kiley Weston. As Rama says, we are not where we want to be by the end of the season but we are ready for the tourney, we have an experienced crew and we will play defense, a very strong defense. Red Cloud was rated number one in the first South Dakota Sports-writers poll, number two in the KSFY /KWSN poll and now number three in the South Dakota Newspaper Association poll.

White River should play Pine Ridge or Cheyenne Eagle Butte in the second round on Thursday, they will play Todd County or Little Wound in the semis. Red Cloud opens with Crazy Horse on Wednesday and will probably play Custer on Thursday and if they get past Larry Luitjen's team, they will face Standing Rock or Oh Day Aki to get to the championship.

"A minute after last year's LNI was over I started looking forward to this year's tourney," said Tally Plume, sports broadcaster for KILI Radio and parent of James Plume, a freshman on the Red Cloud team, "this last month, I can't believe how much I have looked forward to this tournament, I can't wait for it to start."

LNI celebrates 25th girl's tournament

Pine Ridge looks to repeat as LNI champ, has won 10 of the 24 tourneys

By Tom Crash
Times Sports Correspondent

RAPID CITY - The Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes knocked off Cheyenne Eagle Butte last year 63-33 for their tenth LNI championship in 24 years; in late September the Lady Thorpes were named the number one seed of the girl's tourney. Pine Ridge opens the 25th tourney against the Crazy Horse Lady Chiefs on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Civic Center. With wins over St. Francis and Little Wound, they are 2-0 and ranked fifth in Class A girls in the South Dakota Newspaper Association most recent poll.

Pine Ridge is missing Robin Webber, graduation, Nichelle Red Owl, transfer and Christian Janis, health but they have added a future Hall of Fame coach as Dusty LeBeau returns to the sidelines this year after stepping down because of the health of his wife Tess four years ago.

Pine Ridge will not be without challengers though, Cheyenne Eagle Butte also comes into the tourney with a 2-0 record, with a new coach, Alissa Kingfisher Benoist and a young but salty team ready to better their runner-up finish last year. The Lady Braves have a strong inside game with junior Jessica Keckler, two young sophomores who started all last year, Nadia Watt and Lacy Leaf and a host of young and up and coming players ready to fill the void left by the graduation of Brittany Azure and Jordyn Brown.

Standing Rock has opened the year with five straight wins and is led by freshman phenom, Shauna Long, who is averaging 21 points a game from her guard position. Red Cloud is the number three seed and returns all of the players who helped the team to the State A tourney last year. Marque Lunderman, a 5'8" junior is back ready to pick up where she left off last year, averaging close to 18 points a game and eight rebounds. Seniors Ida Clark and Lisa Bear Robe blossomed last year and are ready to finish their high school career on a high note, Lisa on the boards and Ida providing a solid offense to augment Lunderman and a stifling defense. Shaina Clifford has moved from the point to the three position and will be free to score at will. Junior Desiree Blacksmith takes over the point and Casara Pine and sophomore Kristy Boltz will be strong players off the bench. The Lady Crusaders beat Little Wound 64-59 on the road to open the season.

Little Wound could very well be the best 0-3 team in the state losing to Red Cloud, Pine Ridge and Bennett County to open the season. The Lady Mustangs feature Nichelle Red Owl at the shooting guard position, Red Owl returned from spending two years at Pine Ridge, she will average close to 20 points a game. Kirsten Clifford, a 5'11" sophomore will only get better this year after a sterling freshman year; Clifford pulled down 21 rebounds and scored 12 against last year's state runner-up Bennett County on Monday night. Kanisha Rooks, a sophomore point guard will get much stronger as the year progresses and Dakota Flying Hawk, 5'9" freshman, will get more and more minutes as she gets used to Ted Standing Soldier's system.

This year's LNI girl's tournament is probably the most balanced it has been in a long while, Pine Ridge is the number one seed and the defending champ but St. Francis and Standing Rock will challenge them on their way to the championship game. On the other side of the bracket, Cheyenne Eagle Butte will have to fend off Little Wound and Red Cloud to get a rematch of last year's championship game. And once there are two teams in the championship game, its all up for grabs, it goes to the team who wants it the most, who works the hardest, it should be a great tournament.

Girls Team Scores from Week 2

Bennett County 62-50 Little Wound
Pine Ridge 53-49 Little Wound
Roslyn 42-39 Tiospa Zina
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Crow Creek 46-36 Flandreau Indian
Takini 66-44 Crazy Horse
St. Francis 53-51 Tiospa Zina
Marty 58-32 Lower Brule
McLaughlin 45-36 Tiospaye Topa
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Silver Anniversary Lakota Nation team chosen to mark first 25 years

RAPID CITY - Out of 78 players nominated for the LNI Girls Basketball Silver Anniversary team, 15 players were selected to represent the best of the 25 years of the girl's tournament. The anniversary team will be announced on Friday before the grand entry, each player selected will receive a jacket and a plaque.

The Silver Anniversary team is being sponsored by the Pine Family, in memory of Cassandra Pine, a student-athlete who attended Red Cloud Indian School.

Those nominated for consideration included: Bennett County Tara Denke, Cheyenne Eagle Butte Francine McClure, Donna Traversie, Brittany Knife, Jo Gunville, Brittany Azure, Alissa Kingfisher, Amber Laundreaux and Rolynn Clown, Crazy Horse Madina Clairmont, Melissa Eagle Bear, Crow Creek Ashley Ross, Brenda Kirkie, Angela Hawk, Maria Kirkie, Sis Ross and Jessica Squirrel Coat, Custer Lennea Mueller and Megan Turner, Douglas Sheneka Lee, Flandreau Indian Benni Roberts, Hill City Anna Nelson, Alexis Krull, Little Wound Belva Clifford, Norma Hernandez, Echo LeBeau, Holly Poor Bear, April Clifford, Marie Salomon, Sadie In The Woods and Micah Lunderman, Lower Brule Crystal Middletent and Colette Flute, Mandan Shanlee Taken Alive, McLaughlin Brittni Walker, Pine Ridge SuAnne Big Crow, Doni DeCory, Lolly Steele, Angie Iron, Laura Big Crow, Olivia Desersa, Sheralda Randall, Bobbi Jo LeBeau, Lisa High Wolf and Ruthy Dreamer, Rapid City Central Amanda Carlow, Red Cloud Deb Iron Cloud, Karla Witt, Steph Brings Plenty, Christine Janis, Dana Richards, Michelle Carlow, Jennifer Morrisette and Joni Morrisette, St. Francis Alisa Eagleman, Dina Begay, Leann Marshall, Letha Horse Looking and Ruth White Hat, St. Thomas More Kaye Donnelly, Standing Rock Sunshine Archambault, Takini Cheron Sitting Crow and Todd County Sunni Busch, BuffyWhipple, Melissa LaPointe, Leondra Little Thunder, Jolene One Star, Stacee Valandra, Rachel Valendra, Tipi Means and Summer Lunderman.

The list of 78 nominees was sent to 30 men and women involved in basketball as a player, a coach, an athletic director or an administrator or a media person; each was asked to select 20 from the list and from those lists a committee culled the final silver anniversary team down to 15.

"This was a great idea," said Bryan Brewer, "I just know that they are going to want a similar team for the boys, but it's a great honor for those selected to the team."

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Red Cloud Indian School teams earn top seeds for 2007 LNI

By Tina Merdanian
Red Cloud Indian School

RAPID CITY - At the September meeting to determine the seeding of the teams for LNI, Red Cloud Indian School boys team was ranked the number one seed.

Last year Red Cloud's only losses were to St. Thomas More and Little Wound, teams which played for the South Dakota State A Championship in March and Chadron, Neb., which played for the Nebraska State B championship. The Red Cloud Crusaders' entire starting lineup is returning composed of Christian McGhee, Billy Scott, Lester Gotheridge, Dave Giago and Art Vitalis are returning as well as Mike Twiss, a 6'3" junior and two talented sophomores, Bryer Iron Cloud and Carl Swallow. During the off season, the boys' team participated in several tournaments including Gillette, Wyoming and Denver, Colo., in the spring. In June and July the team traveled 8,000 miles playing 51 games earning a 45-6 record with a final game in Washington D.C. They are off to a good start with their first game win against Bennett County.

The Red Cloud girl's team is seeded number three in the tournament. The team comepeted in the state tournament last spring as a young team with no seniors on their roster. Returning this year are seniors, Ida Clarke and Lisa Bear Robe, outstanding juniors, Marque Lunderman, joined by, Desirae Blacksmith, Danielle Locust and Shaina Clifford. The Lady Crusaders' new coach is Jerome LeBeau, a 1995 graduate of Red Cloud who was a member and leader on the Red Cloud State A championship Team in 1995.

According to the KSFY/KWSN Rankings Red Cloud Boys Basketball team is ranked number two in the state. According to the South Dakota Newspaper Association, the high school basketball polls for the week of Dec. 10. Red Cloud Boys number 4 and the Red Cloud Girls team is ranked number 9 in the state.

With all the rating polls indicating both Red Cloud's basketball teams are in state, there is only one score that is important to Red Cloud student athletes, and that is the their grade point average. Red Cloud basketball coaches work with the schools to make sure the students are not only competitive on the courts but in the classroom as well.

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Bennett County spanks Little Wound, 62-50

KYLE - Keely Krolikowski picked up the ball Monday night and wouldn't let anyone else play with it as she led Bennett County to their fourth straight win 62-50 to open the season, finishing with 36 points, seven rebounds and two steals.

Krolikowski, a 5'8" senior guard who has signed to play ball for Black Hills State next year, set the tone for the game with 11 points in the first quarter while Kanisha Rooks scored six to help keep Little Wound in the game as they were down only 15-14 after one. Keely added eight more points in the second and Bobbie Porch scored six to push the Lady Warriors to a 33-23 halftime lead.

Bennett County had six players contribute scoring in the third as they pushed their lead to 47-30 and the end of three. Bennett County opened the fourth with their largest lead of the night 48-30 only to see Little Wound put on a rally and closed the gap to 49-41 as Nichelle Red Owl reeled off nine quick points but the Lady Warriors, behind Krolikowski's 12 points went right back up 60-43 before wining it 62-50.

"We knew that it was going to be a tough start to our season playing Red Cloud and Bennett County, two teams that went to State last year and Pine Ridge, a team that went 21-1 last year," said Ted Standing Soldier, Jr., Little Wound's coach who helped lead Red Cloud to State last year in his first year as a high school coach, "we definitely have a sense of what we need to work on and we know we can stay and compete with these older and more experienced teams."

Kirsten Clifford, a 5'11" sophomore for Little Wound, led all players with 21 rebounds, she added 12 points and two assists along the way. Red Owl finished with 20 points and Rooks had nine before fouling out with 11 seconds left in the game. The Lady Mustangs are 0-3 and open the Lakota Nation on Wednesday against Hill City.

Bennett County is coming off a 24-2 season and a second place finish in the State A tourney, they are now 5-0 this season and host Stanley County on Thursday, Dec. 27.

Standing Rock brings 5-0 record to Lakota Nation

LINTON - In an earlier unreported game at the end of November, Shauna Long, a 5'2" freshman, led her Standing Rock Lady Warriors to a 60-52 win over Strasburg/Zeeland scoring 25 points.

The Lady Warriors are now 5-0 on the season, Shauna Long in averaging just under 21 points a game as the team heads to the LNI on Wednesday.

Standing Rock is the number five seed in this year's Lakota Nation and will play Takini at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19.

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Porcupine AA meeting

Every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Pahin Sinte College Center in Porcupine, for info call Janice at 867-5404.

Tusweca Tiospaye uniting the Lakota Dakota Nakota oyate to save the language

By Michael Carlow Jr.
Special to the Times

PINE RIDGE - Tusweca Tiospaye, a publicly supported 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is devoted to the promotion and strengthening of the Lakota language, will be coordinating a Lakota Dakota Nakota Language Summit to be held in Rapid City next year, Nov. 11 to 13, 2008. The Theme of this summit is "Uniting the Seven Council Fires to Save the Language."

The Language Summit is an effort to unite the Lakota Dakota Nakota Oyate who are now spread out across reservations in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Montana, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta in a collective and committed effort to save the language. There will be keynote speakers, breakout sessions, panel discussions, and dialogue sessions where ideas, teaching methods, and techniques can be shared.

On the Pine Ridge Reservation, where we are based, we also have a number of events and activities designed to teach and promote the Lakota language and its use:

"Tusweca Tiospaye Lakota Language Classes for children and their families. Classes are scheduled monthly.

"The Tusweca Tiospaye 2nd Annual Lakota Style Hand-game Tournament on April 12, 2008, at the Wolf Creek School Gym.

*The Tusweca Tiospaye 1st Annual Pow-wow on April 25, 2008, at the Wolf Creek School Gym.

"The Tusweca Tiospaye 1st Annual Lakota Culture Camp June 2nd through June 13th, 2008.

Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota language teaching, learning, promotional, and awareness materials are being developed through donation from Nakota Designs, Inc. and a language page on our website is being designed.

To learn more about the Lakota Dakota Nakota Language Summit and Tusweca Tiospaye go to www.tuswecatiospaye.org or call Michael Carlow Jr., Founder and Executive Director of Tusweca Tiospaye at (605) 867-6193. Tusweca Tiospaye is 100 percent Lakota operated, based in Pine Ridge and operates with community and Oglala Sioux Tribal Council support.

Join in the effort to save the language…save the culture…through the voices of our children. Tusweca Tiospaye would love to hear from people, we appreciate and value all inputs, together as a people we can make a difference… as one of our greatest visionaries has said, "Let us put our minds together and see what kind of life we can make for our children." - Tatanka Iyotaka (Sitting Bull).

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Hulk Hogan to be at LNI Friday, Dec. 21

RAPID CITY - During this year's 28th Annual Lakota Nation Invitational Tournament world famous wrestler, actor, and media personality Hulk Hogan is expected to present financial assistance to a number of local area non-profit organizations on behalf of Dreamseekers.

Dreamseekers is a newly-formed foundation co-founded by Hogan and National Indian Gaming Association Chairman, Ernie Stevens, Jr. The foundation's goal is to create healthier communities by assisting young American Indians in areas related to health, education, and leadership development.

A few of the organizations receiving assistance from the National Indian Gaming Association and Dreamseekers will include the Lakota Nation Invitational, Oglala Lakota College, SuAnne Big Crow Boys and Girls Club, Sicangu Child and Family Services of the Rosebud Tribe, Cheyenne River Youth Project, Sitting Bull School will take place at the civic center between 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21.

A few years ago, Hogan approached Stevens about the possibility of building a team in order to positively impact the lives of Native youth throughout Indian country. Last month at the 2007 Global Gaming Expo held in Las Vegas, Nev., details of this historic partnership of Dreamseekers co-founded by Hogan and Stevens were announced. The goal of this new partnership is to raise millions of dollars in assistance for American Indian communities, specifically focusing on efforts to improve healthcare and educational opportunities. "American Indian children are more likely to live in poverty than any other group of children in this country," said Hogan, citing recent U.S. Census Bureau data. He added, "It's time to change that."



Ernie Stevens Jr., chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association and Hulk Hogan, wrestling sensation will be at LNI on Friday, Dec. 21.

Since 2001, Stevens has helped organize an effort to conduct a charity-drive during the holiday season which provides food, toys, and emergency assistance for families and children on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Over the years the Christmas drive has grown and several tribes and communities throughout the Great Plains region also benefit from the event. Stevens, with the assistance from the Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Nation of California, the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians of California, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians of California, Table Mountain Rancheria Band of Indians of California, the Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut, the Seminole Tribe of Florida, International Gaming Technology, Rocket Games, and Video Gaming Technologies will contribute to the cause once again this year. Even as we quickly approach Christmas, tribes and organizations continue to donate.

"I would like to personally thank Councilman Max Osceola and the Seminole Tribe of Florida for bringing Hulkamania to Rapid City," said Stevens. He continued, "The partnership between Indian Country working with Hulk Hogan is just the beginning. It is also a great time to inspire American Indian youth everywhere to join with Dreamseekers' effort to provide a great holiday and help make a difference in Indian Country," said Stevens.

The Lakota Nation Invitational Tournament began 28 years ago on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation as a basketball tournament filled with 8 teams. Since then, it has grown to 32 teams and is one of the largest gatherings of students in the nation. According to the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce, this event brings in an estimated $5 million in revenue for the local economy. The National Indian Gaming Association, in conjunction with Dreamseekers and Hulk Hogan will help boost these numbers during the LNI tournament this year.

The National Indian Gaming Association is a non-profit trade association comprised of 184 American Indian Nations and other nonvoting associate members. The mission of NIGA is to advance the lives of Indian people economically, socially and politically. NIGA operates as a clearinghouse and educational, legislative and public policy resource for tribes, policymakers and the public on Indian gaming issues, sovereignty and tribal community development.


Back row L-R: Loren Ashley, Nailah Washington, Jessica Yellow Hawk, Dusty Richards, Donald Standing Elk Jr. (as Santa), L to R-front--Justion Stone, Contessa Vasquez, Tamarra DuBray.

American Horse School students display holiday spirit

By Jodi Richards
American Horse School

ALLEN - Santa and his helpers collected change from the middle school students and purchased candy for the Head Start children.

They also made banana bread for the elderly, baked cookies, and distributed some candy. Santa are his helpers were the American Horse School student council.

Donald Standing Elk Jr. who played Santa and his helpers Justin Stone, vice president of the student council, Jessica Yellow Hawk who is secretary, Nailah Washington, Tamarra DuBray, Contessa Vasquez, Loren Ashley, and Dusty Richards are student council members.

On Dec. 17, the Middle School Student Council went to the Pass Creek Head Start. Loren Ashley read the poem The Night Before Christmas all of the students sang: Dashing through the Snow, Feliz Navidad, Deck the Halls, and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

The Head Start Students along with Rhonda Tallman sang Jingle Bells for our students. Nailah, Contessa, and Jessica read the story "The Mouse Before Christmas" then the middle school students handed out candy while all of the children got a hug from Santa.

The students then went over to the elderly center and repeated the program as the elders came to pick up their lunch meals.

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Building Healthy Nations training to inspire youth

KYLE - Lakota Funds Oyate Woableza Otipi Program attended Building Healthy Nations Trainer Training at Rapid City for three days of fast pace interactive instruction.

Participants enjoyed the inspirational ideas for savings and finances. Lakota Funds added three more certified Financial Literacy Trainers to their personnel with this training. Participants acquired skills for providing powerful learning techniques used to keep students interest in financial literacy. One of the first goals for the OWOP is to reach our youth of the Oglala Nation with financial literacy. To make this possible there is collaboration with other programs. The promotion of entrepreneurs is an important ingredient to encourage self sufficiency.

Community development and economic development success come together through ownership from community members. Successes of striving and involved native villages come through donating not only dollars, but also donating your time and energy into a community project. Hard work toward a growing program can include research by members. This kind of sweat equity assists the completion of goals. Oglala Nation has millions of dollars of biweekly earnings come right to our reservation, but it leaves this reservation as soon as it hits here.

Our own experts and professionals can be supported and encouraged here on our own reservation by keeping the purchases of products and services here within our own.

These dollars can be recycled through all the businesses and merchants within our reservations. Every one of our districts here on the reservation could have their own services and products produced for their town. Each district could have its own grocery store, restaurant, convenience store, health care facility, elder home, daycare, community transportation service, and others.

Lakota Funds has technical assistance for small business ideas available through our Wawokiye Business Institute Program with the added assistance from our loan program which has five loan products available for clients. Lakota Funds provides one on one business consulting and business planning classes free to interested individuals. Wawokiye Business Institute Director is Jo White, contact her and her staff for more information or assistance for your business idea.

Lakota Tiwahe Family Asset Building is also an option for reservation families, Individual Development Accounts are matched savings accounts for low income people to be used specifically for building assets.

Financial Literacy Classes are alternated with Core Four Business Planning every six weeks Classes, which means when one class is finished another is ready to start. Lakota Fund's New Year will have Core Four Business Planning Class start out at the end of January.

For more information call Lakota Funds at 455-2500, or check out the website at www.lakotafunds.org, or listen to KILI Radio 90.1 FM on Mondays at 3 p.m.

Holiday hoops winners

PORCUPINE - The winners Holiday Hoops Classic held at Porcupine were first place: Public Safety Pacers; second place was Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing.

Third place was Little Wound school staff and fourth place was Shannon County School staff.

Oglala woman must repay $29,868 to former employer

RAPID CITY (AP) - An Oglala woman avoided prison time but was ordered to repay $29,868 and serve five years of probation for stealing from a store on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Rochelle Dreamer, 37, was sentenced in federal court in Rapid City after pleading guilty to larceny.

Between June and September 2006, Dreamer stole groceries, merchandise, gasoline and cash from Cubby's Store near Oglala while she was an employee there, federal prosecutors said.



Pine Ridge Thorpes

Pine Ridge Thorpes roster for 2008-07 basketball season is Dalton Buckman, Jeff Pourier, Sky Young, Ezra Zephier, Stan Brewer, Roman Leftwich, Jared Eagle Bull 6'1 Guard, Shawn Keith, Emerson Bob Tail, Eric, Rich Williams, Joe Bissonette, Daniel Bull Bear, Paul Bear Saves Life. Bill Pourier is head coach, with assistant coaches Will Pond and Liz Little.



Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes

Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes roster for the 2007-08 season is Christian, Delia Big Boy, Alleiy Janis, Aimee Pond, Amber Twiss, Sophia Janis, Keisha Brewer, Cheyenne Ten Fingers, Sioux Dawn Janis, Lacey Weston, Shaina Lays Bad, Saadia Tasso. Lyle "Dusty" LeBeaux is head coach with assistant coaches Nellie Long and Darby Steele.

Man must pay $50,000 to tribe, state and feds for illegal hunting

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) _ A Tripp County outfitter must pay nearly $50,000 in fines and restitution and serve time for illegal hunting.

Kyle Chris Moeller, 50, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Pierre for violating the federal Lacey Act and unlawfully transporting a trophy bull elk from the Rosebud Indian Reservation, according to court documents.

He owns and operated All About the Hunt, a company that provided guided pheasant and deer hunts, mainly to nonresidents.

Moeller pleaded guilty to two felonies.

His sentence includes 45 days in custody, six months of home confinement, three years of probation, an $18,000 fine, restitution of $15,600 to the state of South Dakota and $16,000 to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Department of Natural Resources for several deer and elk.

Federal prosecutors said eight men who hunted with Moeller and his outfitting business have also paid fines and restitutions: Mike Sopko of California, $4,000; Bryan Cross of Tennessee, $1,094; Mike Cross of Tennessee, $1,094; Ed Harris of Tennessee, $1,188; Rick Garrison of Tennessee, $1,094; Adam Taylor of Tennessee, $1,063; Tom Tyler of Florida, $1,553; and Paul Mentele of Alexandria, $850.

Big Foot ride schedule

The Chief Big Foot Memorial Ride, SiTanka Wokiksuye Oomaka Tokatakiya is in the 21st year and the schedule is as follows:

Dec. 22: Haul horses and travel to Bridger
Dec. 23: journey begins from Bridger to south of old McDaniel's rance
Dec. 24: ride to top of the Big Foot pas
Dec. 25: ride to Red Water, north of Kyle
Dec. 26: rest day at Red Water
Dec. 27: ride to American Horse Creek, Hopkins residence
Dec. 28: ride to Wounded Knee and feed at school
Dec. 29: gravesite ceremony

For more information call Chubbs Thunder Hawk at 441-7392, Vina White Hawk at 454-1986, Percy White Plume 455-1088 or Anne Apple 455-2383.

Oglala Lakota College to receive $2.6 million in funding for Head Start

KYLE - On Monday, Dec. 17, Sen. Tim Johnson's office announced Oglala Lakota College's Head Start was awarded $2,659,750 in supplemental funds. The grant will be used to help coordinate early childhood educational opportunities for area kids.

"Every child should have the same opportunities to excel. Head Start builds a strong educational foundation," Johnson said. "This program is one of the best ways to even the educational playing field for kids from low and moderately low-income families."

Head Start programs are designed to provide all children with the opportunity to start their learning process before entering elementary school. The programs provide educational services for young children, as well as resources, training and support for parents.

The grant is awarded by the Department of Health & Human Services.

Judge signs agreement in Winner school lawsuit

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) _ U.S. District Judge Charles Kornmann has signed an agreement between the Winner School District and American Indian students who said they were systematically and unfairly punished.

Backed by the American Civil Liberties Union, 10 students and their families sued the school district last year and received class action status on behalf of all Indians students in the district's middle school and high school.

The two sides reached agreement in June, and Kornmann now has approved it.

The settlement will result in several changes intended to improve the achievements of Indian students in the Winner School District. Kornmann will enforce the agreement for four years.

The district admitted no wrongdoing but said it agreed to the settlement to avoid further litigation. It must pay $100,000 to the ACLU for attorney's fees and costs.

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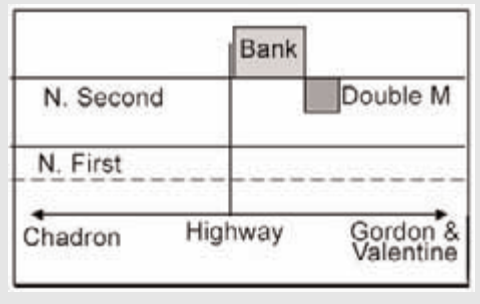


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2007/08 Boys Basketball Schedule Little Wound

Date	Time	TZ	Opponent	Location	Score	W/L	Seed	Points
Dec 07	4:30pm	M	St. Francis Indian		52-90	W	50	
Dec 08	5 pm	C	Crow Creek Highmore		71-43	W	50	
Dec 19			LNI tournament	Rapid City				
Dec 20			LNI tournament	Rapid City				
Dec 21			LNI tournament	Rapid City				
Dec 22			LNI tournament	Rapid City				
Dec 28	TBA	C	St. Thomas More	Huron				
Jan 04	8:30pm	C	White River	White River Classic				
Jan 05	6:00pm	C	Aberdeen Roncalli	Redfield Classic				
Jan 10	7:15 P	M	Red Cloud	Red Cloud				
Jan 11	4:30pm	M	Pine Ridge	Pine Ridge				
Jan 19	2:30pm	M	Cheyenne-Eagle Butte	Eagle Butte				
Jan 22	6:00	M	Kadoka Area					
Jan 24	6:30pm	C	St. Francis Indian	St Francis Indian School				
Jan 26	TBA	C	Johnson, WI	Minneapolis				
Feb 02	4:00pm	M	McLaughlin	Mclaughlin				
Feb 15		M	Cheyenne-Eagle Butte	Kyle				
Feb 16	TBA	M	Heart of the Earth, MN	Kyle				
Feb 22	4:30pm	M	Bennett County					

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2007/08 Girls Basketball Schedule Little Wound

Date	Time	TZ	Opponent	Location	Score	W/L	Seed	Points
Dec 06	7:15 p.m.	M	Red Cloud	Kyle, SD	64-59	L		0
Dec 11	4:30 p.m.	M	Pine Ridge	Pine Ridge, SD	49-53	L		0
Dec 17	7:30 p.m.	M	Bennett County	Kyle, SD				
Dec 19			Lakota Nation Invitational	Rapid City, SD				
Dec 20			Lakota Nation Invitational	Rapid City, SD				
Dec 21			Lakota Nation Invitational	Rapid City, SD				
Dec 22			Lakota Nation Invitational	Rapid City, SD				
Jan 04	5:00 p.m.	M	Takini	Takini, SD				
Jan 12			Rosebud Shootout	Mission, SD				
Jan 15	5:00 p.m.	M	Todd County	Kyle, SD				
Jan 19	12:00 p.m.	M	Cheyenne-Eagle Butte	Eagle Butte, SD				
Jan 24	6:30 p.m.	C	St. Francis Indian	St. Francis, SD				
Jan 31	5:00 p.m.	M	Kadoka Area	Kyle, SD				
Feb 01	5:00 p.m.	M	Takini	Kyle, SD				
Feb 02	4:00 p.m.	M	McLaughlin	McLaughlin, SD				
Feb 05	4:30 p.m.	M	Pine Ridge	Kyle, SD				
Feb 07	6:30 p.m.	M	St. Francis Indian	Kyle, SD				
Feb 14	6:00 p.m.	C	Tiospa Zina	Tiospa Zina, SD				
Feb 16	1:00 p.m.	M	Crow Creek	Kyle, SD				
Feb 16	7:30 p.m.	M	Heart of Earth, MN	Kyle, SD				
Feb 19	6:30 p.m.	M	District 14-A Sem-Final	Top Seed Host				
Feb 21	7:00 p.m.	M	District 14-A Championship	RC Stevens High School				
Feb 29			Region 7A Championship	Ft. Pierre, SD				
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A mandatory pre-bid conference will take place in the conference room of the administrative building on, Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 10am. Contact Todd Hesson at 402-477-2404 for bidding documents. Bid shall be submitted on bid form and shall be in a sealed envelope marked "Oglala Lakota College - Book-store." Bids shall be addressed to Newton Cummings, Oglala Lakota College, P.O. Box 490, Kyle, SD, 57752. Bids will be accepted until 4pm, local time, Thursday, February 28, 2008 at the President's office of Oglala Lakota College, Kyle, S.D., For information on the opening of the bids contact Thomas Short-bull 605-455-6020 after January 17, 2008. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality.

Each Bidder is required to include with their Bid, Bid Security as outlined in the Instruction to Bidders and elsewhere in the Bidding Documents. The Contractor awarded the project will be required to pro-vide a performance and payment bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract price. See the Bidding and General Requirements in the Bidding Documents for additional information.

The successful bidder must also comply with the Tribe's TERO ordinance including any licensing re-quirements and TERO tax. The TERO tax and fees must be included with your bid. The successful bid-der must also comply with the Department of Labor's Davis Bacon Act.

Indian Preference will be considered for Bidders with Indian ownership or participation. Consideration of Indian Preference shall be at the sole discretion of the Oglala Lakota College Board of Trustees.

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DAKOTA PLAINS LEGAL SERVICES
PINE RIDGE SERVICE AREA
NOTICE OF ELECTION

Nominations for the position of client board member to the Dakota Plains Legal Services (DPLS) Board of Directors were held on November 28, 2007. The following persons were deemed qualified to run for the position:

Joe White Bear Claws
Richard Little Hawk

Please take notice that DPLS will be holding an election on Thursday, January 3, 2008, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the office of Dakota Plains Legal Services located in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and at the Kyle Courthouse Lobby, located in Kyle, South Dakota. All residents of Shannon, Jackson, and Bennett counties are urged to vote for one of the candidates listed above.

The DPLS Board of Directors is responsible for setting program policy and insuring compliance with all federal regulations governing the operation of Dakota Plains Legal Services. The client board member will represent the interests of all persons eligible to receive legal services in Shannon, Jackson, and Bennett counties.

Please contact Lynette Dixon, Administrator at 1-800-658-2297 if you have any questions or need further information.

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Kyle, South Dakota
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12-18-07

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2007-2008 school term:

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For more information, call: (605) 455-6179 or 455-6178.

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or **CALL: (605) 747-2371.**

Land Lease Offer

The Wounded Knee District School Foundation, Inc. is extending their land lease offer and this will be done by bids process.

There are approx. 160 acres Total
(40 acres Hay and 120 acres Pasture)

The deadline will be January 1, 2008 at the close of business day.

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PO Box 370,
Manderson, SD 57756

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A Heart Felt Thank You
to all family and friends of Merle "Squirrel" Ashmore Merle passed on September 29,2007. Your prayers, cards and friendly handshake. All your help was greatly appreciated by his mother, brothers, and sisters. All the hard work of cooking and making a great meal, thanks Louise Big Boy for a great 6 am breakfast, pancakes, toast, eggs and ham, sweet roll, coffee and donuts from Jim Christensen. The Angels sang during the wake until wee hours in the morning. Thanks to the Dubray drum group who sang at the wake and grave site. Many thanks to Bill Clifford for all your hard work to make Merle's last wishes complete. Hls last wagon ride adn thanks to all the horse back riders. Sometimes its the little things that makes us feel better. And so this brings a special thanks to Marsha Loafer for a beautiful cross, she made two horse heads hanging by a chain, this work I know came from the heart. Many Thanks to all. From his mother, brother sisters and children.
We are overwhelmed, we see why Merle loved Kyle. Family, relaitives and friends pulled together and made his wishes come true. He also said I want to see the beautiful flowers when I'm alive, not when I"m dead. This wish also happened. From his mother Ramona "Tiny Babe" Ashmore



Holiday Greetings & Wishes to my Kola down south, thank you for your support and for just being a kola "you know" Always, a Kola Chipper Goings **Holiday wishes & Greetings** *to my family on the Pine Ridge rez. Miss you and keep you in my prayers and thoughts.always Chip G.*

Merry Christmas
to Toni and Jerome Lorna Apple & family, Lorie & Alexia Francine Janis & family, Grandma Dora, Annie Apple & family, Marie Apple& family, Geraldine Little Boy, Maxine Little Boy & family, and have a Happy New Year coming from Roy, Eileen, Jamie & Jacob Helper

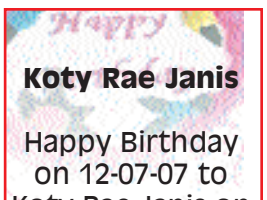
Merry Christmas
to my family DJ, Brian, Sissybug, Jonnie, Yamni and Sage Yellow Hawk, Love always, Steph.

Sheen Bean Kindle
Happy 7th Birthday to Sheen Bean Kindle on Dec 14. We love you,from mom, dad & sisters

Jarrod Iron Horse.
Happy Birthday to my bro Jarrod Iron Horse.I'm so glad you were with your kids! Your sis babe

Merry Xmas to my aunties, Clara R., Darlen PB, Elaine M, my sisters Elaine G., Hollly Q., Dana M, Herminal L, Lola M, and to my wonderful children Angelo, Peaches, Chris, Shamauri, Morshawn. From Mom Marty

Like to wish my grandson Harlan Chunk Wilcox Jr. a very happy 15th birthday on Dec. 18, 2007. and wish him many more. Love grandma Julie Wilcox



Koty Rae Janis
Happy Birthday on 12-07-07 to Koty Rae Janis on her 11th birthday, we love her, Waddy Myles, Grandma Margie and aunties and uncles.

Happy Birthday
Aunty Kim from the family in Kyle merry christmas we love you.

Happy Birthday
to Lorraine Janis 12-30-97,now don't get to wild but have a blast!! From Dallas, tots, Nicole, Tye and Tailey

Chelsea J Hunter.
Happy Belated 11th Birthday to our beautiful daughter Chelsea J Hunter. We love you very much, Dad, Mom, Kevin, Missy, DJ and Cashus.

Merry Christmas
to all my babies, Tyrone Del, Siara Brieze, Tatyana Reece, Baily Ray, Tailey Jhase, I love you, Remember Santa is watching, from your #1 aunty DallasRose

Sending holiday wishes & greetings to Daryl Goings & Kelsey Goings. I want you both to know that I"m missing you both very much and regret not being there with and for you. I would hope that you could understand the situation and want to let you know and promise that it will be the last time that I will ever be away from you both. I love you two with all my heart! Be good and listen to gramps, I loveyou both and think of you all the time. I might not be there in person, but remember that dad is always there with you in spirit! Love you "Dad" Chipper Goings.

Thinking of Missy Boo, I love you lots,Lea lucy



Happy belated birthday
to Brianna Yankton 1-20-03, Lauren Yankton 11-20-05, Sky Gutierez 1-16-07, Tyler Ashley 1-27 Love your aunty Mona Guteirrez

Joray & Kodi
Happy Birthday to my two handsome boys, Joray Hemminger, 5 yrs old on Dec. 12th and Kodi J Eric Hemminger 8 yrs old on Dec 14th. God bless you and these special days & always! Thank you for your company, with all my love always, Grandma Colene Bald Eagle

Merry Christmas
To grandma, Aunty, Uncle and Jessie Yellow Boy, Love you Roberta, Breanna, Selena and Baby Wilson Yellow Boy

Lorraine Janis Happy Birthday
on 12-30-07, My beautiful princess you R the best daughter any mother could of had. I loveyou, Margie Hunter-Janis

To Aunty Pam 10 on Dec. 17,
We love you, have fun & be safe! Love the Kindles.

Merry Christmas
Taiyah Janay, Hayden Jade, Jeremiah Ray, Tatyana Reece, Siara Brieze, Samantha Lou, Morgan Marcie. Love your aunt Nicole.

Happy Birthday
to Oliver Brown Bull Jr. on Dec 22th, Hang inthere & keep your head up!

Merry Christmas
Mom, Stevie, Miles, Vinnie and Joey I love you, from baby sis Holly

Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday Dec. 20th
to our Gaka Leon TWB. May tunkasila bless the mocassins you walk in. We love you Gaka, always, your takoja's Brittany, Kieran, Miya, Wakinyan Ohitika and Jason Jr. and Jason and #1 daughter Jenn.

Season Greetings
to Anna Solomon and family love you, Steph and kids.

Thinking of my great grandma Dimond Janis, I am proud to say I have a grandma as strong, I hope I can live to be as old as you. I love you lots, xoxo

I would like to say "Hey" 2 all my home slices all over the rez, you know who you are, Tiara Lynn

Happy 30 what?
Birthday to Lena Loon Garnette & Mistly Hunter, Love ya lots Lori Hunter

Happy belated Birthday
to my beautiful daughter Kianna Janison 12-03-07, your finally 12 yrs old but you'll alwaysbe my baby. I love you very much love mom, Becky CH

Merry Christmas
to Eric Conroy from Danielle, Stacy, Stacy Jr., Shaynna & Layla We miss you, Take Care.

Happy Birthday
to my lil brother Mark Hopkins and lil sister Brionne Hopkins on the 24th and 25th. I love and miss you guys, Lori H.

Congratulations
to American Horse Chief girls basketball on Superb Season. We are proud of you! from All your fans.

Merry Christmas
to my daughters Sky, Brianna, Lauren and Kendra Yankton, from Dad and Mom

Merry Christmas
to Kimmy, Crystal, George, Wendy, Benny and Kathleen. From Eileen, Roy Jamie and Jacob Helper

Happy Birthday
on Dec 12th to my beautiful daughter Amber Has No Horse and on Dec 29th to my handsome son Dawson Has No Horse III, I love you both, Mom

Merry Xmas
to my bro's & families, Daryl & Steph, Clarence & Mary Jo, Lionel & Neva Yellow Hawks, From your sister, Heather & Noah, Sylviana & Roman.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
House #408in Manderson, Congrats to Hayden Red Feather and Brenelle White Face to the new world.

I would like to wish my honey Jess, a Merry Christmas, Love Tisha Rae

Happy Birthday
to my sisters: Shannon & Tess Puckett on Nov. 29th & Dec. 5th I love you girls. Have Fun! Love always Sadie

Happy 13th Birthday
on the 9th to our baby brother Dylan Shangreaux, Love Tina, Jr and Dustin

To **Calvin R.O.** Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! From a fren

A Memorial Prayer
for my mothers, Myrtle Lulu Salas and Angelina Reyes
Lord please watch over our moms and let them know how much we love and miss them. Marty, Wambo, Pelon, June and Stenker

Happy 10th Birthday
to our sweetest lil bro Adam Brown, We love you from Iah, Quita, Mark, Grandma and Mom.

Merry Xmas
to all my good frens Maria SB, Paha SB, Nadine Reddy,Venita KE, Travis IC and April Dubray. from your hero Heather

Happy Birthday
wishes to Krisse Kindle on Dec 15. Wishing you many more Save us some cake! Love mom,dad and sisters

To Baby in the Corner
Love you, have a great day! From #2

To our little niece Aaliya OH who will be 5 on 12-12-07, Aaliyah we hope you will enjoy your special day share your joy with your sister Alicia you two don't get to crazy, love your aunties Jackie Berna, Lori, Lisa and Roberta.

I would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to my son Elmer White Face on Dec 13th and wish himlots more to come. From his mother Wilda and #408 crew in Manderson

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year, to my aunties Tiffany, Brenda and my uncle Casey, from Alexia Janis.

Wishing everyone in Manderson Happy Holidays and a merry new year everyone be safe out there, from the Oyate

Happy Birthday
to our #1 Papa Duane Rooks Sr. From Dawson & Tavion, Melissa & Rob

Happy Birthday
on 12-26-07 to my nephew Warren Pourier to a good looking man, Have many more, Love your aunty Margie Hunter Janis

Happy 12th Birthday to our son Colven Long Knife. We all love you, Mom, Dad & brothers and sisters in SD

Happy 100th Birthday
Lavina Richard 'Beez" from Heather & Crew in Allen

Merry Christmas
to my Dad Terry Richards & his wife Iris and family, from Sylviana Richards

Happy Birthday
to my sisters: Shannon & Tess Puckett on Nov. 29th & Dec. 5th I love you girls. Have Fun! Love always Sadie

Merry Christmas
to Lil Angels workers and Happy new year, from me 1587

Merry Christmas to the Lil Angels Employees
Jenny, Tasha, Kim, Lorie, Cornelle, Angel, Sis, Bethel, Loretta, Brice, Stan ,Woniya Happy New Years Guys you are the best!!

Good Luck
to the B team girls basketball team on championship on Thursday, by Danielle Mesteth

New to be parents Daniel James Lone Elk and Alicia Dawn Little Hawk. From all your relatives.

We would like to say whats up to our Deli worker, Kim UB at Lil Angels. Keep up the good work, every body would go hungry if it wasn't for you..lol.

Happy Birthday
to my baby girl Miya on 12-9, we love you very much. Have fun, from Mert, Gary, Baby G, Justineand Badger

Merry Christmas
and Happy New year to my love and best friend Eric Cottier, I hope this new year brings us goodness and happyness, Love ya Brooks Dubray.

Happy Birthday
on Dec. 3,to Ana Capri Garibaldi from John Steele Jr.

Happy Birthday
to Nathaniel Bull Bear 12-20, 5 years Love Mom & Dad and Danny
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Happy 3rd Birthday
to Manella Bull Bear 12-17, Love mom dad and Danny
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Happy Birthday
to my little bro, nate & my little sis mella, Loveyou lot, Big Bro Danny

Baby Lexie, your my little sweet heat and a beautiful little Angel, lots of love Mom, Lorie

Merry Christmas
to my family in Kyle. Olivia & Frank, Carmelita & Rodney, Chris & Delphine, Sam & Liz, Bailey & Tina, Bruce & Mary,Willard & Mary Rose, Cora & Beebs, Bert & Shanni, Crystal & Anna, Donna, Athan& Milly,From Laila & Lainna

Merry Christmas
to my little sweet pea, Alexia LaRose love Mom

I want to wish our son & brother Harlan Wilcox Jr a A special happy 15th Birthday, Love you, Mom, Dad, Bro's and sisters.

To the love of my life, Clara Bush.
Happy Birthday
Love you so much, Your loving husband Joseph Bush Sr.

Merry Christmas
to my babies, Laila & Lainna, Milly Anne, Ayannah, Kayla, andWiyaka Rose, Love you girls, love Tisha Rae

Tess and Sadie Puckett,
Happy Birthday to my sisters Tess and Sadie Puckett, I love you lots xoxo

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year, Olive Brown Bull Jr. from Rhonda, Waylon and Surayla

I would like to wish all my friends a Merry New Years. U know who ya are, Ty Binx

Merry Christmas
Mom, Amanda TWB, Stay strong Winyan, We love you, Jenn

Merry Christmas
to Louie Means & family, Donna Solomon & Family, Anthony Waters & family, Fish Waters & family, Kathy Waters & family, Marty Waters Sr & children, Wally Waters, Thomas Waters, Shelly Waters & baby Luke, from DJ, Steph and Family

Happy Belated Birthday
in November, Betty Little Dog 11-25, Terrance LD 11-20, Vance LD 11-27, Candy Apple 11-9, John Steele Jr 11-11 John Steele Sr 11-3 From the LittleDog and Steele Families

Merry Christmas
to our children, Jason Jr, Brittany Rose, Wakinyan Ohitika, Kieran and Miya, were so proud of you, we love you babies, Mommy Jen & Daddy Jason

Merry Christmas
to our Uncle, grandpa Wilson Yellow Boy, love you, god bless you. Roberta, Breanna, Selena and Baby wilson and Jessie Yellow Boy

Happy 1st Birthday
to our baby boy, Memphis Metcalf, Hope you enjoy all your presents and don't forget to share your cake & ice cream with your sister and brother. We love you lot and wish you lots more birthdays to come, love mom Vanessa and Dad Alan

Happy Belated Birthday
to Donna Bull Bear on 12-3, we won't say how oldyou are only that you passed us up. Hope you had a nice day and wish you many more to come from you family
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Happy Birthday
to Crystal One Horn

Merry Christmas
to Lynn and Waisy Have Fun!

Holiday greetings and best wishes to Vanessa "LL rub" I wantyou all the know that I miss and love you all. Be good, listen and do good in school.Always remember when you need me I'll be there. Miss you rugrats, Love Leksi & dad Chipper Goings.

Happy Birthday
to my step mom Christine Julius-Poor Bear in December. Have a good holiday. Love you, your stepdaughter Brittany Rose.

Aaliyah Old Horse
Happy 5th Birthday
on 12-12-07 from grandma Lenora and aunties

Crystal Janis Happy Birthday
Crystal Janis on Dec 12th, Hope you have a good one, Rhonda & Surayla

Happy 13th Birthday
to Janie Rose Poor Thunder on Dec. 31, With love, Dad, Mom and your bros Joe Jr and Jalen

Merry Christmas
to my babies Noah, Sylviana, and Roman Thomas from you rmother Heather.

Merry Christmas
to the family's Eileen & Roy Helper,Tasha& Chris M, Bethel & Brice, Loretta& Jess, Chace & Pearl, Jenny & Joe, Tisha & Jess, Kim & Sonny, Lorie & Baby, Rhonda & Waylon

Merry Christmas
to my family Mom & Rod, Sonny & Chris, Ben, Donette & Baby, Woni, lil June & the girls, Punky & Karlyn, Love you guys, Tisha

Happy Birthday to my pretty french fry Sadie Puckett on Dec. 7th Love Tabor

Happy Birthday
to my sister Shannon Puckett,I love you lots Shan, 11-29-07 xoxo

Happy Birthday
to Vincent Little Dog 1-9-08, Lula Two Bonnette 1-9-08, fromteh Dawg Patch

Happy 20th Birthday
Boyfriend & daddy, to Keith Shangreaux on Dec. 28th, We love you honey from your girl Cordelia and sons Zelite & Joseph

Happy Birthday
Kara Logg on 12-25, Adrian Logg on 12-23, Love Dad, brother Josh

Happy Birthday
to Lynette Big Boy Dec. 2nd From Husband Richard

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year, to our Homies up above, Ryan T. Janis and Clint Lays Hard,Your never forgotten from the crew in Kyle

Congratulations Beth Packard
on your new baby girl. Enjoy her while she's little cause they grow fast. Give me a call sometime. From Vanessa & Taela.

Merry Christmas
to my sisters Sylvia, Tiffani, Stacy, Tracy, Eva and to my brothers Brian Jr and Eugene Dubray, Have a happy new year, Love Brooks Dubray

Wishing a special merry christmas
to my babies Tyrone Del Pourier and Tailey Jhase Pourier. Love you very much, Mommy

Sadie Puckett, Happy Birthday
on 12-7-07 to Sadie Puckett, I love you big cuz. Have a good day. Love always Missy Boo xoxo

Merry Christmas
to my dad & mom Leroy & Emma Waters. I love you both very much, from Steph

Happy Birthday Mitch WC from Loretta and Rena

To My Daughter Miss Peaches
I am so very proud of you for taking teh reins and going back to school. You are a beautiful young lady and I want you to know that I love you very much. Miss Hawkins

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year
to all my family members of Stan & Phinete LWM, Ron & Josie Janis, Cleveland & Velnita SWA, Romaine & Ben, from Holly Mouseaux, Stevie MG.

Princess Selena Yellow Boy,
Happy 5th Birthday to my granddaughter Princess Selena Yellow Boy, god bless you, Love grandma

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Red Cloud runs by King Louie, White River Tigers for LNI title

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - After 31 games of the boy's 31st Lakota Nation tourney this past weekend at the Civic Center in Rapid City, Red Cloud and White River started the game fast and furious; Louie Krogman hit 13 of his game high 39 points in the first quarter while Red Cloud senior, Art Vitalis scored all ten of his game points also in the first quarter but the difference was Art had a good deal of help as Dave Giago scored five points, while Carl Swallow and Billy Scott hit for four each as a super team effort led the Crusaders to an 86-66 win over the Tigers for the LNI championship.

At the end of the first quarter, Red Cloud led 27-24, by the half it was 46-42 as Louie kept the game close scoring 22 points in the first half.

"It turns out we were outrebounded in the first half 17-16," said Matt Rama, Red Cloud head coach, "and at halftime we definitely talked about doing a better job on the boards; the message got to the right people, we out rebounded White River 20-10 in the second half, cutting down on their second chances around the hoop."

Swallow, a 6'2" sophomore, hit five shots in the third while Mike Twiss, a 6'3" junior added two twos and a trey to help lead Red Cloud to a 67-55 third quarter lead as the Crusaders started to wear down the Tigers and pull away on the scoreboard. Krogman continued to get his points as he hit for eight in the third and nine more in the fourth but their just wasn't enough help as Matthew Bartlett's 13 was the only other Tiger in double figures. RJ Estes finished with nine while Jake Krogman and Frankie Waln, usually hitting in the double figures were held to two and zero points respectively.

"It was a great team effort, on both offense and defense," said Rama, "they have worked really hard both this fall and through the off-season and now they are seeing the benefits of their work."

Red Cloud finished the game with four players in double figures as Giago hit for 21 points, Swallow had 18, Christian McGhee chipped in 12 and Vitalis added 10. Lester Gotheridge led the team with nine rebounds, added eight points, three assists and two blocked shots; McGhee helped with six assists, two steals and two rebounds while Swallow added six assists.

"We lost to a really good team," said Eldon Marshall, White River coach, "and it will only make us better and motivate us to work that much harder to get ready for the rest of our season."

Red Cloud opened the tournament Wednesday with a 97-48 win over Crazy Horse; led by McGhee's 22 points, 13 Crusaders in all scored points as Red Cloud went up 44-17 at the half. Giago finished with 13, Gotheridge added 12 and Jeremy Blacksmith helped with 10. Crazy Horse was led by Tyson Red Elk's 13 points and Ace Amiotte's 11.

In what was probably the toughest game of the tournament for Red Cloud, Christian McGhee knocked down 15 points, grabbed six rebounds and dished out seven assists to lead Red

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Red Cloud's Christian McGhee drives around Louie Krogman for the basket in Red Cloud's 86-66 win over White River for the LNI championship despite Louie's 39 points.

PHOTO COURTESY RANDY BACHELOR



Pine Ridge's Keisha Brewer runs the break for a quick two on Red Cloud as Pine Ridge wins back to back LNI titles and their 11th overall.

PHOTO COURTESY OF RANDY BACHELOR

Lady Thorpes cruise to second straight LNI championship, 11th overall

By Tom Crash
Times Correspondent

RAPID CITY - Pine Ridge left no doubt that they were ready to make it back to back LNI championships and 11th overall as they stormed out to a 17-0 lead over Red Cloud Saturday night as Lacey Weston hit three quick field goals, Aimee Pond added two and Sophia Janis helped with a two and two free throws as the Lady Thorpes used that quick start to win the championship 63-43.

In what was the first match-up of father and son coaching

Please turn to Lady Thorpes: A2

Rosebud electronic company employs 15

ROSEBUD - Rosebud Electronic Integration Corporation is a tribal-owned small disadvantaged business located on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation. Certified as a Native American small disadvantaged business in Februar, REIC was created as a subsidiary of the Rosebud Economic Development Corporation and was chartered in March 2006 to conduct business with the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command for the Advanced Electronic Research Integration Project.

Further, the mission of REIC is to evolve into a viable Native American small business as a part of the vital industrial base of the Department of Defense, other government agencies and commercial manufacturing in the research, development, test and production of advanced electronic circuitry. REIC will produce electronics that are non-toxic thus eliminating the hazardous components and soldering that exists in currently fielded systems.

The project currently employs 15 people and is being housed in the Sicangu Wicoti Awayakapi building. By way of updating the tribal membership the following are some of the accomplishments already realized by the project; REIC installed and trained on prototype assembly test-bed and lab test equipment. It also began research activities to eliminate hazardous substances in electronic circuits. REIC employees are certified in 35 technical and business area, while a REIC policy manual has been generated.

The REIC employees have furthermore obtained electronic technician one-year certificates and received training from the Occupational and Safety and Health Administration from the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and SDSU.

The groundbreaking for the new AERI facility was held in March 2007. Currently under construction and financed by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, the AERI facility is scheduled for completion in January 2008 with the grand opening set for March 2008. The 10,788 square foot facility will be located in Research Park east of Mission. The funding for the $2 million AERI facility became possible with a $1.1 million Economic Development Administration grant, a $208,000 matching funds grant with the South Dakota Governor's Economic Office Development and Rosebud Sioux Tribe and a $680,000 BIA Guaranteed Loan with Native American Bank, Denver, Colo..

REIC's first fiscal year ended this past September with a profit of over $40,000 and is also the first tribal economic development organization to pay profits back to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and to REDCO. As the first for-profit tribal organization, REIC's employee benefits include health insurance, life insurance and a matching IRA/401k plan. REIC currently employs 15 people all of whom are Lakota tribal members or lineal descent. These are jobs that were all created in 2007 because of the AERI Project.

The REIC team is lead by Program Manager Arlene Lomax, Ph.D, Deputy Program Manager Nora Leader Charge and Senior Process Engineer Michael Quirk, PE. REIC's Board of Directors include President Eileen Little Thunder-Masquat, Vice-President Richard Keller and Secretary/ Treasurer Patsy Valandra.

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LNI: Red Cloud champs

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Cloud over Custer 52-35 on Thursday. After fighting to a 13-11 lead at the end of the first quarter, Red Cloud got threes from Swallow and Kiley Weston and two baskets from Gotheridge to lead the Crusaders to a 26-18 halftime lead. Two threes and a two by Vitalis to open the third with a three from Swallow and four points from McGhee helped to open a 43-30 three quarter lead. Gotheridge led the team with seven rebounds while McGhee added six and Swallow accounted for five.

"When you play Custer, you always know you are up for a battle, they are well coached and play super defense," said Rama, "it is always an honor to play a Luitjens coached team which makes it special when you are able to get the win."

Red Cloud got by Standing Rock in the semis on Friday 78-48 to earn the ticket to the championship game on Saturday. Once again, the well conditioned Crusaders broke the game open in the third period as Giago led 11 Red Cloud scorers with 18 points and added eight rebounds while Gotheridge finished with 12 points, seven rebounds and six assists; McGhee added his all around game scoring seven with seven assists and five steals. Derrick Iron Shield led Standing Rock with 17 points, Kyle Claymore added 11 points and six rebounds.

White River's road to the championship game included a 98-69 win over Lower Brule in the first game; Krogman hit for 39 points, Jake Krogman had 15, Waln had 14, Estes hit for 10 while Bartlett chipped in six points with 18 rebounds. Will Edwards led Lower Brule with 21 points, Ron Knudson finished with 20 and Eltwin Grassrope had 10. In the quarters, White River knocked off Pine Ridge 87-52 as Krogman scored 28 points, breaking the all time South Dakota individual scoring record with 1:16 left in the first half. Waln added 18 and Estes 13.

In the semis, the Tigers faced a strong Todd County team but Krogman led four Tigers in double figures with 30 points as White River led at each quarter break to win it 76-65. Bartlett chipped in 14 points and 13 rebounds, Jake Krogman helped with 14 points and Waln added 10 points. Jordan His Law led a talented Falcon contingent with 27 points and seven rebounds, Gunner Krogman helped out with 15 points and Mark DuBray chipped in 10 points and a team high 11 rebounds.

"After the game, I told the team to go ahead and celebrate the LNI championship tonight and on Sunday, but on Monday morning we are going back to work," said Rama, "we have Lead-Deadwood on Thursday and Platte-Geddes on Saturday, we are only just getting started."

Todd County took third, leading at every quarter mark on the way to a 66-41 win over Standing Rock. Mark DuBray led the Falcons with 20 points, Canku One Star added 15 points and nine rebounds while His Law helped with 14 points.

Custer knocked off Pine Ridge for fifth as Iasaac Parsons hit for 28 pints and a team high nine rebounds, Jared Foote added 14 points. The Thorpes were led by Eric Long's six points and Shawn Keith's five rebounds. Little Wound grabbed seventh place with a 81-65 win over Takini as Spur Pourier led the Mustangs with 36 points and Brice Hornbeck chipped in 21. Takini's Cory Condon hit for 14 points and Kills Crow added eight rebounds.

Flandreau Indian took the Pasha Sapa bracket title with a 67-48 win over Hill City. Sterling Drapeau hit for 17, Ryan Wellette helped with 16 and Tony St. John added 13. Hudson Koel led Hill City with 23.

The MVP award went to Louie Krogman of White River. Additional awards included: Mr. Hustle to Tony St. John of Flandreau, Mr. Defense/Brice Hornbeck of Little Wound, Playmaker to Isaac Parsons of Custer, Individual Sportsmanship to Kiko Mendoza of Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Outstanding Coach to Matt Rama of Red Cloud, most threes and most points to Louie Krogman and most rebounds to Demetrius Martin of Oh Day Aki.

31st Lakota Nation game scores

Day One
Red Cloud 97-48 Crazy Horse
White River 98-61 Lower Brule
Custer 62-44 Hill City
Takini 58-48 Oh Day Aki
Standing Rock 55-41 Crow Creek
Todd County 78-67 Flandreau Indian
Little Wound 81-43 St. Francis
Pine Ridge 82-71 Chey Eagle Butte

Day Two
Hill City 58-34 Crazy Horse
Crow Creek 41-36 Oh Day Aki
Flandreau Indian 81-71 St. Francis
Chey Eagle Butte 49-38 Lower Brule
Red Cloud 52-35 Custer
Standing Rock 65-39 Takini
Todd County 63-45 Little Wound
White River 87-52 Pine Ridge

Day Three
Hill City 61-54 Crow Creek
Flandreau Indian 73-62 Chey Eagle Butte
St. Francis 64-63 Lower Brule
Oh Day Aki 74-60 Crazy Horse
Custer 68-24 Takini
Pine Ridge 77-75 Little Wound
Red Cloud 78-48 Standing Rock
White River 76-65 Todd County

Day Four
Lower Brule 69-55 Crazy Horse
Oh Day Aki 80-61 St. Francis
Chey Eagle Butte 63-45 Crow Creek
Flandreau Indian 67-48 Hill City
Little Wound 81-65 Takini
Custer 72-33 Pine Ridge
Todd County 66-41 Standing Rock
Red Cloud 86-66 White River



Jordan His Law of Todd County hits one of his several slam dunks during the LNI tourney, he was named to the all tourney team as Todd County took third.

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Krogman breaks state record, honored at LNI



On Thursday night, the quarterfinal game between White River and Pine Ridge was stopped at the 1:16 mark of the second quarter to allow awards to be presented to Louie Krogman who broke Don Jacobson's 50 year old individual scoring record for all classes in South Dakota; in addition to a star quilt, a jacket and a plate, Louie received a Lakota name of Nagi Ohitika, Fearsome Spirit, during an honoring song.

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Lady Thorpes

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against each other, Dusty LeBeau back at the wheel in Pine Ridge and son Jerome stepping into the coach's box for Red Cloud, the Crusaders looked nervous and fought most of the night to find a rhythm, one they used to sail through the earlier rounds of the tourney. In the end they would close the gap to eight points but Pine Ridge would use their superior inside-out-side game to put the lead into double digits.

Pine Ridge dominated the boards, out-rebounding Red Cloud 47-26 giving away very few second chance baskets. Pine Ridge got a surprise game out of Sioux Dawn Janis as she hit four of five from three point range for 16 points. Weston fouled out with 2:46 to go in the fourth but finished with 12 points and eight rebounds; Keisha Brewer added 11 points and 14 rebounds while Alliey Janis helped out with nine points, eight rebounds and four steals. Shaina Clifford was the only Crusader in double figures with 12 while Marque Lunderman helped out with eight points and five rebounds.

The two coaches had a bet going that if they were in the championship game, they would both wear a tie; Jerome wore a bright blue one while his dad Dusty was chafing under a tie tucked under a sweater. The coaches hugged out in front of the scorer's table before the game, then it was all business.

With the win, Pine Ridge has opened the 2007/2008 season with six straight wins and will play Marty on Jan. 4 while Red Cloud is now 4-1 and will travel to Redfield on Thursday and Winner to play Platte-Geddes on Saturday.

"It was a good learning experience for the girls, we will get better from the loss," said LeBeau, "we play again on Feb. 9 in Rapid City and we'll see how far we have come along since the LNI championship, it's a tool to get ready for the postseason."

Pine Ridge opened the tourney on Wednesday with a 76-16 win over Crazy Horse, Lacey Weston led all scorers with 15, Brianna Big Crow, a freshman hit for 14 and Alliey Janis, another freshman added 10. The Lady Thorpes grabbed 60 rebounds as Aimee Pond led with 11, Shaina Lays Bad helped with 10 and Keisha Brewer helped with 10 as well. Kassy Randall led Crazy Horse with eight. The Lady Thorpes came back with a 51-27 quarterfinal win over Custer. Keisha Brewer led the way with 12 points, Weston and Sophia Janis added 11 apiece as well. In the semis, Pine Ridge defeated St. Francis for the second time this year 77-61.

Red Cloud made quick work of Lower Brule in their first game on Wednesday as Marque Lunderman hit for 18 points, Saige Pourier helped out with 12 points and a team high seven rebounds, Shaina Clifford chipped in 13 points, Josey Johnson hit three threes for 14 points and Ida Clarke added 13. In the quarters, Red Cloud outlasted Todd County 60-42 as Lunderman led the way with 22 points. In the semis, Red Cloud took out a tough Cheyenne Eagle Butte team 56-48.

The Lady Braves downed St. Francis for third Jessica Keckler leading the way with 17 points, Lacy Leaf 10 points and Nadia Watt seven points and seven rebounds. The Lady Braves were led by Marci Rodriguez, Jessica Rouillard and Roseanne Eagle Road, all with 11 points. Little Wound knocked off Standing Rock for fifth as four Lady Mustangs hit double figures, Tawnie Shay Hunter with 14, Nichelle Red Owl 13, Kirsten Clifford 10 and Kanisha Rooks 10 with Clifford adding eight boards.

Todd County finished seventh with a 37-35 win over Custer as Shelby Hunger led the Lady Falcons with 11 points and seven rebounds.

White River won the Paha Sapa bracket with a 82-32 win over Crow Creek; Caitlin Whiting ripped the nets for 26 points, Maci Gillen added 13 and Shelby Horsely helped with 10; Kaylee Spotted Elk led the way with 11 rebounds.

Lacey Weston won the MVP, Shauna Long/Standing Rock was Ms. Defense, Sophia Janis/Pine Ridge was Ms. Hustle, Marque Liunderman/Red Cloud was playmaker, Sioux Dawn Janis/Pine Ridge was Individual Sportsmanship and Dusty LeBeau was the outstanding coach. Most threes went to Shauna Long/Standing Rock, most points went to Kali Brave of St. Francis and most rebounds went to Faline Headley of Flandreau Indian.

All tourney awards went to Lacey Weston/Pine Ridge, Marque Lunderman/Red Cloud, Jessica Keckler/CEB, Shelby Hunger/Todd County, Caitlin Whiting/White River, Sasha Ross/Crow Creek, Nicole Bryant/Custer, Nichelle Red Owl/Little Wound, Kassie Randall/Crazy Horse, Steph Burleson/Hill City, Kayla Turning Heart/Takini.

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White River 91-23 Crazy Horse
Takini 54-46 Flandreau Indian
Crow Creek 49-30 Lower Brule
Hill City 72-14 Oh Day Aki
Pine Ridge 51-27 Custer
St. Francis 73-61 Standing Rock
Red Cloud 60-42 Todd County
Cheyenne Eagle Butte 40-26 Little Wound

Day Three
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Crow Creek 41-28 Hill City
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2007: A year in review

January 2007

Marlon "Moon" Weston passed away on New Year 's Day at his home in Porcupine. Weston was elected five consecutives times to the Oglala Sioux tribal council from his home district of Porcupine. He was chair of the of OST land committee, the health and human services committee and served on the Red Cloud school board as well as the Porcupine Clinic board.

The RST Liquor Commission revoked the license of the Prairie Hills Golf Club during a joint hearing on the club's back taxes owed to the tribe. No one appeared on behalf of the business as a vote was taken and then the Rosebud Law Enforcement Services carried out a "cease and desist" order effectively closing the establishment.

The Little Wound Mustangs scored 42 points in the fourth quarter to beat the Todd County Falcons and earn a number two ranking in the state. TCHS' Gunner Krogman finished the game with 23 points and 14 rebounds, while Brice Hornbeck lead the Mustangs with 21 points and four steals. The Mustangs were fresh from an LNI championship over the St. Thomas More Crusaders and a 7-0 start as they attained a number two ranking.

The statute of limitations for tribes to file claims based upon their Arthur Andersen Reports was extended until December 31. The American Indian Reform Act in 1994 required a full and accounting of their trust fund accounts and the firm of McCarter and English apparently attempted to capitalize on the situation by filing on behalf of several Sioux tribes. Unfortunately, the firm tied the claim to the Black Hills and this alarmed many of the Sioux tribes as attorney Mario Gonzalez explained that he and several attorneys had already filed a claim on behalf of several Lakota tribes.

February 2007

Sinte Gleska University re-enacted the inauguration of President, Lionel R. Bordeaux who had led the university for 34 years and is probably the nation's longest running chief executive officer. During the 37th Annual Founder's Day celebration Bordeaux recounted the desire of SGU Founding Chairman, Stanley Red Bird, to recruit a fluent Sicangu Lakota to lead the institution. Bordeaux is an influential guiding force behind the tribal college movement.

The Little Wound Lady Mustangs with a 11-0 record were ranked number one in the state along with the Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes. According to Roger Toland, sports editor for the Rapid City Journal, it was the first time two Pine Ridge teams had been ranked number one at the same time. The Lady Thorpes have been to the state tournament seven times and won it once, while the Lady Mustangs have been there once. The Pine Ridge Thorpes boys team has been to state 18 times and have won it three times.

Former RST council representative, Seth Big Crow, 68 died at his home in Upper Cut Meat community. Big Crow's body lay in state at the RST council chambers and interment was the family's tiospaye near Parmelee. As a descendant of Chief Crazy Horse he was a defender of the Crazy Horse name and successfully defended it in court against several brewing companies.

A six-week program designed to empower Lakota women will be available beginning February 19. The program is designed with cultural healing methods and was funded at $298,000 with a grant from the Administration for Native Americans. The project entitled "Win Ki Igluonihanipi" The center located in Kyle will provide a healing center that will support Lakota women, their partners and family in seeking a balance and healthy lifestyle.

RST court hears case of St. Francis Indian School versus St. Francis Mission. Sicangu Oyate Ho, Inc. the corporate arm of SFIS received a bequest from the Delores Cerro Trust Fund of Bakersfield, CA in the amount of $1.5 million. The money is to be used for scholarship support and capital improvements. The court upheld the claim that the school as a chartered entity enjoys sovereign immunity, and thus, is immune from suit. A motion for an injunction by SFM was denied and the case was to be heard in tribal court.

The City of Martin was ordered by Chief Judge Karen Shcrier to adopt a redistricting plan entitled Remedial Plan C. The plan involves adopting an at-large voting scheme with cumulative voting. During 2007 the city will have six council members, but staggered in 3-3 cycles. The case is known as Cottier and Three Star versus the City of Martin. Plan C helps to remedy the Section 2 violation of the Voting Rights Act and gives Lakota people a chance to elect a Lakota during each cycle.

Nellie Two Bulls died at the Rapid Regional Hospital to join her husband, Matt, of 54 years. Two Bulls, an educator, singer, mother and grandmother was cited along with her husband as tremendous and valuable resources when it came to Lakota music. The couple was employed at Red Cloud School for 20 years where they taught Lakota music and language. Their original drum group was the Sons of the Oglalas and included the late Calvin Jumping Bull.

March 2007

St. Francis Mission dropped its claim in RST tribal court to the $1.5 million bequest from the Delores Cerro Fund. The court said that the school enjoyed sovereign immunity as a tribally chartered entity and that it had not been waived. SFM claimed that an agreement in 1984 should prevail, however, the court said that SFM did not have an exclusive right to receive gifts from the Cerro trust fund.

Two months after undergoing emergency brain surgery in a Washington, DC hospital, Sen. Tim Johnson was moved to a rehabilitation center. The senator was rushed to the George Washington University hospital on Dec. 13 for the surgery. His condition was upgraded from critical to fair on January 19. Johnson has weakness on his right side and the physical therapy is expected to take a couple of months. He plans to run for re-election in 2008.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe's new 58,000 square foot adult offenders facility is set for a formal grand opening on March 2 at 10:00 a.m. The facility is located south of Pine Ridge and will take prisoners in March. Speakers at the ceremony were to include OST President, John Steele Len Chester, BIA facility program specialist, James Twiss, chief of police and Jeanne Whirlwind Horse, captain of corrections.

The Little Wound Mustangs clobbered the Bennett County Warriors 122 to 44 in the first round of the District 14-A play. With the second win over the Warrior the Mustangs pushed their record to 20-1 and moved onto the District 14A championship. The Mustangs are looking for their second straight trip to the state A tournament.

The Bush administration proposed a $7 billion settlement over the management of trust lands and it was met by objections from tribal plaintiffs. The decade old issue alleges that the government has mismanaged more than a billion dollars in gas, oil and timber and other royalties dating back to 1887. Senator Byron Dorgan said that it was the first time the government acknowledged a multi-billion dollar liability for mismanagement of trust funds and that he planned to hold hearings.

April 2007

KILI was back on the air on April 23. The old antenna had been hit by lightening in mid April 2006; KILI received a $300,000 grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Department of Commerce. New transmission lines, a back-up generator and a new antenna will enable the station to eventually operate at 100,000 watts. KINI can also be accessed on the World Wide Web at www.kiliradio.org and relied on the internet while it was out of service.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Tribal Land Enterprise successfully bid on 800 acres of land in southeastern Todd County. The land known as the Zibell Estate was purchased for a total of $1,250.00 per acre at a total cost of $1,000.000. The successful bid appeared to take tribal members by surprise as many such transactions often yield only $300 per acre for many sellers.

Wanblee will finally realize its dream of building a facility to house an ambulance and emergency medical technicians around the clock. In April the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux community granted a request of $75, 441.00 to build a facility with two bays, office space, sleeping quarters, lounge and a commons area.

May 2007

Cangleska, Inc. celebrated the grand opening of a new shelter on May 4. It also celebrated ten years as the first Native American women's shelter on the Pine Ridge. The 7,800 square foot shelter will house up to 36 women and children as well as office and administrative space for counseling services.

Dr. Richard Bordeaux retired after 32 years in Indian education. He Dog School hosted an honoring wacipi with a traditional meal of buffalo stew, fry bread and wojapi. Bordeaux led the Todd County School District for 16 years and was name the Outstanding Indian Educator of the Year by the SD Indian Education Assn in 1992.

On May 10 the Rosebud Sioux tribal council voted by a margin of 10-2 to suspend the charter of St. Francis Indian School. The RST Education Committee presented a list of concerns that SFIS was to respond to on May 25. As a chartered entity of RST there is precedence for such action and the charter and by-laws would be re-enacted at a later date.

Red Cloud High School has had 17 Gates Millennium Scholars over the last three years and leads all other tribal schools in the nation. Little Wound School, Todd County, Dupree and Marty all have three this year, while Crow Creek and Lower Brule have one. The scholarship requires a grade point average of 3.3 and will potentially fund a student through a doctoral degree.

June 2007

The Indian Health Service plans to replace Sioux San Hospital with a new facility, however, the changes are years away. It was singled out in 1992 by the I.H.S. as requiring a new facility. Two plans will be considered, one is to demolish some of the buildings and confine services to one building or renovating the existing structure. An 82 page Program Justification Document was approved last Sep.

Dave "Bulldog" Michaud was awarded the Jim Thorpe award at Pine Ridge High School for lettering in three sports for four years. His 4.0 grade point average and 19 varsity letters and selection as valedictorian also earned him a Gates Millennium Scholarship.

On June 18, the Winner and Ideal Native American community reached an agreement with the Winner School District to settle a class action lawsuit. The case Antoine v. Winner School District was brought by the American Civil Liberties Union and which cited the district for a high Native student drop out rate and having higher detention rates than white students.

July 2007

Oglala Lakota College held its 34th annual graduation and awarded 168 degrees, 8 masters and 43 bachelor degrees. The college also sponsored a graduation wacipi in which 110 dancers and 13 drum groups participated. Stan Adelstein delivered the commencement address.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe is working to finance the cost to bring at least 270 trailer houses that FEMA originally purchased for those hit by hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and Missippi. Sen. Tim Johnson led a legislative initiative to allow FEMA to sell or donate trailers to reservation communities.

Fireworks caused over 400 fires and burned 24,000 acres on the Pine Ridge reservation. The Kyle fire and others at Calico and Slim Buttes kept volunteer fire departments from Martin, Batesland, Rushville, Vetal, Tuthill and busy along with the BIA fire fighters from Winnebago, Yankton, Crow Creek, Standing Rock, Fort Berthold, Rosebud and Spirit Lake.

Fr. John Hatcher of the St. Francis Mission addressed the Rosebud Sioux tribal council on July 12. Hatcher provided an update of services provided by SFM, including a Nativity School, online study courses and a commitment to alcohol recovery and Lakota language acquisition. Hatcher said his responses to a range of charges about his conduct were contained in a packet given to the council.

August 2007

The Oglala Nation pow-wow saw 350 dancers and 28 drum groups help to celebrate the late summer's festivities. Friday's parade feature 80 floats and honored Marlin "Moon" Weston and Nellie Two Bulls. Lisa Bear Robe a senior at Red Cloud High School was selected as the new Miss Oglala Nation.

Honoring the Elders is the theme for the 131st annual Rosebud Fair. The fair which began on Aug. 24 through Aug. 26 featured prize money of $70,000. Ted Felix is chair of the wacipi committee and expected to see more than 600 dancers as Lt. Col. Kathy Prue-Owen was scheduled to be honored.

September 2007

Indian tribes and school were successful in reaching a settlement for stopping the planned re-organization of the Office of Indian Education. Education line offices and resources that support contract, grant and BIA schools will remain on reservations according to attorney Charles Abrourezk who was the lead attorney in the litigation. The move would have cost $11 million and would have taken money from two programs serving Indian children.

Oglala Lakota College was the recipient of a collection of 300 CD's and audio tapes originally recorded over 25 years ago. The collection came from the family of the late James E. Emery who was originally from Rosebud. Some of the recordings captured conversations with Ben Black Elk, Frank Fools Crow, Dewey Beard and other prominent Lakota leaders.

Eight month old infant, Briar Brown Bull-Martinez died in a one vehicle accident four and a half miles north of Highway 18 on Allen road. The cost to rebuild the old road which is in bad shape is estimated to be $8 million and the state has $2 million earmarked for the project.

The RST Suicide Task Force hosted a four directions evening walk to bring awareness to the ten suicides which have occurred mostly among Sicangu Lakota youth. Tillie Black Bear, Duane Martin, Sr., and Sicangu medicine man, Leonard Crow Dog led the event as the children in attendance were honored with a drink of water and prayers.

October 2007

St. Francis Indian School is planning a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the completion of the high school building. The dignitaries to be invited include, RST president Rodney Bordeaux, former SFIS superintendent, Cheryl Crazy Bull and Gordon Rosby the inspector for the BIA.

The Red Cloud Crusaders and the Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes were seeded number one in the Lakota Nation Invitational tournament held at the Rushmore Civic Plaza on Dec. 19-22. Last year the Lady Thorpes earned 30 point wins in each of their LNI games and went undefeated during the regular season. They met Bennett County for the District 14A championship where they lost.

The Lakota Women for Change held an RST candidates forum during the week of October 18 at Antelope community as incumbents Robert Moore, Jo Colombe and Scott Herman were joined by Teddi Rae Herman, Trent Poignee and Shawn Bordeaux. The LWFC created a set of question which were posed by Dorothy Marshall while some 50 community members looked on.

November 2007

The RST supreme court granted an appeal to the Rosebud Sioux tribe in which it sought to recover $399,353.00 from BBC, Inc. The management firm was hired to operate the Rosebud Casino for five years and was accused of paying itself more than it should have from casino profits. RST was represented by attorney, Dana Hanna.

Longtime journalist, Tim Giago is to be inducted into the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame on Nov. 10 on the campus of SDSU. Giago, an Oglala Sioux was the very successful owner and editor of three Indian newspapers including, the original Lakota Times, Indian Country Today and the Lakota Journal. He attended Harvard on a prestigious Neiman Fellowship in Journalism in 1990.

On Nov. 16 Sen. Tim Johnson sent a letter posing several questions about the suicide epidemic currently plaguing the Lakota tribes on the northern plains to Indian Health Service director, Robert McSwain. Johnson asked the agency for more mental health services in order to provide prevention, intervention and aftercare services. Nov. 17 was the National Day of Observance for Survivors of Suicide.

December 2007

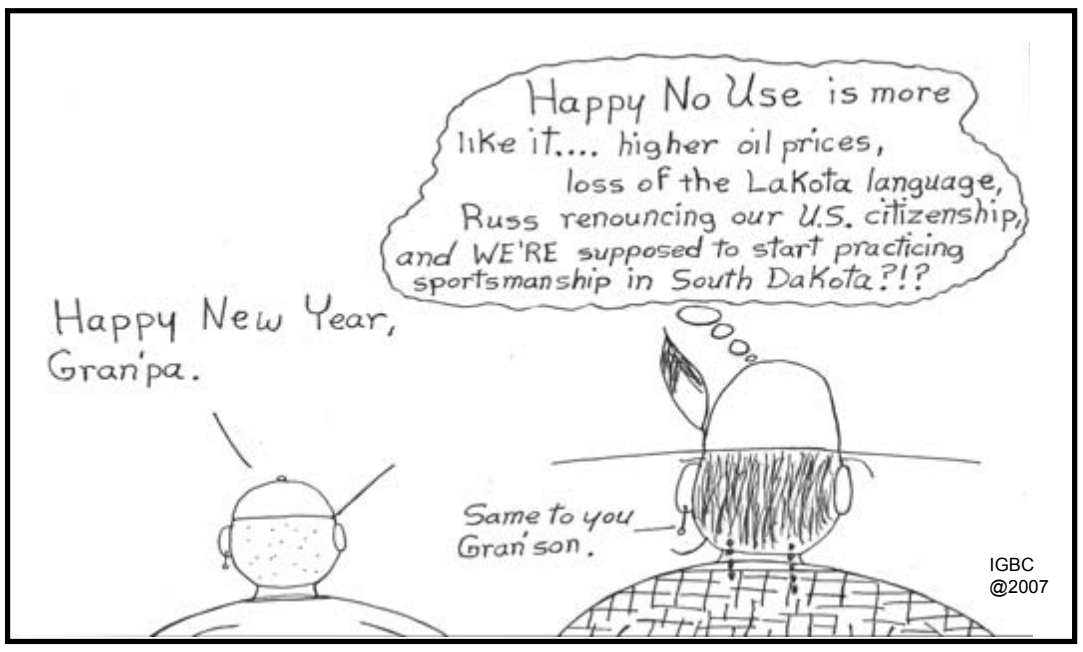
Wolf Creek students Corina Sitting Bear, Naomi Evans and Shawna Rowland were honored for saving the life of kindergarten student, Tiana Kohluf.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe's transportation program headed by Jeff Whalen said it used an asphalt zipper to patch a small stretch of Allen road that was the location of a recent accident which killed an infant. The transportation program has been meeting with Bennett County officials and the state in making plans to fix the dangerous nine mile stretch of road. OST has $2.5 million earmarked for the road, while Bennett County has $2 million. Whalen said it would take $8 million to fix the road.

In a historic voting rights case Charles Mix County reached an agreement on Dec. 4 with the American Civil Liberties Union that will require the county to get approval from the federal government before implementing new voting laws through 2024. The ACLU lawsuit charged the county with discriminating against Native voters.







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Wiyukcan Wica Cante Ogna Heyu
Thoughts that come from the heart

By Amanda Takes War Bonnett

Floyd Westerman had a strong spirit



Amanda Takes War Bonnett
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Back in February of this year, I had the opportunity to visit Floyd Westerman about his new CD he had released. It was a tribute to Johnny Cash and was a remake of Cash's songs. Westerman told me I should write something on his other music, the ones that came out in 1970s, the lyrics of those had more powerful meaning for the Indian people.

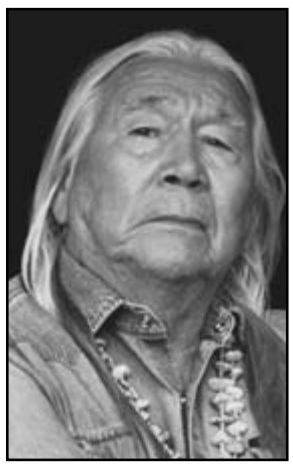
Westerman recently died and was buried back at his home near Sisseton. His words helped me and I want to share them.

I knew Westerman was a spiritual man, he had a healing nature about him with his words. As I spoke to him, I took notes. That is part of being a journalist, a habit, always taking notes. It was a good talk, I learned a lot from that conversation. He spoke of his songs and the meaning of the words. His songs were the war cry for the American Indian Movement. He said the Earth is our bible and in the Bible it doesn't emphasize much on taking care of Mother Earth and his songs on the environment relayed that emphasis, he said.

"The Earth is our mother and is sacred and we need to take care of it for the children," he said. "The Earth is the Bible for the Indian people, that is why there is a big serious gap, man has these attitudes that he owns Earth, that is not so, man belongs to the Earth, these attitudes are brought on to a point now, where the future of our children are threatened, all the church people now are saying we must do something about this. They should have done this centuries ago. It might be a lesson too late for the learning."

"Indian people have to take a global view of what is happening around the world, not just our peoples at Pine Ridge or at Sisseton.

It affects us now as we speak, we need to understand and need to be aware of what is happening daily in this whole hemisphere, it was all Indian at first, more than twenty million Indian people, including Alaska and Canada.



He said by the beginning of World War II, Indian people were almost exterminated and yet we still fight to keep the culture and tradition alive.

"When you lose your song, your dance and your language, you cease to be a people. That is what determines your sovereignty," he emphasized.

"When you have your own language, your own spiritual ways, including the songs and dances, the sundance, then you are sovereign people but if we lost that, then we cease to be a people."

"That is why there is such a big effort to bring the language back here, it needs to be an immersion of the people, with all other Indian nations they are doing the same things," he said.

He spoke of the history of Native Americans and the holocaust they suffered in losing their land, language and the struggles of regaining their ways.

"Indian people need to go back to their traditional way, a lot are doing that. A lot of young people aren't reading into the present religions. I see more and more young Indian people picking up the Pipe and that is our answer. I sun danced for 12 years through the late 70s and 80s

My understanding is what we are supposed to do, how I am suppose to look at things. So many Indian people have not even tried to do that. I have been to Red Shirt Table and Moves Camps sun dances,

"We have lost a lot in our spirituality and we have to cherish, protect and grow that back into our people.

"The *Inipi* goes along with this. *Inipi* is spirituality, sundance is spirituality and there is the Cannupa and the story of that. Black Elk spoke of the White Buffalo Calf Woman, she brought that Pipe with instructions on how to be and live on this Earth, how to be to each other.

"People are lost in drugs, bad diet and alcohol. Our way of life has been corrupted in those things.

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Means' empty gesture still makes point

The following column was written by Dorreen Yellow Bird of the *Grand Forks Herald* and was reprinted by permission.

A group of Lakota Indians notified the State Department in Washington this week that, in the words of activist Russell Means, "We are no longer citizens of the United States of America, and all those who live in the five-state area that encompasses our country are free to join us."

In my humble opinion, I think THAT ship has sailed.

As I sat and pondered the possibilities of American Indian independence, my first thought was, "Yikes, I'd need a green card to live in Grand Forks!"

Of the people who called or e-mailed me, most are chuckling at the absurdity of it. Means and his group, of course, would be speaking for themselves and not tribes, whose tribal councils speak for them. But Means and his group have some points - perhaps 200 years too late, but they do have some points.

The land grabs that made Indian country shrink into mostly small land areas involved territory taken mostly "by hook and by crook." And if you look at many reservations, they are in areas unwanted at the time - rough terrain such as the Badlands of the Dakotas, poor land for growing gardens and in isolated areas.

The "forefathers" who made those decisions get the last laugh. On the Navajo reservation, uranium was found, making what was thought fairly worthless land rich. Some other reservations are in isolated areas that have become tourist attractions. And in North Dakota, the Three Affiliated Tribes' reservation sits in the middle of the oil fields of the Bakken Formation.

There also are those tribes near big cities - the Shakopee, Passamaquoddy and so on - who have become casino-rich.

Many tribal leaders were not on the same page as the settlers who came for land. When the land was taken or signed over, most of the tribal leaders were surprised because land, they believed, was assumed to belong to the Creator. Only the Creator, not any one person, had dominance over the Earth, they thought.

Two different ways of thinking.

Then, there's the contention that this country was won by settlers in war.

Ah, I don't think so. There were wars, but you really can't say that sending soldiers with guns and horses into a camp of women and children is war. That's a massacre.

In the very early days, tribes won more battles than they lost. The battles they lost were to contagious diseases brought by those European visitors. The diseases killed millions of people, leaving the Indian people devastated. Some tribes disappeared completely.

In later years, there were retaliations, raids and skirmishes, some of them just to keep the young and elderly from starving. Examples that come to mind are the Sioux Uprising or the Outbreak of 1862 in Minnesota, the Sand Creek Massacre in Colorado and Wounded Knee in South Dakota.

The Sioux Uprising was a result of promises not kept. The Dakota were starving, and they raided a farmhouse and killed some the inhabitants. Two hundred Indians were rounded up and sentenced to death, whether they were guilty of participating in the uprising or not.

After some thought, President Abraham Lincoln commuted the sentences of most of them. But 38 still were executed in Mankato, Minn., constituting the largest mass hanging in U.S. history.

Then, there's the approximately 150 elderly, women and children killed at the Sand Creek Massacre in southeastern Colorado in November 1864. The massacre was lead by Col. Chivington, and what followed was too abhorrent to repeat.

In South Dakota at Wounded Knee, the U.S. military in 1890 raced into a village of peaceful Lakota and killed the elders, women and children - another senseless killing.

There are more of these unconscionable killings, too.

Again: In my humble opinion, the U.S. government has nothing to crow about.

We have, however, gone beyond those years. We have taken on the federal government as our government, too. That means the government also provides us funding and supplies for programs such as Head Start, housing, social services and so on - just like it does for the rest of the country.

Many of our family members willingly serve in the military. Indians serve in the armed forces in extraordinarily high numbers. In general, American Indians are proud of their record as defenders of this country - our country.

Finally, there the treaties. For the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Fort Laramie treaties of 1851 and 1886 provided land. True, the U.S. government took some of that land rather surreptitiously, but we were able to hold the line because of that legal document - a treaty.

Those documents are important, shouldn't be abrogated and should be taken seriously.

Means and his group are seemingly out of step, but they remind us of our tragic history.

Letters to the Editor

We need our elders to keep the language alive

Dear Editor,

My name is Jamie Madison/Bad Hand. I go to school at St. Francis Indian School. I have been wanting to write this letter for a while. I wanted to tell you how I really feel about my Lakota language.

It is my culture and my background to learn the Lakota language. Everyone in my (tiwahe) family speaks and understands the Lakota language.

I am happy that some people from the reservations are giving their best to keep the Lakota tradition alive.

As for the young Lakota children, we older Lakota have to teach them to speak and understand the Lakota ways. All Lakota children are strong, beautiful, proud, and confident of being Lakota. But many young Lakota just don't care about their Lakota tradition. That is why the older people need to bring the Lakota tradition back in to the circle. We could start teaching these young children by showing them the tradition ways.

I know that most of the elder Lakota people were mistreated when they were young and so they were afraid to show their culture. Now we need to be really brave and show them that were not scared of showing our culture anymore. We are a very proud Lakota people.

Jamie Madison
St. Francis, S.D.

Different strategies needed to teach

Dear Editor,

I am a young Lakota student at St. Francis Indian School, and I believe that the language is important because languages identify people. I also think that the language should be taught to students at a young age.

Students should be taught the language at an early age because they are our future. If we don't teach young students the language they'll think that we don't care about it and because young kids look up to us they won't want to learn it and it will be lost. If we do teach kids, however, we must make it interesting. In seventh and eighth grade when I was at Tiospaye Topa School in Laplant all we did was review study sheets. Reading off of the same piece of paper day after day gets boring, even for someone in high school. We should do things like making up games where the person that knows most Lakota wins. Children will think, "Oh man I almost won last time maybe I'll study more." Pretty soon those children will be fluent because they are dedicated, whereas if they are not dedicated or have no desire they won't learn anything.

All in all, we should teach younger students the language (but keep it interesting) so they can grow up to teach the next generation after that, and those kids can teach others and so on.

Talon Ducheneaux
St. Francis, S.D.

Finding My Voice

By Dana Lonehill

What home is



Dana Badmilk

Yesterday my friend Bobby took me out to Sharp's corner to pick up a Western Union from my mom and some presents from my dad. It was a relatively quiet trip for both of us, because we always seem to talk non stop. We turned around at Sharps and went up Goose Neck Road to my dad's. The sun was starting it's downward descent in the west. It made me realize I forgot my camera.

After filling Bobby's trunk with presents we started home, both of us a little more talkative. Then we got quiet again south of Porcupine Butte.

The reason I became quiet again was because as the sun dipped more towards the horizon, the more brilliant the colors became. It's not like I haven't seen a million sunsets but this one was different.

This is why. When I left the reservation at age 18, I pretty much thought there was no turning back. Nope, I am going to go where there are more opportunities for my children and I. That is how I used to think. I lived in different cities across a tri-state area, the largest being St. Paul, Minnesota. I used to look at the skyscrapers and traffic in amazement. This is where it's at and where I need to be, is how I thought. I wanted my children to learn about other cultures, see other things. I wanted them to see more of the world than just the reservation. I wanted them to be more diversified, all the while I struggled to live in St. Paul.

When I made the decision to move home was when I had my daughter and realized nobody ever got to see her. My kids loved coming home to the rez, but they hardly knew their family and culture. While I was out trying to make them live and learn amongst other cultures, they were growing up without theirs.

I thought of this as I watched the sun go down while driving on the hills between Wounded Knee and Pine Ridge.

The clouds were dark purple around the sun and the sun was a brilliant red as it stood on the western edge of the Earth. It looked as if the sun lit the whole horizon on fire and as the clouds hung further in the air they became different shades of sunset. It was a beautiful Christmas Eve Sunset.

As we neared into Pine Ridge I saw the trail of two jets.

One was headed east and one was headed west. I have no idea where they were going, who was on them, who was going where for Christmas or how long it had been since the pilot had watched a sunset.

I did know one thing, that directly below them in the vast openness of the prairie, that at that moment, Pine Ridge Reservation was the most beautiful place in the world. A place my children will grow up knowing who they are and where they are from.

The sun was down by the time we reached my house, even though there were mud puddles everywhere and dirty snow, I knew I was home and I was indeed grateful. That thought alone made for a wonderful Christmas this year.

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Northern Perspectives

By Dr. Archie Beauvais

Hope for a new year



The year is quickly coming to a close and I am praying that there will be no more suicides among the young Lakota. 2007 was a turbulent year as they say on the Rosebud and those who died numbered in the teens. When I was growing up I do not recall a single incident where someone had ended their own life. It was never viewed as an alternative to living or not being able to confront a major issue in our lives.

It's a topic that is very sensitive, but nevertheless people have to talk about it and help to demystify it as an alternative to living.

As youngsters we were faced with poverty, hunger and hopelessness, but I think we thought that everyone exhibited those things and we didn't think anything different of ourselves. I don't know if we were any tougher growing up the way we did, but if longevity and survival are the indicators of overcoming such obstacles then I guess we were resilient.

I wished we could package such resolve and determination and show youngsters today what it took to overcome the crowded conditions, little clothing and poor nutrition. There was no such thing as a holiday turkey for our community and God forbid if anyone ever gave us free gravel for our driveways. I love the low energy assistance program of today, but it was unheard of as we struggled with the cold. You could see us run to school even in the dead of winter. We would often stop at the old Abourzek Store which is now the Mission Shopping Center and then, run on to school. I don't ever remember getting a ride to school.

This past year the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Suicide Task Force has been meeting on a regular basis and their dedication is to be commended. What is needed to assist anyone contemplating any kind of difficulties is direct one on one counseling and the task force has certainly been advocating for that. The latest word is that the Indian Health Service might be beefing up its counseling staff at the Rosebud Hospital, while the task force expects to receive grant funding to further coordinate their activities.

It was equally as important when Sen. Tim Johnson officially inquired of the Indian Health Service about funding more mental health professionals in order to provide direct services. It seems he was also concerned about the differences in data that the hospitals were reporting as compared to that of law enforcement.

Homer Whirlwind Soldier of Grass Mountain is also being proactive when it comes to suicide as he coordinated a concert at Todd County High School and St. Francis Indian School along with daughter, Tonya. He has plans to do other follow-up activities and will be forthcoming with that.

We shouldn't forget that a number of notable Lakota people besides Homer are also talking to the youth about the fact that life is to be lived and there was no place for suicide in the traditional lifestyle of the Lakota. A continuing schedule of traditional activities were meant to support Lakota youth from name givings and adoption ceremonies to recognizing someone for induction to certain societies that pushed for the well being of all tribal members. The emphasis was always on the welfare of others and not the obstacles that one might face.

As we begin the New Year we trust that collectively our society will not be faced with the sadness of losing a youngster to suicide as those who are left behind are surely burdened with the uncertainty of coping with life themselves.

This is especially so during the holidays. Whoever reads this, it means that we are going into 2008 with a desire to live life to the fullest and enjoy the years we have left on Mother Earth.

Dr. Archie Beauvais (Sicangu) resides on the Rosebud with his son, Beaux. He earned a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) from Harvard University. A decorated Vietnam Veteran and is currently director of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Lakota Language project.

Floyd Westerman

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He said there is a reality of all that, that is the spiritual way to come back, we have to look at it and go toward it. It's like we are all in this big circle and some of us are looking at other Christian direction.

"We should look at the *co'kata luta*, the red center for our children's sake and take our children to the inipi. If you do the inipi four times and the sun dance, you begin to understand something about that.

"We pray to God through the tree because that is how we speak to the spirit world and reach for help and ask our ancestors on the other side to help us, for *Tunkshila* to help us. In the Indian way, you don't pray for yourself, you pray for someone else who is sick and who has problems in drugs, you pray for someone who needs help," he said.

"You don't ask nothing for yourself because *Tunka'sila* he already knows what is wrong with you without asking. That is the basic way how that powers work, it is a beautiful way that is thousands and thousands of years old. It goes back to more than 12,000 years ago.

"All Indians know how to share, the give ways and the potlatch in the northwest. I am sick and tired of all these things I want to give it away. That wasn't even the basis of Jesus Christ, he went around helping people, he died on the cross for everyone's sins. Mitakuye, when you sun dance.

"And that is what is it, for all the relations, we were doing that 12,000 years before, it makes sense to go back to the way we were doing it.

"That is what we need now, our kids are lost in meth, guns and the pop culture. I know there is no way out of this, but the spiritual way. Casinos are claiming Indians to be selfish people, shutting out their own relations.

"To the present day situation, we need more youth programs, I have a horse program designed to have a horse, to become athletic on horses and have intertribal competition on a horse, imagine that.

He spoke of how they do that in Pine Ridge today, and everyone can do that. "I took it to school one time, and a lot of kids wanted to sign up for the classes and wanted to learn how to ride a horse and eventually it was adopted by the school."

I think a person a can follow the old way and even pray the way Jesus did, I think the Bible and Christianity is the worst thing that happened to man, Jesus Christ was a holy man, he did not carry the Bible, there wasn't even a Bible when he lived, it was written after he died.

"So you know a lot of things were made up.

"I think being like Jesus Christ is important, not following the old doctrines that are set forth and keep people's thinking in a box and they can't think outside of that," he emphasized.

"I had a Catholic priest ask me why do you pray through a tree and I said next time you eat a apple or play the organ think where they came from, where medicine or herbs come from like the *can'sasa*, it is the under bark of the red willow.

"Next time you take a deep breath of oxygen what spirit gives us that. And when you exhale what spirit.

"We have a great connection to the tree. That we pray to God through the tree and ask for help for the *takojas* in a safe way. It is not uncommon to see a traditional grandma standing at a tree and praying to *Tunka'sila* for her t*akojas.*

Yes, I learned from Floyd Red Crow Westerman that day, things I wanted to know about his opinions, his spirituality, about the American Indian Movement, I asked and he answered.

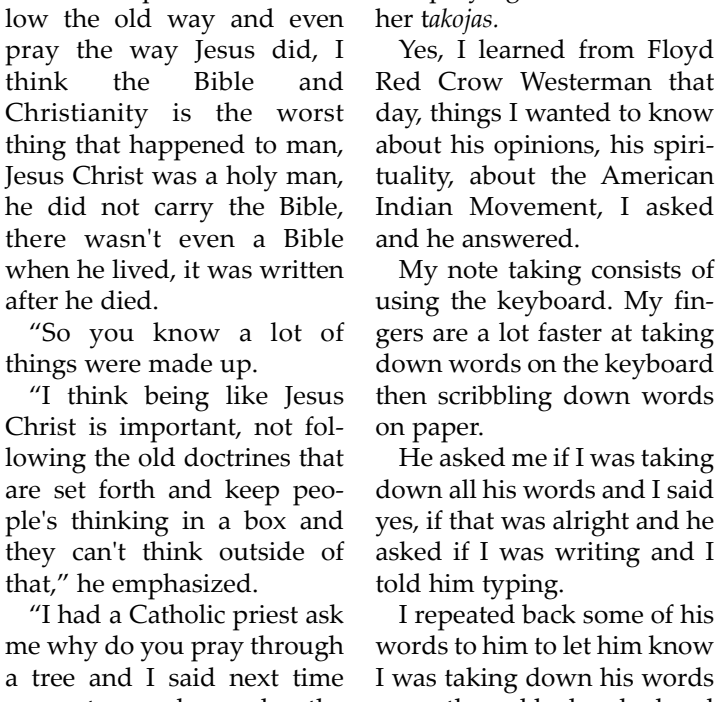
My note taking consists of using the keyboard. My fingers are a lot faster at taking down words on the keyboard then scribbling down words on paper.

He asked me if I was taking down all his words and I said yes, if that was alright and he asked if I was writing and I told him typing.

I repeated back some of his words to him to let him know I was taking down his words correctly and he laughed and told me I was fast.

It was habit and it was because I treasured his words, so I kept them.

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OLC robot excites kids about science

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent

KYLE - If anything can get students excited about science, it's a robot. To that end, Oglala Lakota College has bought an i-Robot PackBot Explorer just like the ones used in NASA's Mars missions.

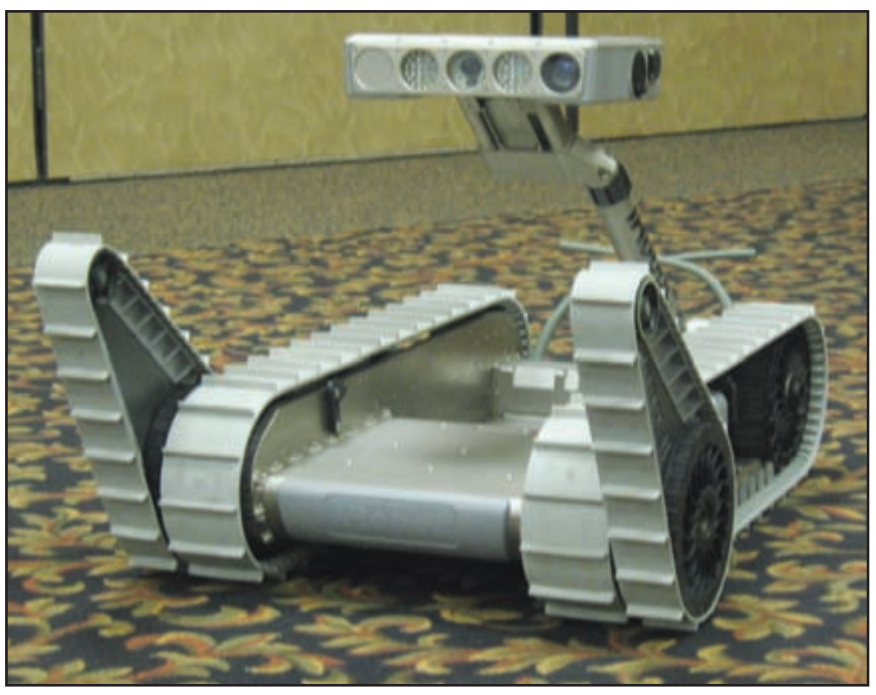
And soon, students from OLC and the college's outreach reservation schools will simulate a Mars landing in the Badlands, according to Jay Roman, technician with OLC's math and science department.

It will be a "full mission from front to finish," Roman said.

The group will pick four to six "landing sites," chosen for their similarity to Mars in geology, chemistry, rocks, erosion, and so on, Roman said. Students will plan their mission from satellite maps of the Badlands and then land the Rover in the approximate area - "because it's not an exact science when you're going to Mars," Roman said - and then navigate according to plans.

While executing the mission, students won't actually see the robot, which will be about half a mile away in a mobile laboratory van, Roman said.

The PackBot has three video channels and twenty data channels that will relay information to the students.





Left: The I-Robot PackBot Explorer acquired by Oglala Lakota College is like the robots used in NASA's Mars missions. Right: Jay Roman, of OLC's math and science department said the robot is like a kids' magnet and it excites them about science.
PHOTO BY VICKY WICKS

"And so they have to effectively execute their mission," Roman said. "They're seeing the terrain for the first time through the robot and through the explorer, and so it gives them that whole sense that they're really doing it. It's not as easy as driving a little radio-controlled car across the floor."

Roman said the students' exercise will simulate NASA's planned mission to the wetlands area of Mars, which resembles the Badlands in winter.

NASA came out about a year ago with a directive to include people with hands-on experience in their programs, so OLC collaborates with NASA and the University of Tennessee "to use the exact-same protocols on our missions as NASA uses, the same planning modalities and so on," Roman said.

He said the Badlands project is also planned in cooperation with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Arizona State University, where a lot of the Mars mission planning happens and where data coming back from the Mars Rover is interpreted.

Roman said the Mars landing project could eventually be opened up to research by scientists outside the college and will be valuable experience for the students involved.

"When they're done, they have actual experience that they can put on their résumé," he said. "They planned a mission in the Badlands the same as planning a mission to Mars."

Roman demonstrated the PackBot Explorer at the Lakota Nation Invitational at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Dec. 19-22. The robot is the same one used in Afghanistan and Iraq to look for unexploded ordinance, he said.

OLC bought the robot, and Roman said, "You could buy several BMW's with what this cost."

"It's military hardened, and it's pretty hard to break," he said. "You know, the Badlands is a challenging environment."

The robot is "a kids' magnet," Roman said. "They love it. We're hoping - and what we're seeing - is that they want to be a part of it. Whether it's planning the missions or help putting science experiments on it or just running it around … it gets them excited about science."

O'Leary: Cheyenne River soldier laid to rest

TIMBER LAKE (AP) - Army Cpl. Tanner O'Leary, an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, was praised for his service to country and others and then buried last Thursday in a private cemetery on the family ranch south of Timber Lake.

The 23-year-old native of Timber Lake and Eagle Butte died Dec. 9 of injuries sustained in a bomb explosion in Afghanistan.

He was a member of the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division.

Former Cheyenne River Tribe Chairman Greg Bourland said O'Leary represented the best of the warrior culture in an American Indian society that enlists and serves in the military at five times the national average.



``They're the first to step forward in war time, the first to step forward in the defense of their nation,'' Bourland said during a memorial service.

``You know he was rough and ready, rambunctious, a take-no-prisoners kind of guy,'' Sandra Lebeau said before she read a poem Tanner had written to his mother when he graduated from high school in 2003.

The poem surprised her, Lebeau said, because even though she and Tanner's mother were lifelong friends, she'd not seen the poetic side of the young man. He wrote of how his mother completed him, how she was the one who ``painted the world a rainbow when it's filled with broken dreams.''

Sen. John Thune recalled meeting a young Tanner O'Leary while the senator was still a member of the U.S. House and out of gas west of Timber Lake in a vehicle with staff members.

O'Leary, on his way home from school, stopped to help. He gave Thune a ride to town and stayed with the group until he was sure they were back on the road, Thune said. ``It was a brief encounter, but it was meaningful,'' Thune said.

He said it was an early indication of ``a young man who saw someone in need of help and was willing to stop.'' That quality, Thune suggested, may have prompted O'Leary to join the service and defend his country.

Gov. Mike Rounds said that in giving his life for his country and people, O'Leary emphasized the cost connected to the freedoms that every U.S. citizen enjoys.

O'Leary, a father of a four-year-old daughter, is the second tribal member to die in the Middle East. Pfc. Sheldon Hawk Eagle, 21, was killed in Iraq in November 2003.

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OLC Basketball
Practice on Sundays from 6-8 p.m. at Mother Butler Center and Thursday's 8-10 p.m., for information call Gene 391-6470, for additional information, call Devonna 685-1347 or 441-8111.

High School boy's basketball
Thursday, Dec. 27 Miller at Todd County, Pine Ridge vs. Belle Fourche and Red Cloud vs. Lead-Deadwood in Spearfish at Perkins Classic; Friday, Dec. 28 Lower Brul;e at Lyman Classic, Colome at Marty, Little Wound vs. St. Thomas More in Huron at Rotary Holiday Classic, Takini in Huron at RHC; Saturday, Dec. 29 Red Cloud vs. Platte-Geddes and Pine Ridge vs. Winner at Snowball Classic in Winner; Takini in Huron at RHC, Todd County at Bennett County, McLaughlin at Mobridge Classic.

High School Girl's basketball
Thursday, Dec. 27 Red Cloud at Redfield Classic in Redfield, Miller Area at Todd County, St. Francis at McLaughlin; Friday, Dec. 28 Colome at Marty; Saturday, Dec. 29 Red Cloud vs. Platte in Winner at Snowball Classic.

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
Grand entries at 1 and 6:30pm and supper at 5pm, Friday, Jan. 25 at Pine Ridge School; for information call 867-5174.

Kiyuksa Holiday Basketball tournament
Kiyuksa men's basketball tourney, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 27-29 at Little Wound School gym in Kyle, double elimination, cash tournament, or information call Marcel at 455-2690 or 441-1235.

Loneman New Year's Pow wow
Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Dec. 29, 30, 31 at Loneman School in Oglala, grand entries each day at 7 p.m., for information call Fred 867-5423, Alvin 441-6710 or Tyler 454-8346.

2008 Sobriety Dance
Dance to Country Charm band on Monday, Dec. 31 9 p.m.-1 a.m. in Rapid City at the Mother Butler Center with proceeds going to Shiloh Amiotte for his PRCA card, for information call Ruth 454-5273.

Wakpamni Lake New Year's pow wow
Friday, Jan. 4 in Batesland at the Bill C. Bear Memorial gym at Batesland School, one day, supper at 5:30 p.m., grand entry at 7 p.m., for information call Wilma at 288-1922, Robert or Sharon at 288-1873 or Connie at 288-0056.

4-H Shooting training
Training for adult volunteers as certified rifle instructors, Saturday, Jan. 5, Youth Day Development; Sunday, Jan. 6 Tech training-rifle from 8:30am to 4:30 p.m., for information contact Pine Ridge Extension office 455-1362.

Weekend Warrior Part 2
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 18-20 in Mission at the Sinte Gleska University Multi Purpose building, men's 10 team independent basketball tournament, for information contact Ken at 208-5672 or Dave at 747-2539.

One goal - thousands of miles

OLC hears Hawaiian example on language revitalization

By Sandra White Shield
Special to the Times

RAPID CITY - Kanoe Kanaka 'ole, 'Aha Punana Leo Preschool Program Coordinator and Brian Charging, Director of the Oglala Lakota Language Institute have a common goal. That is the revitalization of native language within their communities.

At the annual retreat of the board of directors of Oglala Lakota College and of community center directors, held Dec. 22, Kanaka 'ole spoke of the way in which native Hawaiian language is coming back from near extinction.

The language was spoken so little that in order to establish a way of teaching written texts had to be found and used to re-create a language base.

"Today," she said, "we have 5,000 speakers, but we need to have 10,000 to be able to say that the language is not in jeopardy of becoming extinct." Kanaka 'ole said that there are three ways of learning and three places in which to teach it. The ways of teaching are from the spiritual world, from the genealogy world, and from the ancestral world. The places of teaching are in the womb by singing and speaking, from the home and family, and from the great wide world.

Language revitalization curriculums must be built on cultural philosophy, traditional pedagogy and discipline strategies and real-life application in a cultural context.

The goals for the learner outcomes are: a profound respect for ancestors, their beliefs and traditional practices; a person who articulates expressions of feelings and ideas in native language and non-native language; a person connected to the land as a steward; one who values education and seeks knowledge independently; and someone who contributes to family and community.

Traditional learning goes beyond the four walls," Kanaka 'ole said, "and incorporates independent learning and thinking."

She said that their language teachers teach with concept teaching not skill teaching.

Teachers involved in the program need to have passion, patience, nurturing hearts, objective minds, good communication skills, tenacity, and a thick skin.

"Families are essential to the immersion program. Home and school need to mirror each other," Kanaka 'ole said.

Floyline Two Bulls, student representative from Oglala Lakota College attended the presentation. The most important element that she received was that kids learn when they are younger.

Two Bulls said, "In the Lakota way we tell stories to the young. These stories are made to teach lessons."

Fred Stands of the White Clay board said, "We keep our culture and histories, the sweat lodge, the Humblecha, the Sundance. We still keep them strong but the language is fading out."

Oglala Lakota College President Thomas Shortbull commented that if the immersion strategy that is currently being attempted is going to work that there must be buy-in and support from the communities and the homes.

Unless the children are exposed to the Lakota language very early there is little chance of the effort working.

Hulk Hogan helps raise funds for tribes

By Vicky Wicks
Times Correspondent





Left: Hulk Hogan teasing children who stood in line to talk to him and get his autograph. Right: Kevin Killer and Hogan.

PHOTOS BY VICKY WICKS

RAPID CITY - Hulk Hogan walked out onto the basketball court at the Lakota Nation Invitational Friday evening, and the crowd sent up a long cheer. They had heard he would be there, and even though the weather threatened blizzard conditions, he made it.

When asked earlier what he was doing in Rapid City, Hogan replied, "I'm dream-seeking. I'm just dream-seeking all over the place."

Hogan was referring to his involvement with Dreamseekers, an organization started by him and Ernie Stevens, Jr., chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association to raise money for tribes.

Hogan also said he "signed a few autographs" while in Rapid City, but his description was modest. According to his staff, they brought 500 photos for him to sign for fans, and they ran out. The line of people waiting for autographs and a couple of minutes with the Hulk stretched long down a hallway at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

Hogan and Stevens traveled to LNI to present replica checks to South Dakota tribes and tribal organizations for Christmas presents for children and for other needs such as food, shelter, and counseling.

Actual checks were sent to recipients earlier. "We're here just to show support and get everybody pumped up," Hogan said.

The money came from donations from the Seminole Tribe in Florida, the Mohegan tribe of

Please turn to Veterans: B2

Wounded Knee District School Foundation promotes local tax preparation on the Rez

MANDERSON - Wounded Knee District School Foundation, Inc. a local Pine Ridge nonprofit, is in it's third year of offering income tax preparation service to the local communities and is expanding the number of available locations.

The Foundation offers this service to local reservation residents so they don't have to travel off the reservation for tax preparation. It also benefits the foundation because it is used as a fund raiser for the nonprofit itself.

The regular WKSDF office at the Old College center in Manderson is always open but now Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The tax preparation service is open for tax business. Additional offices will be offered in Pine Ridge at the old Pine Ridge hospital, and in Kyle at the Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort (across from Piya Wiconi)

The WKSDF encourages residents to come in early and get their information entered into the computer even if they have not yet received their W2, as this will help start the process for a speedy refund when the IRS begins accepting e-file transactions on January 11, 2008.

On Jan. 7, 2008, Santa Barbara Bank & Trust, the bank utilized by WKDSF, Inc. will allow processing for Instant Refund Anticipation Loans and regular RALS.(advance loan checks or credit card.)

By coming in early and entering their information, residents will get a check that day within a few minutes, up to $1,900 (depending on the amount of refund and if residents qualifies with Santa Barbara Bank & Trust 'SBBT')

The IRS no longer allows early loans on pay stubs from any tax preparer. No tax returns will be accepted for process by any IRS approved bank loans without all valid W2's and other official proof of income from a resident's employer(s) and other necessary supporting documents.

Documents needed would be the 2006 tax return, Social Security Cards for the taxpayer and dependents, any W2G from gambling winnings, retirement income transactions, bank interest statements, and two forms of identification, one of which should be a picture ID.

Federal Law requires the valid picture ID in order to file federal income taxes. For more information call WKDSF at 605-867-1176.

Colombe responds to appeal

ROSEBUD - Last month the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Supreme Court granted an appeal by RST in its quest to recover $399,353.00 from the management firm of BBC Entertainment. RST was represented by attorney Dana Hanna. At that time former RST president, Charles Colombe responded with a press release and noted that he would do so again later in response to the judgment.

The following press release was issued by Colombe and is printed in its entirety as submitted.

"We expected Judge Jones to deny our request for a new trial. However, we had to make a record and we did exactly that. It is unfortunate that Judge Jones never understood the difference between accrual and cash accounting.

"I plan on exausting our legal remidies and further to possibly write a book on this whole scenario, including our contract, our building and operating the casino for five years and the success that we all enjoyed. Finally, the lessons learned about doing business with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe is an experience that should be shared," said Colombe in his statement.

"As for Judge Jones's order, it's obvious that the administration and the courts both failed to recognize that the approved Constitutional Amendments take effect immediately and for all practical purposes, we have not had a functioning court since the BIA ratified the Secretarial Election. The people voted for an independent court and this administration chooses to ignore the Constitution once again," Colombe said.

Second trial in 1975 Aquash slaying set for June

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) _ The second man charged with the 1975 slaying of an American Indian Movement activist will stand trial in Rapid City starting June 17, according to court documents.

John Graham, 52, was extradited from Vancouver, British Columbia, on Dec. 8, four years after he was arrested and charged with killing fellow AIM member Anna Mae Pictou Aquash on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Her body was found in February 1976 north of Wanblee with a gunshot wound to the head.

Graham pleaded innocent to first-degree murder in U.S. District Court in Rapid City and is being held in the county jail.

U.S. Attorney Marty Jackley said he was ``looking forward to justice being served in this matter for all those involved, including the family members of Anna Mae Aquash.''

Graham's lawyer, John Murphy of Rapid City, declined to comment.

Fritz Arlo Looking Cloud, a Lakota from Pine Ridge who had been living homeless in Denver, was convicted in 2004 and received a mandatory life prison sentence.

At his trial, witnesses said Looking Cloud, Graham and another AIM member, Theda Clark, drove Aquash from Denver and that Graham shot Aquash in the Badlands as she begged for her life.

Clark has not been charged. She lives in a nursing home in western Nebraska and has refused to discuss the case.

Graham, a Southern Shoshone from the Yukon also known as John Boy Patton, denies killing Aquash, though he acknowledged being in the car with her from Denver.

He spent most of the four years fighting his return to South Dakota under house arrest and was extradited following the refusal by the Supreme Court of Canada to review his case. Prosecutors said some AIM leaders ordered that Aquash be killed late in 1975 because they suspected she was a government informant. Those leaders have denied the accusation and blamed the government for her death. Federal authorities also denied any involvement.

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Hulk Hogan visit

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Connecticut, and several bands in California, according to a news release from NIGA. Those tribes donated about $150,000, Hogan said, and the money went to tribes in both North Dakota and South Dakota.

Each tribe received about $5,000, said Jesse Renteria, Stevens' press aide.

The Seminole tribe also chartered a plane to bring Stevens and Hogan to Rapid City, Stevens said.

Receiving checks were Lakota Nation Invitational Tournament, Oglala Lakota College, SuAnne Big Crow Boys and Girls Club, Sicangu Child and Family Services of the Rosebud Tribe, Cheyenne River Youth Project, Sitting Bull School, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and the Yankton Sioux Tribe.

Hogan and Stevens received blankets in an honoring ceremony, and afterward received thanks from Rodney Bordeaux, Chairman Rosebud Soux Tribe; Robert Cournoyer of Yankton Sioux; Roger Trudell of Santee Sioux of Nebraska, Mike Jandreau of Lower Brule; Lester Thompson of Crow Creek; and William "Shorty" Brewer of Oglala Sioux Tribe; and Tom Shortbull of Oglala Lakota College.

Stevens credited Kevin Killer, 28, now a student at OLC, for planting the idea for Dreamseekers some years ago.

Killer said he knew Stevens through his late father, Francis Killer, and approached Stevens in Las Vegas to ask him to help his tribe, the Oglala Sioux.

Stevens started finding assistance for the Pine Ridge Reservation, and since then has expanded efforts to other tribes throughout the Great Plains, according to the press release.

Stevens, a member of the Oneida tribe of Wisconsin, said fundraising is just part of his life. As chairman of NIGA, he said he works with legislators at the federal and state levels and with the media "to promote and protect our industry" so that it can create jobs and create economic opportunities in communities.

"This is just our Christmas drive," Stevens said. "My day job is working with legislation, working with tribes. So this is an annual project that we do to help the North and South Dakota tribes."

Hogan said he and Stevens have been working together for almost five years, primarily discussing healthcare and education for children, but they are raising funds for a variety of needs.

"Some people are in hotels or don't have shelter … a lot of families need food, you know; a lot of people need counseling … so Ernie and his team have a huge plan," Hogan said.

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January activities IHS diabetes prevention

PINE RIDGE - The following are activities for January for the Pine Ridge Indian Health Service diabetes prevention program:

Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30: OST Walking Club, everyone invited to come attend. We walk from the Tribal building entrance to the book at Pine Ridge School.

Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25 IHS Walking Club, everyone invited to attend this event. We walk from the south entrance by Administration and walk through the housing.

Jan. 8, 15, 22, and 29 there will be Fitness Day at the PR IHS Security Building 4-6 p.m.

Jan. 8, 15, 22, & 29 there will be Fitness Day at the Porcupine Fitness center 4-6 p.m.

Jan. 9 Nutritional Education: Jeopardy Pine Ridge IHS Large Conference Room 1-3 p.m.

Jan. 23 Nutritional Education: Jeopardy Old IHS Oyate Blihelya 1-3p.m.

Jan. 17 and 24 Nutritional Education: Jeopardy Porcupine Clinic 1-3 p.m.

For more information please contact the Pine Ridge HIS Diabetes Prevention Program Team: JoAnn Lehner at 867-3054, Bobette Herman at 867-3266 and Sawee Frank at 867-3137.

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DENTAL CLINIC SCHEDULE

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MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND FRIDAY MORNING: SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS WILL ALSO BE DONE WITH ROTATING DOCTORS PER AM AND PM CLINICS!! You must have an exam completed before an appointment is set.

THURSDAY: Clinic is reserved for Headstart only, however TRUE EMERGENCIES MAY BE SEEN. R.S.T. Head start children will sign up at 8:00 am, and the last patient will check in before 11:00 am and by 12:00 clinic will end.

PLEASE advise dental staff if you are a diabetic or have a serious health condition. Dental staff works with I.H.S. diabetes providers to see that diabetics are provided dental care.

TRUE EMERGENCIES WILL BE SEEN AT ANY TIME – 24 HOURS PER DAY. A TRUE EMERGENCY MAY DELAY NON-EMERGENT PATIENTS BEING SEEN. A DENTIST WILL DETERMINE WHAT A TRUE EMERGENCY IS.

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If you have any questions regarding scheduling times please contact Shannon DeNoyer, Dental Secretary at (605) 747-3277.

Happy Holidays from the OST Emergency Youth Shelter Staff & Clients

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Suicide Warning Signs

Seek help as soon as possible by contacting a mental health professional or by calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK if you or someone you know exhibits any of the following signs:

- Threatening to hurt or kill oneself or talking about wanting to hurt or kill oneself
- Looking for ways to kill oneself by seeking access to firearms, available pills, or other means
- Talking or writing about death, dying, or suicide when these actions are out of the ordinary for the person
- Feeling hopeless
- Feeling rage or uncoltrolled anger or seeking revenge
- Acting reckless or engaging in risky activities-seemingly without thinking
- Feeling trapped-like there's no way out
- Increasing alcohol or drug use
- Withdrawing from friends, family, and society
- Feeling anxious, agitated, or unable to sleep or sleeping all the time
- Experiencing dramtic mood changes
- Seeing no reason for living or having no sense of purpose in life.

What to Do If You Think a Person Is Having Suicidal Thoughts

You cannot predict death by suicide, but you can identify people who are at increased risk for suicidal behavior, take precautions, and refer them for effective treatment.

Ask the person directly if he or she is 1) having suicidal thoughts/ideas 2) Has a plan to do so, and 3) Has access to lethal means.

- "Are you thinking about killing yourself?"
- "Have you ever tried to hurt yourself before?"
- "Do you think you might try to hurt yourself today?"
- "Have you thought of ways that you might hurt yourself?"

This won't increase the person's suicidal thoughts. It will give you information that indicates how strongly the person has thought about killing him or herself.

IS PATH WARM?

Ideation -Threatened or communicated
Substance abuse -Excessive or increased
Purposeless -No reason for living
Anxiety -Agitation/Insomnia
Trapped -Feeling there is no way out
Hopelessness
Withdrawing -From friends,family,society
Anger -(uncontrolled)-Rage,seeking revenge
Recklessness -Risky acts, unthinking
Mood changes (dramatic)

Take seriously all suicide threats and all suicide attempts. A past history of suicide attempts is one of the strongest risk factors for death by suicide.

There is no evidence that "no-suicide contracts" prevent suicide. In fact, they may give counselors a false sense of reassurance.

Listen and Look for red flags for suicidal behavioir, indicated by the mnemonic:

Suicide Prevention Resources

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Ask Anna

Psychic - Clairvoyant

Dear Anna,

My husband and I are separated. I wanted it, because I didn't feel good about myself. I used my time to heal myself until I fell in love with both me and my husband again. In the meantime, my husband got a twenty year old girlfriend with a baby. She was one of the people in our group that hung out together before we were separated.

Anyway, when I was pissed off at him I told him to go get it somewhere else. Then he did and it upset me. I read The Four Agreements like you always tell people to. That is what helped change my way of looking at myself and my world.

I had to accept responsibility for my own situation, and realize who my husband really is, and make a decision that I loved him just as he really is. Now I am sad because he still has a girl friend, and they live together, but he and I sneak around behind her back. I am waiting for him and I told him that. When he is through being stupid then we will get back together. He tells me he loves me and it will work out.

I want to know how everything looks?

Growing and Wondering

Dear Wondering:

It is working out now. Everything you are doing is in alignment with your actions, thoughts, emotions, and prayers. You need the time of separation for you to complete some practical goals (financial security, neutral ground, etc.).

Your mate also needs time to see if you really have changed. You used to yell at him and make him responsible for your "stuff".

Now you don't have that need to whip him for your state of mind. He has to test that, witness that, walk with that, to know, that indeed, you changed.

That change then, will affect the way he is about you, and treats you. That changes the relationship back to a better balance.

How long will that take? I see next summer, most probably in August, when it is hot outside. I see a picnic table, close to some water, with beautiful trees. That means at least some happy, here-now memories. When will you live together again: The weather is cold. Perhaps a winter visit to the same summer spot that I "saw" earlier. The picnic table has about six inches of snow on it. The winter scene is white over the water set against a back-drop of green-black trees. The dark hills surround one end of the lake with a gentle slope down to lower level hills. There is a tall pine tree to the right of you.

You have a winter scarf over your face, keeping the cold wind from freezing your nose off.

Which year? Hmmm, summer first, then winter. One year from now.

It will all work out. Time is your friend.

Now, I want to take this opportunity to keep the hangers-on out there from hanging-on. Not every relationship is destined to last until death do you part. I am not encouraging everybody to work towards that particular demand. I do encourage you to be okay, within the circumstances of what is really the best for you. Sometimes, it is the best for all parties concerned to shift their physical positions; i.e., move apart. Sometimes it is within the design of love (meaning God too), that people prosper from each other. That they grow into wiser, clearer, cleaner, healthier people together. That they learn to love their wisdom as two people with an agreement inside of their hearts, minds, and spirits. From that point, they are each other's hearts. The other side of that simply put is: or they learn from each other harsly and move apart.

How many relationships are "bound to work out?" About eight or nine percent.

That would of course be influenced in a huge way by the young adults. Young adult relationships just plain don't work out as often. That is a reflection of their personal chaos.

They haven't wised up yet. People in their 30's are still schitzy, with drugs and alcohol busting everyone's lives apart. The forties are the time of discontent. Each mate really examines the other mates flaws. The fifties. Power years. Relationships have a better chance. The 60's. If you fall in love then, it will flow very well for both people. The 70's. True love lasts and supports the life-force of the other.

The 80's, if your both alive, you are the same as each other. The 90's good for you - anyway you play it, it's great.

Dear Anna,

I am in love with two women at the same time. They are both sisters. What do you see?

Smiling but worried

Dear Worried:

R-U-N. Anyway it goes, it is a big, loud, noise. You son, are in trouble. As an old sissy rocker, Ricky Nelson used to say: "Bye, Bye, Love, Bye Bye Happiness, I think I'm gonna C-rye-iiii."

I wonder what everyone is going to learn from this experience?

Dear Anna:

My grandmother has two sons and they are seeing the same woman. My other grandmother's grand-daughter's niece-by-marriage is seeing two brothers.

I know all the details and wonder if I should tell my grandmother that is still alive.

Confused on what to do

Dear Confused:

Do nothing. She already knows.

You can email Anna Bee your questions at lakota1868@gwtc.net or fax to (605) 685-1870, or write to PO Box 386, Martin, S.D. 57551.

All requests may be subject to publication.

Clearly mark Ask Anna on your request.

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The Rez Firefighter (Peta Usniyapi)

By Beaux Beauvais



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By Thom Little Moon

Lakota Words Crossword Puzzle

(answers in next week's issue)

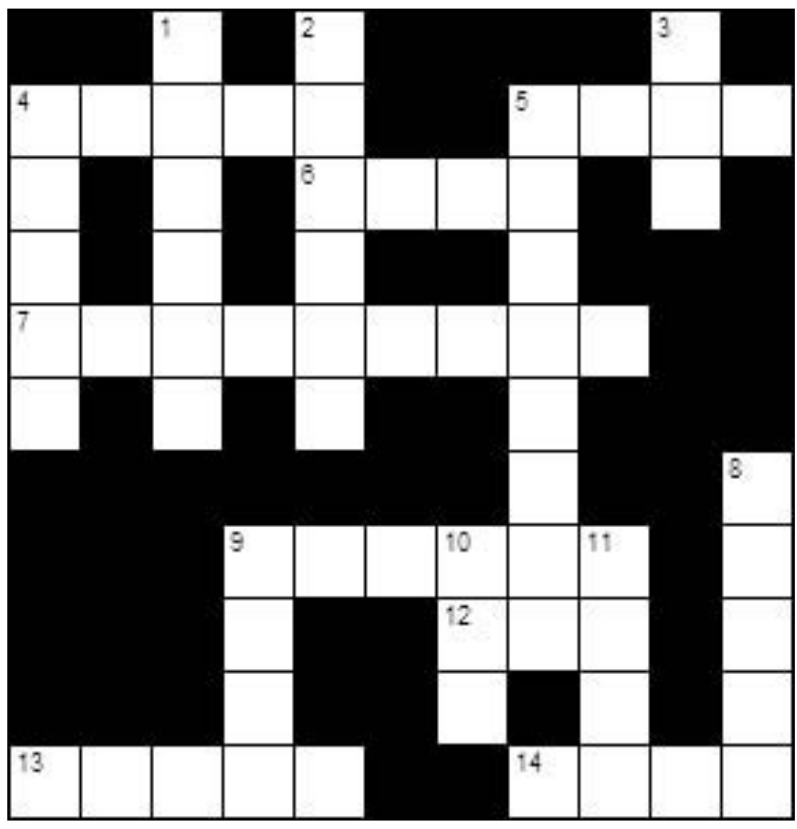
CLUES

Across

4. down the alley
5. weapon
6. dry meat
7. done in a good way
9. appreciative
12. hollering or screaming
13. hair that protrudes
14. covering for the head

Down

1. the trees leaves
2. repairing something
3. leaf
4. correcting something
5. stickers
8. fairly good
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Answers to last week's puzzle



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~Charlene Mary Bush White Horse~

MARTIN - Charlene M. Bush-White Horse, 56, Martin, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at Bennett County Health Care Center.



Survivors include three sons, Fred Bush Jr., Rapid City; Bruce Kills In Water Sr., Little Eagle, and Joseph Bush Sr., Martin; five daughters, Karen Bush and Claradene Black Tail Deer, both of Lame Deer, Mont., Angel Bush and Lily Bush, both of Martin, and Sherie Timber, Ashland, Mont.; two brothers, William Apple and Albert Apple Sr., both of Martin; six sisters, Ramona Ashmore, Salt Lake City, Phyllis White Bear Claws, Madison, Kathy Dubray, Devonna Bush and Amanda Takes War Bonnett, all of Martin; and Jacquelyn Reddy, Alberton, Mont.; and her husband Louie White Horse, Martin; 33 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews and in the Lakota way, she was grandma to more than 100 grandchildren from her siblings.

Charlene was born Aug. 28, 1951 to Joseph and Rebecca (Cottier) Apple at Pine Ridge. She grew up in Martin with 12 siblings and continued to live in Martin all of her life. She married Fred Bush Sr. in Martin, and to this union there were six children. She worked in food services throughout her working career, working at the Bennett County Hospital, Martin Grade School for many years and most recently as a cook at the Oglala Lakota College Head Start Center in Martin.

She was a foster parent and helped many children who came through her home. She believed in education was an answer for survival and raised her children to achieve educational goals. She served on the local board of the Oglala Lakota College's LaCreek District Center for many years. She supported the beginnings of the Wild Horse Butte Pow wow in conjunction with the Bennett County Fair because she believed promoting cultural awareness and that local community needed their own pow wow. She was a strong supporter of family ties and celebrations. She was known for her bread making skills and her generosity of helping people.

She was preceded in death by her sister Myrnette Janis, her mother Rebecca Cottier-Apple and her father Joseph Apple Sr.; her brothers Joseph Apple Jr. and Ronald V. Cottier.

A one night wake was Sunday, Dec. 23, at Martin Grade School Activities Center in Martin.

Funeral services were Monday, Dec. 24, at the center, with the Rev. Jeff Siscoe officiating. Burial was at Martin Lakota Chapel Cemetery in Martin. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

~John L. Cross Dog Sr.~

OGLALA - John L. Cross Dog Sr., 46, Oglala, died Monday, Dec. 17 at Pine Ridge Hospital. Survivors include three sons, John Cross Dog Jr., Caesar Cross Dog, and Bradley Cross Dog, all of Porcupine; six brothers, Linn Cross Dog, Calico, Chester Cross Dog, Rex Crow and Eldon Cross Dog, all of Oglala, and William Cross Dog and Ronald Cross Dog, both of Inez, Ky.; three sisters, Marilyn Deer of LaCrosse, Wis., and Wanda Cross Dog and Flora Cross Dog, both of Oglala. A two night wake Dec. 20 at Loneman School in Oglala. Funeral services were Saturday, Dec. 22, at the school, with the Rev. Agnes Tyon officiating and traditional Lakota services by Rick Two Dogs. Burial was at Advent Chapel Episcopal Cemetery in Calico. Sioux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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A mandatory pre-bid conference will take place in the conference room of the administrative building on, Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 10am. Contact Todd Hesson at 402-477-2404 for bidding documents. Bid shall be submitted on bid form and shall be in a sealed envelope marked "Oglala Lakota College - Book-store." Bids shall be addressed to Newton Cummings, Oglala Lakota College, P.O. Box 490, Kyle, SD, 57752. Bids will be accepted until 4pm, local time, Thursday, February 28, 2008 at the President's office of Oglala Lakota College, Kyle, S.D., For information on the opening of the bids contact Thomas Short-bull 605-455-6020 after January 17, 2008. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informali-ty.

Each Bidder is required to include with their Bid, Bid Security as outlined in the Instruction to Bidders and else-where in the Bidding Documents. The Contractor awarded the project will be required to pro-vide a performance and payment bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract price. See the Bidding and General Requirements in the Bidding Documents for additional infor-mation.

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Joe White Bear Claws
Richard Little Hawk

Please take notice that DPLS will be holding an election on Thursday, January 3, 2008, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the office of Dakota Plains Legal Services located in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and at the Kyle Courthouse Lobby, located in Kyle, South Dakota. All residents of Shannon, Jackson, and Bennett counties are urged to vote for one of the candidates listed above.

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